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■ **APRIL 28**
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY (1:30 p.m.) Work session 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.**
BRANSON HIGH SCHOOL
TUESDAY (5:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.) Senior Class Dinner followed by the Drama Department's presentation of "Just Another High School Musical" at the Branson School Auditorium. Intermission to include free ice cream and the Football & Cheerleaders Servant Auction. Info: Kimberly Schor, 719-946-5555.
HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY
TUESDAY (6 p.m.) School board meeting, 613 Prospect St. Information: Andrea Jimenez, 719-846-4522.
SQUARE DANCE CLUB
TUESDAY (6-8 p.m.) Swing your partner and join the fun at the Square Dance Club at LaCasa on Hwy 12 in Jansen. New members and beginners always welcome. Info: Peter Monzon, 719-845-0375 or pmm49@hotmail.com
BIBLE TALKS
TUESDAY (7:30 p.m.) Free quiet, reverent services with teachings about Jesus Christ will be held in the lower level meeting room at the Sayre Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro. There will be no collections taken. Info: Daren Kindred, 702-353-4891.

Today's Quote

"A big part of financial freedom is having your heart and mind free from worry about the what-ifs of life."

-Suze Orman

■ **APRIL 30**
VETERANS' SERVICES
MONDAY-FRIDAY: PLEASE NOTE that the Las Animas County Veterans' Service Office will be closed this week for a training conference. Info: Veteran's Service Office, 719-846-3940.
CONTINUUM OF CARE
THURSDAY (8 a.m.) Group will meet at Fisher's Peak Soup Kitchen, 308 Church St. Info: 719-846-9159.
NETWORK COUNCIL
THURSDAY (8 a.m.) Regular meeting will be held in the Bell Block Building's Trinidad Community Foundation room. Information: Margaret Apodaca, 719-846-3943.
MINER DRIVE DEDICATION
THURSDAY (3 p.m.) THS Student Council will host a ceremony and ribbon cutting for the official dedication of Miner Drive at the site that is in front of Trinidad Middle School. Info: 719-846-2971.
CHILDREN'S CHORALE
THURSDAY (7 p.m.) This year's annual free Spring Musical "Lost in the Movies" will be presented at the Trinidad Middle School, 614 Park St. Info: 719-846-2513.
SPRCD MEETING
THURSDAY (7 p.m.) Spanish Peaks Purgatoire River Conservancy District will meet 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**
FUN WITH FABRICS
FRIDAY (3:30-5 p.m.) Learn how to use a sewing machine and have a great time at the Carnegie Library, 202 N. Animas St. Info: Felicity Boepple, 719-846-6841.
COMMUNITY FUN DAY
SATURDAY (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) Trinidad Autism Awareness group free event that includes games, fun and a hamburger and hotdog lunch at Round Up Park. Info: Karen Jo Agnello, 719-846-2019, 512-560-4180.
CHENOWETH BANQUET
SATURDAY (7 p.m.) This annual event will be held at the Mt. Carmel Community Center, 911 Robinson St. Tickets & info: Chamber of Commerce, 719-846-9285 or John Schecter, 719-846-7727.
HABITAT PROJECT
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) and the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) Habitat Improvement Project. Registration and info: Tim Nash, 719-846-8653.
NYC FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY (7 p.m.) An evening for community dancing will be held and the El Rancho Restaurant on Santa Fe Trail Dr. Info: Deb Chongway, 719-845-0530. Proceeds benefit The Dance Connections' team trip to New York.

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

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 04/27/15. Johns Flood ditch: Priority # 20 --- Appropriation date: 10/07/1865.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
 Release 40.25 AF
 Inflow 108.35 AF -- 54.62 CFS
 Evaporation 9.10 AF
 Content 21,555 AF
 Elevation 6,185.77
 Precipitation 1.36

Downstream River Call / Highland Canal: 05/31/1866.



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'Taste of Spring' Fine Art Show

Artists Fumio Sawa, left, and Ashley Bauer relax and enjoy a gala evening at Sawa's new art gallery, located at 514 W. Main St., during the opening reception of the "Taste of Spring Art Show." A convivial crowd gathered to enjoy Sawa's impressionistic vector drawings, photography by Craig Boulden, watercolors by Artist Kandice Starbuck and a variety of utilitarian glassware pieces.



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David Ode, left, reminisced about his years in the Kaleidoscope Players from 1967 through the mid-1970s, when he mounted plays with students in Des Moines, Wagon Mound, Springer, Mosquero, Roy, Raton, and other towns in the region. Ode, who joined hosts Bill Fegan and Billy Donati from his home in Cerrillos, NM, performed on the Shuler stage as recently as 2013.

MOVIE CLASSICS

Trinidad Children's Chorale Concert set for Thursday

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

It's amazing what a group of kids can do when they decide to lift their voices in song. There will be proof of that fact at the upcoming

13th annual spring concert of the Trinidad Children's Chorale, to be held at 7 p.m., on Thursday, April 30, at the Trinidad Middle School Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

This year's program is titled, "Lost in the Movies," and features songs from classic movies such as The Sound of Music, Grease,

Mary Poppins and the Wizard of Oz, as well as more recent movies, such as Frozen. The chorale features 48 young singers in grades four through six, and is directed by Connie Pallone and Geneva Villegas, both teachers at Fisher's Peak Elementary School. The chorale also hosts a Christmas concert each year.

The kids put on quite a show in their annual spring concert, with some of the themes of the shows featuring a Trinidad angle. Inven-

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EXTREME SPORTS

Mud Races to rumble Saturday at Fairgrounds

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

With the motto of, "Horsepower is Horsepower," the Second Annual Mud Races will be held this weekend at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds. Racing starts at 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, May 2, with the gates opening at 8 a.m., and a drivers' meeting set for 11 a.m.

General admission tickets cost \$10, while tickets for kids ages 7 to 13 are \$5 and kids under age 6 get in for free. The Trinidad Round-U Association is sponsoring the event, and all ticket proceeds go to

the association's Labor Day rodeo and festivities. There's also a \$75 racer entry fee. No outside food coolers or pets are allowed on the grounds.

There will be open, super modified, outlaw, modified, super stock, pro-stock, stock and powder puff races scheduled on Saturday. During the intermission, there will be a 50 / 50 Giveaway, plus a kids' bike giveaway. Concessions will be available and there will be a beer garden on the grounds sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club, which will get a percentage of the

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Photo courtesy of Northern Mud Racing

CENTENNIAL ROSE

Shuler Theater celebrates grand century

By Tim Keller
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The Chronicle-News

RATON - For its grand opening on April 27, 1915, Raton's City Auditorium went extravagant, elaborate, and expensive. The new opera house opened with a big musical that featured 64 performers on the fresh new stage. An orchestra played in the pit below. The show was "The Red Rose."

One hundred years later, the theater is still owned by the City of Raton but the name has long been Shuler Theater. For its weekend-long centennial celebration, organizers opted for a series of three musical variety shows but kept both the budget and the admission charge at zero. The performers on stage were young and old, from Raton and surrounding towns, with

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Photo courtesy of Russ Pallone

Savannah Lee and Riley Pachelli lead choir members in song.

WEATHER WATCH

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. **Night:**

Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph after midnight.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 68. **Westday:** Sunny with a high near 68. **Southeast:** Sunny with a high near 74. **West:** Southwest wind around 5 mph. **Night:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. South wind around 5 mph.

near 75. **West southwest:** West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. **Southeast:** West around 5 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 74. **West:** Southwest wind around 5 mph. **Night:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. South wind around 5 mph.

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ENTERTAINMENT



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The Shuler Theater's "Centennial Rose" musical variety show was highlighted by a humorous performance of "Adelaide's Lament," with Kelly Jones, above, singing the woes of a girl tormented by a very bad cold. Raton Glee, below left, a group of local teen singers, sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" in a medley combining the original version with a modern take created by the late Hawaiian singer and ukulele player, Israel Kamakawiwo'ole. The show opened young with Raton Kids' Khorale, below center, singing "Do Re Me" from "The Sound of Music." Pianist Carol Simmons accompanied performers throughout the show.

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some returning to the Shuler stage from their homes up to 200 miles away.

"The Centennial Rose" was presented Saturday night, Sunday afternoon, and Monday night, with the latter followed by a champagne reception celebrating the theater's actual 100-year birthday. Each performance featured Billy D. Donati, president of Shuler Restoration

long succession of performers presented songs and occasionally a scene from a play. All of the material came from shows performed on the Shuler stage over the past half century.

Saturday night's highlights included Kelly Jones in a humorous dramatic rendering of "Adelaide's Lament" from "Guys and Dolls." Carrying a book and a tissue, Jones read

The show's co-producer (with Fegan), Adrienne Coleman performed a pair of songs with Jones and, unaccompanied, sang "You'll Never Walk Alone" from "Carousel," for which she recounted the transformational role the Shuler Theater has played in her life since arriving in Raton in 2010.

The theater's lobby featured a table with Shuler Theater

Centennial t-shirts and other products for sale, including copies of the April issue of New Mexico Magazine with its four-page feature on Bill Fegan and the Shuler Centennial. Monday night's catered champagne reception capped the celebration of a glorious past, while the theater's current glory suggests another such celebration on April 27, 2015.

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profits. Other school organizations and service clubs will also have booths at the event.

Event co-organizer Karen Buhr spoke in a Friday phone call about the good times everyone seemed to have at last year's inaugural mud race.

"The mud races are a way for our Round-Up Association to generate the funds we need to keep having our Labor Day Rodeo and other events," Buhr said. "It's something good for the whole community to enjoy, and I know had a great time at the mud races last year. It's been a great addition to the events that are available to families in Las Animas County. It also gives the Trinidad Round-Up Association the chance to support some of our local service clubs and school groups."

Get ready to rumble at the Second Annual Mud Races Saturday at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds.



Photo courtesy of Northern Mud Racing



Committee, hosting with Bill Fegan, the impresario that first came to perform at the Shuler in 1963.

Donati and Fegan remained seated on chairs at the front right of the stage, a sort of chorus acting as observers, narrators, and hosts. They reminisced, sharing their own voluminous memories and tales. They filled a third chair with a succession of guests associated with the Shuler's last fifty years—from Ben Zeller and David Ode, both of whom worked extensively at the Shuler during the 1960s and 1970s, to Alan Kinland who grew up playing roles on the Shuler stage over the past 20 years.

Between reminiscences, a

cold remedies as she woefully interspersed blowing her nose and singing in a delightfully convincing performance.

Carol Simmons, the Shuler's longstanding accompanist on the theater's 50-year-old Steinway grand, revealed that she can write and sing as well as she plays the piano. She debuted a song whose lyrics and melody she wrote 19 years ago but whose piano chords she established just for this performance. Singing to the jaunty rhythm, her voice was both high and a bit smoky, suggesting an experienced cabaret singer. As her applause faded, Billy D. remarked, "She's not Carol King, but she's Carol, queen."

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