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-TRINIDAD LAKE STATE PARK
Information: Park Office, 719-846-3818
***FRIDAY (8 p.m.) Ranger Campfire**
Talk at the park amphitheater.
***SATURDAY (9 a.m.) Kids Nature Walk** About the campground and enjoy "Rocks Around the Ridge" with Park Ranger Dara Garretson. Group meets at the Visitors' Center.
***SATURDAY (7 p.m.) "The Owls and Osprey"** — enjoy a glimpse into the lives of these raptors with Park Ranger Dara Garretson at the Visitor's Center.
***SUNDAY (6 p.m.) NEW THIS YEAR: A Ranger Hike every Sunday evening** thru Labor Day. Meet at the Visitor's Center to begin the adventure.

Today's Quote

"Dieting is the only game where you win when you lose!"

— Karl Lagerfeld

JUNE 13-15

-Economic Development
FRIDAY (5 p.m.) Trinidad and Las Animas County Board of Directors will meet at 134 West Main Street, Suite 23 (Bell Block). Information: 719-846-9412.
-Trinidad Schools
FRIDAY (5 p.m.) The Board of Education will hold a special board meeting at the Eckhart Administration Building, 1021 Pierce St. Information: 719-846-3324.
-Full Moon Art Show
FRIDAY (6-8 p.m.) The public is invited to attend the opening night reception for "Estate Sale" at Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Information: Peggy Westmoreland, 719-846-1441.

-FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!

FRIDAY (7-10 p.m.) Kids from 13-18 can join in the fun at Trinidad Community Center, 1309 Beschorer Drive, for a costume party, haunted house, music, snacks and more. Event is free (parents/guardian must sign in and out for 13-17 year old teens). Sponsored by TSJC and local merchants.

-2014 Car & Bike Show

SATURDAY (11 a.m.-5 p.m.) Join in the fun — see amazing, fantastic show-class vehicles assembled in Downtown Trinidad. Information: 719-680-0179.

-Zion's Lutheran Fundraiser

SATURDAY (1 a.m.-Noon) Flea Market and Bake Sale at the church, corner of Pine and Prospect St. Proceeds benefit the Summer Youth Trip.

-Holy Trinity Flea Market

SATURDAY (8 a.m.-2 p.m.) Back by popular demand for a 2nd great sale weekend at the Sebastiani Gym on Animas St. Proceeds benefit church renovation project.

-Aguilar Yard Sale

SATURDAY (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) Community Yard Sale in the Main Street Park in Aguilar. Proceeds benefit the Aguilar Economic Development Committee. Information: Cindy Gulley, 719-941-4185.

-Branson Fundraiser

SATURDAY (Noon-6 p.m.) The Branson football team and sophomore class will hold a barbecue, garage sale and cake auction (3 p.m.) at the Branson School. Proceeds benefit the football team and sophomore class. Information: 719-946-5555.

-Philosophy Discussion Group

SATURDAY (12:30-2 p.m.) Join this free discussion group at the Lava Yoga Studio, 828 Arizona. RSVP: 719-846-2325 or email: www.lavayogastudio.com.

-Meditation Group

SUNDAY (11 a.m.) You are invited to experience what meditation can do for you. This free group meets at the La Quinta Inn on Toupal Drive. Information: Noah Simpson, 719-680-0109 or 224-430-4322.

JUNE 16

-Town of Starkville

MONDAY (6 p.m.) Board of Trustees public meeting in the Fisher's Peak Fire Department boardroom, 8361 County Road 69, Starkville. Information: Crick Carlisle, 719-680-7199.

PUBLIC SERVICE

-St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store

Please note that the Thrift Store has moved from its location on Convent Street around the corner to Holy Family Hall on Church Street. Hours: M-Th & Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Information: Isabella Gutierrez, 719-846-2009.

-Free Summer Fun Learning

Register now for the Southern Colorado Development Disability Services program for children, ages 7-11, for reading, writing and math which will be held M-W 8:30-Noon, June 23-July 30. Information: 719-846-4400.

-Vacation Bible School

JUNE 23-27 (9 a.m.-Noon) Fishers Peak Community Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School for kids (K-6th Grade) at the church, 10377 Santa Fe Trail Drive. Information: 719-846-6018 (M-Th 10 a.m.-2 p.m.).

A THOUSAND WORDS

Before beginning his sophomore year at Trinidad High School, Frisco Duran is majoring in flight this summer at the Trinidad Skatepark.

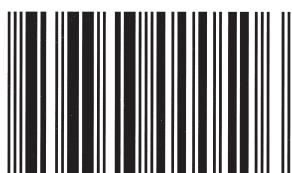
RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 06/12/14. Enlarged South Side ditch: Priority # 96 / Appropriation date: 11/23/1883.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:

Release 442.08 AF
Inflow 390.45 AF -- 196.85 CFS
Evaporation 10.37 AF
Content 13,542 AF
Elevation 6,173.16
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / Nine Mile Canal: 05/10/1887.



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LA PUERTA

Cimino takes campaign for new Welcome Center to City Council

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

Rumors swirl around Trinidad on a regular basis, and Tuesday one of those rumors was confirmed when auto dealer and Trinidad native Jay Cimino announced his plans for a new Colorado Welcome Center facility in the proposed La Puerta de Colorado development near Exit 14B, just off of Interstate 25. Cimino, head of the Phil Long Family of Dealerships based in Colorado Springs, said at Tuesday's City Council work session that he would donate the land and building to the City as part of his development plans.

"We're here to do our level best



Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

Jay Cimino addresses City Council about moving the Welcome Center to the site of the new La Puerta de Colorado development that he owns.



Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

... a thousand words

to sell you the concept of the new Welcome Center," Cimino said.

"We've been working on this for several years. We bought the property in 2009, and we've had a lot of conversation about it. There have been articles written about it, and the concept is intact... Our plan is to build a state-of-the-art visitors center, and there's nothing else like this in Colorado, because the first thing you come to when you come over the Raton Pass is Trinidad, and then the visitors center.

We've got potential partnerships with the State, and we obviously need partnerships with the City and County. Our plan is essentially for me to gift the land, the building and all the architectural plans to the City, once the City puts all the utilities in. The project is a lot more than the visitors center, but it is the beginning. It is the first part of the project, because it results in critical mass, where people come in and they start to spend money. The other issue is some

the potential problems we're going to have here."

Karl Gabrielson, chief operating officer of the Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center, described the new project. La Puerta de Colorado is a Spanish phrase that translates to Opening the Doors to Colorado, he said. The developers, Gabrielson said, had been in negotiations with the City for almost a year and had come up "with a true public/private partnership that we feel is the best approach." Gabrielson said the developers wanted Council's input on their plans to make Trinidad what he called "the Gateway to Colorado."

"The plan is for the visitors center to be the gateway into the gateway, in a sense," Gabrielson said. "It would be the stopping-off point for what was, at one time, 160,000-plus visitors a year to the Colorado Welcome Center, and now it's down to somewhere in the 53,000 range, when the on-and-off

ramps had been lost. We're hoping to bring that number back significantly, draw them into downtown and send them to wherever the community thinks the tourists should go."

Councilmember Joe Bonato asked if the veterans' memorials at the present Welcome Center would be moved to the new site.

Gabrielson said it was the intention of the developers to move the memorials to La Puerta de Colorado and make them a prominent feature of the new project, as long as the City and the veterans' groups want that to happen.

"In our draft plans we do have space, not only for the memorials, but also to design the site more appropriately for the Welcome Center," Gabrielson said. "There's room for RV, bus and vehicle parking. There's even a dog park. We want to make it the place to stop if you're coming into Colorado."

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WEALTH OF SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

Trinidad History Museum to feature fun summer events

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

A series of five workshops for kids, titled "Piecing Together History," will result in a colorful tile mosaic that will be unveiled at a public reception later this summer at the Tot Erickson Fountain in the museum's Old Barnyard Garden. Erickson helped found the museum, and her rich and colorful life will be discussed at the unveiling. Eight students are now in the design phase of the mosaic project.

Trinidad's early history dates back to the time of the Indian Wars in the 1860s and 1870s, when the African-American Buffalo Soldiers of the Ninth and 10th U.S. Cavalry Regiments became legends of the Old West for their success in fighting Indians. Several members of the Buffalo Soldiers (Horse) Cavalry Association will be at the museum at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 20, for the unveiling of the new Cathay Williams Memorial Marker. Williams was the only woman known to have served as a Buffalo Soldier. She changed her name to William Cathay, dressed like a man and joined the Army in 1866. The oldest living Buffalo Soldier, Trooper Turl Covington of Denver, is expected to attend the event. Buffalo Soldiers served in separate, all-black units from 1866 until 1944. The association will



Regional Museum Director Paula Manini displays the activity booklets and Junior Wagon Master patch available for kids at History Colorado's Trinidad History Museum.

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WEATHER WATCH

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Breezy, with a SW wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 86. Breezy, with a W-SW wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. Breezy, with a W-SW wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph after midnight.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 82. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming S-SW in the morning. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53. West wind 5 to 15 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 86. SW wind around 10 mph. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 55. SW wind 5 to 10 mph.