

THE FINE PRINT

AREA SPORTS ACTION

HIGH SCHOOL PREP
THURSDAY, FEB 26
District 6 Southern Peak League
SEMIFINALS @ ADAMS STATE
UNIVERSITY

5 p.m. / #4 Antonito vs. #1 Sangre de Cristo
 8 p.m. / #3 Primero vs. #2 Sierra Grande

■ Championship rounds on Saturday:
 3:30 p.m. (Championship)
 9:30 a.m. (3rd)

THURSDAY, FEB. 26
District 6 Santa Fe League
CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS @
OTERO JUNIOR COLLEGE

3 p.m. / #1 Hoehne vs. #5 Swink
 6 p.m. / #2 Rye vs. #3 Fowler
 ■ Championship rounds on Saturday:
 6 p.m. (Championship)
 3 p.m. (3rd Place)

FRIDAY, FEB 27
Tri-Peak League SEMIFINALS @
PUEBLO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

4 p.m. / #1 St Mary's vs. #4 Salida
 7 p.m. / #2 Manitou Springs vs. #6 Trinidad

■ Championship rounds on Saturday
 4 p.m. (Championship)
 1 p.m. (3rd Place)

TSJC SPORTS
SATURDAY, FEB 28

■ Baseball Trinidad hosts McCook Community College 12 p.m.
 ■ Softball Trinidad hosts Western Nebraska @ Central Park

Today's Quote

"The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things."

-Henry Ward Beecher

FEB. 28 — MAR. 1
Tourism Board
FRIDAY (9 a.m.) Special committee meeting in the City Hall Third Floor Conference Room, 135 N. Animas St. Information: City Clerk, Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

Trinidad Community Coop
FRIDAY (10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.)
 Vegan Cooking Class on Friday mornings and Kirtan chanting (Sanskrit chanting call) on Friday evenings at the Coop, Corner of Elm and Maple Streets. Info: communitycooptrinidad@gmail.com.

Library Half Day Notice
FRIDAY (Noon-5 p.m.) Due to the new computer system launch the Carnegie Library will only be open for half the day. Info: Mallory Pillard, 719-846-6841.

TASPERA
FRIDAY (1 p.m.) The Trinidad Area School and Public Employees Retirement Association will meet in the Sayre Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro. Information and lunch arrangements please call: Paul Montero, 719-846-2423.

SAVA FINE ART GALLERY
FRIDAY (4-9 p.m.) The community is cordially invited to a gala reception in celebration of the Grand Opening of Trinidad's newest art gallery that will be held at 514 W. Main St. Refreshments will be served. Info: 719-680-8071.

Community Men's Breakfast
SATURDAY (8 a.m.) Bring your sons and join us for food, fellowship and fun every 4th Saturday at the First Christian Church, 402 E. First St. Information: Tom Berry, 719-846-0879 or 719-846-3843. Event is free—everyone is welcome.

OPERA TRINIDAD
SATURDAY (Noon) Thrilling performance—AIDA—by Giuseppe Verdi, the composer's grandest opera about the forbidden love of an Egyptian general and an Ethiopian slave, and the jealousy of the daughter of the King of Egypt.

FUN & FUNDRAISER DINNER
SATURDAY (6 p.m.) The Trinidad State Educational Foundation will host their annual fundraiser dinner and silent auction "Aim for the Fence" with featured guest speaker Colorado Rockies great Todd Helton at the THS Donnelly Gym. Info: Linda Perry (719-846-5649) or Toni DeAngelis (719-846-5520).

MARCH 2
Community Chorale
MONDAY (6 p.m.) Rehearsals for the upcoming Spring Concert will be held at the Massari Theater Music Room, corner of Pine and State

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RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 02/25/15. Chilli ditch: Priority # 7 --- Appropriation date: 04/30/1862.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
 Release 0.77 AF
 Inflow 41.76 AF -- 21.06 CFS
 Evaporation 3.99 AF
 Content 17,212 AF
 Elevation 6,179.58
 Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call: John Martin Reservoir: (Conservation Storage) 05/31/1949.



PREP SPORTS ACTION

Lady Farmers looking to make it all the way to State

By Adam Sperandio
 The Chronicle-News

Déjà vu is the phenomenon of having the strong sensation that an event or experience currently being experienced has also been experienced in the past—regardless of whether it has actually happened. Déjà vu could easily define the Hoehne Lady Farmers basketball season up to this point when compared to last season.

The 2013-14 Farmers imposed their will on their opponents, winning 21 consecutive games en route to being crowned Santa Fe League champs and earning a birth in the state tournament only to hit a brick wall at "The Dance," losing two of three (The Farmers lost to Peyton and Akron and defeated Simla) and coming home empty handed.

On paper, everything about the 2014-15 Lady Farmers is pretty much identical to their predecessors. Winners of 20 straight games going into the Santa Fe League Championship tomorrow night with all signs pointing to another birth in the state tourney this year, the Lady Farmers are on a roll. The two differences are that this isn't the 2013 Farmers and they are playing with Texas, or should I say Colorado-sized chips on their shoulders after last year's lackluster performance.

The No. 2 team in the land's success is both a gift and a curse. It's hard to tell just how good they are because they really haven't been tested. Although they've lost a total of three games in two years, two at

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Running down a championship

Seniors Cydney Kreutzer, Aspen Anderson, Bailee Jones and sophomore Sophie Anderson (34), above, have been four big reasons for the Lady Farmer's success the last two seasons and will be heavily relied on to carry the load as the Lady Farmers look to make their second run at a state championship in as many years.

NEXT STOP WASHINGTON D.C.

Raton student wins state contest with Poetry Out Loud recitation

By Tim Keller
 Correspondent
 The Chronicle-News

RATON – Raton's Rachel Patty is New Mexico's new state champion in the annual Poetry Out Loud national recitation contest sponsored by National Endowment for the Arts. Patty, 17, came out on top Sunday afternoon (Feb. 22) at the state finals held in St. Francis Auditorium at New Mexico Museum of Art on the Santa Fe Plaza.

She has two months to prepare for the national finals April 28-29 at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she will perform three poems in competition with the winners from Colorado and every other state and territory. Her performance poems are "Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll, "Over and Under" by John Brehm, and "The Speakers" by Weldon Kees.

Patty's competition Sunday came from all over New Mexico, including Los Alamos, Carlsbad, Deming, and Las Cruces. Patty was one of only three to make the final round, joined by high school students from Albuquerque and Gallup, but that didn't prepare her for the win.

"I was a little shocked when they called

my name," she says. "On the drive home it sank in and I shouted, 'Good God, I'm going to nationals!'"

It was her second consecutive year to represent Raton at the state contest, but last year she didn't make the final round. "My accuracy on my second poem last year was atrocious, so that knocked me out," she says. "This year was different. I really wanted to win last year and it stressed me out. This year I've had so much more on my mind that it wasn't a big deal to me whether I won. I was more relaxed about it."

Patty first felt a spark for poetry in Robert Bauler's eighth-grade English class at Raton Middle School. "We read 'The Tell-Tale Heart' and it got me into Poe's poetry. Then we've had great poetry programs at Raton High School. I've competed in Poetry Out Loud every year."

This year Patty switched to home schooling but was still eligible to compete with her friends at Raton High School and, when she won the school's December 4 competition, to represent Raton at state.

She already has extensive stage experience, beginning when her seventh-grade

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Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Raton's Rachel Patty is the 2015 New Mexico State Champion in the Poetry Out Loud national recitation contest sponsored by National Endowment for the Arts. Patty will represent her state at the national finals in Washington, D.C., April 28-29.

WILDLAND FIRE REMEDIATION

Draft Fire Prevention Plan presented to area firefighters

By Steve Block
 The Chronicle-News

Every Colorado summer brings the danger of wildfires, and its necessary for local state and federal firefighting authorities to hammer out agreements about which agency has responsibility for a wildfire and who's going to pay for it. Joe LoBiondo, a fire management officer with the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Safety (CDFPS) presented information to area fire and emergency services leaders about the 2015

Annual Operating Plan (AOP). Each Colorado County is required to sign an AOP with CDFPS, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) every year. The AOP addresses how the signatories will implement cooperation, interagency working relationships and protocols, financial arrangements and joint fire management activities within Las Animas County. The plan is designed to be an equal collaboration among the signa-

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Joe LoBiondo of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Safety provided information about the County's 2015 Annual Operations Plan.

WEATHER WATCH

Friday: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 20. Wind chill values between -10 and zero. South wind 10

to 15 mph. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11. Wind chill values between zero and 10. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 32. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. **Night:** A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 20. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 28. Calm wind becoming east northeast around 5 mph in the morning. **Night:** A 50 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 19. East wind around 5 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

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COMMUNITY

Raton student wins state contest with Poetry Out Loud recitation

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Photo courtesy of Christina Boyce

Rachel Patty recited Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky" live on KRTN radio Tuesday morning, along with answering questions about poetry, performance, and how it feels to be going to nationals to represent her state.

English teacher, Kathy Honeyfield, coaxed her into entering the annual oratorical contest at the Shuler Theater. She's returned to the Shuler stage as a performer with the Raton High School band, choir, and drama club. She performed her own poems on the Shuler stage during the last two annual Poetry Rocks! shows. "I don't get much stage fright anymore," Patty says. "When I will-

ingly go up on stage, I like the attention."

Patty chose her performance poems from an anthology of more than 600 poems provided by the host website, poetryoutloud.org. The next step was memorization, then practicing the performance. Her parents, Marcia and Carl Patty, listened and coached. She got some after-school coaching at RHS during the fall. After winning the local contest, she got a coaching session from Bill Fegan at the Shuler Theater.

"Mr. Fegan gave me a lot of helpful tips that I took to heart, like expressing the passion in each poem. And enunciating!"

Now that she's representing the state, New Mexico Arts is providing her a special coach. Valerie Martinez has three times been a judge at the national contest. She'll commute from Santa Fe to coach Patty, probably at the Shuler Theater.

Invitations have poured in this week for Patty to perform poems at various events and programs. Tuesday morning she was interviewed on KRTN radio, where she performed "Jabberwocky."

It's all new but she's enjoying it. "I'm a teenager and I feel that I haven't done anything in my life. But now I'm going to D.C. and representing New Mexico. That's something."



Draft Fire Prevention Plan presented to area firefighters

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tories, and to provide guidance to local, state, tribal and federal agencies in the prevention and suppression of wildland fire, according to a power point presentation from CDFPC.

The Pueblo Interagency Dispatch Center (PIDC) and the County Dispatch Center, which is primary dispatch center for local resources, will cooperate and coordinate resource response. Upon receiving the report of a fire, PIDC or the County Dispatch Center will dispatch initial response forces. Once jurisdiction is determined, the responsible agency will relieve the personnel of the assisting agency at the earliest possible time. Interagency resources are defined as aviation, crews, equipment such as fire engines and bulldozers and personnel.

Each jurisdictional agency is responsible for establishing standards for wildland fire response. During initial action, all agencies will accept each other's standards. Once jurisdiction is established, then that jurisdictional agency or agencies standards will prevail. Personnel resources must meet certain federal standards in order to be considered an interagency resource. Equipment must also meet either federal or state standards, depending on what agency has jurisdiction over a fire. Aviation resources must meet federal standards.

PDIC maintains a resource list in WildCAD of CDFPC and federal agency resources. Preparedness levels are based on indices to determine placement and number of resources available for fire response. County, private and state land is under the County Sheriff's fire jurisdiction. BLM and USFS land are under their respective agency's jurisdictions.

Local agencies follow state guidelines for reimbursement for the costs of fighting wildland fires, while federal agencies follow federal guidelines for reimbursement. Structural fire repression is the responsibility of local governments, and is a primary point of emphasis for them under the AOP. CDFPC and federal agencies may assist with exterior structural fire protection only.

The CDFPC serves as the clearinghouse for fire billing in Colorado for County, State and federal agencies for wildland fire incidents. The County may aggregate expenses incurred in an invoice for such expenses to CDFPC, who may reimburse the County for fire suppression expenses, depending on whether the fire is big enough to qualify for funding from the State Emergency Fire Fund (EFF). Who pays for fire suppression has been a bone of contention between Counties and the State in recent years. LoBiondo said the CDFPC has taken some steps to make the reimbursement process smoother and more efficient.

"Any reimbursement goes through the CDFPC state office," LoBiondo said. "We've had some hurdles in the past, where maybe some of those costs weren't known to the County or to our other partners back and forth, simply because of the time lag involved. We'd love to do a much better job, at least as far as estimates, of getting back to local governments if there is a cost share agreement. Different agencies have different costs. I'll certainly try to get back to folks with that information, so that they can plan for it."

The power point contained an attachment describing what conditions a fire had to meet to qualify for

EFF funding. LoBiondo said the State had other funding resources besides the EFF that could help pay for wildland firefighting efforts.

County Sheriff James Casias has been heavily involved in local firefighting efforts for many years. He said the June 2011 Track straddling the Colorado and New Mexico border didn't qualify for EFF funding until Interstate 25 and the railroad in that area had to be closed, thus meeting state guide-

lines for funding wildland firefighting efforts.

The CDFPC has some new programs this year including two Multi-Mission Aircraft and the Colorado Wildfire Information System, the Center of Excellence for Advanced Technology Aerial Firefighting and computer-based testing and sales force functionality within the professional qualifications and training section. LoBiondo provided an information sheet about the new programs.



Photo courtesy of Mike Sweeney / The Pueblo Chieftain

A perfect example of a wildland fire — smoke could be seen as it settled near the Pipeline fire on Fisher's Peak Wednesday, July 10, 2013, near Trinidad, Colo. Cooler weather coupled with thunderstorms helped keep a lid on the blaze. The burn scar is still visible from the surrounding area, especially to travelers on I-70.

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Attention High School Seniors

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