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THE FINE PRINT

■ CHECK US OUT!
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME SUNDAY (2 a.m.) The Fall Time Change in the United States begins. Don't forget to set your clocks back by one hour on Saturday night.

■ OCTOBER 27 TOURISM BOARD 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.
E-911 AUTHORITY WEDNESDAY (3 p.m.) The E-911 Authority Board meets at the Garcia Justice Center in the Las Animas County Sheriff's Office, 2309 E. Main St. Information: Rita Mantelli, 719-846-4441.
TRINIDAD SCHOOL BOE WEDNESDAY (6 p.m.) The Board of Education will hold its regular session at the District Administration Office, 612 Park St. Info: 719-845-2048.

Today's Quote

"When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too."

~ Paulo Coelho

■ OCTOBER 28 TRINIDAD SUPPER CLUB THURSDAY (6 p.m.) Fall Club Social will be held at the Double D Grill, 443 N. Commercial St. Info & RSVP: Yvonne Marques, 719-846-3518. Anyone is welcome to join.
AADA CANDLELIGHT VIGIL THURSDAY (6:30 p.m.) Advocates Against Domestic Assault annual community event will be held at the LaQuinta Inn, 2873 Toupal Dr. Info: Eleanor Olguin, eleanorolguin@hotmail.com.

■ PUBLIC SERVICE I LIKE LAS ANIMAS COUNTY FRIDAY DEADLINE: Essay Contest for Grades 6-12 at the Trinidad Community Foundation, 134 W. Main St. Info: Margaret Apodaca, 719-846-3943.
TRICK-OR-TREAT STREET FRIDAY (3-5 p.m.) Annual downtown fun event for kids and costume contest at the First National Bank.
OPEN HOUSE & RECEPTION SATURDAY (1-4 p.m.) Annual Fall Open House and Artists Reception featuring renowned Indian Jewelry Artist Calvin Begay will be held at the Purgatoire River Trading Co., 113 E. Main St. Info: 719-845-0202.
GREAT PUMPKIN SHOOT SATURDAY (10 a.m.-1 p.m.) Join the fun at the free event to be held at the new Archery Range at Trinidad Lake State Park, Carpios Cove, Hwy 12. Park Pass required. Info: 719-846-6951.
TRICK OR TREASURE SATURDAY: Kids' fun event at the Fisher's Peak Community Church on Santa Fe Trail Drive. Info: 719-868-3375.
HALLELUJAH NIGHT FRIDAY (5-7 p.m.) Annual Fall FREE faith-based event for kids and families includes petting zoo, soup and chili dinner, games, prizes and much more will be at the First Christian Church, corner of First St. and Walnut. Info: Julie Shaver, 719-846-3843.
2015 STOCKMEN'S BALL SATURDAY (8 p.m.) The night the cowboys come to town - Annual Cattlemen's Association Charity Dance & Costume Party will be held at the Sebastiani Gym on Animas St. Info: Jerry Winford, 719-946-5675 or Cody Koontz, 719-469-4048.
CHILI COOK OFF SUNDAY (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) The Apishapa Valley Historical Society will host a fundraiser contest and Bake Sale at the Aguilar Community Center. Enter your chili info: Pat Romero, 719-941-4678 or 719-680-0528.
PLANNING COMMISSION NOV. 2 (1 p.m.) The Las Animas County Planning and Land Use Office commissioners' meeting will be held at the County Court House, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Info: 719-846-4486.
MINER MEMORABILIA HALL NOV. 2 (6 p.m.) Public dedication of the George S. Ortiz Hall will be held at the Trinidad Middle School Atrium, 614 Park St. Info: 719-846-4411.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 10/27/15. Llewelling & McCormick Ditch: Priority # 13 --- Appropriation date: 01/01/1864.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
Release 1.96 AF
Inflow 74.61 AF -- 37.62 CFS
Evaporation 5.65 AF
Content 21,756 AF
Elevation 6,186.04
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / Highland Canal: 05/30/1866.

JUST DROPPING IN



Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Trinidad Skatepark gets plenty of action from anything with wheels—including skateboards, scooters, BMX bikes, roller skates and roller blades. Nineteen-year-old Brendan Watson has a skateboard, but since he first strapped on roller blades when he was three years old, he's preferred to keep his wheels attached to his feet. He's among the best skaters regularly filing flight plans at the park.



Postal Service Urges Colorado Voters To Return Ballots on time

All ballots must be received by County Clerks by Nov. 3
U.S. Postal Service
Special to The Chronicle-News

DENVER — The 2015 Colorado election process is underway and the United States Postal Service is urging citizens to mail back ballots now to ensure every vote is counted.

According to state law, County Clerks and Recorders must be in possession of the ballot no later than the close of polls on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Only ballots received by that date will be counted.

A Postmark does not count.

Earlier this month, millions of ballots were mailed to registered voters by election authorities.

USPS District Manager Selwyn Epperson, who oversees mail operations for the state, says Colorado postal employees are ready for the return of those ballots.

"We've already processed thousands of ballots and are delivering them to the clerks and recorders in Colorado's 64 counties," said Epperson. "The Postal Service anticipates a large influx this week and we are ready to ensure each and every Colorado vote is counted this year."

As a reminder, all ballots require postage and in some instances extra postage is necessary because of weight.

There are also drop off locations in each county which are specified on ballot instructional material.

"The Postal Service has served a role in the very fabric of this nation for two and a half centuries," said Epperson. "We are honored to be part of the Colorado Election process."

Father Carl Trinidad's Skateboarding Priest

... a Tim Keller feature coming Friday



CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Hospital CEO notes challenges, opportunities ahead

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

Mt. San Rafael Hospital's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) John Tucker held center stage last week at the monthly noon luncheon hosted by the Trinidad & Las Animas Chamber of Commerce (TLACC). Tucker provided some information about the hospital's history, current level of service and plans for the future to the crowd of approximately 50 interested attendees at the lunch held in the Pioneer Room of the Sullivan Student Center on the campus of Trinidad state Junior College. Tucker said the hospital's board and staff were looking for feedback about what it could do to better serve the community.

The hospital is overseen by the Board of Directors of the Trinidad Area Health Association (TAHA), a nonprofit 501c3 organization, Tucker said and, along with its associated medical clinic, works to provide essential medical services to the people of Trinidad and Las Animas County through its status as a Critical Access Hospital (CAH). The hospital's status as a CAH allows it to receive cost-based

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Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

John Tucker, Chief Executive Officer of Mt. San Rafael Hospital, talked about the challenging environment in rural healthcare at Wednesday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Trinidad State Junior College.

MERCHANT'S BLOCK PARTY



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Commercial St. businesses rejoice

Crowds came out Friday afternoon despite gusty winds and chilly temperatures for the Community Block Party celebrating the reopening of the intersection of North Commercial and Cedar Streets, after its closure during construction of the Commercial Street innovation Project this summer. Plenty of hot food and good spirits helped take the bite out of the cold as merchants in the area prepared for a busy and festive holiday shopping season.

GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE

Local libraries pilot CPW's Park Pass, Backpack Check-out Program for residents

Colorado Parks & Wildlife
Special to The Chronicle-News

DENVER - [Trinidad and seven other] Colorado State Library's, in collaboration with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, prepare to pilot the Check-Out Colorado State Park Program beginning this October.

Check-Out Colorado State Park Program is an initiative offering residents the ability to reserve and check-out one of two, seven-day, hang-tag, park passes for entrance into all 42 state parks along with an adventure backpack, provided by Osprey, that is filled with park information and educational activities.

"This program puts us on track with the Governor's initiative to encourage Coloradans, particularly children, teens and the underserved, to develop

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WEATHER WATCH

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 64. West wind around 5 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon. **Night:** Partly

cloudy, with a low around 37. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming west after midnight.

Thursday: A 10 percent chance of showers after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. West wind around 5 mph becoming south southeast in the afternoon. **Night:** A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming

west southwest after midnight.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 57. West southwest wind around 5 mph.

Night: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 52. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

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