

# Sponsorship provides fairgrounds new structure for music, dancing and more

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**PUEBLO** – The Colorado State Fair is proud to present “Honky Tonk Rodeo Nights.” The new event has found a home in a new building on the State Fairgrounds thanks to a generous sponsor with WeatherPort Corp.

The new partnership with Hansen WeatherPORT Corp. totals \$300,000 over ten years. WeatherPORT, based in Delta, Colorado, specializes in developing high-quality, fabric tension structures. The sponsorship provides an 18,000 square foot Gable building to be used for year-around events on the Fairgrounds. This partnership also includes a sponsorship with the Giodone family of Pueblo, Colorado, which provides the concrete foundation for

the WeatherPORT structure.

Jim Keehne, CEO of WeatherPORT expressed his company’s excitement over the partnership: “We are a Colorado company and have maintained a special interest in the agriculture and ranching community. Our durable units feature the ability to be moved to other locations and be put to multiple uses. With the type of shelters we provide—the units can be small or large, made to fit special needs, providing the flexibility to repurpose—WeatherPORT had an answer for the Colorado State Fair and exactly what many agricultural businesses need today.”

“We are excited about this sponsorship and the opportunities it brings,” said Colorado State Fair

General Manager, Chris Wiseman. “This is a symbiotic partnership with WeatherPORT that provides an additional permanent structure on the Fairgrounds while providing a location for fans to enjoy State Fair events year-round like the Honky Tonk Rodeo Nights.”

The new WeatherPORT building will allow the State Fairgrounds to host additional events including “Honky Tonk Rodeo Nights” that kicks off Saturday, May 8. The Honky Tonk Rodeo Nights are presented by Giodone’s Italian Bar & Grill and offer live country music from local bands. Doors open at 8 p.m. Parking is FREE through Gate 8 and the cover charge is only \$5 per person. No one under 21 will be admitted.

**Honky Tonk Rodeo Nights Schedule:**  
**Saturday, May 8**  
 Better Tomorrow & The

Silver Eagle Band  
**Saturday, June 5**  
 Bucksin Run  
**Saturday, June 12**  
 Triple Nickel  
**Saturday, July 10**  
 Southern Belle  
**Saturday, July 17**  
 Big Cat Band  
**Saturday, August 7**  
 Overton Road  
**Saturday, August 14**  
 Rock Creek Road

Proceeds from the Honky Tonk Rodeo Nights will go to help the rodeo committee make improvements to the annual PRCA sanctioned rodeo held during Colorado State Fair August 27 - 31. This year marks 50 years of PRCA Rodeo action at the largest summer event in Colorado.

The 2010 Colorado State Fair runs from August 27 – September 6, 2010. For more information, visit [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com). For more information on WeatherPORT, visit [www.weatherport.com](http://www.weatherport.com).

## DAR chapter to offer genealogy workshop

CN STAFF REPORT

The Santa Fe Trail Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be offering a free genealogy workshop from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Saturday in Room 307 of the TSJC Berg Building.

The workshop will offer the basics of genealogy research for people who would like to learn more about their family trees with emphasis on internet resources. The afternoon session will focus on hands-on internet genealogy research with one-to-one assistance offered by local DAR members.

The class will be taught by Jeannine Dobbins, Colorado State DAR membership chairman. To register, email Lynn at [regent.spd@hotmail.com](mailto:regent.spd@hotmail.com).

## 18th Annual Archaeology Museum Open House

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The Loudon-Henritze Archaeology Museum will host its annual Open House from 6-9 p.m., Friday, May 7. The Museum is located on the ground floor of the Freudenthal Memorial Library on the campus of Trinidad State Junior College.

Events begin at 6 p.m. in the Pit near the museum. Bill Massarotti and Levi Montoya will demonstrate the art of flint knapping. Bob Holder will show bones and hides of local animals hunted by Native Americans.

At 7 p.m. in the Little Theatre the awards will be presented to the winners of the annual fourth grade poster contest. Fourth grade students from Fisher’s Peak, Hoehne and Primero studied a unit on rock art and then drew posters. The posters are on exhibit in the hallway of the museum.

Following the awards

presentation, Loretta Martin, Director of the Loudon-Henritze Archaeology Museum, will present a program on the history of archaeology at Trinidad State.

On display at the museum are many of the exciting discoveries from the area.

For more information please call Loretta Martin, Museum Director, at 846-5508.

## CORRECTION

The article on a Raton DWI program in the May 5 edition of *The Chronicle-News* contained an error. Ray Collins’ granddaughter Arissa was the only survivor of a horrible 2006 crash caused by a drunk driver. The article incorrectly reported that Arissa was killed this year; in fact, it was her girlfriend who was killed this year by a drunk driver.

## Business loan applications due May 14

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TLAC Development Corporation issues a Revolving Loan Fund to encourage the Development of new businesses and expansion of existing businesses in Las Animas County. The source of the Revolving Loan Fund comes from USDA Rural Development.

Applications are due by May 14, to the Economic Development office at 134 W. Main St., Suite 23 Trinidad, CO 81082.

Priority consideration for lending will be given to businesses that employ or will employ fewer than 100 individuals.

The business must be located in Las Animas County.

One permanent job must be created or retained for every \$10,000 of funds loaned.

And the RLF loan can be no more than 40 percent of the project cost. The minimum private (business/owner) investment or equity in the project is 10 percent of the project cost.

The project must be eligible under USDA-RD guidelines to receive funding.

Employees of USDA-RD or present related to employees of USDA-RD are not eligible for lending from the RBEG fund.

Applications are typically due no later than the 25th of each month, and will be reviewed.

RLF funds will not be used to produce agriculture products.

Direct loans \$1,000-plus based on project specifications.

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Please contact the TLACED RLF Program Administrator, Michael Aragon, at (719) 846-9412 or e-mail [michael.aragon@tlac.net](mailto:michael.aragon@tlac.net), if you have any questions.

## Heider to graduate from WTAMU

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**RATON** – The Graduating Class of West Texas A&M University announces the graduation of Darik Dakota Heider at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. Ceremonies will commence at the First United Bank Center in Canyon, Texas.

Darik is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. Darik is also ending his college career in baseball as a pitcher for the WTAMU Buffalos. On April 24 he earned the last win of the season in the LoneStar Conference doubleheader with Eastern New Mexico University, where he gave up two runs on five hits in 6.0 innings of work. He led the Buffs in pitching with the lowest earned run average of 3.44.

He is a 2006 Graduate of Raton High School and the son of Bret and Laura Heider of Raton.



Darik Dakota Heider

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### THURSDAY

**Aguilar** – Board of Education work session 12 – 6 p.m. Thurs in the Aguilar School Board meeting room.

### Parenting Class -FREE-

“Parenting with Love & Logic” class 6 p.m. (1st & 3rd Thursday) @ Fisher’s Peak Elementary, 900 Moore’s Canyon Road. For more information call Kevin Crosby @ 845-2043.

### MONDAY

**Trinidad** – Middle School Band Boosters meet 6 p.m. 2nd Mon in the TMS Band Room, 614 Park. Please call Michelle @ 846-4411 for more information. All parents are encouraged to attend.

### TUESDAY

**Trinidad Schools** - Board of Education regular meeting 6 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tues @ the Administration Office, 215 South Maple St.

### WEDNESDAY

**Hoehne** – Booster Club monthly meeting 5:30 p.m. 2nd Weds @ the school. For more information call Brenda @ 859-5168.

## GENERAL INFO

**Rocky Mountain SER** – Southern Colorado Headstart is currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact the school at 846-4391 for appointments or information.

## SCHOLARSHIPS


**FREE Scholarship for Summer Health Careers Institute** available to students interested in Health, Science & Math careers, July 18-23. Activities include opportunities to observe various departments in hospitals & shadowing health professionals while staying at the University of Colorado Denver Health Science Center. For more information call SE Colorado Area Health Education Center @ 719-544-7833 or toll-free 866-330-7100 or e-mail [suzette.bartch@secahec.org](mailto:suzette.bartch@secahec.org). Funding provided by a grant from the Colorado Trust.

**ARPA/City of Trinidad Scholarship Program** - \$1,000. College Scholarship available to qualified Trinidad High School senior. ARPA \$500 College Scholarships are available to member municipalities in Holly, La Junta, Lamar, Las Animas, & Springfield. Dave Brunelli, Superintendent of Trinidad’s Electric Department, is the local coordinator for the ARPA Scholarship Program. He can be reached at 719-846-9843, x120.

# Dance Connection

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## BALLET SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM



Pictured above are some of the students who will be participating in the Ballet Summer Intensive Program offered by Dance Connection and running from the first of June through August. Classes will be offered for ages 4 through adult and will cover Intro to Ballet through Advanced, including classes on pointe. The classes will emphasize technique and conditioning.


Teaching the classes will be Ms. Barb Privitt, who has been with Dance Connection since 2007. Ms. Privitt brings over 25 years of dance training and experience in ballet, jazz, tap and lyrical styles. She has performed with the Fort Worth Ballet, Liturgical Dance of Dallas, Bruce Lea Dancers, and Shakespeare in the Park. She has taught both youth and adult ballet, and has served as choreographer and featured dancer/singer in numerous musical theatre productions including Oklahoma!, South Pacific, Maine, Anything Goes, Fiddler on the Roof, Godspell, and Annie Get your Gun. Ballet is a great foundation for all forms of dance, and also enhances gymnastics, drill team, cheerleading and even sports, because it improves balance, flexibility and strength says Ms. Privitt.

**There are no auditions for the classes, but space is limited so don’t miss REGISTRATION on May 13th and 14th at the Dance Connection Studio, located at 3442 Hwy 12 in Trinidad.**

**For further information call 719.845.0530.**

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