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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.) Footstompin' bluegrass, Irish tunes and funky blues with Terry Lakes and his harmonicas will be featured at the Amphitheater.

\*SUNDAY (8 a.m.) Take the Reilly Canyon Trail hike (4.5 miles/strenuous) through the Pinon-Juniper forest. Adventure will begin at the Visitor's Center to shuttle personal vehicles

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## ■ AUGUST 27

TRINIDAD AMBULANCE
THURSDAY (4:30 p.m.) District
Board of Directors regular meeting will
be held at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office, 939 Robinson Ave. Information: 719-846-6886.

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TRINIDAD SUPPER CLUB
THURSDAY (6 p.m.) August's
summer picnic will be held at the
Primero Café, 911 Robinson St. Info
& RSVP: Yvonne Marques, 719-8463518. Anyone is welcome to join.
HOEHNE SCHOOLS
THURSDAY (7 p.m.) Hoehne
School Board will meet in regular
session in the Superintendents Office.
Information: Hannah Baca, 719-8464457 ext.109.

# Today's Quote

"I want a life that sizzles and pops and makes me laugh out loud."

~Shauna Niequist

■ AUGUST 28-30

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SUMMER ART TREK
FRIDAY (5-8 p.m.) The 4th Downtown Annual Summer Art Trek will be held the last Friday of every month thru October. Relax dining out with friends, listen to great music and revel in terrific artwork. Artisan vendors who want to set up a table in Miners Memorial Park for Art Trek call: Craig at Tee's Me, 719-846-8634, or Carnilla at Curly's Beads, 719-846-8647.

ART TREK ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY (6-8 p.m.) Musician Terry Lakes will give a free live performance at the Mitchell Museum, 150 E. Main St.

Main St.

\*FRIDAY (6-8 p.m.) Jim and Friends will be pickin' and grinnin' with great Bluegrass music at the Purgatorire River Trading Company, 113 E.

Main St.

FARMERS' MARKET
SATURDAY (8 a.m.-Noon) 15th
Annual Market is open every Saturday
in Cimino Park and runs thru mid-Octo-

ber. Info: 719-680-0184.

COMMUNITY CHORALE
Info: Russ Gorrell, 719-989-7317.

SATURDAY (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)
Adult Choir rehearsals for the 2015
Christmas Season begin with a music
workshop at the Massari Theater on

\*AUGUST 31 (5:30 p.m.) 2015
Children's Chorale begins rehearsals at the Massari Theater on the TSJC

at the Massari Theater on the TSJC Campus.
FOR MOM'S TO BE SATURDAY (1-3 p.m.) FREE 9-week program for Las Animas County expectant mothers will be held at Mt. Carmel Health & Wellness, 911 Robinson Ave. Runs thru October 3. Info: Marty Hackett, 719-845-4826.
MCKEOWN BIRTHDAY PARTY SATURDAY (1:30-3:30 p.m.) The pubic is invited to an Open House reception honoring Janet McKeown on her 100th Birthday at the Sayre Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro St. Info: Anna Risley, 719-846-3336.
FREE FOOD & MUSIC

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SUNDAY (3:30 p.m.) The First
Christian Church will host this special
afternoon public worship and praise
service at Miner's Memorial on Main
St. FCC Praise Team will provide the
music. Info: Pastor Cary T. Nelson,
719-846-3843. All are welcome.

# **■ PUBLIC SERVICE**

CALL FOR ARTISTS
SEPTEMBER 4 DEADLINE:
"Around Trinidad" Art Show (runs
Sept. 11-30) is open to all area artists
at the Corazon Gallery, 149 E. Main St.
Info: Trish Keck, 719-859-7702.
TSJC COMING ATTRACTIONS
Info for both events: Kim McKee

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 ♦SEPTEMBER 15 (5-6:45 p.m.)
 Southern Rockies Heritage School
 Open House, Berg Building, Room 401.
 ♦SEPTEMBER 15 (7-9 p.m.) "A
 Taste of Scotland" featuring Master

storyteller and musician Robert Black from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, will be in the Pioneer Room in the Sullivan Center.

Purgatoire River Call as of: 08/26/15. Johns Flood Ditch: Priority # 20 --- Appropriation date: 10/07/1865.

# **Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**

Release 338.84 AF Inflow 130.50 AF Evaporation 16.66 AF Content 29,493 AF Elevation 6,195.64 Precipitation 0

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



50 CENTS



Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Music from Angel Fire annually presents chamber-music concerts in Angel Fire, Taos, Las Vegas and Raton, with ticket prices ranging from \$30 to \$80. Three of its concerts are always presented to the public free of charge, including Tuesday night's Raton show that will feature young "Stars of Tomorrow," America's best young classical talent.

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# Music from Angel Fire presents annual free concert at Shuler

By Tim Keller Correspondent The Chronicle-News

RATON - Highlighted by a world-premiere chamber-music offering by a young American composer, Music from Angel Fire presents its annual Raton concert Tuesday (Sept. 1) at the Shuler Theater, free of charge to the public.

Late every summer since its 1984 founding, Music from Angel Fire has assembled many of America's

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# YIPPEE-KI-YAY RODEO COWBOYS

# Coming up: 105th annual Labor Day Weekend festivities Anticipating the booming sound of thundering hoof beats

By Maggie May Correspondent The Chronicle-News

The county rodeo grounds will again be booming with the thunderous sounds of hoof beats on

dirt this Labor Day weekend in Trinidad for the 105th annual Labor Day Ro-

deo and festivities. Trinidad The Round-Up Association host the traditional local Labor festivities Day which center on the professional rodeo and carnival at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds. The weekend's festivities wrap up Monday (Labor Day) with

the annual The parade starts at dad Labor Day Rodeo. 9 a.m. The theme for this year's festivities is "Horsepower is Horsepower," which cel-

ebrates the equine athletes of the rodeo and the horsepower-ed mud races held earlier this year that funded this year's events. To see all the events go to trinidadroundup.homestead.com or see their advertisement in coming editions of The Chronicle-News..

There is much anticipation for competitors in this year's rodeo. One of those competitors, local Zoe Mulhern—22—has been riding since she was three-years-old. She has competed across several states

Maggie May / The Chronicle-News

using three competition horses.

She's entering this year in the bar-

rel racing event and is competing

rel racing with her two quarter

horses and does eventing with her

Mulhern competes in bar-

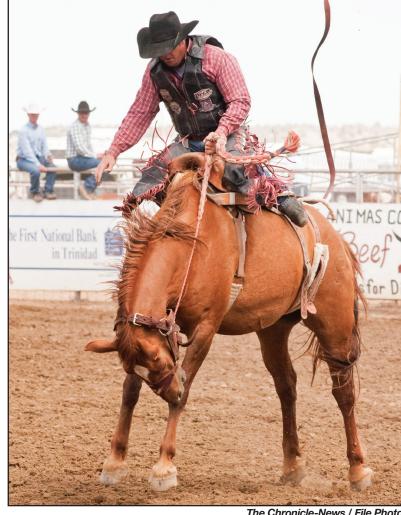
to be Round-up Queen.

Zoe Mulhern races across the prairie on her grandfadowntown parade. ther's ranch getting ready for the 105th annual Trini-

> Arabian. When asked why riding seemed like such an important part of her life, Mulhern replied, "The sport is old time and I started riding because of my grandpa. He competed throughout his life and I am continuing in the same tradition. I love competing and keeping his spirit alive in his love for the rodeo. The competitions allow you to meet new people, new horses, build your skills, and travel." Although this will be Mulhern's first

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time competing in the Trinidad



The Chronicle-News / File Photo

A cowboy lets it rip when he flies out of the chute on his bucking bronco in the 2014 Las Animas County Rodeo held over every Labor Day Weekend for the last 104 years. When it comes to rodeo action, Garth Brooks said it best when he wrote, "It's boots and chaps. It's cowboy hats. It's spurs and latigo. It's the ropes and the reins and the joy and the pain - and they call the thing



Photos by Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

Students at GOAL Academy were sharing their learning experiences Tuesday morning. Left from top to bottom are, Gavin Hernandez, D.J. Robinson, Kayla Barela and, right, Life Coach Brandon Ritz.

# **EDUCATION**

# Flexible learning is key at GOAL Academy

By Steve Block The Chronicle-News

The traditional brick-and-mortar school isn't ideal for every student, either because they don't feel comfortable surrounded by other students or because their lifestyle involves other commitments, such as looking after young children or holding down jobs. Trinidad's GOAL Academy facility, located at 155 E. First St. provides students the flexibility they need to make positive progress with their education and their busy lives.

The facility is considered an "Education Zone," and GOAL Academy shares it with its sister school, the Rocky Mountain Digital Academy (RMDA), and both academies are fully accredited, free, nonprofit public schools, and are supported financially by the State of Colorado. GOAL Academy is for students in grades nine through 12, while RMDA helps educate students in grades eight through 12. There are approximately 140 students signed up for classes in the new school year, and prospective students can contact the academies by calling: 719-422-9110, or going online at: www.goalac.org. Last school year, 42 area seniors graduated through the online education program. Free concurrent enrollment classes are also offered through Trinidad State Junior College and

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Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 86. Southwest wind 5 to

10 mph. Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. West northwest wind around 5 mph.

Friday: A 10 percent chance of thusnderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. West northwest wind 5 mph. Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. South southeast wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. West southwest wind around 5 mph. Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low 59. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. West southwest wind around 5 mph. Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. South southeast wind around 5 mph.





Frances Tomazin, 98 passed away peacefully on August 13, 2015 in Greenwood Village, Colorado. Born to Joseph and Maria Anna Alessi on May 7, 1917 in Trinidad, Colo., she lived in Lamar and Aurora, Colo.

She was employed at the IGA grocery store in Lamar and volunteered extensively at University Hospital in Denver as well as in the Aurora Public Schools as a teacher's aide. She was active in the Catholic Archbishops Guild and at Heather Gardens in Aurora where she lived for 30 years.

Frances is survived by her sister Nelle Alessi of Trinidad, Colo., her son Thomas (Diana Arlet) of Englewood, Colo., her daughter Marla (Barry LePatner) of New York, N.Y., four grandchildren and spouses, nieces, nephews and spouses and two great grandchildren. Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Ludy Tomazin, her brother, Joseph Alessi, her sister, Grace Anselmo and her granddaughter, Tara Tomazin.

Services will be held at Church of the Risen Christ, 3060 S. Monaco Pkwy., Denver, Colo. 80222 on August 27, 2015 at 10:00 AM. A reception will follow at the Parish Hall. Burial will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 12801 W. 44th, Wheat Ridge, Colo. at 1:30 PM. Share condolences and remembrances HoranCares.com.

SUICIDE HOTLINES **\*ADULT:** 800-784-2433 **\*TEEN:** 877-968-8454 **\*GLB-YOUTH:** 866-488-7386 \*VET-2-VET: 877-838-2838

**ABUSE HOTLINES** \*Domestic Abuse Ho-

tline: In Trinidad call 719-846-6665 (24-hours a day). In Walsenburg call: 719-738-0770. National Hotline: 1-800-790-SAFE (7233).

**♦ Child Abuse** 719-846-2330 or 719-846-8596. For more information and to learn the signs of child abuse and neglect, visit 

animal abuse and dog/cock fighting at Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line: 720-913-

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Town of Aguilar reassures public that water supply is safe

As some of you have probably heard, the Town of Aguilar's water supply was possibly contaminated, but rest assured that is not the case.

The gates surrounding the concrete reservoir were forced open by a vehicle and the lock on the reservoir hatch was broken, so the Town took immediate precautionary measure to insure the public's safety by taking a bacteriological water sample to the Pueblo Public Health Department, monitoring the water supply every 15 minutes by taking chlorine residuals, PH reading and conductivity

All tests conducted have proved the water is safe and free from contamination

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact the Utility Supervisor Virgil Birkenfeld at

Marc Piano, Mayor Town of Aguilar

## Thoughtful residents assist road weary traveler in Trinidad

As a road weary traveler passing through Trinidad on Saturday, August 22, I decided to take a pit stop at Safeway before continuing on to meet friends near Denver. Hoping to be in and out quickly, I ended up locking my keys in my car. I called my roadside assistance and within an hour, they were onsite. I thought I would be back on the road in no

After 30 minutes, roadside assistance could not get the car open. Some kind folks saw what was going on and offered to help. That was greatly appreciated because roadside assistance had no more assistance to give. What followed was one of the greatest examples of community that I have ever seen.

Multiple people, including a couple with their 2-year-old daughter, a young man and his Dad, an older gentlemen and his wife, even a Safeway employee, all gave their hand at helping this complete stranger try to get back in his vehicle. Scores more asked if they could help or at least offered an encouragement on the turn of events.

The hours went by, folks brought tools, and labored under the hot sun to get the car open, but to no avail. With 3.5 hours invested, we began to believe that busting the window was going to be the only way to get me back on my way. Just then, an acquaintance of one of the kind citizens pulled in to the parking lot and asked if we needed help. She gave the affirmative and explained the situation. He had just the right tool to finish the job.

After spending the afternoon with these thoughtful Trinidad natives, I learned that it is not a perfect place, that folks need jobs, and, the community is facing increasing drug abuse, much like where I am

What was clear was that the citizens of Trinidad are Samaritans who are willing to work together to help a stranger. This is what community is all about. When a community is willing to stand together in the service of others, there is no challenge that can't be overcome.

Thank you for blessing a stranger with the gift of time and service!

Michael Verdugo Bemidji, MN

## Good Samaritan turns in lost purse

Dear Editor,

God's angels are at work everywhere. Thursday, August 20, could have been a terrible and heartbreaking day for me. I arrived home in Segundo to discover my purse was missing. I immediately called Walmart and the member services lady informed me that a man had turned in a purse he found in the parking lot. He left his name and telephone.

That angel's name is Ernesto. I want to thank you, Ernesto for your honesty and I want to thank the Lord for people like you.

Ernesto refused a reward. He said, "No, that was the right thing to do. I know how I would feel if I lost my wallet.

I regret that I didn't get Ernesto's last name, but thanks again. God bless you! I hope and pray only good things come to your in your life. I will

be forever grateful to you.

Isn't it wonderful that we still have decent and honest people in our community? Thanks be to God. I hope there are many more like Ernesto out

Madeline Duran Segundo

## Residents believe local teacher was indoctrinated by Holocaust Museum

Recently, a Jewish teacher in Florence, Colorado sued his school district to prohibit Christian prayer meetings at his school. His lawsuit was based on the First Amendment, which has been interpreted as intending to separate government and religious establishments. He won his suit.

On August 24, 2015, The Chronicle-News published an article describing a course of study pursued by a Trinidad high-school teacher at the Holocaust Memorial Museum. The museum provided this teacher with a scholarship to receive instruction on historical events and Judaism interpreted by the Jewish religious establishment. Why is this allowable when the Christian activi-

I would like to know if the teacher's indoctrination included information about Israel's seven-decade genocide and oppression of the Palestinian people, nor the "Jewish state's" continued military occupation of regions within adjacent countries such as Lebanon and Syria: all policies which the United States government shamefully has supported.

[REDACTED]

I object to a foreign government attempting to 'capture our youth" through instilling American teachers with its political ideology and version of history. The Trinidad high-school teacher should balance her presentation of Israeli and Middle East history and politics with alternate perspectives, such as the writings of Noam Chomsky.

Catherine and Marcia Hook

# Music from Angel Fire presents free concert at Shuler

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Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

In late summer every year since its 1984 founding, Music from Angel Fire assembles many of America's finest classical musicians to produce a touring chamber-music festival. This year's annual Raton concert is free to the public Tuesday night, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.

Las Animas County Road and Bridge will be replacing a cattle guard on C.R 30.1.

There will be a road closure from 8:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M. on Thursday August 27, 2015.

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finest classical musicians, with an emphasis on rising young musicians primed to mount international stages. Presenting small groups usually quartets and quin-

tets—the traveling festival's chamber music has proven hugely popular in its host cities of Angel Fire, Taos, Las Vegas and Raton.

The festival hires a pair

of composers-in-residence each year-one established and one young—then presents a newly commissioned composition from each. Tuesday's concert in Raton,

titled "Stars of Tomorrow," will open with "Parallel for String Quartet" (2014) by Young Artist Composer-in-Residence Alyssa Weinberg, who will be present to hear the premiere of her new mu-

Consisting of two violinists, one violist and one cellist, the Dola Quartet will perform Weinberg's new string quartet. The Wissahickon Quartet, with the same instrumentation, will follow with Korngold's "String Quartet No. 3 in D Major.

Following an intermission, the Quinda Wind Quintet will perform Barber's "Summer Music for Wind Quintet," with flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn.

The Raton show will close with a special selection accentuating the 2015 festival's theme of "Made in Amerpresenting George Gershwin's "Selected Songs for Clarinet and Strings," performed by clarinet, cello, viola and a pair of violins.

This year's Music from Angel Fire concerts opened in Albuquerque August 15 and they'll close in Angel Fire September 6. Ticket prices have ranged from \$20 to \$80, with most shows averaging \$35; however, one free show is presented each summer in each of three cities-Angel Fire, Taos, and Raton. The Raton show at the Shuler is open seating and always bustling with people.

Extensive information, photos, programs and printable brochure are available online at www.musicfromangelfire.org. The Shuler Theater can also answer questions at 131 N. 2nd St., (575) 445-4746, www.shulertheater.com.

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