

SCHOOL NEWS

Conservation District donates trees to Fisher's Peak Elementary

By Gay Lee Massarotti
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On Earth Day the fourth grade students at Fisher's Peak Elementary participated in the planting of five new Crimson King Maple trees. The students and their teachers planted the trees on the east lawn. The trees were donated by the Spanish Peaks-Purgatorie River Conservation District here in Trinidad. Conservation

District Manager Jonnalea Tortorelli and Farm Bill Clerk Carla Wesley presented the trees to the fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Phyllis Kilgroe, Mrs. Lucy Marquez, Mrs. Belinda Webber, Mrs. Nancy Monteleone and Ms. Kathy Humphrey, who assisted the students in planting the trees.

The Crimson King Maple is native to Europe and was first introduced in the United States

in Philadelphia in 1792 as an ornamental street tree. These Maple trees are known for their unique purple foliage. They are very tolerant of drought conditions due to their efficient water usage and adaptation to many types of soil. They can grow to be 50 feet tall and can produce a shaded area of up to 35 feet.



STEM Career Fair

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Science, Engineering, Technology and Math (STEM) was the focus for the STEM Career Fair on April 22 for freshman and sophomores at Trinidad High School. STEM is part of a national initiative to encourage students to take math and science courses to prepare for future jobs. The STEM professional day was a joint effort between Trinidad High School (THS), Trinidad Workforce Center's Governor's Summer Job Hunt, Trinidad State Junior College (TSJC) and representatives from the business community.

Students were given workshop packets including career information and TSJC college course requirements targeted for careers in STEM occupations. They also had the opportunity to attend four presentations by business representatives who use math and

science daily in their occupational fields.

Presenters for the afternoon career fair were Ann Aubuchon, Director of the Nursing, Trinidad State Nursing Home, Bob Just, Owner-Operator, Just Architectural and Engineering, J. Ed Eisemann, Chief Executive Officer, First National Bank, Jed Wagner, Petroleum Engineer, Pioneer Natural Resources, Jerry Begley, Owner Operator, JB Builders, Kathy DeCristino & 2008 THS graduate Alya Shapolova, Cosmetology Instructor at Trinidad State Junior College, Karyn Powell, Geophysicist, Pioneer Natural Resources, Laura DeBella State Farm Insurance Agency Team Robin Lee & Debra Lane, Levi Montoya, Jonalea Tortorelli, & Carla Wesley, District Conservationist with US Department of Agriculture-

NRCS Field Office, Lori Hoffman, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones Agency, Victoria Martinez, Petroleum Engineer, for The Willams Companies, Phil Martin & Archie Vigil, Detective Sergeant, Crime Investigation Trinidad Police Department, Samantha Quintana, Owner-Operator of Redwing Electric, Tammy Sproule, Mario Montoya & Claudia Tafoya, Speech Language Pathologist, South Central BOCES and Tim Sanchez, Athletic Trainer and Pharmaceutical Sales Representative.

At a reception following the career presentations, Jennifer Mason, THS Principal commended students for their professional appearance and behavior at the STEM career fair. She, along with the staff and students, extended heartfelt thanks to the presenters who made the time in their busy schedules to share their information with the students who will be the future work-



COG and Head Start Pre-School Children Visit Eckhart Elementary

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On Wednesday, April 22 COG pre-school students and teachers and on April 29, Head Start pre-school students and teachers visited Eckhart Elementary. The visit was for those children who will be transitioning to kindergarten during the 2009-2010 school year. Over one-hundred twenty students visited on those days. The students began their tour in the Eckhart gymnasium where they participated in singing the song "Down by the Bay". The song

was led by Mrs. Mangino, the Reading First Coach and Ms. Alicia, the school secretary. Next the group visited the computer lab and library and then made their way down the "kindergarten" hall way. Their final stop was in the school cafeteria where they enjoyed a snack. On their way out, each child received a box of sidewalk chalk or crayons and a pencil box. The children appeared very enthusiastic about starting their new school.

National Honor Society Induction

By Lacey Wesley

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There was a ceremony held on April 27, for students being inducted into the National Honor Society at Trinidad High School. All of the students showed up dressed in their best clothes ready for this honor to be bestowed upon them.

The criteria for NHS is a student has to maintain a 3.5 GPA or greater for at least three semesters in a row. The student then has to maintain that 3.5 GPA while they are involved in National Honor Society. Many other rules are upheld to remain in the NHS

which they have very high standards in for their students.

The sponsor of National Honor Society is Mrs. Elizabeth Bowie. She is very involved in this club and holds many fundraisers and activities with these students. She makes sure that all these students are well-rounded people and very involved in the community. Students who are involved in National Honor Society are required to complete more community service for this club, which keeps them implicated in the community.

The ceremony honored past, present, and future stu-

dents of National Honor Society. The seniors that were about to graduate came and passed their "torches" (candles) on to the juniors who will be coming into office. The majority of the ceremony; however, was dedicated to the sophomores or new members of NHS. The students held candles lit from the big NHS candle and signed their name making them official members. After the National Honor Society Pledge was said, they blew out their candles. Hopefully, these students will stay in and maintain this outstanding honor they have been blessed with.



Here is a picture of students in the Primero Honor Society. They are back row L to R: Brandon Zappanti, T.J. Fernandez, Ryan Kitchen, Jared Diller, Kori Martinez, Matt Maestas & Samantha Jenkins Front row L to R: Mrs. Rose Montoya, Terra Spencer, Tynnina Fernandez, Brittany Turner, Danielle Mantelli & Darci Komaroski

Primero Honor Society

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Four students from Primero High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held at the school Thursday, April 16.

Faculty Council selected members for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Students inducted were: Jared Diller, Darci Komaroski,

Danielle Mantelli, and Kori Martinez.

"National Honor Society members are chosen for and then expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community," said Mrs. Montoya, chapter adviser.

The Primero Chapter has been active since 1964.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national

organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in more than sixty percent of the nation's high schools and since 1921, millions of dollars in scholarships have been awarded to senior members since 1945 by the sponsoring organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).