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OCTOBER 14 Bound Together Quilt Club TUESDAY: Quilt Club meets every other Tuesday at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds on N. Linden St. Information:

Fairgrounds on N. Linden St. Information: Maggie Olson, 719-859-4474. Senior Driving Class TUESDAY (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) The AARP Driving Class will be held at the Sayre Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro St. Reg-istration and information: Carl Mozengo, 719-868-2288

Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro St. Reg-istration and information: Carl Mozengo, 719-868-2288. Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's Class TUESDAY (12:30-1:30 p.m.) This group meets at the Legacy Assisted Liv-ing facility, 33 Legacy Lane. Information: 719-846-8662. Trinidad City Council TUESDAY (1:30 p.m.) Work session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St., Third Floor. Information: Au-dra Garrett, 719-846-9843. Caregivers Support Group TUESDAY (6:30 p.m.) This group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the LaQuinta Inn on Toupal Drive. In-formation: Age Wise Advisors, 347-852-0752.

Today's Quote

"Remember, man does not live on bread alone: sometimes he needs a little buttering up."

- John C. Maxwell

OCTOBER 15

CONTROLLED 13 E-911 Authority Board WEDNESDAY (3 p.m.) The E-911 Authority Board will meet in the County Courthouse, 201 E. First Street, in the Commissioners' Chambers. Information: Rita Mantelli, 719-846-4441. **FP Fire District WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.)** Eichers Boak

FP Fire District WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.) Fishers Peak Fire Protection District Board of Directors public meeting will be at the Starkville Fire Station. Information: 719-846-6077. Hoehne Fire Protection WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.) District Board of Directors meets at the El Moro Station, 14386 Hwy 239 in Hoehne. All interested persons are invited to attend Information:

14386 HWJ 239 In Hoenne. All Interested persons are invited to attend. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080. **Purgatoire Watershed WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.)** The Purga-toire Watershed Partnership will meet in the NRCS Office, 3590 E. Main. Informa-tion: Karen Wolf, 303-543-8688.

PUBLIC SERVICE

SAMARITAN CLINIC Here to serve the under-insured and non-insured community with free health care and low-cost lab work on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Samaritan Clinic, 413 E. Frost and corner of N. Linden. Informa-tion: 719-846-3536.

WESTERN EXTRAVAGANZA

Country Showdown returning to Shuler for exciting weekend

By Tim Keller Correspondent The Chronicle-News

RATON - For the fourth consecutive year, the Shuler Theater will pack an excited crowd shoulder-to-shoulder as it presents the Southwest Regional Country Showdown, pitting seven state winners in a talent competition that will send its winner to Nashville's storied Ryman Auditorium for the January national final. And there is no admission to the event.

The 33rd annual Country

Showdown in Nashville will be broadcast nationally, the winner taking home a check for \$100,000 and gaining a potent springboard for a national career in country music. Crystal Yates came from North Texas last October to win the Shuler event, then proceeded to take the national prize at the Ryman. Her first single was just released on iTunes; meantime, she was so grateful to Raton and the Shuler Theater that she returned to play a local benefit in May.

Saturday night's free show at the Shuler will feature diverse performers so talented that they've





Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Arriving in Raton from seven southwestern states, Saturday night's Shuler Theater performers already won their local and state contests to reach the last stop before nationals. They're not all hat bands, either: this Dallas guitarist, above, accompanied singer Kirk Baxley last year. Morgan Leigh, left, and her guitarist Paul Coughlin drove from their home base in San Diego to compete at the Shuler Theater last October, putting house band Colfax Reunion to good use as they stun the crowd at the Shuler Theater.

survived elimination rounds held this year in more than 75 contests with 1,000 aspiring country music acts. Local winners were Arrianna Gabrielle Bustos, sponsored by KBKZ in Raton, and Kristi Hoopes,

sponsored by KCRT in Trinidad. Saturday night, Colorado winner Katey Laura of Salida will join Keeira Lyn Ford of Las Ve-

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/ Event Fundraiser

FRIDAY (7-9 p.m.) Tickets are avail-able now for the Library's annual "Wine & Chocolate Tasting" to be held at the La-Quinta In. All proceeds benefit the Public Library. Information: 719-846-6841.

Bound Together Quilt Club SATURDAY (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) Annual Bazaar and Quilt Raffle fundraiser will be Bazaar and Quilt Haffle fundraiser will be held at the LA County Fairgrounds on N. Linden St. Proceeds support various community charity projects. Information: Maggie Olson, 719-859-4474. **Kids Fun Festival OCTOBER 31 (5-7 p.m.)** Annual "Trunk or Treat" event for the kids will be held at the Fisher's Peak Community Church on Santa Fe Trail Drive. Come for popcorn candy, music and a whole lot of

popcorn, candy, music and a whole lot of fun! Information: Lana Roberts, 719-868-3375 or 719-251-1169.

Mitchell Museum

Mitchell Museum OCTOBER GIFT SHOP HOURS for the museum are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Area Essay Contest NOVEMBER 1 DEADLINE: The Trin-idad VFW Post 984 will again be sponsor-ing the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen competitions for all local school stu-dents (grades 9-12) Information: Comdents (grades 9-12). Information: Com-mander John Rios, 719-846-6094. Annual Business EXPO

NOVEMBER 19 (10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) Calling all vendors for the annual Business EXPO. Information: Chamber of Commerce, 719-846-9285 or come by 136 W. Main St.

Calling for Vendors Fisher's Peak Community Church is seeking vendors to participate in the an-nual Christmas Craft Bazaar, Bake Sale and Lunch on Dec. 6. Information: Linda Wedgworth, 719-422-8412. Proceeds to bandit the church ven the ministry.

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*Domestic Abuse Hotline: In Trini-dad call 719-846-6665 (24-hours a day). National Hotline: 1-800-790-SAFE (7233). *Animal Abuse: Report animal abuse and dog/cock fighting at Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line: 720-913-7867.



Purgatoire River Call as of: 10/10/14. Johns Flood ditch: Priority # 20 --- Appropriation date: 10/07/1865.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:

Release 56.29 AF Inflow 106.82 AF -- 53.86 CFS Evaporation 4.53 AF Content 11,176 AF Elevation 6.168.29 Precipitation 0.65

Downstream River Call / Highland Canal: 05/31/1866.



CONTINUING TRADITION Little Britches Rodeo coming to LA County Fairgrounds

By Steve Block The Chronicle-News

Some kids from families with a strong tradition of horsemanship get up in the saddle just about as soon as they can walk. For those kids, the Purgatoire Little Britches Rodeo will give them the chance to display their rapidly developing Western skills.

All events will be held at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds, located at 2000 N. Linden Ave., and no admission will be charged. The rodeo kicks off at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 17, with a Jackpot Barrel Racing Event. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Call 719-850-0570 or 719-738-6263 for more information.

Little Britches is one of the oldest continuing youth rodeo associations in the world. It's for kids ages 5 to 18, and has young members in 26 states in the U.S. The nonprofit venture works to build sound, healthy minds and bodies for American youth.

Little Britches helps develop character, a sense of responsibility, good sportsmanship and encouragement through competition in the great American sport of rodeo. This weekend's event will be the first Little Britches Rodeo to be held in Trinidad in several years. No alcohol will be served or allowed at this family-friendly event.

Rodeo events begin at noon on Saturday, November 18, and at 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 19. The Las Animas County 4-H Council will have a concession stand at the rodeo. The purpose of Little

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KEEPING THE FLOW GOING El Moro-Hoehne Pipeline Association members honored for their service

By Scott Mastro Correspondent The Chronicle-News

After many years of cisterns needing constant filling and wells running dry, a number of Hoehne citizens, among them Littleton Sharp, John Myers, Perry Stokes, Bart Barbata, and Barney Tarabino, decided they needed a pipeline of reliable water, so they formed the El Moro-Hoehne Pipeline Association and in 1961 got their pipeline built, four inches in thickness and 22 miles long.

"It went in fast. 'Took about a year," rancher and farmer, Tommie Miller, said. He and Roy Morris did a lot of the maintaining of the pipeline, daytime, nighttime, rain, snow, or shine. "Roy did a of that equipment. He's in Mount Saint Raphael Hospital, so he couldn't make this dedication ceremony. The luncheon and awards ceremony was held at Peak Steakhouse in the Holiday Inn. "The ditch got backhoed a foot

lot of the digging. He still has a lot

at a time," said Former Trinidad State Administrative Vice President, John Tarabino. "We got a \$100,000 loan from Farmer's Home Association. Bill Chandler was the FHA guy that made it happen. They used to have an office in Trinidad, on Second Street. Morcan Engineering put it in."

'It's lain in the ground four feet deep," Tommy added.

The pipeline runs from Big R all the way to Tommy Miller's place, three miles past Hoehne School.

Among those present to be hon-



Photo courtesy of Little Britches Rodeo Association

ored for their lifelong work were John Tarabino, Ralph Sacco and his wife, Ann, Albert Blasi and his wife, Phyllis, Tommy Miller, and Roy Morris in absentia.

Albert Blasi said, "The real tipping point was Hoehne School. Their well kept running dry. That's what made us realize we needed a pipeline. It's Trinidad water, so we get it from North Lake up Highway 12, just like they do. John Myers was president of the school board."

Also present were current board president, David Philpott and pipeline accountant, Kelli Van Matre of Terra Firma Recycling and The Water Station at the north end of Nevada Avenue. Kelli is a University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Business graduate,

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Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 73. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph be-coming light and variable. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 41. North wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 80. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. West southwest wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 73. West wind around 5 mph becoming east in the afternoon. Night: Mostly

clear, with a low around 40. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming west after midnight.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 65. West wind around 5 mph becoming east in the afternoon. Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. South southeast wind around 5 mph becoming west southwest after midnight.





Comi Funeral Home 65

Adeline Martinez

Adeline Martinez, age 87, passed away at Mt. San Rafael Hospital after a short illness.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 3p.m.-7p.m. at the Comi Chapel.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 15, 2014 with Rosary at 9a.m. at the Comi Chapel followed by the Funeral Mass at 10a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Interment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.



Cunningham was granted her fondest wish "To go to her eternal home", on Saturday evening October 4, 2014

Visitation is scheduled from 2:00-6:00 at Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home on Ocotber 13, 2014

The Funeral Mass will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. on October 14, 2014.

Memorial contributions may be made to: SCCOG, Area Agency on Aging, Meals on Wheels, or the Sange DeCristo Hospice, Trinidad Branch.

Sarah had entrusted her care to Mullare-Murphy Funeral home.



There are things that

FALL FESTIVAL TOMORROW Early Learning Center to host Open House

By Steve Block The Chronicle-News

Trinidad's Early Learning Center located at 1225 Rosita Ave. was recently a rated as a three-star Qualistar facility. The Center, a part of the South Central Council of Governments (SC-COG), will host a Fall Festival Open House Celebration from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15.

Deb Hartman, director of the center, said its staff is excited to invite the public to come on down and have a look at the high-quality learning environment that's available there and get to know the teachers. Refreshments will be served. Call the center at 719-845-0568 for more information.

Qualistar Colorado is now in its 10th year of operation and offers a variety of assessment options for childcare programs to participate in. More information is available at the website: www.qualistar.org. More than 25,000 children are enrolled in early childhood education programs that have earned the rigorous Qualistar Rating. The four-star quality rating identifies the strengths of early childhood education programs and provides them with detailed plans

for how they can improve the quality of care they provide. Currently, 474 programs are rated, which includes 416 centers and 58 family childcare homes.

'We just barely missed getting that four-star rating, but a three-star rating is very good according to the state standards," Hartman said. "This is the second time we've achieved a three-star rating. With the passage of House Bill 13-1299, that gave us some funding. Our local Department of Human Services administers that funding. Then our local council gave us a grant to make improvements, and that got us ready to go for this rating, because it's very expensive.'

Hartman said the Qualistar rating system looks at the environment of the classroom, the staff's qualifications, supplies and parental involvement in childcare programs. Getting the three-star rating qualifies the center for federal grant funding that Colorado has applied for.

'Qualistar rated centers can qualify for that funding, to help implement programs for preschool. So it's opened up more opportunities for us. The state is working hard to get all childcare facilities Qualistar rated, but that's a feat in itself."

Some childcare facilities don't have a curriculum or much parent involvement. They function more like daycare centers, she said, so it's harder for them to meet the Qualistar standards.

The center is a state-licensed facility for kids ages one to ten. It offers infant toddler programs, preschool programs for kids in the Trinidad and Hoehne school districts, a nutrition program, outdoor playtime for games and sports and after school programs. Its staff works with parents to develop individual activities that they can enjoy with their kids.

It offers a planned curriculum with a strong emphasis on language skills, leadership and developmentally age appropriate activities. It features planned activities tailored to meet each child's needs, which are posted at all times to inform parents. Its certified and experienced staff has been carefully selected to meet the needs of young children. A meaningful curriculum with learning centers and motivational activities help build important foundations for future reading skills and other academic pursuits. More information is available on the

website: sccog.net/Early_Learning. html.

The center also has programs for families of all income levels to help parents learn how to assist in their children's classroom learning and to help with special projects. The programs help parents learn about their children's growth and development, and offers children of different ages the chance to learn together in the same facility. Kids enrolled in the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program are welcome at the center. Some holiday care is available at the center, which features year round programs with plenty of family fun and daily communications between parents and teachers.

Hartman said the center's staff wants to welcome the community to come out and join them in the upcoming celebration, and to remind them that the early years are learning years.

"We're just going to have like a reopen house, like our grand opening a while back," she said. "It's an ongoing process of educating the public about what we do and some of the improvements we've made. Because it's working, and the proof is in the pudding."

Little Britches Rodeo coming to LA County

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Britches Rodeo is to provide a truly western sport under standardized and approved rules of fair competition. Livestock tend to be unpredictable critters, so the young competitors are judged on their ability to manage and control the speed and movement of horses and cattle. Their ability to handle a twirling rope, remember a weaving pattern and dismount from a thundering horse is a tribute to the riders' countless hours of practice at an early age.

Brute strength, agility and quick thinking are often the key factors in determining a winning ride. Rodeo competition is governed by a set of rules that ensure fairness for each contestant.

Rodeo events will include bull riding, flag races, goat tying, trail course, roping, pole racing and bareback and saddle bronc riding. A full list of the events is included below:

Long hours of practice are required for the young riders to master their skills before even entering the rodeo arena. They're also responsible for animal care and equipment maintenance. Clearly, this is not a once-aweek activity, but a serious sport, and a fun and exciting commitment for an entire family. The courage, stamina and competitive spirit of the young rodeo riders will be on full and glorious display at the Purgatoire Little Britches Rodeo this special November weekend in Trinidad.

Anyone who would like to help sponsor the rodeo can call either of the phone numbers listed above.

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Crystal Yates won last year's Southwest Regional Country Showdown at Raton's Shuler Theater, propelling her to the national championship at Nashville's storied Ryman Auditorium where she won the \$100,000 first place award. Grateful to Raton and the Shuler, she returned to perform a local benefit at the Shuler in May.

Country Showdown returning to Shuler

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show at 6:30 p.m., then accompanies mat gas, NV, representing Arizona, along with of the contestant acts in their short sets. Col-

we don't want to happen but have to accept, things we don't want to know but have to learn, and people we can't live without but have to let go. ~Unknown

Jana Lee Cox from Oklahoma, Matt Coleman from Kansas, and Tyler Hammond from Dallas. The Missouri and South Texas finals were held last weekend; their winners, too, will each travel to Raton to sing two songs to a full house at the Shuler. Last year's audience included fans from 16 states plus a couple from Manchester, England.

Sitting amidst the audience will be four music-industry professionals who will judge the acts and name the winner. The contest does not reveal the judges until after the event ends, but they've included performers, agents, talent scouts, and music media professionals.

Part of the fun is listening to the excited chatter of the crowd after the last performance while the judges tabulate their scores. All the acts are so good that there's never a consensus. Ask four people and you're likely to get four conflicting predictions of who will win.

Local favorite Colfax Reunion opens the

fax Reunion plays a short closing set at the end while the judges confer and decide on a winner.

Saturday night's winning performer will travel to Nashville in January to represent the southwest for the national prize, joining the four other winning regional acts from the the Midwest, Southeast, Northeast and Northwest. Last year's win by Crystal Yates at both famous theaters-the Shuler and the Ryman-underscores the stakes, and the level of talent converging on Raton Saturday night.

Shuler Theater doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday night. There is no charge for the event, and no tickets. Seating is available on a first come basis. Colfax Reunion opens the show at 6:30 p.m. The Country Showdown performances begin at 7 p.m.. Additional information is available at 800-791-8028 and 615-321-5130. The Shuler Theater is located at 131 N. 2nd St. in downtown Raton, (575) 445-4746.

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