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TUESDAY

Area Veterans

Rescheduled from last week - All area Vets are encouraged to attend today's (Feb 15) 9 a.m. County Commissioner Meeting in support of Veteran's Service Officer, Nick Debono. For more information call Bob Ling, VFW Post Commander @ 719-859-0743.

Las Animas Co.

Board of County Commissioner's meets 9 a.m. 1st & 3rd Tues. @ LA County Courthouse, Room #201, 200 E. First Street. For more information call 719-845-2568.

Carnegie Library

Will be closed from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tues (Feb 15) for staff training on the computer.

Home School Group

All area Home Schoolers are welcome to join our weekly playgroup 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Tues @ the Community Center, 1309 Beshoar Dr. For more information e-mail <harthomeschool@yahoo.com> or call 719-846-50119.

Kiwanis

Weekly luncheon 12 p.m. every Tues @ A Little Catering Company, 916 Arizona. Today's Guest Speaker will be George Mayfield of the Pueblo Kiwanis Club. For more information contact Jeff Mangino @ 719-846-9881.

Red Hat Mountain Mamas

Meet for lunch 1 p.m. Tues @ The Quality Inn, 3125 Toupal Dr. (Please note change from usual 3rd Thurs.) Call Beverly @ 719-846-7992 for more information. New members welcome.

Primero School

Last week's cancelled District Accountability Committee open meeting has been rescheduled for 4:30 p.m. Tues (Feb 15) in the school library, 20200 Hwy 12. All are welcome to attend. For more information call Tina @ 719-868-2715.

Primero School Board

Meets in Executive session 5 p.m. followed by Regular meeting 6 p.m. Tues in the School Cafeteria, 20200 Hwy 12. For more information call Tina @ 719-868-715.

BINGO Night

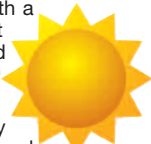
Catholic Daughters sponsored FOOD & BINGO fundraiser 6 p.m. Tues (Feb 15) @ the Knights of Columbus Hall on South Commercial St. Call Anne Passarilli @ 719-846-7534 for more information.

TMS Band Boosters

Monthly meeting 6 p.m. Tues. (Feb 15) @ the Peak's Restaurant in the Holiday Inn, 3130 Santa Fe Trail Dr. Refreshments will be served & parents are encouraged to attend. For more information call Michelle at 846-4411.
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WEATHER WATCH

Today: Sunny, with a high near 56. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.



Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.



Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Breezy, with a west southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 2/14/11
Hoehne ditch priority #9 1/1/1863
Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release .06 acre ft.
Inflow 64.06 acre ft.
Evaporation 0 acre ft.
Content 18,252 acre ft.
Elevation 6,177.51
Precipitation 0
Downstream river call
JMR 12/31/1948
Notes

1 cubic (cfs) foot per second equals one cubic foot of water passing a point in one second of time.

1 acre-foot equals a quantity of water required to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot.

1 cubic foot per second = 1.9835 acre-feet per day (24 hrs)

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



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New King and Queen of Hearts crowned for Valentine's Day



Trinidad Inn Activities Director Nancy Vigil presents Queen of Hearts Barbara Lopez her crown and robes for 2011 King and Queen of Hearts Valentine's Day ceremony.



Trinidad Inn Activities Director Nancy Vigil surprises King Pete DeCristino by presenting him his kingly garb and crown for the nursing home's 2011 annual King and Queen of Hearts Valentine's Day ceremony.

Photos by Mike Garrett



Trinidad Inn royalty from this year and last year's King and Queen of Hearts Valentine's Day ceremony are, from left, 2010 King Albert Mattie, 2011 King Pete DeCristino, 2011 Queen Barbara Lopez and 2010 Queen Angie Madrid.

Trinidad Inn residents received bags of popcorn, cider, valentines and chocolates from the Crossed Arrows 4-H Club, as part of Monday's special Valentine's Day ceremony in the cafeteria.



Trinidad man arrested after dragging death in Texas

C-N STAFF REPORT

A Trinidad man was arrested and charged with murder on Friday morning in Texas, along with two other men, for their alleged part in the dragging death of a 24-year-old Hill County, Texas, man.

Raymond Scott Harrington, 32, of Trinidad, his brother Raymond George Harrington, 23, of Grandbury, Texas, and the victim's brother, Marcus Allen Beckham, 25, of Milford, Texas, were all arrested at the residence of Marcus Allen Beckham Friday morning.

The body of Beckhams's brother, Christopher Neal Beckham, was found around 8 a.m. Thursday morning by a group of high school kids who were on a weather related delay for school, according to police. The students reportedly were hunting for coyotes when they found the body of Christopher Beckham near a field along HCR (Hill County Road) 3425 and FM (Farm Market) 308. The road is between Malone and Irene in rural Hill County.

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Earthquake hits Cokedale Sunday morning

BY DAVID J. SANTISTEVAN JR.
The Chronicle-News

Cokedale residents who may have felt shaking in their slumber early Sunday morning were not merely imagining it. A magnitude 3.7 earthquake was reported in Cokedale at 4:44 a.m., according to the U.S. Geological Survey website. The quake's depth reached 5 kilometers, or about 3.1 miles, according to the USGS. No damages were reported in the early morning rumble.

The Sangre de Cristo Fault was the base from which this tremor originated, according to the USGS. This particular fault runs more than 110 miles from the New Mexico border north into Colorado.

There are more than 100 potentially active faults in Colorado, and 400 tremblers of at least 2.5 magnitude have occurred in Colorado since the late 1800s, according to the USGS. Back in 2001, 12 quakes reportedly shook the Trinidad and Northern New Mexico area, between Aug. 28 and Sept. 21. These earthquakes regis-

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Pioneer donates to local economic development

Special to The Chronicle-News

Trinidad-Las Animas County Economic Development, Inc. (TLACED) was recently a grateful recipient of a donation from Pioneer Natural Resources. The funding will support TLACED's continued approach to grow the local economy by helping expand existing businesses and develop new businesses.

"We recognize Pioneer's standing as a major economic base for Las Animas County, providing employment opportunities and dollars into the local economy," said Michael Aragon, Program Facilitator for TLACED. "We are especially pleased that they have chosen to support our organization, recognizing the value of a broader business base."

Pioneer Natural Resources Vice-President Tom Sheffield said, "Pioneer applauds TLACED for the assistance, education and strategic planning services TLACED offers local businesses. These elements are critical to the maintenance and expansion of the local economy."

TLACED works with businesses in capacity building, offering business assistance classes, and

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Photo by Tim Keller

Mariah Fleming and the Harpies don't seem much of a threat to Greek gods and demigods Toby Henson, Chris Fissel, and James Neary.

Olympiaganza stirs up the gods

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

The gods were angry, confused, and conniving as Raton High School's Mask & Wig Club presented Don Zolidis's one-act comedy, "The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza," at the Shuler Theater over the weekend.

The growing drama club put 15 young actors onstage, with most playing multiple roles. Six additional students worked behind the scenes as technical crew. Club sponsor Cian Hazen took his second turn at directing after a long

apprenticeship with Gail Dixon-Willden.

If the play provided less rolling laughter than last year's "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon," it's partly because Zolidis's kaleidoscope of Brothers Grimm characters is more familiar than the many gods and goddesses of his Olympiaganza. These characters from Greek mythology are household names, but that's as much as most people know of them.

Last year's Spectaculathon production, by the Raton Youth

Theatre under Dixon-Willden's direction, was also a far more elaborate effort, with sets and costumes being built during a rehearsal period two to three times longer than the quickly-assembled Olympiaganza, which assembled an entertainment in just under four weeks.

Working within those limitations, it fell to the young actors to deliver the comedy, and they had fun living up to the challenge. Zolidis specializes in writing plays for high school students, his

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situations and lines bringing out an infectious child-like hilarity. Raton's troupe didn't hold back.

Ila Raine Medina and Toby Henson served as narrators, providing the audience less with context than with comedy. Medina's hot pink-and-black early-1970s go-go girl costume was fabulous; Henson repeatedly showed a talent for finding a laugh in a single word as he squeezed it into a grin. In comedy, many words sitting on the page will not, by themselves, produce a laugh; they depend on capable delivery by an actor with good comic skills: Henson already has that.

Marcus Hodge won laughs playing an actor upset with having to play a character named Uranus, pronouncing the word repeatedly to giggling vulgar effect.

Chris Fissel and Emily Berry played an extended scene as Chronos and his wife Rhea, who's upset because Chronos keeps eating their children. He's been told that one of his children will grow up to kill him, so he's come up with this solution. Haley James plays a marriage counselor who provides the couple



Orpheus, played by James Neary, considers an offer from Hades, right, played by Lucas Jansen.

much-needed therapy, but it's not enough. Rhea has secretly managed to raise one of the couple's children to adulthood.

No sooner does Chronos learn this than his son Zeus, played by a Goth James Neary, arrives to chase him off the stage.

Neary has a lot of stage time, both as Zeus and as Orpheus, who haggles with Hades, played by Lucas



Photos by Tim Keller

Marriage counselor Haley James conducts a session between Chris Fissel's Chronos and his wife, Emily Berry's Rhea, who's upset because her husband keeps eating the children.

Jansen in a hilarious late-night cable-TV salesman's white plaid sport coat. Medina provides directions on how to get to Hades: "You drive to Wendy's and go around the alley in back. Climb down into the dumpster and find the vat of used grease from the fryer. Go down in there."

Mariah Fleming represents the deadly Harpies, carrying an armload of Barbie dolls against Jason and the Argonauts. Playing Hercules, Toby Henson is urgently warned by Tess Neary's Pandora about the Harpies: "Stop! They're going to kill you!" Henson replies, "I don't care: they're cute!"

Tegan Thompson brings her enjoyable facial expressiveness and body language to the role of mortal Eurydice, in love with demigod Orpheus. ("You're not a real god: you're just a demigod.")

If all of this sounds contrived, well, narrator Henson proclaims, "No, I'm

not making this up. This all comes straight from Wikipedia."

Jeremy Gentry, Lizzie Valdez, and Aleena Richardson rounded out the cast. Stage manager Etta Briscoe also ran the lights, assisted by Gabriel Majoremos on the spotlight and Rocky Ramirez on the soundboard. Tessa Fleming and Jesus Carbajal created props. Aleena Richardson did a good job as make-up artist, especially on go-go girl Medina. Brenda Ferri assisted Hazen as assistant director.

The Raton High School Mask & Wig Club is generating excitement as it grows and tackles new shows. The weekend program was thick with ads and warm wishes from 30 new club sponsors, led by the Whited Foundation, which is partly underwriting the cost of sending the club to present "The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza" at the annual Drama Fest in Portales this weekend.

ON THIS DAY IN TRINIDAD

By COSETTE HENRITZE
The Chronicle-News

50 Years Ago - 1961

Open house and inspection tours of the new Trinidad Junior college student center and dormitories are to be held on Sunday, Feb. 19, President Guy C. Davis has announced. The public is invited to attend and no special invitations will be sent to local residents, although special invitations are being mailed to friends of the college and other individuals who reside outside Las Animas County. Further details of the open house will be announced shortly. There are plans being finalized for tours of the new dormitories.

75 Years Ago - 1936

The Rossi-Crabtree Motor Co., one of the foremost automobile establishments of Trinidad and southern Colorado, will be vacating its present location on North Commercial Street to occupy an improved new location in

the old Central garage building, owned by E.A. Duling at East Main and Chestnut street.

The new location will give Rossi-Crabtree a stand on the main thoroughfare of Trinidad. Some time in March, it is announced, the Triangle Chevrolet, occupying for many years a location on N. Maple street, will occupy the current Rossi-Crabtree location on Commercial Street.

100 Years Ago

It is only a question of time before the boy scout movement initiated at Sopris in this county will spread to every other county will spread to every other camp of Las Animas county. Patrols of scouts will be organized in Trinidad, and the leaders of the movement are making arrangements to hold meetings in all of the camps in the county within the near future.

Much enthusiasm was manifested in the boy scout movement at the meeting held in the assembly room at the high school this morning. Nine boys, members of the patrols of boy scouts at Sopris, demonstrated some of the scout work. They were assisted by County Superintendent of Schools J.M. Madrid and Rev. Meyers, the Rockefeller sociological worker in the district.

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organizing finance and business start-up services. These services are available to assist new and existing businesses in retention and expansion. The organization has recently enhanced its knowledge of incentives offered through Colorado State tax-credits and business incentive programs, a much needed resource for local businesses.

TLACED completed phase one of the Trinidad Industrial Park Project - approximately 105 acres of land suitable for development - north of Trinidad, in 2004. Recently, the organization submitted a joint Economic Development Administration Grant to complete Phase Two of the park, an expansion that will

provide approximately 49-plus acres of additional "shovel-ready" land.

The staff at TLACED focuses on collaboration, working closely with its board of directors. Other partners include area agencies, including the Trinidad/Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce, the Trinidad Community Foundation, and the City of Trinidad Tourism Board.

"The board and staff would like to personally thank Pioneer Natural Resources for their generous contribution," Aragon said in appreciation. "It is another way to guarantee that working together will only boost the Las Animas County community and its local economy."



KATIE L. CAMP

Katie L. Camp, age 75, passed away suddenly at Mt. San Rafael Hospital on February 13, 2011.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced later by the Comi Funeral Home.

MINNIE D. HURTADO

Minnie D. Hurtado, age 81, passed away unexpectedly on February 6, 2011 at Parkview Medical Center, Pueblo, Co. She was born in Weston, Colorado on September 17, 1929.

Visitation will be Monday, from 3 PM-6 PM at the Comi Funeral Home Chapel. Rosary will be Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7 PM at Holy Trinity Church. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 10 AM at Holy Trinity Church. Interment will follow at the Weston Cemetery.

Active pallbearers are Carlos DeLaRosa, George Hurtado Jr., Jonathon Armijo, David Jaure, Joseph Hurtado and Anthony Gerardo.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

ROSE B. LANGONI

Rose B. Langoni, former Trinidad resident, passed away on February 7, 2011 in Lake-wood, Colorado at the age of 94. She was born in Sopris, Colorado on October 12, 1916.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 2 PM-7 PM at the Comi Funeral Home Chapel. Rosary will be Wednesday February 16, 2011 at 10 AM at Comi Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery.

Active pallbearers are John Torres Jr., John Torres III, Melecio Torres, Steven Langoni, Raymond Medina Jr. and Eric Langoni.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Com Funeral Home.

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of **FLORENCE PERETTO** who passed away five years ago, February 15, 2006

No matter how many years go by
The memory is still so fresh
The pain and sadness that we all felt

As we watched you laid to rest
To help us to be able to let you go,
To answer Heaven's song.

Now with laughter and some tears,
A story here and a memory there,
Your spirit lifts us up so high
And we know that we are in your care.

Guiding us, protecting us,
Just like a Grandma does
No matter how far away you may be,
You left your everlasting love.

Lo amo e mi manchi nonna!
Fino a quando ti rivedro

Michele, Steve and Kayleen

In Loving Memory of **JAKE A. ROMERO** Who passed away 15 years ago February 15, 1996

Just 15 years ago, Daddy,
Since you quietly slipped away.

To a place among the angels
Where, we hope,
we'll meet someday.

But our hearts are lonely
And we miss your loving face
We cannot forget you, Daddy
None can ever take your place
And while you sleep
a peaceful sleep.
Your memory we shall
always keep.

Sadly Missed by
Your Wife, Linda,
and Daughter, Jaylynn

NOVENAS

THANKSGIVING NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg you, to whom God has given such great power, to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known, and cause you to be invoked. Say three "Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias." Publication must be promised. St. Jude, pray for us who invoke your aid (Amen).
Thank you, St. Jude, and thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, my prayers have been answered.

L.R.V.



Earthquake hits Cokedale Sunday morning

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tered between 2.8 and 4.6.

Earthquakes in Colorado are common, according to a spokesperson from the U.S. Geological Survey. Nine quakes have been reported so far in 2011 and more than 100 have been recorded over the past four years.

Faults in Colorado are capable of producing earthquakes of 7.0 or greater, according to the USGS.

According to the USGS.

This was the third trembler to hit Colorado in the past four days. A quake of 2.7 hit the Craig area, the other quake was near Eads registered a 2.9 No after shocks have been reported since Sunday.

Trinidad man arrested after dragging death in Texas

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According to a Hill County Sheriff's spokesman, the quartet were drinking Wednesday night, Feb. 9, at a Hill County Texas bar, when they were thrown out because Christopher Beckham allegedly became confrontational and belligerent. Following this, all four ended up along the side of FM 308. An affidavit

states that a fight started and Christopher Beckham ended up in an unconscious state. The report also states that a strap was then allegedly tied around the neck of Christopher Beckham and attached to the ball-hitch of a 2003 Dodge Ram truck owned by Raymond Harrington, of Trinidad. Christopher Beckham's body was apparently dragged for about five

minutes after that. According to an affidavit that was released on Friday, Christopher Beckham was found in only a t-shirt, jeans and cowboys boots, with abrasions to his face, cuts to his forehead and hands, and a scratch on his right side.

According to the report, Marcus Beckham told authorities that after his brother was dragged, the suspects then made an attempt to administer first aid, but Christopher Beckham was already dead. Authorities are still investigating the death and interviewing the suspects. A warrant was issued for a search of the victim's brother's residence and for the pickup owned by Scott Harrington.

The body of the victim was sent to the Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas for an autopsy.

All three suspects were arraigned on Friday morning in a Texas courtroom and are being held on a \$1 million bond, in the Hill County jail.

To My
Happy Valentine's Day
Valentines,
Rick, Skeeter, Jacy, Erin, Haley,
Chantel, Brock, Tommi, Mike,
Michelle, Kurtis, Amanda,
and Mercedes.
Love,
Grandma Shirley

Las Animas County Republican Womens Lincoln Day Dinner

Saturday, February 19th, 2011

Pioneer Room @ Tsjc
(600 Prospect St, Trinidad, CO)

5:30p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friendship Hour
6:30 p.m. Banquet

Door Prizes!

Speaker
JOHN SUTHERS
Colorado Attorney General

\$25 per person
Tickets may be purchased at
Hadads Home Furnishings
(131 E. Main, Trinidad)

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