

THE FINE PRINT

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Gifted and Talented Learners

K-12 Best Practices for Instruction and Differentiation for Addressing the Need of Gifted and Talented Learners starting at 8 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday at the Quality Inn.

Arthritis Exercise

Arthritis exercise classes will start on Monday, and will continue every Monday and Wednesday following. The 9 am class will be held at the Corazon Square and the 1pm class will be held at the Early Learning Center. To register or for more information please call 845-1133 ext 224.

Pastor's Text Study

Pastor's Text Study will meet at 9 a.m. at Zion's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on Tuesday. All pastors welcome to come and study the texts for Sunday and for support of each other.

Kiwanis luncheon

The next Kiwanis luncheon will begin at 12 p.m. on Tuesday at A Little Catering Company. Guest speaker will be Felix Lopez, President from TSJC to be introduced by Dave Santistevan, Jr.
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WEATHER WATCH

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. West wind 5 to 10 mph, becoming east southeast.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming clear, with a low around 55. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

Tomorrow: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Tomorrow Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west northwest.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 6/29/09. Southside priority # 96 4/1/1884

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release, 387.69 acre ft.; Inflow, 363.15 acre ft.; Evaporation, 13.46 acre ft.; Content, 24120 acre ft.; Elevation, 6185.93; Precipitation, 0.

Downstream River Call, Highland 4/1/1884.

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Photo courtesy of TSJC

Left to right: Richard Lawler, Ruth Ann Woods, Nick De Bono, and Bob Ling with the 38 star 'Colorado flag.'

A Gift of Flags Honors Retiring President

Special to The Chronicle-News

Trinidad State Junior College President Ruth Ann Woods, who is retiring on June 30, was recently presented a gift of several flags by local veterans' organizations.

The flags were presented to Woods by Nick DeBono, Commander of the American Legion Post 11; Bob Ling, Commander of VFW Post 984; and Richard Lawler, Chair, Las Animas County Veterans Council.

"Ruth Ann has been an exceptional president during her tenure, and has done a lot for the veterans," stated DeBono. "We wanted to express our appreciation."

Lawler, a flag scholar and historian, explained that each of the flags was chosen for a significant reason for Woods.

The flag known as the 'HMS Serapis flag' was flown aboard the French ship, the Bonhomme Richard by famous Revolutionary War hero John Paul Jones, who defeated the British ship Serapis on September 23, 1779. Jones and Benjamin Franklin, who borrowed the Bonhomme Richard from the French. After defeating the Serapis, the badly damaged Bonhomme Richard sank two days later. Jones is known for his famous statement, "I have not yet begun to fight!" That statement reminds the veterans of Woods' spunk

and determination during her tenure at TSJC.

The 'Great Star flag' was used during the Civil War era. It was presented to Woods, who has been a 'great star' for Trinidad State Junior College, Lawler said.

Woods was also presented with a 38 star flag, which goes by two names: 'The Colorado flag,' and 'The Centennial flag.' This was the design of the national flag that was flown in 1876, the nation's centennial, when Colorado became a state.

"I am deeply honored and touched by this thoughtful gift from the Las Animas County veterans' organizations," Woods stated.

Lots of visitors find Branson beehive of activities last weekend

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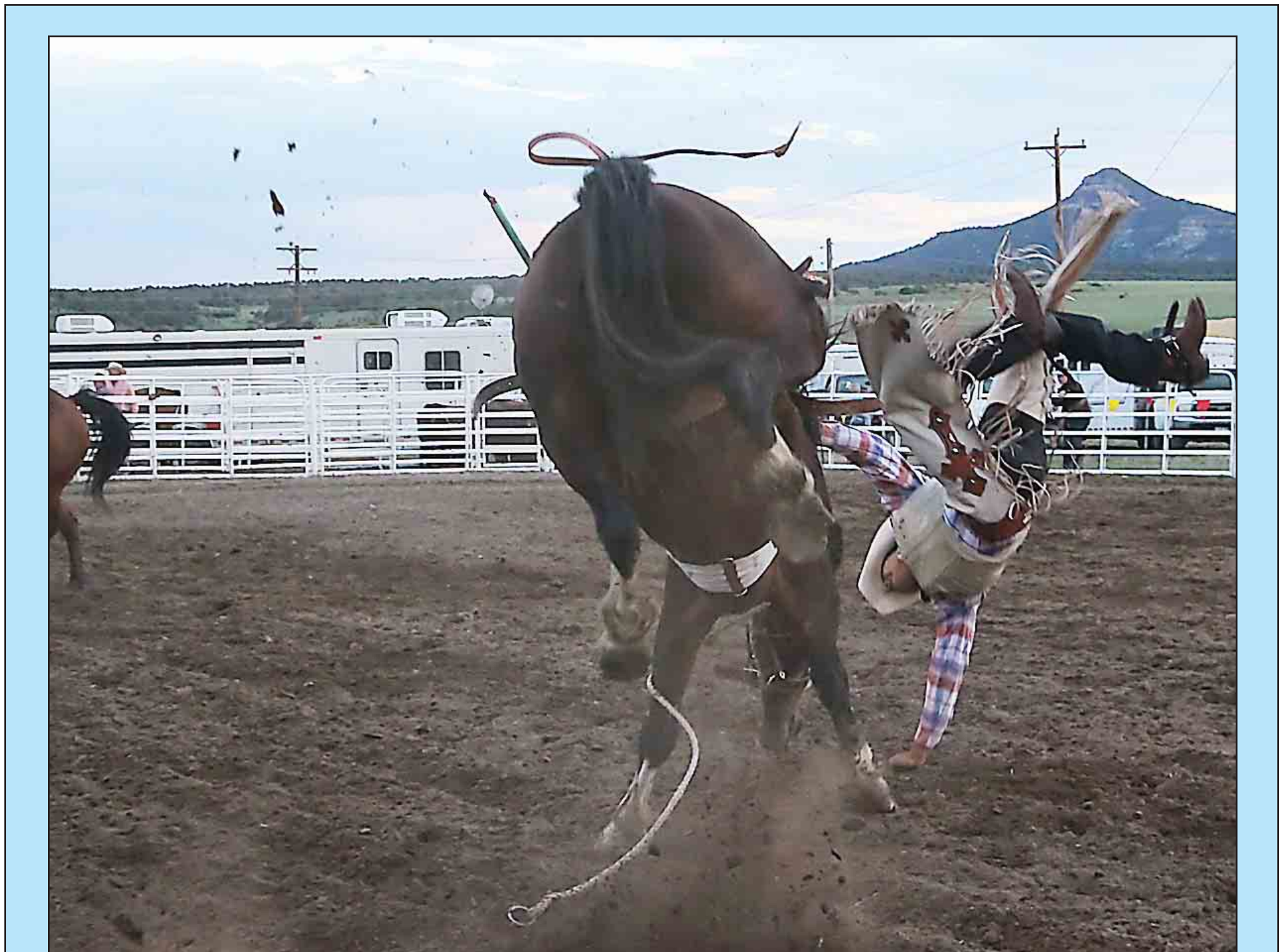
Branson may be a tiny dot on the map of Southeastern Colorado 50 miles east of Trinidad. But it was a beehive of activity last Saturday for its 51st annual Bearcats reunion and for people stopping by to support restoration efforts for the old Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Travelers, including a couple from California and motorcyclists from the Trans-America Trail travel group and most locals were busy dropping by the old church where snacks and garage-sale items were for sale to raise funds for the Friends of Historic Branson fundraising event to convert and renovate the church into a future community center-cafe operation.

Another 150-200 showed up at Branson School to have a potluck lunch, discuss the good old school days, who is doing what now, and to enjoy various fun skits honoring the school's former teachers, faculty and graduates.

It seemed like Boulder and East Coast transplant and Friends of Historic Branson President Rachel Snyder was talking to anyone and everyone who set foot inside the 1919-built, 1,600-square-foot, two-room church-schoolhouse Saturday. The building was purchased earlier this year by Branson's nationally renowned artist-historian-archeologist-World War II military veteran Willard Loudon and his wife Mary Ann.

After meeting Snyder last Thanksgiving at the Mandala Community Center in Des Moines, N.M., and saying he was impressed with her outgoing personality, drive,
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Photos by Marty Mayfield

Whoops there goes another local Cowboy Michael Trujillo from Maxwell. Trujillo drew one of the W/A's rankest horses and one that didn't want to stay in the chute as he tried to climb out more than once Friday night at Jim Young Arena during the 31st annual Raton Rodeo. See additional photos on page 11

