The Music Man ~ August 14th @ 7:30pm A Flea in Her Ear ~ August 15th @ 2:30pm & 7:30pm Proof ~ August 16th @ 2:30pm

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#### **■ TRINIDAD LAKE**

All activities are rain or shine, and are free to the public. All vehicles are required to have a park pass. Info: 719-846-6951.

SATURDAY (7 p.m.) "One Night with Noah" featuring classical piano and humorous dialogue with actor/director Noah Simpson will be at the Amphitheater.

Amphitheater.

\*SUNDAY (6 p.m.) Explore the wonders of nature. Meet at the Visitor's Center to join Park Staff for a leisurely 90-minute hike on Levsa Canyon Trail.

#### ■ AUGUST 12

TOURISM BOARD
PINON WATER SANITATION
WEDNESDAY (8:30 a.m.) District
meeting will be in the Century Financial
Building, 109 W. Main. Information:
Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.
WEDNESDAY (9 a.m.) Committee meets in the City Hall Third Floor
Conference Room, 135 N. Animas St.
Information: City Clerk, Audra Garrett,
719-846-9843.
TJSC ON TELEVISION
WEDNESDAY (5 p.m. RMST) Be
sure to watch the TSJC Gunsmithing
Program airing on the Outdoor Channel this evening.

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STONEWALL FPD
WEDNESDAY (5:30 p.m.) Board of Directors meeting will be in the Stonewall Fire House. Information: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.

SUPPORT GROUPS
WEDNESDAY (Overeaters Anonymous/5:30 p.m. & Alanon Family Group/7:30 p.m.) Groups meet every Wednesday at 120 W. Kansas St. Info: 719-680-0505 or 719-680-7732. No dues or fees. 7732. No dues or fees

# Today's Quote

"I can run 50 yards faster than I can mow them."

~Jarod Kintz

■ AUGUST 13

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY & FRIDAY (9 a.m.Noon) "Aloha for Love" will be at the
Lord's Chapel, Hwy 12 West of Segundo. Info: Jason Starinieri, 719-220-4338.
SAYRE SENIOR CENTER
THURSDAY (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) Take
the NEW AARP Smart Driver Course
and you could reduce your overall ve-

and you could reduce your overall vehicle maintenance and car insurance costs. Refresh your skills, 1222 San Pedro St. Info: 719-868-2288.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
THURSDAY (Noon) Group will
meet at Tequila's Restaurant for lunch
and community discussions. Info: Pastor Bruce Knight, 719-846-6018.
LIBRARY ACTION

Carnegie Public Library, 202 N. Animas St., 719-846-6841.

\*THURSDAY (4-5 p.m.) Join this new group "The Joy of Coloring!" — a new way for adults of all ages to chill out at the Library.

\*THURSDAY (4-6 p.m.) 'Be-Tween' Book Club for 9-12 year olds will meet to see the movie from the book "How to Eat Fried Worms."

AUTISM SUPPORT
THURSDAY (6 p.m.) Autism Awareness & Support Group for parents with challenged children in any area will meet at 315 E. Strong Ave. Refreshments will be served. Info: Linda Thompson, 719-680-2638. da Thompson, 719-680-2638. SPFD AUXILIARY

THURSDAY (6 p.m.) Group will meet at the Aguilar Fire Station. Info: Marilyn Carlson, 719-680-0688. WATER ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY (6 p.m.) Greetville-Carbondale Board of Directors will meet at the Century Financial Group, 109 W. Main St. Information: Jeni Skalko, 719-846-2080, ext. 116.

CATHOLIC CEMETARY
THURSDAY (6:30 p.m.) Association meeting will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 205 S. Commercial St. The public is invited to attend. Information: 710 406 4034 tion: 719-846-4934.

# **■ PUBLIC SERVICE**

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
SATURDAY (7 p.m.) Bring your
favorite blanket, chair and water —
join the fun for FREE movie 'Big Hero
6' and snack at Central Park's Lower Field off San Juan St. Sponsored by Lee's BBQ, Santa Fe Trails, Spin Revo-lution, Stepping Stones LLC and What a Grind Café. Info: 719-422-8130.

The Fine Print feature is a courtesy notice used to inform the public of upcoming free public meetings and events. Placement is not guaranteed. For contributions please call 719-846-3311 or e-mail cathy@trinidadchroniclenews.com.



Purgatoire River Call as of: 08/11/15. Enlarged Southside Ditch: Priority # 96 --- Appropriation date: 11/23/1883.

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:** 

Release 362.90 AF Inflow 360.42 AF -- 184.21 CFS Evaporation 15.52 AF Content 31,708 AF Elevation 6.198.17 Precipitation 0.51

**Downstream River Call /** Ninemile Canal: 05/10/1887.





Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

Tom "Gunny" Anderson is supervising the installation of the Sparq CNG refueling facility near Interstate 25, located at the JR's Fuel Stop station at 806 E. Goddard Ave.. in Trinidad.

# **NEW BUSINESS UNDERWAY**

# Dirt Flying at Sparq CNG refueling station

**By Steve Block** The Chronicle-News

The massive construction crane looming above the Goddard Avenue exit off of Interstate 25 in north Trinidad will be a community fixture for a while as the Sparq Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) refueling station becomes a permanent part of the local travel scene. Toxie Dearman of NGV Fleet Partners, the Oklahoma firm doing the construction work, said the CNG station, located on the site of an existing Shell gas station, should be ready to go within nine weeks of Thursday's construction start.

Dearman said the construction would not affect the operations of the Shell station, and that NGV would have about 10 workers toiling away on the CNG construction project day-to-day until completion. Early preparation took about five weeks, before the half-dozen tractor-trailers rolled into town Thursday with all of the equipment needed to bring the CNG station to life.

"We're right on schedule. The rain hasn't hurt us too bad," Dearman said. "We're anticipating being out of here before October 1. There will be two dispensers with two hoses each. There will be two light duty pumps with smaller hoses, and two GB5000 hoses

for bigger trucks, so they can fuel faster."

The refueling infrastructure for the CNG industry is still being put into place, he said, but progress had been rapid and steady. There will be more and more CNG refueling stations popping up around the U.S. as more package truck and over-the-road trucking fleets convert to the more fuel-efficient CNG as their prime source of fuel.

"In two years you'll probably see a lot more CNG stations than we have now," he said. "Like down South, Waste Management has gone to 100 percent dedicated CNG's, the garbage trucks and stuff. It's just such a more fuel-efficient system for them."

Dearman also mentioned some of the local partnerships that have been developed with Trinidad area trucking fleets to utilize the more efficient CNG fuel.

"There are several already. Sparq, who actually owns this, is a natural gas company out of Oklahoma City, and they already have several commitments from local fleets. These are all fast fueling stations. Most everybody does the half-inch tubing, but Sparq was wise enough to go with the one-inch tubing, which gives a much faster rate of flow, which compares very favorably with diesel

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#### SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT

# Shuler's Lip Sync zaniness back for 38th year

By Tim Keller **Correspondent** The Chronicle-News

RATON - Billed as "Hometown Entertainment!" Lip Sync 2015 promises so much merriment and music-making that it's spread across two nights at the Shuler Theater this weekend. The 38th annual community benefit show pits local "performers" in a competition judged partly on synchronized "singing" to classis songs,

especially on the fun factor of costumes and immersion in the part. People who say they'll never get on a stage see this annual show and come back

the next year disguised as Elvis Presley or Marilyn Monroe.

"It's a night of laughter and family entertainment," Eileen Gonzales says. She started the fundraising event in the 1970s when her mother was diagnosed with diabetes. The event's proceeds provide insulin, blood-sugar monitors and other medical supplies to diabetics throughout the area, stretching from Raton to Clayton to Cimarron to Trinidad. Gonzales lost her mother to diabetes, but the

show has lived on.

The annual Lip Sync extravaganza always fills the Shuler auditorium and its balcony both nights. It's so popular that this year's line-up of acts was already full three weeks ago. Twentyeight acts will perform this Friday night, then they'll do it again Saturday night. Whole families take turns hamming it up and goofing around for the entertainment of their friends and neighbors. Last year, the oldest performer to take

# "It's a night of laughter and family entertainment."

the stage was in her 80s; the youngest was six-months old. There was an equal mix of adults and children on stage, often together in a single performance.

Cathy and Chris Padilla of Raton won last year's \$200 first prize with their comic performance acting and lip-syncing "Love Runs Out" by the group One Republic. Portraying an elderly woman and man at "Ol' Fogie Restin' Home,"

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Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Lip Sync 2014 was so competitive that channeling Elvis wasn't enough for an honorable mention for Chris Padilla, but he won the grand prize with his wife Cathy Padilla for another performance.



# **SCRT PERFORMANCE**

# Cabaret Night's cozy setting offers unique form of theater

By Cynthia Berresse Ploski Art Correspondent The Chronicle-News

With a little imagination, it could easily have been auditions for "America's Got Talent"....except that it took place on the SCRT stage in Trinidad this past Thursday evening, and the panel of experts was an audience of entranced local citizens.

On that stage, giving their all, from wellsprings of seemingly endless talent, were many of the professional actors from SCRT's summer sea-

They were performing at one of the Thursday evening Cabaret nights that are new to this 2015 season. Judging from the level of delight and

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Photos by Cynthia Berresse Ploski

Elizabeth Dapo and cute sidekick puppet end the Cabaret with applause and



Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 88. West southwest wind

5 to 10 mph. Night: A 20 percent chance

of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Light and variable wind becoming west 5 to 10 mph. **Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. West wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. East south-

east wind around 5 mph. **Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. West southwest wind of mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low of 60. Southeast wind 5 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Calm wind becoming south 5 mph.



# Shuler's Lip Sync zaniness back for 38th year

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they took a long time slowly walking onto the stage in silence, aided by a walker and a cane, respectively. When they sat down, the music started. The old man grew frisky and the old woman dealt with it: by the time they were done, they'd been dancing and the old man was exhausted. The audience loved it. So did the

The Padillas said after the show that they've entered the contest for many years. Chris failed to place last year with his impersonation of Elvis, but his "Jailhouse Rock" won him 4th place in 2012.

Because set changes are required between each of the 28 acts, half of each night's show consists of repartee and silliness from hosts Robi Gonzales and Sean Green, who have been honing their act annually for a quarter-century.

The show's program lists each song and the artist that made the recording, but not the names of the local performers who are often disguised in elaborate costumes to lip sync the night's songs. It doesn't really matter who's in each disguise,

though it's still fun guessing; what works is just knowing that it's your neighbor or coworker or mechanic or bank teller.

It's so rollicking and fun that small children in the audience never cause a disturbance; in fact, chances are good that they're playing dress-up and getting ready to play on stage. It's a comedy show and a variety show that's absolutely unique to Raton and, since the 1970s, a highlight of every Raton summer.

Gonzales and her family and supporters go door to door signing up sponsors to raise funds to fight diabetes. Last year's list of sponsoring businesses numbered more than 100, filling two pages of small print in the program. Except for cash prizes to the winning acts, there's no overhead—all of the money goes directly to purchasing supplies and equipment for local diabetics.

The sponsors help Gonzales keep the admission price low—just \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for children 12 and under. She says, "I keep the price low because I want everyone to see the Shuler Theater! She's like a beautiful woman: She ages beautifully. Everyone can afford to come to this show. Relatives come to see relatives and neighbors come to see neighbors. Once people come, they keep coming back year after year.

The complete show runs for two full nights, Friday and Saturday, August 14-15, beginning each evening at 7 p.m. Judges score every performance. After Saturday night's show, they'll tally the scores from both nights to determine the winners, who will be announced on stage after the show.

For further information, contact Eileen Gonzales at (575) 445-8107 or the Shuler Theater at (575) 445-





Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Judges awarded "The Rondells" the \$200 Lip Sync first prize two years ago with a convincing performance of "Leader of the Pack," including classic lines such as, "I met him at the candy store." This weekend's 38th annual two-night event promises more observed because the annual Lip sync shows require time-consuming set changes between acts, half the show consists of hosts Robi Gonzales and Sean Green, who have been doing it for more than 20 years and include many of their own costume changes.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

# **CBI Celebrates National** Forensic Science Week August 9-15

Colorado Bureau of Investigation Special to The Chronicle-News

August 9-15 marks National Forensic Science Week and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Forensic Services section is planning a handful of events to honor the work of forensic scientists assigned to CBI laboratories around the state.

CBI forensic scientists, crime scene investigators and forensic examiners work with more than 200 Colorado public

safety agencies to provide timely and accurate results in several scientific disciplines and other crime scene support including: DNA casework, latent fingerprints, firearms, tool mark analysis, drug chemistry, crime scene investigation, serology, trace evidence, digital evidence, DNA database management and Toxicology.

"National Forensic Science Week spotlights the importance of forensic science in the pursuit of justice for crime victims and their families," said CBI Deputy Director Jan Girten who oversees Forensic Services for the bureau. "The CBI Forensic Services section is comprised of highly qualified scientists and analysts who work tirelessly in their efforts to produce results of the highest quality in a timely manner.'

CBI Forensic Services Highlights include:

■ CBI Forensic Services has completed testing on previously

completed testing on previously untested sex assault kits submitted as part of legislation passed in 2013. Results from the testing will continue through the summer.

CBI Forensic Services launched Toxicology testing for the state beginning July 1, 2015.

CBI Forensic Services received international accreditation.

ceived international accreditation through the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/ Laboratory Accreditation Board

(ASCLD/LAB) International Organization of Standards (ISO) in May.

CBI Forensic Services received

more than 9,000 cases for testing in 2014.

TWEET-ALONG: Thursday, August 13, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. CBI will host a Tweet-Along from the Forensic Services labora-Along from the Foreistic Services laboratory located in Lakewood. Visit our Twitter account, www.twitter.com/CBI\_Colorado, #CBIForensics to follow activity in the laboratory on August 13. Updates from the Tweet-along will also appear on CBI's Facebook page.

Learning About CBI Forensic Services—CBI's Facebook page will feature overviews of CBI's forensic disciplines, statistics and other features during the

Forensic Services Gives Back—School Supply Drive— Gives Members of CBI Forensic Services have been collecting school supplies for children in need in Jefferson County. The CBI Forensic Services has already collected hundreds of school supply items for two Lakewood elementary schools (Deane and Eiber) near CBI headquarters. Plans are to deliver the supplies just after school starts next week.



Crime Lab photo courtesy of Colorado Bureau of Investigation

First Grade: 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

# **LOSE WEIGHT!** Mt. Carmel announces **BODY WELLNESS:** A 12-Week Makeover! This individually-based course will focus on

nutrition, physical activity and overall health. Topics such as stress, sleep and personal wellness will be covered.

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#### TRINIDAD SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 REGISTRATION

# August 24, 2015

ECKHART ELEMENTARY----Eckhart Gym

Kindergarten: 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

8:00 - 9:00H-Q

12:00 - 1:009:00 - 10:001:00 - 2:00 H-Q 10:00 - 11:00 R-Z 2:00 - 3:00

R-Z The building will close from 11:00 – 12:00

All kindergarten and first grade students who have not pre-registered must have at the time of registration: a copy of the child's birth certificate and current immunization records. All kindergarten students must be the age of 5 on or before June 1, 2015.

# August 24, 2015

# FISHER'S PEAK ELEMENTARY

2nd grade - 8:00-9:30 a.m. 3rd grade - 10:00-11:30 a.m. 4th grade - 1:00-2:30 p.m. 5th grade - 2:30-4:00 p.m.

# **August 25, 2015**

TRINIDAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. 7th Grade 10:00a.m. -11:30 a.m. 8th Grade 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

# August 25, 2015

TRINIDAD HIGH SCHOOL

Location: Trinidad High School Cafeteria Freshmen: 8:00 am to 10:00 am Sophomores: 10:00 am to 12:00 am Juniors: 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm Seniors: Pictures: Pictures will be taken in the Library

**LUNCH INFORMATION NEEDED:** 

SNAP (Food Stamp) Case Number. Foster Children Information. Monthly income for all members of family. Unemployment Income. Pensions, retirement, social security income. Child support.

For more information call: 719-846-3324

# **Meadow City Music Festival** LAS VEGAS, NM • AUGUST 21-23 The grass is greener and the music is hotter in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

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