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THE FINE PRINT

CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the Mexican Army's victory over France during the Franco-Mexican War at the battle was fought in Puebla, Mexico. In the U.S., the holiday not only celebrates the victory at the Battle of Puebla, but is a celebration of the culture and heritage of the Mexican people.

MAY 5

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY

TUESDAY (9 a.m.) Board of County Commissioners meeting is in the Las Animas Courthouse, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Information: 719-845-2568. **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** Gary Hill (719-845-2595), Mack Louden (719-845-2592), and Anthony Abeyta (719-846-9300).

SAMARITAN CLINIC

TUESDAYS (9 a.m.-4 p.m./1st and 3rd each month) Here to serve the under-insured and non-insured community with free health care and low-cost lab work, 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at 413 E. Frost. Info: 719-846-3536.

CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY (7 p.m.) Regular session will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843. **CITY COUNCIL:** Mayor: Joe Reorda and Council Members: Carol Bolton, Joe Bonato, Pat Fletcher, Anthony Mattie, Michelle Miles and Liz Torres.

Today's Quote

"The birds of hope are everywhere, listen to them sing."
-Terri Guillemets

MAY 7

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY (5:59-7:01 p.m.) Special service will be held at the Fisher's Peak Community Church, 10377 Santa Fe Trail. Info: Pastor Bruce Knight, 719-680-4751.

CONTINUUM OF CARE

THURSDAY (8 a.m.) Group will meet at Fisher's Peak Soup Kitchen, 308 Church St. Info: Charlene Tortorice, 719-846-9159.

NETWORK COUNCIL

THURSDAY (8 a.m.) Regular meeting will be held in the Bell Block Building's Trinidad Community Foundation room. Information: Margaret Apodaca, 719-846-3943.

SPPRC MEETING

THURSDAY (7 p.m.) Spanish Peaks Purgatoire River Conservation District will meet at the District Office. Information: 719-846-3681 Ext. 117.

PRCWD WATER DISTRICT

THURSDAY (7:30 p.m.) The Purgatoire River Conservancy meets in City Hall Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas. Information: Thelma Lujan, 719-846-7285.

PUBLIC SERVICE

COMMUNITY CHORALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY (7 p.m.) The Trinidad Chorale's annual free Spring Concert "Disney Across the Years" will be held at the Massari Theater, corner of State and Broom Streets. Donations are greatly appreciated. Info: Russ Gorell, 719-989-7317.

SCRT PRESENTS

MAY 1-3 & MAY 8-9 (Friday & Saturday 7 p.m. & Sunday 2 p.m.) A Hotel on Marvin Gardens by Nagle Jackson, directed by Noah Simpson at the Famous theatre on Main St. Info: 719-846-4765 or go to www.scrt-treatre.com.

TAAAC

MAY 11 (6 p.m.) Trinidad Area Arts Council will meet in the First Street Gallery, 130 E. Main St. Information: 719-846-1441. Public is welcome to attend.

ATTENTION QUILTERS

THURSDAY: The Bound Together Quilt Club meets every other Thursday at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds on N. Linden St. Information: Maggie Olson, 719-859-4474.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 04/30/15. Hoehne ditch: Priority # 20 --- Appropriation date: 10/07/1865.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:

Release 27.05 AF
Inflow 127.81 AF -- 64.44 CFS
Evaporation 11.76 AF
Content 21,868 AF
Elevation 6,186.19
Precipitation 0

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



DEDICATED TO TRINIDAD

Chenoweth Award: A family affair

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

A spirit of dedication to the future of Trinidad and its people landed a local business family the Annual Chenoweth Award. Ed, Karen and Kathleen Griego of the Griego Insurance Agency accepted the prestigious award at a Saturday banquet held at the Mt.

Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center that was sponsored by the Trinidad-Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce.

Tom Perry, who won the 2012 Chenoweth Award, said the Chamber committee that made the decision on who was



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The Griego Family won the Chenoweth Award at a Saturday banquet held at the Mt. Carmel Center. Left to right are, John Schecter and Linda Barron of the Chamber of Commerce, Ed, Kathleen and Karen Griego of the Griego Insurance Agency.

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Photo by Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

Royse's Black Jack's Steakhouse Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of Royse's Black Jack's Steakhouse was held Friday at 225 W. Main St. The restaurant offers a fine selection of Texas-style steaks, Porterhouse Pork, seafood and other culinary delights. Front, left to right, are Manager Mary Sanchez, co-owner Marsha Royse, Mayor Joe Reorda, Chamber of Commerce Board President Linda Barron and Emily Kendall. Back row, left to right, are Christy Cordova, Susan Rollins, Michelle Miles, unknown, co-owner Jim Royse (in cowboy hat) and Richard Maldonado.

RIPLEY PARK

Raton puts 'fiesta' in Cinco de Mayo

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

RATON — With skies just overcast enough to hold the afternoon temperature down, Ratonians and visitors celebrated Cinco de Mayo all day Saturday (May 2) in Raton's downtown Ripley Park. A variety of booths offered arts & crafts, information, food, drink and puppies while dancers

circled the area in front of the bandstand.

DJ Teddy Romero kept the action loud and lively between sets from the bands Grupo Vive and Los Mescaleros. Raton MainStreet sponsored the event, which has been held annually since 2006.

Special activities included Chihuahua races, a limbo contest, and a Mexican Hat Dance contest. A variety of rides circled the park perimeter, interspersed with food booths. Ice

cream waffle cones appeared to be the clear winner among the many food choices.

Auto parking stretched two blocks in every direction and Ripley Park bustled with people all day, which pleased Raton city commissioner Ron Chavez. He threw two thumbs up and shouted over the music of Grupo Vive, "This is a good sign! We're on our way back!"

Two couples near Chavez didn't hear him. They were too busy dancing.



Photos by Tim Keller

Summer fun

Pictured above, Raton High School students Kate Little, Bonnie Gonzales, and Ashya Gertler enjoyed showing Bonnie's new friend Baby around Ripley Park in Raton. Pictured right, kids waited in line to enjoy getting themselves spun every which way at Raton's annual downtown Cinco de Mayo celebration, sponsored by Raton MainStreet.



WEATHER WATCH

Tuesday: A 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms likely after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. Light and variable wind becoming south

10 to 15 mph. **Night:** A 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms likely before 1 a.m., then a chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. South southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 71. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. West southwest wind

5 to 10 mph. **Thursday:** Partly cloudy. Highs around 72. South wind to 8 mph, gusting to 28 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy. Lows around 43. Southwest wind to 7 mph, gusting to 23 MPH.

Friday: Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs around 72. Southeast wind to 9 mph, gusting to 25 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy. Lows around 41. West southwest wind to 8 mph, gusting to 17 mph.

RAIL IMPACT

Raton considers Amtrak Tiger VII Grant

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

The long-running struggle to save passenger rail service through the area on Amtrak's Southwest Chief route, which provides daily passenger service through both Trinidad and Raton, N.M., took another step last Tuesday as Raton's City Commission considered whether to lend its support to a TIGER VII Grant for funding to support a railroad infrastructure investment project. Colfax County Commissioner Bill Sauble presented information to the Commission about the proposed grant-funding project, which is officially titled the FY2015 Federal National Infrastructure Investments Discretionary Grants Program.



Bill Sauble

Sauble said the federal government had released the guidelines and deadlines for the latest round of TIGER grants. Early in the process, it didn't look like there would be any railroad infrastructure being completed on the Southwest Chief's line through New Mexico this year. That changed on Thursday, April 23, he said, when he was on a conference call with officials from Kansas, Colorado, the Burlington, Northern and Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) and Amtrak. The new grant application will come from the City of La Junta, which has contracted with the Seneca Group, LLC, of Washington, D.C., to provide the comprehensive support needed to prepare a viable grant application.

"The focus of where the work is going to be done is also changing," Sauble said. "Seneca is proposing a three-state effort to do work in all three states. What they're looking at is a \$20 million grant, and 25 percent of that should be local matching funds. At this point, Amtrak has committed \$4 million to matching funds, BNSF has committed to \$2 million, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) are each committing \$1 million, and they're asking for contributions from local communities along the Southwest Chief line."

Five communities in Kansas have committed to \$12,500 each and 10 Colorado cities and counties have agreed to contribute a total of approximately \$150,000, Sauble said.

"What's being requested from New Mexico,

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