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THE FINE PRINT

AUGUST 11

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY
TUESDAY (9 a.m.) Board of County Commissioners work session will be held 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).

CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY (1:30 p.m.) Work session will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St., Third Floor. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843. **CITY COUNCIL:** Mayor: Joe Reorda and Council Members: Carol Bolton, Joe Bonato, Pat Fletcher, Anthony Mattie, Michelle Miles, and Liz Torres.

SQUARE DANCE CLUB

TUESDAY (6-8 p.m.) The Square Dance Club meets at LaCasa on Hwy 12 in Jansen. Free membership. Info: Peter Monzon, 719-845-0375 or pmm49@hotmail.com.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

TUESDAY (6:30 p.m.) This group meets at the LaQuinta Inn on Toupal Drive. Information: Age Wise Advisors, 347-852-0752.

Today's Quote

"We don't see things the way they are. We see them the way we are."

-Talmud

AUGUST 12

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.

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.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY (Overeaters Anonymous) 5:30 p.m. & Alanon Family Group 7:30 p.m.) Groups meet every Wednesday at 120 W. Kansas St. Info: 719-680-0505 or 719-680-7732. No dues or fees.

PUBLIC SERVICE

SAYRE SENIOR CENTER
THURSDAY (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) Take the NEW AARP Smart Driver Course and you could reduce your overall vehicle maintenance and car insurance costs. Refresh your skills, 1222 San Pedro St. Info: Carl Mozeno, 719-868-2288.

LIBRARY ACTION

Carnegie Public Library, 202 N. Animas St., 719-846-6841.

THURSDAY (4-5 p.m.) Join this new group "The Joy of Coloring!" — a new way for adults of all ages to chill out at the Library.

THURSDAY (4-6 p.m.) 'BeTween' Book Club for 9-12 year olds will meet to see the movie from the book "How to Eat Fried Worms."

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY (7 p.m.) Bring your favorite blanket, chair and water — join the fun for FREE movie 'Big Hero 6' and snack at Central Park's Lower Field off San Juan St. Sponsored by Lee's BBQ, Santa Fe Trails, Spin Revolution, Stepping Stones LLC and What a Grind Café. Info: Julie Mattorano, 719-422-8130.

SPACE TO CREATE

AUGUST 17 (5:30 p.m.) The community is invited to come to the Public Meeting in City Council Chambers at City Hall. Info: Tara Marshall, 719-680-7238.

DISABILITY AWARENESS

AUGUST 18 (9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.)
AUGUST 19 (9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.) FREE seminar will be held at Mt. Carmel Community Center, 911 Robinson Ave. Info: Terry Brown, 719-847-4477.

GET DIVORCED IN A DAY

AUGUST 18: Signup for Family Court Day at the Las Animas County Courthouse, 200 E. First Street. Info: Facilitator Sam Benson, 719-497-8246.

SUMMER ART TREK

AUGUST 28 (5-8 p.m.) Calling all artisan vendors who want to set up a table in Miners Memorial Park for Art Trek. Info: Craig at Tee's Me, 719-846-8634, or Camilla at Curly's Beads, 719-846-8647.

The Fine Print feature is a courtesy notice used to inform the public of upcoming free 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: 08/10/15. Enlarged Southside Ditch: Priority # 73 --- Appropriation date: 11/1/1875.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:

Release 362.82 AF
Inflow 165.37 AF -- 83.37 CFS
Evaporation 15.55 AF
Content 31,726 AF
Elevation 6,198.19
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / Ninemile Canal: 05/10/1887

CRIME

Former fast-food worker charged with Identity Theft

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

A former employee of a local fast-food restaurant has been charged with the intentional illegal use of customer credit cards



Courtesy of Trinidad Police Dept.
Brendan J. Rollins

to make unwarranted charges against those customers' accounts. Brendan J. Rollins, whose listed address is on Beech Street in Trinidad, was arrested by Trinidad police on Monday, August 3, and was charged with felony counts of Identity Theft, Criminal Possession of four or more Financial Devices and Unauthorized Use of a Financial Transaction Device, along with a petty offense charge of theft under \$50, for his alleged role in crimes that took place while he was an employee of the local Sonic Restaurant, located at 642 W. Main St., in Trinidad.

Sonic's manager told police she had recently terminated Rollins, and had been contacted by Sonic's corporate offices about numerous customer complaints those offices had received concerning unauthorized credit and debit card charges being charged to their accounts, and apparently originating from Trinidad's Sonic loca-

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FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Free film to be shown in Central Park

By Nick Ruybalid
Correspondent
The Chronicle News

Stepping Stones LLC, an outpatient treatment center for the Trinidad area, will be having a free movie night at Central Park this Saturday for any and all audiences.

"It's just something for the kids to do with their families," said Julie Mattorano of Stepping Stones LLC. "We see so much negativity... here's a positive thing."

The treatment center hosts parenting classes, juvenile truancy courses, and substance abuse treatment among other programs, and it is the people that attend these programs that inspired the center to run a free, fun, and safe event for the community like the cinema this week. In the past, the center has also held other no-charge public events, such as an Easter egg hunt and the distributing of Halloween pumpkins.

The show on Saturday will be



Associated Press/Walt Disney Pictures

Cartoon human Hiro Hamada (voiced by Ryan Potter) and robot Baymax (Scott Adsit), along with Honey Lemon (Genesis Rodriguez) in a scene from Big Hero 6, from Walt Disney films.



Photo courtesy of the Associated Press/Walt Disney Pictures

Cartoon human Hiro Hamada (voiced by Ryan Potter) and robot Baymax (Scott Adsit) in super hero gear save the day in a scene from Big Hero 6, which will be shown for free in Central Park on Saturday.

the 2014 Disney hit Big Hero 6, an animated film about a young prodigy and a large robot that use their special bond with a group of friends to form a band of technology-based superheroes. Big Hero 6 won an Oscar in 2015 for best Animated Feature

drinks to every person that attends the event, also totally free. Those sponsors are Lee's BBQ, Santa Fe Trails, Spin Revolution and What a Grind Café. Along with these fine businesses, multiple people will be volunteering their time to help out at the event.

The movie will start at 7 p.m. at the Central Park lower field (as opposed to the ballpark) on Saturday, August 15, and once more, all are welcome for no charge. Attendees are advised to bring insect repellent as it is an outdoor event.

Be looking forward to more free events from Stepping Stones LLC in the near future, including a planned skateboarding competition in October, insurance and budget permitting.

YOUTH THEATER



Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Menacing Shere Khan the Tiger threatens a cowering Mowgli as a lion looks on in The Santa Fe School for the Performing Arts presentation of "The Jungle Book" at the Shuler Theater over the weekend. From left are young actors Jaiden Osborn, Zoe Gomez and Ella Sanchez.

'Jungle Book' closes Shuler youth season with charm

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

RATON — Although it stands at exact center of the long name The Santa Fe Trail School for the Performing Arts, the word "School" has received short shrift through the local organization's summer season of compelling professional theater. That changed with the final show of the season, "The Jungle Book," where its Raton Youth Theatre Experience program trained 16 young actors for three weeks and then presented an impressively staged and acted show. Every report card gets an A+ here.

Nora Leahy and Ian McCabe, the acting/writing/directing forces behind Two Pigs Productions, adapted "The Jungle Book" directly from the writings of Rudyard Kipling, and they did most of it after audition-

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TELEVISION

Trinidad State's gunsmithing program to be featured on Outdoor Channel

Inspiring stories of people who love the outdoor world

By Greg Boyce
Trinidad State Junior College

Trinidad State's gunsmithing program will be showcased on the Outdoor Channel in a program called NRA All Access scheduled to air on August 12 at 5 p.m. (Mountain Time).

A two-person crew from Warm Springs Productions in Missoula, Montana spent the day at Trinidad State last April and shot the segment, which will be about seven minutes in length in its edited form.

Featured will be student Jennifer Stevens, soon to enter her second year of the two-year program as well as Instructor Ryan Newport.

According to the show's website, "NRA All Access connects

stories of those who inspire the outdoor world with those who love the outdoors through entertaining and educational storytelling. Offering an insider view, this show highlights the outdoor traditions that millions of Americans and their families value and treasure."

Trinidad State is also home to the only NRA Certified Training Center in the United States.

Trinidad State's gunsmithing program began in 1947 and is the oldest gunsmithing school in the United States. Only about one out of three students who apply are accepted to the two-year program. Trinidad State gunsmith graduates work all over the world.



Photo courtesy of Trinidad State

Jennifer Stevens, a Trinidad State sophomore, fires up a torch in the gunsmithing department.

WEATHER WATCH

Tuesday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. South southwest

wind 5 to 15 mph. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 88. West southwest

5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Calm wind becoming west southwest 5 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. West wind 5 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. East southeast wind 5 mph.

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THEATER

'Jungle Book' closes Shuler youth season with charm

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Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Despite the simplicity of its costumes and set, "The Jungle Book" was a surprisingly elaborate production with a great new script and Raton Youth Theatre Experience actors that were well-trained and well-rehearsed. The Dance of the Wolves included, from left, Christian Padilla, Aby Greenly, Armando Valdez, Ella Sanchez, Ben Sanchez, Laura Robertson, Becca Ramirez, Jaiden Osborn, and Benna Rael. At right, Kaa the Snake, played by Cleo Sanchez, slithers through the Shuler Theater jungle past a group of monkeys in "The Jungle Book," which combined drama, comedy and dance with impressively effective lighting, set and costuming.

ing their new young actors less than three weeks before show time. That allowed them to tailor Kipling's lines and stories to the cast but allowed little time to ready the actors for the opening curtain in front of a Shuler audience. Working from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every weekday for three weeks, they mounted a surprisingly elaborate and well-acted show Friday and Saturday nights. Assisted by co-instructors Kate Little and choreographer Cassie Thompson, McCabe and Leahy proved themselves great teachers and kid-wranglers.

They'd already proven themselves great theater artists throughout the Shuler's professional summer season. In "The Jungle Book," their talents showed in the lighting, sets and costumes, but they were most impressive in the engaging narrative of their script that made 70 minutes fly by, and in the delightfully effective movements and acting by their young cast.

The kids were confident and self-assured. Two young boys, Christian Padilla and Nikki Osborn, repeatedly drew laughter with their lack of self-consciousness. They went all out.

The rest of the cast earned great report cards, too. Zoe Gomez, Ella Sanchez, Ben Sanchez, Benna Rael, Kahler Osborn, Madison Lester, Jaiden Osborn, Brandon Robertson, Laura Robertson, Cleo Sanchez, Zander Osborn, Armando Valdez, Aby Greenly and Becca Ramirez are the next generation of Raton's own theater talent, continuing a legacy built around Raton's century-old cultural treasure, the Shuler Theater.



Jerry McBride, AP / The Durango Herald

Andy Corra, left, co-owner of 4 Corners Riversports in Durango, Colo., talks with Colorado U.S. Sens. Cory Gardner, front right, and Michael Bennet, middle right, on a bridge over the Animas River, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in Durango. An Environmental Protection Agency official said Sunday she doesn't believe wildlife will suffer significant health impacts from the large volume of wastewater that spilled from a nearby abandoned mine.

ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER

The Latest: Emergency declared over Colo. mine spill

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper has issued a disaster declaration after millions of gallons of contaminated water spilled from a mine into the Animas River and was making its way to Lake Powell in Utah.

The declaration on Monday releases \$500,000 to assist

ter to irrigate their crops after a massive spill from a closed Colorado mine.

A family farm in Cedar Hill, New Mexico, that serves as many as 3,000 customers in the Four Corners region has been without water since some 3 million gallons of contaminated water spilled from the Gold King Mine last week.

D'rese Sutherland says if it doesn't rain by the weekend, 80 acres of chile, pumpkins and other produce will be in jeopardy at Sutherland Farms.

Members of New Mexico's congressional delegation sent a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday, asking that the agency develop a comprehensive plan for addressing those communities, farms and ranches that are without water.

The letter states the lack of water is already taking a toll on residents and their livelihoods.

Colorado authorities say there are no reports yet of harm to wildlife in that state five days after the release of millions of gallons of heavy metal-laden wastewater from a mine into the Animas River.

The state's Parks and Wildlife agency said Monday it had inserted cages with more than 100 fingerling trout into the river in southwest Colorado near Durango.

The fish are sensitive to changes in water quality. As of Monday, only one fish had died, but the agency said it didn't

know if that was because of the metals in the water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has yet to say if the metals, which include lead and arsenic, pose a threat to human health, frustrating residents and state and local officials in Colorado and downstream in New Mexico and Utah.

About 3 million gallons of wastewater from Colorado's Gold King Mine began spilling on Wednesday when an EPA-supervised cleanup crew accidentally breached a debris dam that had formed inside the mine.

The mine has been inactive since 1923. Hickenlooper directed state agencies to seek federal funds or low-interest loans to help entities affected by the spill.

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Farms along the Animas and San Juan river valleys in New Mexico have no wa-



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