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## THE FINE PRINT

### MAY 8-10

**SPBC FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FRIDAY (10 a.m.)** The Spanish Peaks/Bon Carbo Fire Protection District Board of Directors will meet in Century Financial Group Building, 109 W. Main St. Info: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**FRIDAY (2 p.m.)** A special session will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

**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 Gorrell, 719-989-7317.

**SCRT PRESENTS**  
**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.scrtreasure.com.

## Today's Quote

"Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn; Hundreds of lambs in the purple clover; Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn; But only one mother the wide world over."

~ George Cooper

**SOCO LIVESTOCK ASSN**  
**SATURDAY (Noon)** Group will meet for potluck lunch with hearing updates and guest speaker Jean Aguerre on the PCMS expansion at the Hoehe Community Center. Info: 575-451-7466.

**MEDITATION GROUP**  
**SUNDAY (11 a.m.)** Free Meditation Group will meet at the Lava Yoga Studio, 828 Arizona. Info: Noah Simpson, 719-680-0109.

### MAY 11

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  
**MONDAY (6 p.m.)** A weekly meeting with fellowship, food and music for help and support will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 216 Broom St. Refreshments will be served. Info: Senior Pastor Bobby L. Barnhill, Jr. or email www.celebraterrecovery.com.

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

**PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**UNITED MINE WORKERS**  
**Local Union 9856 UMWA** is asking all members who are Veterans to participate in the Armed Forces Day Parade in Trinidad on May 16. Info: Ralph Sandoval, 719-846-4194 or 719-846-8234.

**SAYRE SENIOR CENTER**  
**TUESDAY (9 a.m.-1 p.m.)** The AARP Driving Class will be held at the Center, 1222 San Pedro St. Registration and info: Carl Mozenigo, 719-868-2288.

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY (1:30 p.m.)** Work session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St., Third Floor. 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.**

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT**  
**TUESDAY (6:30 p.m.)** This group meets at the LaQuinta Inn on Toupal Drive. Info: Age Wise Advisors, 347-852-0752.

**SQUARE DANCE CLUB**  
**TUESDAY (6-8 p.m.)** Swing your partner and join the fun at the Square Dance Club at LaCasa on Hwy 12 in Jansen. New members and beginners always welcome. Info: Peter Monzon, 719-845-0375 or pmm49@hotmail.com.

**WATER FESTIVAL**  
**THURSDAY (all day)** The community is invited to attend Trinidad's 4th Annual event to be held on the campus of Trinidad State Junior College. Info: Tom Perry, 719-846-8380 or email to-mandlindaperry@gmail.com.

**WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL**  
**MAY 15 (5:30-7:30 p.m.)** The Women's Exchange will host the fun event downstairs at Mt. Carmel. Harriet Vaugeois is the scheduled guest speaker. Tickets & Info: 719-680-9509.

For more events, please see the Community Calendar on Page 2

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 05/07/15. South Side ditch: Priority # 80 --- Appropriation date: 04/07/1877.

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
Release 279.24 AF  
Inflow 312.67 AF -- 157.63 CFS  
Evaporation 10.43 AF  
Content 21,749 AF  
Elevation 6,186.03  
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / Amity Canal: 04/01/1893.



Photo courtesy of Patrick Arguello / Trinidad, Colorado

## Local garden visited by stunning giant silk moth

The Cecropia Moth (*Hyalophora cecropia*) is North America's largest native moth with documented wingspans of six inches or more. Larvae of these moths are commonly found on maple trees, which might explain this giant visitor's appearance in photographer Patrick Arguello's garden this spring.

## CONSTRUCTION

### Pending jail project gets approval for architect fee

By Steve Block  
The Chronicle-News

Las Animas County's effort to convert its old County Jail on Courthouse Square into office space for the County's Department of Human Services (DHS) got a boost Tuesday when the County's Board of Commissioners approved a fee proposal and agreement with Kenney Architecture for ongoing work on the building. Kenney, a Denver-based firm, is redesigning the building's interior to provide more office space for DHS employees and to meet all the various code requirements for construction projects.

The four-story old jail was the subject of a \$4 million renovation project in 2011-12, which was most-

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## NEW BUSINESS

### Cannaco's vision — Company wants to set benchmark for Trinidad's fast-growing pot industry

By Eric John Monson  
News Editor  
The Chronicle-News

"Hi folks, how are you," says Josh Bleem greeting a pair of customers that come in the door at CannaCo.

"We're obviously not from around here," says a well-kept, grey-haired man, shaking out an umbrella, next to who appears to be his wife. They could be your parents, or uncle Carl and aunty Maybell.

"Well, do you guys have your IDs... Looks like you guys just



Exterior photo courtesy Cannaco  
Eric John Monson / The Chronicle-News

Melinda Bower, Josh Bleem and Matt Hays at Cannaco on Toupal Drive are ready to help serve their customers.

made it over the age of 21," says Bleem with a salesman's chuckle. "Hold on, I'll let you in. So, we have over 30 strains of flower, edibles—chocolate, hard candy,

gummies. The limit for out of state is a quarter-of-an-ounce and that includes both edibles and flower—and we'll do the math for you... You just tell us what you like and what you want.

Welcome."

Cannaco, the most scrutinized and anticipated marijuana facility in Trinidad, has been open for

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## CITY COMMISSION

### Volunteer leader thanks Community for cleanup effort

By Steve Block  
The Chronicle-News

A big effort was needed to clean up the community on Comcast Cares Day, which was held on Sat-

urday, April 25. Phil Rico of the Trinidad Community Foundation (TCF), which is among the sponsors of the annual event, thanked all of the volunteers who pitched in to help. Rico made his comments at Tuesday's City Council meeting. The Comcast Foundation donates funds to TCF, which then distributes it among local nonprofit entities.

"I'm really here to thank the members of the City Council and our City Manager, Gabe Engeland, for helping us with the Comcast

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Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

It's spring and gardeners are happy. These few, these happy few, banded together to start this year's Raton Community Garden Saturday. From left are Doug Looney, Myra Baird, Jim Stearns, Karen Stearns, Wanda Henson, Haiden Looney and Stephanie Jansen.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

### Raton green thumbs unite

By Tim Keller  
Correspondent  
The Chronicle-News

Gardeners unite! That's the rallying cry as Raton Community Garden regulars prepare for their

second group work session this Saturday morning (May 9) from 8 to 10 a.m. They have several raised garden plots still available for gardeners who'd like to join their

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Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

Mayor Joe Reorda presented a proclamation on Tuesday to AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer Elisa Dawson, declaring Wednesday, May 6, to be National Service Recognition Day in Trinidad.

## WEATHER WATCH

**Friday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 4p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. North north-

west wind 5 to 15 mph. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south southwest 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers, with thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 63. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with

a low around 38. Breezy, with a west southwest wind 15 to 20 mph.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 54. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Monday:** A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 60.

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# COMMUNITY

## Raton green thumbs unite

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community of gardeners. Large beds measuring 4'x12' are already tilled, weeded and manured, ready for the season at a fee of \$30. A combination lock allows access to gardeners at any time, adding convenience to the central location along Raton's Historic First Street between Park and Cook streets, directly across from the train depot. Beginning July 1, the summer Farmers Market will come to life right beside the community garden every Saturday afternoon.

Saturday, Clint Henson will build a tool shed for the gardeners as others prepare to plant. Raton High School culinary arts teacher Myra Baird is preparing garden plots with an eye to the future. "I want to bring my culinary class to learn where food comes from," she says. "I see us growing food here and in the greenhouse at school. Eventually I'd like to see us run a self-sustaining greenhouse that the cafeteria food service could buy food from."

Jim Stearns is building a small craft brewery in downtown Raton. At a conference two weeks ago, someone gave him a single hop "bine" which he

planted at the community garden last Saturday. "It'll send out three shoots and they'll grow into vines. If possible, I'd like to buy my hops locally. I've talked to one grower in Springer who's interested in trying it." Stearns envisions his brewery supplying stores and restaurants only within a short radius—Red River, Angel Fire, Cimarron, Raton, and maybe Trinidad and Clayton. "I don't intend to have accounts more than two hours away," he says between swings of a pickaxe breaking winter-hardened ground at Raton Community Garden.

Stearns' fellow garden-



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Gardeners broke out their spring work clothes and gathered at Raton Community Garden last Saturday morning to prepare for this year's planting. Open to all, the garden is available 24/7, located next to the summer Farmers Market on Historic First Street between Park and Cook streets. There are plots available for several more gardeners at only \$30 per 4'x12' plot, already tilled, weeded and fertilized with manure. Raton Community Garden has several smaller raised garden beds, inset, and 16 of these 4'x12' beds, already tilled and manured for this season. Organizers want several more gardeners to join and take remaining plots, with the large raised beds costing just \$30 for the entire season. A combination lock makes the site available to gardeners 24/7.

ers include teachers, an engineer, children, a game warden and more. Interested in getting your hands into

the soil? Bringing home vegetables that you grew yourself—say, green chiles and tomatoes, or yellow squash and lettuce? Con-

tact Stephanie Jansen for information at 575-445-2935, or just show up at Raton Community Garden Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

## PINON CANYON EXERCISE

# 1st SBCT to convoy from Fort Carson to PCMS for maneuvers

Fort Carson Public Affairs Office  
Special to The Chronicle-News

FORT CARSON, Colo. – The 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, and some associate units will convoy from Fort Carson to Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site May 26 – 30 to participate in a two-week exercise called Operation Raider Focus.

Approximately 600 military vehicles will take part in this multi-day convoy to include more than 300 Stryker armored vehicles. Coordination has been made with the Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado State Police and local law enforcement and municipal agencies.

Convoys will consist of no more than 30 vehicles per group, and 30-minute spacing is planned between each convoy. Convoys will travel at 40 miles per hour and utilize two routes.

Convoys will travel on Interstate Highway 25, U.S. Highway 160, U.S. Highway 350, State Highway 115, U.S. Highway 50, U.S. Highway 87, State Highway 167, and State Highway 10. Due to the increase in vehicle traffic and slow speed of the convoys travelers may experience delays.

No travel will occur on I-25 through Pueblo during the hours of 7 - 9 a.m. and 4 - 6 p.m., which is during peak rush hour time periods.

Increased dust and noise levels from this exercise can be expected during this time period, due to training and vehicle traffic throughout the training area. The training includes day and night blank-fire exercises incorporating aircraft and military members from the Army and Air Force.

The purpose of Raider Focus is to prepare Soldiers for any possible mission should the unit be called to support any contingency around the globe. During the exercise, crews will engage simulated targets using different scenarios to build team cohesion and ensure they are proficient in their skills. The unit will redeploy to Fort Carson in mid-June.

Noise complaints should be directed to the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-9849.

For more information contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-4143/7525. After hours, please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at (719) 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.

## Thankful for community cleanup effort

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Cares Day Community Cleanup Event," Rico said. "According to early reports, we had 104 participants and volunteers. There were several different groups within those 104 people. I'd also like to thank the City for letting us use the Trinidad Trolley to transport our volunteers to their work areas and pick them up. We have a group from our City's Parks and Recreation Department that volunteers every year. There are three or four of them and they come and pick up the trash. They're here from the time we start to the time we finish. We want them to know that we really appreciate their help."

A continental breakfast was prepared and served at Cimino Park before the cleanup began by members of the Trinidad Autism Awareness Group. The Mt. Carmel Center transport van was also used to ferry the volunteers around the city. The areas cleaned included the Purgatoire River and riverbanks, Mt. San Rafael and the Ave Maria Shrine grounds, the Santa Fe Trail, the Interstate 25 entrance points, and Southside, Cimino and Central Parks. The curbs along Main Street and the parking blocks at Trinidad Catholic Cemetery got fresh coats of paint.

Many individuals came out to work on the cleanup, as well as such groups as Boy Scout Troop 269, Girl Scout Troop 30344, the Purgatoire Anglers Chapter 100 of Trout Unlimited, the Department

of Corrections maintenance crew, Celebrating Recovery, the Purgatoire Watershed Partnership, the Friday Night Live Group, SOCO Best, the City Parks Department and the City Tree Board.

Rico did stress the point that the areas behind the Taco Bell and McDonald's restaurants were in constant need of cleaning up.

"This came up during the cleanup, and I don't know if it's the Council's responsibility," he said. "There's one area that's a pain in our behind every year. It's behind Taco Bell and McDonald's. There's an unbelievable amount of trash there, and we couldn't even finish cleaning it up. I don't know whether it's within the Council's jurisdiction to write a letter to those two entities, telling them they need to be environmentally conscious. All this stuff winds up in the river, the trash, and the plastic bags. One of our participants actually notified the County Health Department about this, and someone contacted one of the restaurants. I don't know if that will carry any weight, but the foundation's board of directors may write to these two restaurants corporate headquarters, informing them that their organizations that are here in town need to be more environmentally conscious on behalf of our community. I don't know if Council can do anything about this, but we would sure appreciate any help that you can give us. I want to thank everyone for their par-

ticipation, and we'll see you again next year."

Mayor Joe Reorda said the City had previously asked the two restaurants to move their garbage dumpsters further away from the river, and said he didn't understand why that hadn't already been done.

Engeland said the City had followed up with the restaurants and the Health Department, and had the fire department conduct an inspection of the area. He said he would follow up with Rico after the meeting.

In other action at the meeting the Council:

- Mayor Reorda presented a proclamation declaring Wednesday, May 6, to be National Service Recognition Day within the City, to AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer Elisa Dawson of the Purgatoire Watershed Partnership.

- Set public hearing dates at an upcoming Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, for two marijuana business license applications, The Spot at 453 N. Commercial St., and Freedom Road Garden, LTD, at 2600 Freedom Road.

- City Finance Director Larry Locharch said the City's marijuana sales tax revenue had been approximately \$55,000 in the first three months of 2015.



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**May 16, 2015**

**Bulldog Run/P.A.T.H.S. Run**

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