

RATON ~ NEW MEXICO NEWS



Photo by Marty Mayfield

Saturday April 25 has been proclaimed as Comcast Cares Day by Mayor Joe Apache. Over 50,000 employees and their family and friends will join together to perform a community service project nationally. This year, local Comcast employees and others will partner with the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation to do various projects at Longfellow Elementary School such as trash pickup, painting and landscape maintenance.

Raton Commission met Monday

By Marty Mayfield
The Chronicle-News

Commissioners met in special meeting Monday evening to make up for the missed meeting last week.

Commissioners' first item of business was to appoint two new members to the lodger's tax advisory board. Barbara Riley owner of a local bed and breakfast along with Arvind Sinha the owner of the Colt Hotel were appointed to fill two vacancies on the board.

Commissioners then approved a memorandum of understanding with the Raton Little League. The League will be required to put up a \$1000 refundable security deposit for use of the fields and a non-refundable \$50 fee per keyed facility that will be used to rekey all locks upon expiration of the use agreement.

Commissioners then approved a lease agreement with International Bank for new SUVs for the police department. Law Enforcement protection funds will be pledged to help cover the lease.

The audit committee met and recommended that the city continue with Moss Adams as the city's auditor to finish out the third year of the three year contract. The committee also noted that other communities are having problems finding qualified auditors and found that some communities are two to three years behind on their audits.

The committee also noted that the city has received a

Juvenile cited in stabbing of another juvenile

By LAURA L. BREWER
The Chronicle-News

Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Raton Police Officer Jim Valdez was driving near the 100 block of Galisteo Avenue when he noticed several young people who appeared to be fighting. After sorting through the crowd, interviewing witnesses, and searching the area, with the help of other officers, Officer Valdez cited one juvenile, 14, for stabbing another juvenile, 16. The victim was transported to Miner's Colfax Medical Center for treatment. The juvenile who stabbed the victim in the right side of his back was cited for aggravated battery, resisting and obstructing, and tampering with evidence. The weapon was found a short distance near the area where the victim had been stabbed. According to Chief Sisneros, the juvenile who was cited was later released into his parent's custody.

limited number of proposals in the past and that some firms have a limited knowledge of electric utilities which will make it more difficult to procure a qualified auditor.

Commissioners then tabled a resolution on the support of a fuel farm storage tank funding application until the city can look into funding ideas for the \$118,000 the city will need for their half of the \$237,000 project.

Commissioners then approved a resolution supporting the funding of a game fence around the airport. The cost of this project will be funded 95 percent by the FAA with the city and state covering 2.5 percent each of the estimated \$1,000,000 price tag for the project.

The city is still dealing with a 7 to 8 percent deficit from gross receipts taxes for this year however with upcoming construction projects the city will hopefully see

an improvement in those numbers. City Manager P.J. Mileta has been working with department heads to find ways of cutting their budgets or at least keeping them as tight as possible. The city will see some savings with the reduction of help this summer.

Mileta noted in his report that the environmental review is complete on the CDBG grant in northeast Raton and bids should be in by late May or early June. Mileta also noted that the ground breaking ceremony will be at 10 a.m. Monday for the new recreation center. The pool area and foundation has been dug out already.

Commissioners then went into closed session to discuss the city manager.

The Raton City Commission will meet again next Tuesday for their regular meeting.

RATON POLICE BLOTTER

CITATIONS

- 04/15/09- A juvenile, 15- Reckless driving
- 04/16/09- Michael Romero Jr.- Suspen ded driver's license
- 04/16/09- Martin Bone- No driver's license
- 04/16/09- Stephen Castillo- Criminal damage to property
- 04/17/09- Jeremy Ashley- Revoked driers license
- 04/17/09- Regina Lucero- Speeding
- 04/21/09- Pricilla Lopez- No city tags on dog
- 04/21/09- Eddie B. Armijo, 45- Battery
- 04/21/09- Victor Alderette- No city tags on dog

INCIDENTS

- 04/15/09- Frankin Construction victim of criminal damage
- 04/15/09- Stoven Construction victim of criminal damage
- 04/20/09- Sara Castillo- Victim of criminal damage to property
- 04/21/09- Damien Casias- Victim of battery

NOTICE

Second Half 2008 Property Taxes are now due and payable

The Second Half 2008 Property Taxes were due on April 10, 2009 and become delinquent after May 11, 2009.

When making a payment, please include your owner or tax bill numbers with payments. We are not responsible for lost bills.

If a receipt is needed, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The last day to pay the SECOND Half Property Taxes without interest and penalty is May 11, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact the Colfax County Treasurers Office.

Modified Office Hours – Monday thru Friday
Open through the Lunch Hour

Treasurer's office will be open during the lunch hour from April 13, 2009 through May 11, 2009

Phone: 445-2014

Raton actress takes Tennessee Williams on the road to Des Moines

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daunted, but gave it a try. Blanche has been living within her ever since.

Engel grew up in Matewan, Minnesota, population 60, and attended a one-room school which had an art day every week. In fifth grade, she rewrote the story of Rumpelstiltskin into a play, then she produced, directed, and starred as The Queen. She was 10.

She continued in theatre through high school, then gave it up. "I was never educated in the theatre," she remarks. She married and raised children. But in her mid-30s, someone found out about the hidden actress inside Engel: "I was drafted by community theatre." She went on to found "Theatre at the Fort" with the director Tillman. They produced one play each summer for eight years, with Engel helping the director, "playing house mother to all the actors", and taking lead roles.

After retiring in Minnesota, Engel moved to Zihuatanejo, Mexico. Through a circuitous route, that led her to Arizona, then, in 2004, to Raton. She's been called upon to coach actors in movement and character development. She appeared in the 2006 and 2008 productions of "A Christmas Carol" at the Shuler Theatre. She's hoping to have a dream role in Raton soon, playing one of the old ladies in "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Saturday evening, Tennessee Williams's two women will share the same dress. Engel borrowed a hat for Amanda Wingfield this week from a downtown Raton shop. It has feathers. Wingfield and Blanche DuBois are very different from each other. Engel will bring each to life in key scenes from



Photo by Tim Keller

Raton actress Kathryn Engel will present her one-woman show at Studio C in Des Moines Saturday evening.

their respective plays.

Live at Studio C is beginning its third season of presenting live music, theatre, storytelling, and poetry on the last Saturday of each month through Thanksgiving. A \$3 cover charge is distributed to local arts projects. Located at 517 Broadway, which is the Clayton Highway, Studio C is an art gallery, store, art school, community center, and performance space. Live at Studio C begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday with an open mike for all comers and all ages. Once, an eighty-year-old woman was fol-

lowed by an eight-year-old girl. There are usually a pair of scheduled spotlight acts. Finally, the featured act is presented. The whole show lasts 2-3 hours, with Raton patrons reaching home just as the scenic drive turns dark with night-fall.

Kathryn Engel claims to get nervous - terrified - before every show, though afterward she's always thrilled that she did it. Saturday night it won't matter: Engel will disappear. That's when the audience will meet Amanda Wingfield and Blanche DuBois.

COLFAX COUNTY CALENDAR

- April 23 - 18th Annual Family Health Fair, Raton Convention Center, 9 am - 4 pm. For more information call (575) 445-8071.
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- April 24 - 10:00 am Until 4 PM, MCMC Auxiliary Scrub Sale -- MCMC Center
- April 25 - 9:30 am Until 2 PM, "Managing Your Money," Lunch provided with advanced ticket purchase of \$15 -- El Raton Theater
- April 25 - 7:30 pm Raton School of Dance celebrates Friendship -- Shuler Theater
- April 26 - 10:30 am Guest Speaker Rick LeDoux -- 3 Day Harvest Church on 2nd Street
- April 26 - 2:30 pm Raton School of Dance celebrates Friendship -- Shuler Theater
- April 26 - 7:00 pm UNTIL 11 pm. Al Hurricane & Al Hurricane Jr. Tickets

Available at Los Cruz music, Solano's Boot and Western Wear, El Rancho Cleaner's, and VFW Post 1793 -- Raton Convention Center

- April 27 - Maternal Child Health Meeting, noon at the Sands Restaurant
- April 27 - 5:30 pm Until 8:30 PM. "Kitchen Creations," free diabetes cooking school. Call 445-8071 for more information. -- Raton Middle School Home Economics Room
- April 29 - 0: GED exam at New Mexico Highlands in Raton. -- 130 Park Avenue
- April 30 - Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting, 10 a.m. in YES office. For more information call (575) 445-8191.
- April 30 - 9:30 am "I Can Class," Call 445-8071 -- Raton Income Support Office 1233 Whittier St.
- May 9 - 10:00 am Simulcast of the Metropolitan Opera performance of "Cerentola" - a comic opera

FREE Screenings:

- **Community Blood Drive:** 9:00 am - 3:30 pm United Blood Services - Albuquerque (blood type & cholesterol results in a few days) (Donor card or driver's license required)
- **Eye Screenings:** NM Lion's Mobile Eye Van (Glaucoma, Cataracts, Macular Degeneration)
- **Hearing Test w/Video Otoscopy:** By DigiCare Hearing, Research & Rehabilitation
- **Child Development Screenings:** Birth - 3 yrs (Speech, language, motor, & cognitive development)
- **Fitness Assessments:** (3 min. step test for endurance, balance, pulse and general fitness) By Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy
- **Body Fat Analysis:** Curves for Women
- **Foot Pressure, (for orthotics) Sleep Disorder, & Varicose Vein Tests:** By Lynco, Respirionics, Medi, and Del Norte Pharmacy
- **Private Well Water Testing:** Bring 1 qt. water in clean container (tests for nitrates, pH, conductivity, iron, calcium, alkalinity & fluoride) By New Mexico Environment Dept.

- Blood Pressure
- Oxygen Saturation
- Pulse
- Blood Glucose

- Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Prevention
- Alternatives to Violence
- Alzheimer's/Dementia/Parkinson's
- Assisted Living Services
- Breast Feeding / Pregnancy / WIC Info.
- Cancer Detection /Awareness/Support
- Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention
- Counseling Services (youth and adults)
- Diabetes Awareness, Education and Counseling

18TH ANNUAL FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

Thursday, April 23, 2009
Raton Convention Center
901 South Third Street

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
For More Information: (575) 445-8071

Sponsored By:

The City of Raton, Colfax County Health Council, SW Border Food Safety & Defense Center, Raton Natural Gas, & The NMSU - Colfax County Cooperative Extension Service

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

- Family Planning / Immunization Info.
- Food, Nutrition & Physical Activity
- Foster & Adoptive Services
- Head Start Program
- Health Education & Information
- Home Health Care, Services & Equip.
- Long Term Care Services & Facilities
- Low-Income Public Housing
- Medicare Information and Status
- Mental Health Services & Disorders

REDUCED FEE Screenings:

Fasting is not required for blood tests, however for best results, fast at least 8 hours)

- Comprehensive Metabolic Panel: \$45
- Lipid Profile (Cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL/LDL + more): \$45
- Complete Blood Count (CBC): \$25
- Total Cholesterol: \$10
- Thyroid Panel: \$60
- PSA Screening (prostate cancer): \$50
- Hemoglobin A1c (HBA1c - Two to three month average of blood glucose): \$25 (Screenings above are provided by Colfax General Lab - Springer)
- Bone Density - Heel Scan: \$20 (By Osteoporosis Diagnostic Center - Albuquerque)



If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an accessibility aid or service, please contact the Colfax County Extension Service by April 17, 2009 at (575) 445-8071

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- Pet Therapy for Srs. / Nursing Home Safety / Emergency Preparedness
- Substance Abuse and Prevention
- Suicide Prevention
- Teen / Youth Empowerment Prog.
- Used Eyeglasses/Hearing Aids
- Veteran's Health Services
- Water Purification
- Women's Fitness Programs
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE