

OVER THE PASS



"All the businesses are going someplace else and everyone's moving out of this town. It's gonna become a ghost town if we don't get more jobs and money."

– Andrew Santistevan, TMS 7th grader (Trinidad)



"Everybody wants to speak and nobody wants to listen. It just leads to arguing and nothing gets done. When something does get done, nobody's happy with it because of the lack of communication."

– Nick Ruybalid, THS 2014 graduate, Princeton University freshman (Trinidad)

TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

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Question of the Week:

"What's our town's biggest problem?"

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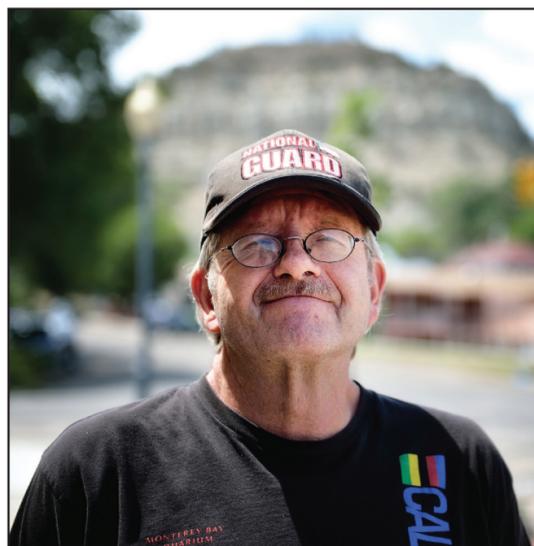
"Maybe there isn't a problem. Maybe we focus too much on problems. We should focus on what's possible."

– Joyce Cuccia, president, Trinidad Community Farmers' Market (Trinidad)



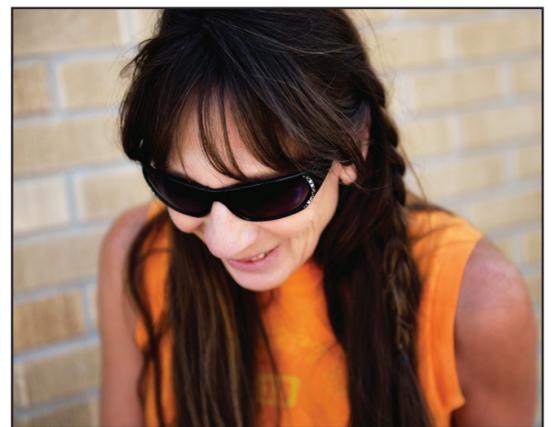
"Drugs! It's a big problem. It's not safe for the kids in town. It's ruining the town. That's all there is around here. Everyone's moving because of that — that, and no jobs."

– Trevor Portillos, RHS freshman (Raton)



"The economy. There's not enough businesses and not enough jobs. Too many people are leaving town, like small towns all across the country."

– Kent Wilkins, motel night manager (Raton)



"The lack of industry, employers, something that will bring in families. We need something to keep the town going. Our local people are trying as hard as they can, but without something else, it makes it hard on them."

– Phyllis Trujillo, elementary school art teacher (Raton)

Colorado equine disease update

Colorado Department of Agriculture
Special to The Chronicle-News

BROOMFIELD, Colo. – The Colorado Department of Agriculture has two important updates involving Colorado's horse community; Vesicular Stomatitis and the West Nile Virus have been confirmed in Colorado horses.

"Strict fly control is an important factor to inhibit the transmission of Vesicular Stomatitis. Although the insect vectors for transmission of West Nile Virus and VS in horses are different, one of the most important disease prevention practices for both diseases is insect control for both the premises and the individual animals," said State Veterinarian, Dr. Keith Roehr.

Vesicular Stomatitis (VS)

A third Colorado premises has a confirmed diagnosis of vesicular stomatitis and

a number of other premises in the surrounding area are being investigated. The third confirmed premises is located in Boulder county and has been placed under quarantine. Last week, four horses on two Weld County premises were placed under quarantine after testing positive for VS. Colorado is the second state in the country to have VS; previous positive cases in 2014 have been diagnosed in Texas.

VS susceptible species include horses, mules, cattle, bison, sheep, goats, pigs, and camelids (dromedary camel, Bactrian camels, wild or feral camels, llamas, alpacas, vicuñas, and guanacos). The clinical signs of the disease include vesicles, erosions and sloughing of the skin on the muzzle, tongue, teats and above the hooves of susceptible livestock.

Veterinarians and livestock owners who suspect an animal may have VS or any other vesicular disease should immediately contact State or federal animal health authorities. Livestock with clinical signs of VS are isolated until they are healed and determined to be of no further threat for disease spread. There are no USDA approved vaccines for VS.

While rare, human cases of VS can occur, usually among those who handle infected

animals. VS in humans can cause flu-like symptoms and only rarely includes lesions or blisters.

Additional information including tips for livestock owners and veterinarians can be found by visiting www.colorado.gov/ag/animals and clicking on "Vesicular Stomatitis Virus" or call the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office at 303-869-9130.

West Nile Virus (WNV)

The first reported equine case of WNV in Colorado has been diagnosed in an Adams County horse. The Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Fort Collins diagnosed this case.

The transmission of the disease varies from year to year and depends on a number of factors including mosquito numbers. The WNV can be amplified and carried by infected birds and then spread locally by mosquitoes that bite those birds. The mosquitoes can then pass the virus to humans and animals.

Infected horses may display symptoms including head tilt, muscle tremors, stumbling, lack of coordination, weakness of the limbs or partial paralysis. The clinical signs of WNV are consistent with other important

neurological diseases such as equine encephalitis, rabies, and equine herpes virus; therefore it is important to work with your veterinarian to get an accurate diagnosis through laboratory testing. Horse owners should also consult their private practicing veterinarian to determine an appropriate disease prevention plan for their horses.

Vaccines have proven to be a very effective prevention tool. Horses that have been vaccinated in past years will need an annual booster shot. However, if an owner did not vaccinate their animal in previous years, the horse will need the two-shot vaccination series within a three to six week period.

In addition to vaccinations, horse owners also need to reduce the mosquito populations and their possible breeding areas. Recommendations include removing stagnant water sources, keeping animals inside during the bugs' feeding times, which are typically early in the morning and evening, and using mosquito repellents.

For complete and updated information concerning new WNV equine case information including numbers and location of test positive horses visit:

<http://www.fightthebitecolorado.com> or <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/west-nile-virus>

BOWLING SCORES

LEAGUE	Sexy Swingers Womens League	Week 6	9 Pin No Tap Summer	Week 5	9 Pin No Tap Summer	Week 7	Tuesday Night Summer Mixed	Week 4	Tuesday Night Summer Mixed	Week 6	Adult/Youth League	Week 4	Adult/Youth League	Week 6
Team Standings	WON		WON		WON		WON		WON		WON		WON	
1	J&J Motors	13.5	The Cut Above	13	The Cut Above	20	The Untouchables	10	Frontier Motel	15	Vision Quest Guided Hunts	10	Right Way Disposal	15
2	Terra Firma Recycle	13.5	Team 12	11	Metro Studio	18	Frontier Motel	9	The Untouchables	14	Right Way Disposal	8	Vision Quest Guided Hunts	12
3	Dochter Lumber	13	Metro Studio	11	I Can't Believe It's Not Gu	17	Carquest Raton/Trinidad	6	Carquest Raton/Trinidad	13	C And S Strikers	6	C And S Strikers	9
4	Extreme Handicappers	9	Team 3	10	Little Stinker Septic	15	Red Mountain Appraisals	6	Super Thunder Ducks	8	Q And H	0	Bar Z	4
5	Sweet Balls of Thunder	8	Little Stinker Septic	9	Three G's And An M	14	Super Thunder Ducks	4	Red Mountain Appraisals	8				
6	Beat Me If You Can	0	Ho Lee Chit	8	Mission at the Bell	11	BYE	0	BYE	0				
7			Bazingas	8	Bazingas	11								
8			Team 9	8	Fire And Ice	11								
9			Performance Car Wash	6	Ho Lee Chit	10								
10			Mission at the Bell	6	Giv Em Hell	9								
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12			BYE	0	BYE	0								
High Average Girls/Women	Jo Ella Valdez	145.3	Tami Hix	231.1	Tami Hix	220.2	Leann Smith	162.3	Kim Salbato	154.8	Toni Choate	126.3	Kim Ruscetti	134
High Average Boys/Men			Larry Low	254	Les Roybal	217.1	Jason Cirone	241	Leonard Barros	198.6	Don Choate	193.7	Don Choate	1823

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