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THE FINE PRINT

Spanish Peaks and Bon Carbo Fire Protection District

Notice is hereby given that the monthly Board of Directors meetings for the Spanish Peaks and Bon Carbo Fire Protection District will be at 9 a.m. on Monday at the Century Financial Group office, 109 W. Main St.

TMS Band Boosters

TMS Band Boosters will hold their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday in the TMS Band Room. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Board of Directors

meeting

The Board of Directors for Trinidad-Las Animas County Economic Development will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, at 134 West Main Street, Suite 12, (the Bell Block) in the conference room.

Community Chorale

The Trinidad Community Chorale rehearsals begin at 6:15 p.m. every Monday at the First United Methodist Church. New members are welcome. No auditions.

Trinidad Italian Club

The Trinidad Italian Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday in the Berg Building, Room 304.

Pastor's Text Study

Pastor's Text Study will meet at 9 a.m. at Zion's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on Tuesday. All pastors welcome to come and study the texts for Sunday and for support of each other.

Kiwanis luncheon

The next Kiwanis luncheon will begin at 12 p.m. on Tuesday at Tequila's.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. South-southwest wind around 15 mph.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. West southwest wind around 15 mph.

Tomorrow Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. Breezy, with a west wind between 15 and 20 mph.



RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 5/8/09. Elmore priority #77 3/11/1877.

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release, 262.09 acre ft.; Inflow, 259.57 acre ft.; Evaporation, 21.48 acre ft.; Content, 27643 acre ft.; Elevation, 6190.50; Precipitation, 0.

Downstream River Call, Highland 5/31/1866.

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Photos courtesy of The First National Bank in Trinidad Wal-Mart Branch

Top left: Darlene Lopez and Janelle Lopez. Top right: Pamela L. Ewald and Vanessa A. Spurlock. Bottom right: Joani Lopez and Kaylee Armijo

Mother's Day contest winners 2009

Courtesy of The First National Bank in Trinidad Wal-Mart Branch Special to The Chronicle-News

We asked area school children to write down what their mother means to them, and the response was overwhelming. We received over 300 wonderful, heartfelt sentiments from children who love their mothers dearly. The task was difficult to say the least,

but here are our winners, whose mothers received a flowering plant, a jewelry gift, and a keepsake memory plaque with these sentiments on it. All who entered received a beautifully engraved pen.

High School Category, Contest Winner to Darlene Lopez from your daughter, Janelle Lopez (age 16)

What is a mother?
Someone who is there when you need her

She tells you everything will be okay

Someone who gives advice when you need it the most

She prays for you to get through each day

Someone who loves, cares and cherishes every moment spent with you

She seems to always know the right things to say

Someone who encourages you in all that you do

She says hard work in the end will pay

Someone who shares tears, laughs, and emotions with you

She shows a unique love in an indescribable way

Someone who helps you feel wanted, appreciated, and adored

She lifts up your spirit when your day is dark and gray

Someone who is a companion like

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Photo courtesy LA County EMS Coalition

A firefighter team competed in last year's popular tug-o-war. Law enforcement and EMT teams also participated. This year's 5-man teams will pay \$10 to enter, with the winner taking all.

EMS fundraiser brings a day of fun to Cimino Park Saturday

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

Trinidad's annual downtown "Michelle Minion EMS Fund Raiser" brings a day of fun to Cimino Park Saturday. Sponsored by the Las Animas County EMS Coalition, the event begins setting up at 6:30 a.m. By 7:00 a.m. they'll be registering entrants in the inaugural 5-kilometer (3.1 mile) run and 1-mile walk, both of which begin at 8:30 a.m. After a full schedule of events that include bike and water

safety programs, the popular Dunk Tank begins at 2 pm with local firefighters, EMTs, and dignitaries volunteering to subject themselves to a humbling dunking in a water tank to raise money for the good cause. Then, at 3:30 p.m., the day culminates in the exciting tug-o-war contest, with 5-member teams paying \$10 to enter and the winning team taking the whole pot.

On-site food will be available from JoJo's Pizza throughout the day. Parkview and Mt. San Rafael Hospitals

provide Kidsville Express at 10:30 a.m., including presentations on safety for kids, fire safety, seatbelt safety, car seat set-up and safety, hand washing techniques, healthy food and nutrition, traffic safety, and how to access the 911 emergency system.

Immediately following Kidsville Express, Las Animas County Health Department will be signing up children under 18-years of age for the Colorado Health Plan +, a Medicaid

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Trinidad leaders starting to fine tune possible nursing home solutions

By MICHAEL GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

Community leaders are starting to reach down to the nitty-gritty of finding a viable solution to saving Trinidad State Nursing Home, with at least four and possibly other options now on the table. The biggest obstacles yet to be cleared is resolving all the complex details by making sure that all the t's are crossed and i's dotted.

A community leader consensus was to narrow down the available choices and options and possibly borrow the best from each proposal at Thursday's meeting in TSJC's Pioneer Room.

Jesse Manzanares representing the Trinidad Health Services District, Karl Gabrielson representing the Trinidad Area Health Association (TAHA), Penny Bieber and Lou Simpleman of the Trinidad Community Foundation, County Commissioner Jim Vigil, Mt. San Rafael Hospital's two top administrators, Jim Robertson and Rich Armentrout, nursing home administrator Lee Burkholder and longtime health care advocate Larry Carnes among other high-profile community leaders continue to take the lead in hammering out details on the final path the community should take to save the nursing home. Finding a new owner and divest the facility from the state, place the home under community-wide ownership under an umbrella of possible health care consortiums, or secure funding to build an entirely new nursing home as part of a future community health care campus.

Community leaders decided to select at least a five-member volunteer committee from various health care agencies to develop an overall consensus plan to remit to the state

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