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## THE FINE PRINT

### MAY 13

**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.

**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.

## Today's Quote

**"I have the desire to be filled with sunlight, to soak my skin in as much of it as I can drink up"**

—Mark Doty

### MAY 14

**DINE OUT FOR NOAH'S THURSDAY:** Event lasts all day and evening at Bob and Earls, Brix, Nana and Nano's and Wendy's to help support Noah's Ark Animal Shelter. Information: 719-846-8578.

**WATER FESTIVAL THURSDAY (all day)** The community is invited to attend Trinidad's 4th Annual event to be held on the campus of Trinidad State Junior College. Info: Tom Perry, 719-846-8380 or email to-mandindaperry@gmail.com.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THURSDAY (3 p.m.)** Trinidad and Las Animas County Board of Directors will meet at 136 West Main Street. Information: 719-846-9412.

**WATER ASSOCIATION THURSDAY (3 p.m.)** Greektown-Carbondale Board of Directors will meet at the Century Financial Group, 109 W. Main St. Information: Jeni Skalko, 719-846-2080, ext. 116.

**AUTISM SUPPORT THURSDAY (6 p.m.)** Autism Awareness & Support Group for parents with challenged children in any area will meet at 315 E. Strong Ave. Refreshments will be served. Info: Linda Thompson, 719-680-2638.

**SPFD AUXILIARY THURSDAY (6 p.m.)** Group meets at the Spanish Peaks Inn, CR 43.7, Guldare. Info: Marilyn Carlson, 719-680-0688.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

**UNITED MINE WORKERS Local Union 9856 UMW** is asking all members who are Veterans to participate in the Armed Forces Day Parade in Trinidad on May 16. Info: Ralph Sandoval, 719-846-4194 or 719-846-8234.

**SPBC FIRE DISTRICT FRIDAY (10 a.m.)** The Spanish Peaks/Bon Carbo Fire Protection District Board of Directors will meet in special session at Century Financial Group Building, 109 W. Main St. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.

**COMMUNITY COOP FRIDAY (10:30 a.m.)** Vegan Cooking Class at the Coop, Corner of Elm and Maple Streets. Info: community-cooptrinidad@gmail.com.

**JOB SEARCH FOR TEENS FRIDAY (4:30-5:30 p.m.)** Helpful tips and information for resumes, cover letters, proper interview clothing and more at the Carnegie Library, 202 N. Animas St. Info: Felicity Boepple, 719-846-6841.

**WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL FRIDAY (5:30-7:30 p.m.)** The Women's Exchange will host this fun event downstairs at Mt. Carmel. Harriet Vaugeois is the scheduled guest speaker. Tickets & Info: 719-680-9509.

**ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE SATURDAY (10 a.m.)** Come out and show your American pride as the city celebrates National Armed Forces Day followed by a free lunch for Veterans in Cimino Park. Info: Linda Barron, 719-846-8223. Thank you Veterans!

**ASK-A-LAWYER DAY MONDAY-MAY 18 (3:30-7 p.m.)** Walk-in for a free 20-minute consultation (anything other than criminal cases) with an experienced attorney at the Las Animas County Courthouse, 200 E. First St. Reservations & info: 719-680-7333.

For more events, please see the Community Calendar on Page 2

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 05/12/15. South Side ditch: Priority # 80 --- Appropriation date: 04/07/1877.

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:** Release 134.30 AF Inflow 297.67 AF -- 150.07 CFS Evaporation 7.37 AF Content 21,674 AF Elevation 6,185.93 Precipitation 0

**Downstream River Call / JMR Conservation Storage:** 12/31/1948.



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Photo courtesy of David Barrack

Josh Payne picked up the win against Otero in the Region IX Title game on Saturday in Lamar.

## TRINIDAD STATE BASEBALL

# Trojans roll to second R9 Title in Lamar play

By Mike Salbato  
Correspondent  
The Chronicle-News

The Trinidad State baseball team finished third in the regular season race for the Empire Conference crown, but that did not stop the Trojans from claiming their second Region IX title in as many years this past weekend at the Region IX Tournament in Lamar. The Trojans won three games in three days to bring home the trophy. They will now prepare for the Western District Tournament in Henderson, Nevada later this week.

The regular season race was tight all spring, coming down to a four-

way competition the final two weeks of the season. Lamar ended up first with a 26-10 record, followed by Otero at 24-12, Trinidad at 21-15 and Northeastern at 20-16. The top four teams qualify for the tournament so it ended up that Lamar would host Northeastern and Otero faced the Trojans.

The tournament got underway on Thursday with the hometown Lopes getting the better of NJC 5-1 in the opener. The Trojans then faced the Rattlers in the nightcap. TSJC jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on a home run by Alex Dominguez. Pitcher Alex Rogers kept Otero under wraps early and the Trojans increased the lead to 6-0. The rest of the

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## ASK-A-LAWYER DAY

# Court's successful event returns Monday

By Eric John Monson  
News Editor  
The Chronicle-News

The Third Judicial District (encompassing Huerfano and Las Animas counties) and their Access to Justice Committee will host their second Ask-a-Lawyer Day event, which is designed to provide residents with free 20-minute legal consultations with local attorneys regarding civil matters, in Trinidad on Monday, May 18.

The event will run from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Las Animas County Courthouse at 200 East First Street. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling (719) 680-7333. Walk-ins will be served on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The first Ask-a-Lawyer event

in February was hugely successful, according to Third Judicial Court Judge Leslie Gerbracht and District Problem Solving Court Coordinator C.J. Montoya. Filling the third floor of the Las Animas County Courthouse, 36 people—mostly local residents, but some drove from as far as Pueblo—attended the last event. Those people ranged in age from 20-60, represented a huge swath of varying backgrounds and said Judge Gerbracht—no one was turned away—during

the three-hour session. "We just want to serve as many people as we can," said Judge Gerbracht.

Montoya said, "The majority of [the cases lawyers consulted on at the last event] were domestic relations cases involving custody,



Photo by Eric John Monson / The Chronicle-News

Third Judicial District Judge Leslie Gerbracht and District Problem Solving Court Coordinator C.J. Montoya are ready to help with consultations during the return of Ask-A-Lawyer day slated for Monday at the Las Animas County Courthouse.

divorce. That was about 60 percent of what we had. The rest were property, real estate cases, we had some money cases, small claims,

civil stuff. A very few were [workman's] comp related."

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## YOUTH ART

# Teen artist wins another Best of Show award

By Tim Keller  
Correspondent  
The Chronicle-News

RATON – Raton High School junior July Hunnicutt is likely to look back on 2015 as the year when everything started happening for her. Thursday night, May 7, she won the coveted "Best of Show" award at the 45th annual Youth in Art show presented by the RHS Art Club in the school's library.

In January, Hunnicutt's self-portrait in pencil won "Best of Show" honors at the 3rd annual Shades of the Southwest Youth Art Show at Old Pass Gallery, besting

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Photo by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

July Hunnicutt won her second Best of Show art award of 2015 when a team of three judges picked her "Still Life with Pears" over more than 200 other entries in various media at Raton High School's 45th annual Youth in Art show. A big crowd attended the show's awards reception Thursday night, May 7, in the school's library.

## WEATHER WATCH

**Wednesday:** A 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. Southwest wind 5 to 10

mph becoming south southeast in the afternoon. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly

sunny, with a high near 71. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Breezy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 43.

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Corrine A. Salazar, age 51, passed away at the Trinidad Inn on May 7, 2015.

She was born in Denver, Colo. on August 30, 1963 to Rosella (Medina) and Elmer J. Salazar.

Corrine, affectionately known as Corky, liked to play Bingo and pool.

She loved being with family and friends. Preceding her in death is father Elmer Salazar, brother Michael Salazar, grandparents, Joe Medina, Adelida Medina, and niece Jennifer Espinoza.

She is survived by mother Rosella Salazar, Trinidad, daughters Jessica McClain (David), Trinidad, Laura Salazar (Tyronne), Trinidad, son Christopher Abeyta, Canon City, sisters Lori Josephine (Tony) Calsadilla, Pueblo, Diane (Bill) Blatnick, Trinidad, brothers Elmer Salazar Jr., Raton, NM, John Salazar, and George Salazar, Trinidad, Jamie Salazar, Canon City, several aunts and uncles including special aunt and friend Juanita Medina and uncle Andy Bernal of Raton, NM, special friend and companion Richard Mares, numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday May 18, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Private inurnment at a later date.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

**Ophelia M. Fernandez**  
 Ophelia M. Fernandez, age 93, passed away at the Trinidad Inn Nursing Home on May 6, 2015.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2PM-6PM at the Comi Chapel.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 10AM at the Comi Chapel with Pastor Bill Glidden officiating.

Interment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.



# COMMUNITY

## Reform Jews to gather for Shabbaton on May 15-16

Union for Reform Judaism

Reform Jews and guests from the Rocky Mountain area are invited to celebrate Shabbat at the "Shabbaton on the Santa Fe Trail," on May 15 and 16, 2015 at Temple Aaron, 407 South Maple Street, Trinidad, Colo. Sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Rocky Mountain and Southwest Communities, the event features Shabbat worship, a keynote by University of New Mexico Professor Emeritus Noel Pugach, break-out sessions and networking opportunities. The \$36 fee covers lunch and the program, which focuses on Jews of

the Southwest. To register online go to <https://goo.gl/yrH6MM>.

Pugach's topic is Jewish Pioneering in the Southwest including recent discoveries about Jews in ranching. Break-out sessions will be led by award-winning author Sharon Niederman from Raton and Hal Aqua, a music director/song leader and leader of The Lost Tribe, a nouveau Klezmer band in Denver.

"This very special Sabbath event celebrates the history and future of Jews in this region of the U.S. Collaborating together enables us to increase the outreach ability of these individual congregations to engage even more members of the local Jewish community," said Helen Atlas-Acuna, one of the event planners. "We appreciate URJ Communities joining forces to help bring the Shabbaton to life. We welcome the participation of everyone in the local community who wants to connect with us. It's going to be a thrilling experience for us all to learn, pray, and sing together."

Rabbi John Feldman, who serves as a part-time Rabbi for Temple Aaron will lead Erev Shabbat services Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple. Following Torah study at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Rabbi Birdie Becker from Temple Emanuel in Pueblo, CO

will lead Shabbat morning services at Temple Aaron.

Afternoon activities will be at the Trinidad State Junior College where the speakers and break-out sessions will take place. Michael Atlas-Acuna and Helen of Pueblo are event planners along with local arrangements planners Randy and Tammy Rubin of Raton. Vivian Gealer, from Phoenix along with Lin Sunshine, from Denver along with Haim Ainsworth from the Phoenix area serve as event chairs and event planner respectively as well.

The Shabbaton is a joint project of the Rocky Mountain and Southwest URJ Communities. URJ Communities are lay-lead geographically based groupings within North America which help to connect URJ affiliated congregations to share best practices, resources, and create a network of support for each other.



Temple Aaron, Trinidad, Colo. Courtesy photo

For more information about this program or about URJ Communities, contact Marla Goldberg, Manager URJ Communities, (847) 239-6969, [MSGoldberg@urj.org](mailto:MSGoldberg@urj.org).

The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) is a dynamic network of Reform Jewish congregations, lay leaders, clergy and professionals, which represent the largest and fastest growing constituency of Jews in North America. Our progressive, inclusive approach unites thousands of years of Jewish tradition and values with modern Jewish experience to strengthen Judaism today and for future generations. Through programs, consultations, resources, and networking opportunities provided by the URJ, we help strengthen our nearly 900-member congregations, welcome spiritual seekers through audacious hospitality, engage Jewish youth, deepen Jewish learning, energize worship, pursue tikkun olam (social justice), connect with Israel, and develop inspired leadership.

## Ask-A-Lawyer: Court's successful event returns Monday

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Lawyers at the event are prepared to handle any legal questions, except for criminal cases.

"We try to target indigent populations, that's the purpose of all the Access to Justice Committee's [work]: to increase access to the people that can't afford it," said Montoya discussing the purpose of the new judicial committee and their first, and so far, very popular event. "We were able to accomplish that with the last event. We didn't turn people away that were qualified for legal services. So we were able to serve everybody, but the targeted population of people [that we try to help are those] that wouldn't be able to get legal services, because of their income."

Due to the response from the last event the committee is adding a fourth lawyer to help handle the demand. Montoya said the enthusiastic response from local attorneys

willing to provide pro-bono services has been overwhelming.

Lawyers at the event will include local lawyers Dixie Land and Les Downs and Erin Pickering (with Colorado Legal Services) and Pam Nelson. Other resources from the courts will also be available. Montoya said a big part of his job, and a big part of the Ask-A-Lawyer event, is making sure people representing themselves get the right forms and know how to fill them out. "Even if you have some experience with the law, if you've ever looked at some of these forms they might as well be written in Chinese," says Montoya. So, on Ask-A-Lawyer Day, district court staff will be available to print needed forms and help people fill them out.

New to the event, local attorney Les Downs said this is the first event like this that he has attended in his 27 years as an attorney. "I'm really

excited about doing this," Downs said Monday at City Hall. "I think this is a wonderful thing that they're doing. It should be a lot of fun and I hope we get a good turnout."

Many people don't know exactly where they stand when it comes to legal issues, he said, and it is important for them to get accurate legal information, especially concerning whether or not they qualify for free legal representation and under what circumstances.

"They have the Public Defender's Office if they're accused of a crime, and if they qualify financially," he said. "They have Colorado Legal Services for people who need help in civil cases. If anyone wants to qualify for free legal aid from Colorado Legal Services, then they can't be the one who initiated a legal proceeding, so they can't be the ones who started things, and the other side has to be represented by a law-

yer. Then and only then are they able to apply for a court-appointed attorney in something like a divorce case. So there are a lot of people who are not able to qualify for court-appointed counsel in domestic cases. It's almost impossible for them to get a lawyer in, say, landlord / tenant cases or things like that, so this is a wonderful service."

Said Judge Gerbracht, "As judges and lawyers and people who work with these things every day, we forget sometimes how scary, overwhelming and foreign it can be to deal with the court system and our processes. This event is meant to breakdown some of those barriers."

For more information or to schedule an appointment at Ask-A-Lawyer Day call the Third Judicial District's C.J. Montoya at 719-680-7333. The Southern Colorado Bar Association and Colorado Legal Service also sponsor the event.

## Teen artist wins another Best of Show award

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85 entries from youth living throughout north-eastern New Mexico and southeastern Colorado.

This time her winning work was a charcoal drawing called "Still Life with Pears," chosen by a team of three judges over more than 200 other entries in ten media categories, including five other entries by Hunnicutt herself in three other media. In addition to the charcoal drawing, she entered one oil, one acrylic, and three pastels.

There were many other winners Thursday night, in each media and for each class, but if Hunnicutt had a first runner-up it had to be senior Kristina Jansen, whose "Bird's Nest" won not only the Senior Award for best work by a senior, but also the audience Popular Award, determined afterward by ballots voted by each person who saw the show on opening night.

RHS teacher and club sponsor Kathy Vertovec is only the second art teacher in the show's 45-year history. Founded by Marv Newton, still one of the region's most prominent artists, he continued teaching at the school through 26 years of the show. One of his students was Kathy Vertovec, who followed Newton to teach art at RHS for 19 years. As Vertovec prepares to retire, this was her final year as teacher and sponsor.

She chose this year to recognize the important role played by the school district's elementary art teachers, selecting three of them to judge this year's show. Melissa Medina and Phyllis Trujillo were joined in the judging by former middle-school art teacher Carol Crary.

Prizes included both award ribbons and envelopes containing cash, provided by a long list of sponsors that included The Whited Foundation, International Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy, Family Practice Associates, Mesa Vista Veterinary Hospital, Arthur Insurance Agency, Raton Builders Supply, BTU

Block and Concrete, Raton Kiwanis Club, and a long list of individuals.

"The community has always supported this program, and that's what's made it so successful," Vertovec says.

Despite its small size, Raton has earned a reputation as an arts community with a plethora of arts organizations and venues. Often overlooked is the role that's been played by its school programs in the arts, including the visual arts, music, and drama. Along with former Raton teachers Marv Newton and Carol Crary—both still prominent working artists—many of their former students remain active in the local arts scene.

July Hunnicutt credits her own sister, Autumn Hunnicutt, as an inspiration. Autumn won "Best of Show" at Youth in Art 2011 when she was an RHS sophomore. Both sisters entered multiple pieces every year at RHS. Their immersion in the school's arts program over several years produced show-stopping talents in both of them.

"I made four of my entries this year in my art classes," said July. "Our art program has supported me and made me grow. At this point my



Photo by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Kristina Jansen's "Bird's Nest" won both the Senior Award and the audience Popular Award at last Thursday night's 45th RHS Youth in Art show.

classes are a big part of my motivation. They keep me working."

The school's 26 art club members mounted this year's show in which 56 individual art works were recognized by the judges with ribbons and cash awards. Joining Kristina Jansen's Senior Award were junior DawnRae Arguello, sophomore Kristen Ortega, and freshman Amanda Ramirez for best work in any media, won by one member of each class.

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**CREATIVE ARTS DISTRICT GALA ART RECEPTION**  
**FRIDAY-MAY 15 (6-8 p.m.)** The community is invited to attend opening night for the Trinidad Area Arts Council "1,000 Words" Art Show at Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Info: Show runs thru May 28. Info: Bree Papan, 719-846-1441.

**TALAS ART SHOW**  
**THRU MAY 22:** All-media artwork pieces by Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico artists that will be at the Corazon Gallery, 149 E. Main St. (10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily). Artist's reception and awards ceremony will be MAY 22 (5 p.m.). Info: Trish Keck, 719-859-7702.

**TASTE OF SPRING**  
**THRU MAY 31:** A collection of fine art at the Fumio Sawa Fine Art Gallery, 514 W. Main St. Info: Walter Boulden, 719-680-0739.

**SPACE GALLERY**  
**MAY 14 - JUNE 6:** "Artists' Choice" Art Show at the SPACE Gallery, 132 W. Ryus in LaVeta. Details: [www.SpanishPeaksArts.org](http://www.SpanishPeaksArts.org), or call 719-742-3074.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ARMED FORCES DAY**  
**SATURDAY-MAY 16 (10 a.m.)** Come out and show your American pride at the parade as the city celebrates National Armed Forces Day followed by a free lunch for Veterans in Cimino Park. Thank you Veterans!

**TEAM TARGETS & GEOCACHING**  
**MAY 23 (8 a.m. & 9 a.m.)** The fun and search begins at the Prator Gun Range and the TSJC Campus. To sign-up go to: [www.targetandtreasures.com](http://www.targetandtreasures.com) Info: Dan Croghan, 719-680-7236.

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**MAY 25:** National Holiday honoring those who served our country (past and present) in the military services and celebrating the lives of those who gave their all for freedom.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**  
**MAY 26-JUNE 5:** Stop by the library and join in the fun at this year's Summer Reading Program, "Every Hero Has a Story!" at the Carnegie Library, 202 N. Animas St. Info: Felicity Boeppel, 719-846-6841.

**FORT CARSON AT PCMS**  
**MAY 26 TO JUNE 10:** The 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division with associate units will convoy from Fort Carson to the Pifon Canyon Maneuver Site May 26-30 to participate in a two-week exercise called Operation Raider Focus. Noise complaints should be directed to the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-9849. For more information contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at (719) 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.

**RMEF BANQUET**  
**MAY 30 (4:30 p.m. doors open / 6:30 p.m. dinner served)** The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation annual banquet will be held at the Sebastiani Gym on Animas St. Info: Tim Nash, 719-846-8653. Proceeds benefit RMEF projects.

**FP HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**MAY 30 (3 p.m.)** Fun Day events include pole bending, flag race, dummy breakout roping, stick horse barrel race and more at the Las Animas Co. Fairgrounds on N. Linden St. Info: Susan Schneider, 719-680-0666.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 8-12 (9 a.m.-Noon)** Annual event for kids (ages K-6th grade) will be held at the Fisher's Peak Community Church, 10377 S. Santa Fe Trail Dr. — includes Bible stories, crafts, songs, games and snacks. Info: 719-846-6018. Sign up now — everyone welcome.

**STONEWALL FISHING TOURNEY**  
**JUNE 6 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)** Join in the fun at the 19th Annual Stonewall Fire Auxiliary's Fishing Tournament at Monument Lake. Registration and info: Barb Hollick, 719-868-2024 or Nancy Sinor, 719-868-2102.

**COMMUNITY TRIGGER'S FAMILIES NEEDED**  
**Want to join the Triggers family?** To host a Trigger's Baseball member, please contact General Manager, Kim Schultz, 719-849-1008. Season home opener is 6 p.m., May 22 at Central Park.

**YOUTH LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**MAY 15 SIGNUP DEADLINE:** Boys & Girls (ages 4-15) can register to play baseball at the Trinidad Community Center, 1309 Beshear Dr. Info: 719-846-4454.

**CALLING ALL GARDENERS**  
**The Trinidad Community Garden** has plots available on a first come, first served basis. Info: Trinidad Community Co-op, 719-680-0215.

**LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER**  
 The Fisher's Peak Veterinary Clinic (719-846-3211) and the Trinidad Animal Clinic (719-846-3212) offer grant-funded, low-cost spay/neuter surgeries. Call for information and appointments.

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**1st & 3rd TUESDAYS (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)**  
 Here to serve the under-insured and non-insured community with free health care and low-cost lab work, 413 E. Frost. Info: 719-846-3536.

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 ■ **TEEN:** 877-968-8454  
 ■ **GLB-TUESDAY:** 866-488-7388  
 ■ **VET-2-VET:** 877-838-2838  
 "LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief." ~Psalm 143:1

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 ■ **Domestic Abuse Hotline:** In Trinidad call 719-846-6665 (24-hours a day). In Walsenburg call: 719-738-0770. National Hotline: 1-800-790-SAFE (7233).  
 ■ **Child Abuse Hotlines:** 1-844-CO-4-KIDS or 719-846-2330 or 719-846-8596. For more information and to learn the signs of child abuse and neglect, visit CO4Kids.org.  
 ■ **Animal Abuse:** Report animal abuse and dog/cock fighting at Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line: 720-913-7867.