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THE FINE PRINT

SEPTEMBER 9
PINON WATER SANITATION
WEDNESDAY (8:30 a.m.) District meeting will be in the Century Financial Building, 109 W. Main. Info: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.

TOURISM BOARD
WEDNESDAY (9 a.m.) Committee meets in the City Hall Third Floor Conference Room, 135 N. Animas St. Info: City Clerk, Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

SUPPORT GROUP
WEDNESDAY (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) Chronic Pain Support Group meets at the Methodist Church, Broom & State St. Info: Jay Slater, 719-422-4572.

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

SPACE TO CREATE
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY: Visitors from Art Space will be in Trinidad and the community is urged to attend the Public Meeting (SEPT 9 @ 5:30 p.m.) at the Famous Theatre on Main Street. Info: Tara Marshall, 719-680-7238.

Today's Quote

"Don't let the fear of losing be greater than the excitement of winning."

~ Robert Kiyosaki

SEPTEMBER 10

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.

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

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

PUBLIC SERVICE

REPUBLICAN WOMEN
FRIDAY (11:30 a.m.) The public is invited to attend the Las Animas County Republican Women's meeting at the Primero Café at Mt. Carmel, 911 Robinson Ave.

TSJC COMING ATTRACTIONS
 Info: 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 Aberdeenshire, Scotland, will be in the Pioneer Room in the Sullivan Center.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
SEPTEMBER 16 (5:30 p.m.) CALLING ALL SINGERS! Rehearsals for "The Heart of Christmas" will begin at the Trinidad United Methodist Church, corner of Broom-State Streets. Info: Dr. Amy Wilson, 719-846-7387.

FREE LITERARY FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 18-19: Trinidad Area Arts Council and the Writer's Group will host a 2-day Workshop that will feature local writer and ceramic artist Katie Kingston that will be held at Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Info: Bree Pappan, 719-846-1441.

LIBRARY BOOK BUDDIES
SEPTEMBER 19 (11 a.m.-Noon) Story time with furry friends from Noah's Ark, crafts and activities will be held at the Carnegie Library 202 N. Animas St. Info: 719-846-6841.

COWBOY TRADE SHOW
SEPTEMBER 19 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) Sign up now for your space in the trade show. Concessions will be available all day. Proceeds benefit the Folsom Museum. Barbara Schoonover 575-278-3696 or Folsom Museum: 575-278-2122.

VALE GRANT APPLICATIONS
OCTOBER 19 DEADLINE (5 p.m.) Agency applications for victim support services are available through the District Attorney's office, 200 E. First St. #302. Melinda Vecillio, 719-846-9224, ext. 108.

BAR NI COMMUNITY GRANT
OCTOBER 3 DEADLINE: The Fund is accepting grant proposals for area non-profits. Info: Tom Perry at tomandlindaperry@gmail.com.

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

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 09/08/15. Lewelling & McCormick Ditch: Priority # 13 --- Appropriation date: 01/01/1864.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
Release 310.74 AF
Inflow 77.14 AF -- 38.89 CFS
Evaporation 14.40 AF
Content 26,218 AF
Elevation 6,191.76
Precipitation 0

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

2015 ELECTIONS

Board candidates, de-Brucing on TSD No. 1 ballot

Area school boards have several positions to fill in upcoming elections

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

Six candidates have filed for the three available four-year terms on the Trinidad School District No. One Board of Education. The district will also put a de-Brucing measure on the Nov. 3, 2015, to enable it to keep more of the tax revenue it generates and

limit the impact of the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR) restrictions on district finances.

The ballot measure reads, in part: "Shall School District No. One, without increasing its current property tax rate, be authorized to collect, retain and expend all revenues and other funds, including grants to be collected from any source, in tax year 2015 and

each subsequent year, and shall the revenue be spent for school district purposes as a voter approved revenue change?" The measure is subject to the limitations imposed by the Colorado State Constitution and the relevant sections of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Current Board President Jack Vallejos recently announced that he would not run for re-election

this year. Two other incumbents, Joe Terry and Patrick Sandoval, will be on the ballot as they seek second terms on the Board this year. Former Trinidad Middle School math teacher Mary (Iverson) Bruce, Joseph (Abe) Cordova, Dan Ruscetti, city employee

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TRINIDAD CELEBRATES LABOR DAY



Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News



Photos top left and above by Erick John Monson/The Chronicle-News

Crowds fill the streets, grandstands for annual celebration

Crowds filled the streets of Trinidad Monday morning for the annual Labor Day parade and filled the grandstands of the Las Animas County Fairgrounds later that afternoon as Trinidad locals and visitors alike enjoyed the final day of the Trinidad Round Up. From Shriners to Trinidad High cheerleaders to cowboys and cowgirls everyone seemed to enjoy the Labor Day reprieve. For more photos of the parade see Page 3, to take in photographer Tim Keller's day at the rodeo see Page 8 and for even more photos from the Round Up weekend go to www.thechronicle-news.com.

SCHOOL TRADITION

Primero Homecoming Week — 'A Starry Night' defines annual Homecoming Dance, festivities

By Ruth Stodghill
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

The 2015 Primero Homecoming Activities scheduled for the week are:

■ Tuesday- Patriotic Day, JH Volleyball and Football at Aguilar

■ Wednesday — Superhero Day, Decorate flags during last 15 minutes of 3rd period and target time.

■ Thursday — Color Wars Day, Volleyball starting at 4 p.m., Spaghetti dinner from 5 p.m.-7 p.m., bonfire at 8 p.m. (weather permitting).

Color War Instructions: Each secondary class is being assigned a color, and should dress up in that color. Colors for each class are as follows:

- Seniors — Pink
- Juniors — Orange
- Sophomores — Red
- Freshmen — Green
- 8th Grade — Yellow
- 7th Grade — Purple
- 6th Grade — Blue
- Friday — Dress-Up and School Pride Day, face painting during elementary recess and secondary target time, pep assembly at 3 p.m..
- Saturday — HS Volleyball at 10 a.m., JH Football at 11 a.m., HS Football at 1 p.m., dance from 8 p.m.-12 p.m., coronation at 9 p.m..

Dance Information: Grades 7-12 students may attend the dance. Students must sign up on Ms. Stodghill's door by Wednesday, Sept. 9. Cost is \$5 single, \$10 a couple. Out-of-district dates must be approved; forms can be picked up from Ms. Stodghill.



Photo courtesy of Ruth Stodghill / Primero School District

Primero's Homecoming Royalty Nominees are: Back row (L-R) Kurtis Clark, Brad Woodruff, Zander Lamorie and Marcus Trujillo. Front row (L-R) Aislinn Cordova, Melanie Lujan, Ivy Vigil and Aspin Borja.

WEATHER WATCH

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. West wind around

5 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. West wind around 5 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. East wind

around 5 mph becoming south southwest after midnight.

Friday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. West wind around 5 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. East wind around 5 mph.

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LABOR DAY

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Tough enough to compete — Sporleder, Walton prove they're winners

By Christina Boyce
Special to The Chronicle-News

Anne Sporleder and Micheli Walton knew they had what it takes to win. As the only contestants in the two divisions of the 105th Annual Trinidad Round-Up Rodeo Queen Contest, each was sure to get the title. Both wanted to prove they deserved the win. The competition is open to residents of Las Animas, Otero, Huerfano and Baca counties in Colorado, and Colfax and Union counties in New Mexico. This year's contest was held August 22 at the A.R. Mitchell Museum of Western Art.

Rodeo and fair queen contests are proving grounds for girls and young women developing skills in equine care, horsemanship, public speaking and the ability to serve as ambassadors for their towns and counties, for rodeo and the agricultural way of life. Big smiles and beautiful outfits are part of the package, but if you can't ride a horse you can't enter the ring. Local winners can continue on the queen's path to compete at the national level where the winner earns the title of Miss Rodeo USA. At each step, contestants represent their communities.

While working for KRTN radio in 2013, I had the good fortune to interview Colfax County Fair Queen Ashlee Rose Mills. Mills produced and delivered a weekly rodeo report for the station. The project helped her hone speaking and production skills as she prepared to compete for the title of Miss Rodeo New Mexico. She was also working on her undergraduate degree with a major in criminology and a minor in psychology from the University of New Mexico at Taos.

Mills had a clear understanding of the important role fair queens have in promoting their communities. She produced a trunk show, inviting fellow fair queens to participate in a display of their contest wardrobes. Each queen gave a speech promoting her county. The event demonstrated how competition encourages cooperation amongst contestants and showed me how valuable these queens are in promoting tourism and attracting new people to their counties.

Mills became Miss Rodeo New Mexico and went on to compete in Las Vegas, Nevada for the Miss Rodeo USA title, promoting Colfax County and New Mexico all the way. She



Photo by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Micheli Walton and Anne Sporleder, from left, are the 2015 Junior and Senior Trinidad Round-Up Rodeo and Fair Queens.

made it to the semi-final round and won the Peoples Choice Award, given by fellow contestants. I came to recognize that the contests help young women develop skills, character and connections to propel them forward in their lives.

So, earlier this summer when Trinidad Round-Up Rodeo Association's Karen Buhr and Kristy Bennett asked if they could hold the 2015 TRA Queen Contest in the Mitchell Museum and mount their historical display of queen photographs in our window, an annual tradition, I said yes... absolutely yes!

Buhr and Bennett and their team spent a day setting up an exhibit of more than 72 portraits, an engaging view into Trinidad's history for visitors in our downtown historic district. On the morning of the contest I had the honor of welcoming the gathering to the museum and expressed my admiration for Sporleder's and Walton's insistence on participating in the full contest though no one challenged them for their crowns. Sporleder and Walton were tough enough to compete by themselves. 2014 Senior and Junior Queens Mikayla Arlint and Jackie Jolly cheered them on. I encouraged the girls to speak throughout the year ahead about their competition experience to inspire more participation in 2016.

The A.R. Mitchell Museum is proud to have a role in this fine tradition by hosting the annual contest. Trinidad Round-Up Association's queen contests build women of

character. They give girls and young women the opportunity to demonstrate skills, knowledge and confidence. In supporting the younger girls coming up behind them, contestants learn compassionate leadership.

The A. R. Mitchell Museum Board of Directors and I congratulate Anne Sporleder and Micheli Walton on their new roles as 2015-2016 Trinidad Round-Up Rodeo Fair Senior Queen and Junior Queen. Have fun this year! Take every opportunity to show people that you've earned your crowns. You are exactly the right girls to wear them.

As for Miss Rodeo New Mexico 2013, Ashlee Rose Mills is in her second year of law school at the University of New Mexico. Last year she ran for office, becoming the youngest elected official in the history of her home town of Eagle Nest, New Mexico: Today she is that town's municipal judge.

Riding in last weekend's rodeo and parade, Sporleder and Walton looked happy in their new jobs. Their journeys are just beginning and they'll arrive at success. Our two queens make this clear: The win is not in the crown but in the character gained through determination and effort.

Christina Boyce is the director of Trinidad's A.R. Mitchell Museum of Western Art. She can be reached at armitchellmuseum@gmail.com

Crowds fill the streets for annual downtown parade

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Photos by Eric John Monson / The Chronicle-News



LABOR DAY

105 LAS ANIMAS COUNTY RODEO

Dust 'n cowboys flyin' high in the rodeo arena —

Nothing like an authentic Wild West day



Photographer Tim Keller spent Labor Day touring Las Animas County Fairgrounds and capturing the drama of professional cowboys and cowgirls competing at the annual Trinidad Round Up. Describing the bullish scene at left, Keller said. "I was getting perched up behind the chutes and just looked down when this rider was thrown. It was an intense scene — kind of a lucky shot."

Clockwise from left: Dakota Cator of Spearman, Texas, takes a nasty beating from his bull Sunday. Cator was treated by paramedics but released to ride home in a private vehicle, not an ambulance. The Westernaires of Golden, Colorado, held on for the second-place bull ride Sunday. Children inspect the stock. Son of a famed Oklahoma rodeo family, Shade Etbauer entered four events in Monday's Trinidad Round-up Rodeo, including saddle bronc riding where his skills kept him in one piece but that's about all. He drew a horse named "Top of Texas" and Top seemed determined to get back to Texas, which was not in the same direction as the arena. Horse and rider went airborne and landed on their backs without ever having gotten away from the gate. Etbauer was given a second ride on another horse but failed to score.



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News



ALL EXCITED SINGERS WELCOME!!
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