



# STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS

Wednesday, Jan. 13 • 6 p.m. • Massari Theater, Trinidad State  
Trinidad State President Dr. Simone will share college updates and plans. Public is invited.



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## THE FINE PRINT

### WEEKEND - JAN. 8-10

**NEW ART SHOW BEGINS FRIDAY & RUNS THRU JAN. 30:** Contemporary Western Art Show gala opening (6-8 p.m. Friday) will be held at Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Info: Bree Pappan, 719-846-1441 or trinidadareartscouncil@gmail.com.

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

**BOOKS & MORE FRIDAY (11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)** Senior Citizens Day at the Library Bookstore, 132 N. Commercial. Most items on sale. Info: 719-846-6840.

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

**\*FRI & JAN. 22 (11 a.m.-Noon) RAG (Reading, Art & Games)** downstairs in the Children's Library

**\*JAN 12 & 26 (11 a.m.-Noon) Tuesday Tot's Program** for children 6 months-3 years.

**SENIOR CENTER FUNDRAISER SUNDAY: The Sayre Senior Center annual Quilt Raffle** benefit for the facility will be held at the Center, 1222 San Pedro. To purchase tickets or info about the Center call: Anna Risley, 719-846-3336.

**GUADALUPE SOCIETY SUNDAY: Potluck dinner** will be held after 11 a.m. Mass and Rosary at Holy Trinity Church with dinner at Holy Family Hall. Info: Rose Mestas, 719-846-3647.

## Today's Quote

**"Those who gave thee a body, furnished it with weakness; but He who gave thee Soul, armed thee with resolution. Employ it, and thou art wise; be wise and thou art happy."**

~ Akhenaton

### MONDAY - JAN. 11

**WATER ASSOCIATION MONDAY (7 p.m.)** Greektown-Carbonale Board of Directors will meet at the Century Financial Group, 109 W. Main St. Information: Jeni Skalko, 719-846-2080.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

**TSJC NEEDS YOU! TUESDAY: Volunteers are need for science fair judges for area secondary schools on Jan 12, 14 and 27.** Please email the TSJC STEM Outreach coordinator, Linda Perry at linda.perry@trinidadstate.edu or call 719-846-5697.

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

**STATE OF THE COLLEGE WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.)** President Dr. Carmen Simone's address will be held at the Massari Theater (corner of Broom and State Streets. Info: 719-846-5725.

**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.

**CHENOWETH AWARDS JAN 22 DEADLINE:** Individual nomination forms for outstanding citizens who have made positive contributions to the region can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office. For more information call 719-846-9285 or email tlacchamber@outlook.com.

**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 is your own at the cafeteria. 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.

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 01/07/16. Hoehne Ditch: Priority # 9 --- Appropriation date: 01/01/1863.

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
Release .32 AF  
Inflow 64.32 AF -- 32.43 CFS  
Evaporation 0 AF  
Content 25,446 AF  
Elevation 6,190.81  
Precipitation 0

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



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Judge Bruce Billings, right, swears in Phil Rico as Trinidad's newest Mayor at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# New Mayor, Council Members sworn in, take seats at City Hall

By Steve Block  
The Chronicle-News

Trinidad's new City Council had its first meeting Tuesday evening at City Hall. New Mayor Phil Rico and new City Council Member Carlos Lopez were sworn into office by Judge Bruce Billings, as were re-elected incumbents Michelle Miles and Joe Bonato. Council Member Anthony Mattie was unanimously elected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in Mayor Rico's absence. Judge Bill-

ings also swore Municipal Judge John Garcia into office for another term.

Rico led off by thanking outgoing Council Member Carol Bolton for her four years of service on Council, and her ongoing dedication to the Trinidad Community. He said he also wanted to thank outgoing Mayor Joe Reorda for his service, but Reorda had left the City Hall by the time the Council meeting began.

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# Chasing Billy the Kid

Tim Keller's new 3-part Western Adventure Feature



# A New Mexico Travelogue Series Part 2: Lincoln

By Tim Keller  
Correspondent  
The Chronicle-News

*Editor's Note: This month Tim Keller begins his eighth year as a regular Chronicle-News contributor. Recently retired from teaching high school English, he's suddenly found himself with time to read whole books and go on road trips—which have led him to Billy the Kid. Reach Tim, or view his work, at TimKellerArts.com.*

Young Henry McCarty—the future Billy the Kid—moved out west with his mother and younger brother, from New York to Wichita to Denver to Santa Fe, where his mother finally married her boyfriend William Antrim in 1873. A year later she died of tuberculosis in Silver City and Antrim moved on. Henry Antrim, 15, was an orphan alone in Silver City.

Arrested for serving as a lookout for someone robbing a Chinese laundry, Henry escaped jail through a chimney—full-grown he reached only five feet three inches, 125 pounds—and ran away. In Arizona he learned how to support himself by stealing cattle and horses, and he learned how to play cards in bars. People called him "the kid." One night a big bullying blacksmith named Windy Cahill, twice the kid's age, beat Henry to the ground. Henry shot Cahill in the stomach. Cahill died in the morning, but Henry had already ridden east, back

to New Mexico.

Riding a gray mare, he arrived in Lincoln with an alias—William H. Bonney, Jr.—although "the Kid" had stuck, too. Now eighteen years old, "Billy" was arrested for stealing two horses that belonged to John Tunstall, a wealthy 24-year-old Englishman who had recently arrived to build a cattle and mercantile empire in the American West. To the Kid's surprise, Tunstall dismissed the charges and hired Billy to join his crew of young cowboys. Billy was later reported to have said of Tunstall, "He was the only man who ever treated me as if I was freeborn and white."

Three months later John Tunstall was shot dead in Billy's presence. The Kid went on the warpath.

I pulled into Lincoln at dusk in late November, having lingered longer than planned in the No Scum Allowed Saloon in White Oaks, a one-day horseback ride across the mountain from Lincoln. A mining boomtown during the Lincoln County War, today White Oaks is a sleepy enclave at the end of a remote road. It's easy to imagine the past here, to see it, when Billy the Kid stole horses and Pat Garrett chased him back to Lincoln.

I intended to wander, taking photos and not planning meals or lodging in advance, so when I pulled in without a reservation at Ellis Store Country Inn, a B&B hosted by a former New Mexico Chef of the Year, I was lucky to get a room. Not just any room

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Born in New York as Henry McCarty, America's original bad boy became Henry Antrim, then The Kid, then the alias William H. Bonney, Jr., and finally, seven months before his death at age 21, world-famous outlaw Billy the Kid. (Photograph taken at Lincoln, New Mexico's Anderson-Freeman Museum.)

## CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

# Four file for Raton City Commission election

By Steve Block  
The Chronicle-News

Three incumbents are among the four candidates who filed for election to the three available seats on the Raton, N.M., City Commission in the Tuesday, March 1 city-wide election. Raton City Clerk Tricia Garcia announced Tuesday that those filing for the positions were Incumbent Donald Giacomo in District 2, Incumbent Lindé Schuster and challenger James K. Cruz in District 4 and Incumbent



These three incumbent Raton, N.M. City Commissioners have filed to run for re-election in the March 1 municipal election. From right are Lindé Schuster, James Neil Segotta Jr. and Donald Giacomo. James Cruz (not shown) will challenge Schuster in the City's Fourth District.



James Neil Segotta Jr. in District 5. The city clerk is expected to verify the candidates on Thursday, January 7, after which the candi-



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dates will draw for positions on the March 1 municipal election ballot. Voter registration for the election will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday,

February 2, in the Colfax County Clerk's Office in the County Court-

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## WEATHER WATCH

**Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 38. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.  
**Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around

17. North wind around 5 mph.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 37. Southwest wind around 5 mph.  
**Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 15. West wind around 5 mph.  
**Sunday:** A 10 percent chance of snow showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 28. West wind around 5 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon. **Night:** Partly

cloudy, with a low around 7. East southeast wind around 5 mph becoming west southwest after midnight.  
**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 34. Mostly windy around 5 mph. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 14. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 44. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

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# WESTERN ADVENTURE



## Chasing Billy the Kid

### A New Mexico Travelogue Series Part 2: Lincoln

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either. I got the Billy the Kid Room. The sign outside says, "Billy the Kid slept here." Indeed, Ike Ellis's store served as a refuge for the Kid and his friends right to the end, the night of "The Big Killing."

Although they proved poor businessmen, Irish Catholic immigrants Lawrence Murphy and his protégé Jimmy Dolan had quickly built a far-reaching monopoly from Lincoln, controlling commerce and cattle. Among their successes, they supplied all the beef to the U.S. Army's nearby Fort Stanton. English Protestant John Tunstall built a big store across Lincoln's sole street from the Murphy-Dolan Store and proceeded to compete. Murphy and Dolan were livid, and they controlled the law.

When Sheriff William Brady's men encountered Tunstall and his boys south of Lincoln, the young cowboys knew enough to scatter but Tunstall, filled with naïve confidence, rode right up to the

fact, Lincoln Historic District has preserved almost everything as living history. Seven buildings serve as museums, all available for a single \$5 ticket.

The Anderson-Freeman Visitor Center & Museum serves as headquarters, the recommended starting place with its extensive displays and great foldout pamphlet that tells the whole story well.

Walking from Ellis Store on Lincoln's east end, I toured all of the buildings within a half-day. (Two of the museums lack heat and are closed for the winter.) It's only seven-tenths of a mile to the west end of Lincoln, where the Murphy-Dolan Store was converted into a new Lincoln County Courthouse in time to hold Billy the Kid—once they caught him.

Anarchy reined in Lincoln for more than three months, with countless killings on both sides of "the Lincoln County War." Bodies lay in the street. Even the American president was alarmed, naming



After shooting a deputy, Billy the Kid watched out this window for Deputy Bob Olinger to come running from his dinner at Wortley's Hotel, just visible across the street. Hearing a gunshot, Olinger raced back. When he spotted the Kid in this upstairs window, the Kid said, "Hello Bob" and unloosed both barrels of Olinger's own shotgun, killing him on the spot.

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The arrival of the affluent 24-year-old English entrepreneur John Tunstall set the wheels in motion for what turned into the Lincoln County War. Tunstall dared to compete with the monopoly already established by Irishmen Lawrence Murphy and Jimmy Dolan. They had him killed, setting his loyal employee Billy the Kid on the warpath.

hanging date. Ironically, the Kid was held upstairs in the old Murphy-Dolan Store, now converted to the new county courthouse.

While Garrett was away in White Oaks, one of Billy's two guards, Deputy Bob Olinger, took a dinner break across the street at Wortley's Hotel. Billy told Deputy James Bell that he needed a trip to the outhouse. When they came back inside, Billy had gotten a gun—no one's sure how—and he shot Bell on the staircase. There's still a prominent bullet hole at the bottom of the stairs. Bell died just outside as Billy raced up the stairs. Grabbing Olinger's shotgun, he awaited Olinger from the upstairs window.

Olinger heard the gunshot and came running across the street. From the corner window above, Billy called out, "Hello Bob." As Olinger looked up, Billy shot him with both barrels of his own shotgun. Olinger died right there.

Instead of bolting for Mexico, Billy simply rode back to Fort Sumner where he had a girlfriend and was well liked. That's part of his appeal—and he grew much more famous now—he was a loyal friend with a lively sense of hu-



To make his escape down this staircase, Billy the Kid shot Deputy James W. Bell, leaving a bullet hole in the downstairs wall. Bell made it outside before he dropped dead. The Kid went back upstairs for Deputy Bob Olinger's shotgun.



Lincoln's Murphy-Dolan store had just been converted to a new county courthouse when it housed its most famous prisoner. Awaiting his scheduled hanging, Billy the Kid shot two sheriff's deputies to make his famous escape. Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett went after him.

Brady men. They shot him dead. Then they shot his horse.

Like the rest of Tunstall's young cowboys, Billy had a strong sense of loyalty and justice. Now calling themselves "the Regulators," they went to war against the Murphy-Dolan empire and its sheriff.

Six weeks after Tunstall's death, Sheriff Brady got up from breakfast at Wortley's Hotel, walked across the street to the Murphy-Dolan Store, then continued his morning walk down the street with his deputies.

a new territorial governor, Lew Wallace, to clean up Lincoln.

The final showdown came in mid-July, 1878. Sometimes called "the Five-Day Battle," culminating in "The Big Killing," dozens on each side took up positions and fired on each other, creating a violent standoff. On July 19, Lt. Col. Nathan Dudley arrived from Fort Stanton with three-dozen troops, a 12-pound howitzer and a Gatling gun. He came to make the peace. He did it by pointing the artillery at Billy the Kid's faction, holed up in three buildings.

Two of those buildings, Montano's Store and Ellis Store, are still open. The third, the home of Tunstall's attorney Alexander McSween, was burned down in the night amidst a hail of gunfire, killing McSween. Again proving his gift for escape, the Kid broke free and crossed the Rio Bonito into the hills. He was 19 years old.

Although charged with the murder of Sheriff Brady, the Kid moved somewhat freely for two more years, still making his living as a rustler, spending time in both Lincoln and Fort Sumner. He made a deal with Governor Wallace to testify against the Murphy-Dolan faction, after which his charges would be dropped. Wallace betrayed the Kid, never honoring his side of the agreement; in fact, Wallace later offered a \$500 reward for Billy's capture.

Pat Garrett, a new Lincoln County Sheriff accompanied by a posse, tracked Billy to Fort Sumner just before Christmas, 1880, killing fellow Regulators and capturing the Kid 12 miles east of town at Stinking Spring. When Garrett and the Kid arrived in Las Vegas to take the new railroad south through Santa Fe to Mesilla, the Las Vegas Gazette portrayed the Kid and his friends as dangerous criminals. For the first time, he was called "Billy the Kid." It was a catchy title. Spurred by the new telegraph and Americans' infatuation with the West, he became a celebrity not only in the East, but overseas as well, America's first famous bad boy.

Seven months after acquiring the name, Billy the Kid was dead.

With Billy convicted in a Mesilla courtroom of Sheriff Brady's murder, Garrett brought him back to Lincoln to await his



The Billy the Kid Room is the most popular at Ellis Store Country Inn, the B&B housed in the building where the Kid once stayed. The entire town is now the Lincoln Historic Site, with most original buildings still intact and open.



Killed by Billy the Kid in the daring courthouse escape, Deputy James Bell was buried in the cemetery at White Oaks. Nearby is the grave of Susan McSween, who survived "The Big Killing" that took her husband; she became a hugely successful cattle baron.

From behind Tunstall's Store, Billy and the Regulators unleashed a barrage of rifle fire, killing the sheriff where he stood.

The Tunstall Store is still there, now a museum, as is the Murphy-Dolan Store. Wortley's Hotel and Ellis Store are B&Bs. In

mor; he loved and respected the ladies and he loved to dance. Since arriving in New Mexico he'd become fluent in Spanish; the Hispanic community counted him as one of its own.

Garrett raced back to Lincoln. He later told a writer, "I knew now that I would have to kill the Kid. We both knew that it must be one or the other of us if we ever met."

Soon, Garrett set off for Fort Sumner. After a second night enjoying the peace and crackling woodstove in the Billy the Kid Room at Lincoln's Ellis Store Country Inn, I, too, set off for Fort Sumner.

Tim Keller's account of *Chasing Billy the Kid* concludes next Friday with Part 3—Fort Sumner.

Escaping trouble farther west, Billy the Kid arrived in Lincoln County astride a gray mare, immortalized by artist Peter Rogers in a 1984 painting displayed at Anderson-Freeman Visitors Center & Museum, one of seven museums accessed by a single \$5 admission fee in Lincoln.

