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TRINIDAD SCHOOLS MONDAY (8 a.m.) The Board of Education will attend the District-wide In-service meeting in the Trinidad Middle School Auditorium. Info: 719-845-2048.

SPACE TO CREATE MONDAY (5:30 p.m.) The community is invited to come to the Public Meeting in City Council Chambers at City Hall. Info: Tara Marshall, 719-880-7238.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY MONDAY (6 p.m.) Weekly fellowship for help and support with food and music will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 216 Broom St. Info: email www.celebratercovery.com.

SUPPORT GROUPS MONDAY (7:30-8:30 p.m.) Narcotics Anonymous meets at 120 W. Kansas St. Info: 903-799-9625 or 719-423-1403.

Today's Quote

"Nobody ever wrote down a plan to be broke, fat, lazy, or stupid. Those things are what happen when you don't have a plan."

- Larry Winget

AUGUST 18

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).**

DISABILITY AWARENESS TUESDAY (9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.) WEDNESDAY (9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.) FREE seminar will be held at Mt. Carmel, 911 Robinson Ave. Info: Terry Brown, 719-847-4477.

GET DIVORCED IN A DAY TUESDAY: Signup for Family Court Day at the Las Animas County Courthouse, 200 E. First Street. Info: Facilitator Sam Benson, 719-497-8246.

PRIMERO SCHOOLS TUESDAY (5 p.m.) District Board of Education will meet in executive session with regular session to follow at 6 p.m. in the Primero School Cafeteria, 20200 Highway 12. Information: Tina East, 719-868-2715.

SAMARITAN CLINIC 1st & 3rd TUESDAYS (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Here to serve the under-insured and non-insured community with free health care and low-cost lab work, 413 E. Frost and corner of Linden Ave. 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.**

PUBLIC SERVICE

DISABILITY AWARENESS WEDNESDAY (9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.) FREE seminar will be held at Mt. Carmel Community Center, 911 Robinson Ave. Info: Terry Brown, 719-847-4477.

TRINIDAD SCHOOL BOE WEDNESDAY (4 p.m.) The Board of Education will hold its regular session at the District Administration Office, 612 Park St. Information: 719-845-2048. **School Board Superintendent: Scott Mader and Members: Jack Vallejos, Paul Montero, Patrick Sandoval, John Massarotti and Joe Terry.**

LIBRARY ACTION THURSDAY (3-6 pm.) Open House includes snacks and a chance to explore what's new at the Library, 202 N. Animas St., 719-846-6841.

SUMMER ART TREK AUGUST 28 (5-8 p.m.) Calling all artisan vendors who want to set up a table in Miners Memorial Park for Art Trek. Info: Craig at Tee's Me, 719-846-8634, or Camilla at Curly's Beads, 719-846-8647.

TSJC: COMING ATTRACTIONS Info for both events contact: Kim McKee, 719-846-5724.

***SEPTEMBER 15 (5-6:45 p.m.)** Southern Rockies Heritage School Open House in the Berg Building Room 401. ***SEPTEMBER 15 (7-9 p.m.)** "A Taste of Scotland" featuring Master storyteller and musician Robert Black from Scotland, will be in the Pioneer Room in the Sullivan Center.

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.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 08/14/15. Enlarged Southside Ditch: Priority # 98 --- Appropriation date: 11/23/1883.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:

Release 350.58 AF
Inflow 484.91 AF -- 244.47 CF
Evaporation 10.33 AF
Content 31,673 AF
Elevation 6,198.13
Precipitation 0.06

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



Nick Ruybalid / The Chronicle-News

'T' Party revitalizes school landmark

Students work on Wednesday morning to repaint the Trinidad 'T' at Miner Stadium before school starts for the fall — a reboot of an old tradition from years past. The Trinidad High School Student Council put together the student volunteers and materials to make this project happen, which turned out to be a great team success.

SHULER THEATER PRODUCTION

'Stars' come out for Raton's Lip Sync 2015

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

RATON — In its 38th annual running, Lip Sync 2015 again packed the Shuler Theater Friday night for a three-hour program of rollicking "Hometown Entertainment," then did the whole show again Saturday night. Six judges scored all 28 performances both nights. When the totals were tallied, KRTN's Billy D Donati took the grand prize for his incendiary channeling of "The Killer" Jerry Lee Lewis, pounding the piano and singing the classic "Great Balls of Fire."

Except nowhere was Billy D's name ever mentioned. The event never mentions who's actually on stage. In the printed program, in the emcees' introductions, and in the results, only the song and recorded singer get the credit. The

sets and costumes are sometimes so elaborate that there's no telling who's actually performing. This is not mere lip-synching—it's full-on performance.

Second place was won by a duet from Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton, although some in the audience recognized them as Trinidad optometrist Dr. George Hagen and his wife. Their great chemistry singing "Islands in the Stream" won the crowd early; only a late Jerry Lee Lewis barnburner ever managed to top them. The real Jerry Lee Lewis was in Memphis. KRTN's Billy D Donati channeled him via lip syncing to win the 38th annual event's \$200 cash prize and bragging rights.

Four boys performed "Sugar" as the group Maroon 5 with boundless energy and professional polish, putting them in third place ahead of many more-seasoned performers.

It was the second win for Donati; he previously took the \$200 grand prize in 2012 singing "Feeling Good" by Michael Bublé. The other cash prizes range from \$150 for second place to \$25 for honorable mention.

Eileen Gonzales and her family

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Jerry Lee Lewis won the weekend's two-night, 28-act Lip Sync 2015 event at Raton's Shuler Theater with a rousing rendition of his classic "Great Balls of Fire."

WEATHER WATCH

Monday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 87. West wind 5

to 15 mph. **Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. West southwest wind around 10 mph. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. North-

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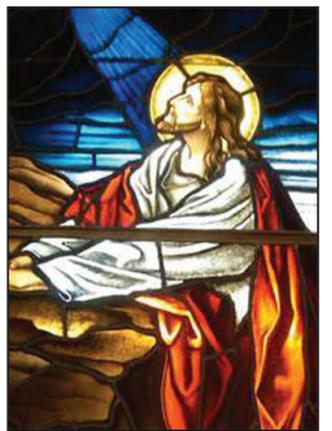
Methodist church burglarized, no leads yet for suspect

By Nick Ruybalid
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

The First United Methodist Church in Trinidad was burglarized this summer, and law enforcement still doesn't have a lead as to who might have committed the crime.

On June 20, the Trinidad Police Department was dispatched to the church by a custodian regarding broken windows. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that someone had gone through a few places in the church, including the pastor's desk, a linen cabinet, the kitchen, and a cupboard in one of the bathrooms. Members of the church and congregation determined that four pieces of property were stolen and one destroyed. Despite the small number, the cost was still large.

Two pieces of audio equipment at five hundred dollars each and the church checkbook were taken, adding up to just over a thousand



Courtesy Photo

A stained window at First United Methodist Church in Trinidad.

dollars. The real loss, however, was an irreplaceable 1840's sterling silver tea set valued at five

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Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton won second place in Lip Sync 2015 singing their "Islands in the Stream." It was hard to tell the difference, but Trinidad's Dr. George and Mrs. Jeanine Hagen filled in for Rogers and Parton, beating out 26 other acts in the judge's scoring.

CITY COMMISSION

Raton plants downtown trees with grant funding

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

Continuing its effort to beautify its historic downtown area, Raton, N.M.'s City Commission voted its approval to let Grow Raton, a local community development entity, apply for a 2015-16 tree planting grant through New Mexico's RE-LEAF program, which has funded Raton's downtown beautification efforts for the last three years. Grow Raton would be responsible for preparing, submitting and administering the \$6,000 grant, and be responsible for creating tree planting beds and for planting trees and shrubs that might be awarded through the RE-LEAF program, at no additional City expense.

The City would offer assistance to the tree planting project

by authorizing plantings in that area within the City right-of-way, providing sidewalk cutting and doing concrete removal to shape the planting beds, provide water through a designed irrigation system, along with appropriate water taps, for the trees and shrubs, at the City Manager's discretion.

David Stafford of GrowRaton spoke on behalf of applying for the grant.

"This is the fourth year we've done this. Funding is available through the New Mexico Forestry Division for up to \$6,000 annually for trees that are planted on government or municipally-owned or right-of-way land," Stafford said. "Last year, we had approved, when I came before you, the block between Cook Avenue Park Av-

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COMMUNITY

Methodist Church burglary

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thousand dollars by itself, resulting in the four losses alone adding up to over six grand. Thankfully, the set was discovered in July near Duran Oil by the river bottom covered with a blanket, but the checkbook and sound equipment are yet to be found. It is undetermined how much the destruction to the church and remaining property cost alongside the stolen losses.

Since the event, one other thing has gone missing as well: a suspect. Trinidad Chief of Police Charles Glorioso said in an email on Friday that the department does not have any suspects nor have they made any arrests for this case.

When asked for comment, Pastor Bobby Barnhill of the church said that, though he would like to, the church unfortunately cannot leave its doors unlocked for people to enter and worship as they please due to occurrences like this. "That's pretty sad, but that's the way of the world right now," he went on to say. Barnhill is personally offering a one hundred dollar reward to anyone who comes forward with information regarding the burglary that leads to an arrest and conviction.

The tea set has been returned and is currently being held in a locked safe along with all the other valuables owned by the church in fear of future complications. If you have information whatsoever regarding the crime, please call the Trinidad Police Department at 719-846-4441.

Raton's Lip Sync 2015

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produce the Lip Sync event every August as a benefit to raise money and medical supplies to assist diabetics throughout the region. Her son Robi comes from Albuquerque each year to emcee with his co-host, Sean Green, and their comic repartee is a big part of the show, filling time while sets and props are changed behind the curtain for each act.

Friday night's show had only a few empty seats in the 450-seat Shuler Theater; Saturday night every seat was filled. It took three hours to get through all of the acts, but no one left early and many came both nights. After the show, some in the audience walked out already talking about entering next year's event, laughing as they considered what song might be best.

Raton plants trees

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enue on First Street, but some money became available through the Main Street program for street reconstruction there, so we thought there was no point in putting in those trees only to tear them out for a redesign. We changed it and put them in this year between Cook Avenue and the corner of Clark Avenue and Third Street. The one we've agreed to work toward, if the Commission approves it, is the area across from the Post Office, on the former El Portal Hotel property across from there, where the old El Portal sign needs to be torn down. There are two concrete blocks that were steps up into the building that are hazards that need to be removed. This is a good way to do that and our thought is that there are already some planters there, which will help us with some of the costs.

"If we get the maximum number of trees that we can request and put in this year, which would be 15, we could do a row between the sidewalk and the curb, which we've been doing at the other locations, and then a second row behind, back into the former El Portal property a little bit, put a couple of benches



Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

GrowRaton's David Stafford spoke on behalf of approval of a grant application to the State Forestry Division's RE-LEAF tree planting program. If approved, it would mark the fourth consecutive year Raton has gotten a tree-planting plan to beautify its downtown area.

there, and have a little bit of a park space across from the Post office there, where people could sit and sort of have a little grove of trees for them. I think it would work with anything you eventually do with that property, but it would take what's now kind of an eye-

62 Memorials

In Loving Memory of A Dear **Deborah Treat**
Mom and Grandma who passed away one year ago August 17th.

It's always sad but comforting to silently recall your smile and dear familiar face solved by one and all for the world may keep turning and change from day to day but precious memories of you will never fade away. And here's hoping that this message which carries so much love will somehow find it's way to you in heaven up above. It's to let you know, Mom & Grandma that although you are at rest you'll live forever in the hearts of Kevin & Family.

Love you & miss you more than you could know,
Love Kevin & Family



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Grace Griego and William Lavern Cook



Grace Griego and William Lavern Cook
Grace was born Oct 31, 1931 and passed away Feb 14, 2015.

Bill was born Mar 18, 1930 and passed away Feb 17, 2015.

Grace is preceded in death by her son and daughter in law,

Henry and Linda Griego. She is survived by siblings Lucille (Gladys),

Florence, Frances, Phil and Julian; grandchildren Henry, Angel,

Jason and Sunny; numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Bill is preceded in death by his sister, Marilyn Wehman and grandson,

Matthew Camp. He is survived by siblings Leona and Leonard; children

Kathi, Bill, Paula, Barbra, Diane and Jenette; numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Bill married Grace (the love of his life) in 1983. Upon retirement, they sold their home in Santa Barbara Calif. and bought a motor home where they enjoyed living and

traveling in for the next five years. In 1999, they bought their own piece of Cabo heaven and built their dream home overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Always together, now together forever. "I've got you, Babe."

Funeral Services will be held Friday, August 21, 2015 with Funeral Mass at 1p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Inurnment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

Wayne Adam Abeyta

Wayne Adam Abeyta, age 37, passed away unexpectedly at home on August 12, 2015.

Visitation will be Thursday from 2p.m.-6p.m. at the Comi Chapel.

Rosary will be Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 7p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Funeral Mass will be Friday, August 21, 2015 at 10a.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Cremation to follow and private family inurnment at a later date.

Persons wishing to do so may make contributions in Wayne's memory at the First National Bank, Trinidad, Colo., or Go Fund Me.com. Arrangements are pending and will be announced later by the Comi Funeral Home.

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Elsie M. Esquibel



Elsie M. Esquibel, age 92 of Trinidad, died August 12, 2015 at the Sangre De Cristo Hospice in Pueblo.

She was born November 17, 1922 in Cedar Hill, Colorado to Jesus and Maria Lopez.

Mrs. Esquibel was a devoted member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and maintained a very strong faith her entire life. She was also a member of Sociedad de Nuestra de Guadalupe.

She attended grammar school in Ramey, Colorado. After completing the 8th grade, she left school due to her mother's illness and helped take care of her mother and younger siblings.

She married Ambrose Esquibel, her late husband, on February 2, 1946 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. They celebrated 51 years of marriage before he passed away on July 11, 1997. She gave birth to ten children and raised her niece as her eleventh child after her sister passed away. She also helped raise several of her grandchildren over the years.

She was a loyal, dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great/great grandmother. Her dedication and love for her family left no time for her to need or desire working outside of the home.

Mrs. Esquibel loved cooking, baking, sewing and just about any type of homemaking. Cooking was her favorite. She could put together a meal on the spur of the moment for as many as needed that was so delicious there were rarely leftovers. Watching her make dozens of tortillas at a time was a daily occurrence in her home. She attended classes in sewing and assisted the instructor with other students that were struggling. She was an excellent seamstress and could make, alter or mend most anything that was needed for her children or grandchildren.

She enjoyed gambling trips to Las Vegas and New Mexico with her husband and children and later in life with Esther Montoya, her beloved friend and neighbor. They would ride the bus from Trinidad to Cripple Creek on a fairly regular basis. She was an avid Rockies fan, loved watching old Western movies, enjoyed Mexican and the old time country music. Gene Autry was her favorite singer and actor.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Ambrose, her parents Jesus and Maria Lopez, her daughter Francis Trujillo of Pierre, SD, her grandson Steven Esquibel and numerous sisters, brothers, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

She is survived by sons, Ambrose of Raton, NM; Richard (Gloria) of Layton, UT; Steve (Dianne) of Dillon, MT; David (Jeanine) of Trinidad, Colo.; John (Denise) of Englewood, CO; Vince (Lori) of Trinidad, Colo.; daughters, Patricia Lederman and Pauline Wooster of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; Cindy (Gary) Sanchez of Castle Rock, Colo.; Annette (Steve) Smith of Strasburg, Colo.; sister Erlinda Vasquez of Trinidad, Colo.; brother-in-law, Albert Esquibel of Humphrey, Ark.; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great/great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Monday, August 17, 2015 at the Comi Funeral Home Chapel from 2p.m. to 6:00p.m.

Rosary will be August 17, 2015 at 7:00p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, July 18, 2015 at 10a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Internment with Rite of Committal will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery.

Active pallbearers are grandsons, Ambrose III, Joseph Trujillo, Joey Lederman, James Sanchez, Joseph and Mark Esquibel.

Honorary pallbearers are grandsons, Paul Esquibel, Matt Sanchez, Michael Wooster and Damien Lopez.

The family may be contacted at the home address. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

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Zachariah J. Martinez
Zachariah J. Martinez, 30, born July 12, 1985, departed this life on August 8, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Christine; daughter, Starr Lotus Martinez; parents Rick and Kimberly (Parrish) Martinez; sister, Sarah; grandparents, Joe and Selma Martinez of Trinidad; Bill Parrish and Juanita Cole; also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Memorial Service, 1pm, Saturday, August 22, 2015 George McCarthy Historical Chapel, Pueblo, Colo. Arrangements by Adrian Comer Funeral Home.

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Susie D. Archuleta



Susie D. Archuleta, age 84, passed away peacefully at home in Weston, Colo. on August 12, 2015.

She was born in Weston, Colo., on August 31, 1930 to Theresa (Aragon) and Henry Duran.

She attended Primero School.

On October 15, 1950, Susie was united in marriage to Joseph N. Archuleta at the Lady of Esquepula Church in Weston, Colo.

She was very artistic. She enjoyed making crafts, crocheting, embroidery, and making Halloween costumes.

Susie loved to cook and bake. She was known for her specialty birthday and wedding cakes.

She decorated for every holiday.

Susie loved spending time at the Primero School with her grandchildren and all children.

She never knew a stranger and helped anyone in need.

Her heart and house were open to all.

Susie's love, generosity, and ever present smile will be missed.

Preceding her in death are parents Theresa and Henry Duran, grandson Jason Gomez, brother Gilbert Duran, sisters and brothers in law, Nettie Abeyta, Stella Roybal, Manuel (Virginia) Archuleta, Ed Griego, nephews Eddie, Andy and Michael Griego, Arnold Roybal, Rocky Kaiser and niece Brenda Chavez.

Survivors are children, Joe (Audrey) Archuleta, Denver, Dena (Michael) Martinez, Minturn, Colo., Francine (Vince) Garcia, Weston, Colo., Rayme (Charles) Clampitt, Castle Rock, Colo., Tony (Christina) Archuleta, Weston, Colo., sister Vera Griego, Weston, Colo., Gloria Starkey, Weston, Colo., Freida (David) Brodie, Northglenn, Colo., Mary Lou (Marty) Garcia, Weston, Colo., Martha Duran and Ben Vigil, Arvada, Colo., sisters and brother in law, Barbara (Sonny) Gomez, Weston, Colo., Theresa Duran, Weston, Colo., 11 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews other relatives numerous friends including neighbor Debbie Velasquez.

Rosary will be Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 7p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at 10a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Inurnment will follow at the Weston, Cemetery.

Honorary Pallbearer is great grandson Justin Robinson.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

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