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A.R. Mitchell Museum

Presents "A Marilyn Leuszler and Lois Petersen Masters Show". Opening reception Thursday, July 2, 2009 5-8pm. The show runs through August 1st.

Deadline Registration

The deadline for Carnegie Public Library talent show is Thursday.

Quilt Club meeting

The Bound Together Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday at the Fairgrounds. For more information, call (719) 846-3855.

SPPRCD meeting

Spanish Peaks Purgatoire River Conservation District will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the District Office.

PRWCD Meeting

PRWCD monthly board meeting will be held Thursday, July 2nd 2009, 7:30 pm at City Hall Chambers.

Trinidad Elks Lodge Meeting

The Trinidad Order of Elks, Lodge 181 will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Home on South Maple St. All active members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 3pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Tomorrow: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. North northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Tomorrow Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call 7/1/2009. Southside Priority #98 4/30/1884.

Trinidad lake accounting: Release 403.65 acre ft.; Inflow, 373.95 acre ft.; Evaporation, 14.3 acre ft.; Content, 2,3994 acre ft.; Elevation, 6,185.76; Precip. 0.

Down Stream River Call, Highland 5/31/1866.

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Photo by David Santistevan Jr.

Pictured are back row: Sisto Mazza, Commissioner Gary Hill, Commissioner Chairman Jim Montoya, Commissioner Jim Vigil, and Special Projects Coordinator Leslee Fresquez. Front row: Jennifer Blan, Valerie Eklund, Cynthia Camp, Pauline Menapace, Catherine Salazar, John Bernhart, Director Child Service Support Division, Paula Brown, Section Chief, and Larry Desbien, Section Chief. Officials from the state came down to honor the Child Support Division for its hard work.

Las Animas County Department of Human Services - Child Support Enforcement Unit receives state awards

Special to The Chronicle-News

The Las Animas County Board of Commissioners recently met with representatives with the Colorado Department of Human Services, Child Support Enforcement. John Bernhart, Director Child Support Division along with Larry Desbien and Paula Brown Section Chiefs for the Child Support Division were in Las Animas County to present two awards to the Las Animas County Department of Human Services - Child Support

Enforcement Unit. The Child Support Enforcement Unit consists of Pauline Menapace, Supervisor, Valerie Eklund, Cynthia Camp, Jennifer Blan, Legal Technicians.

The first award was for Las Animas County meeting the ten state outlined performance goals. Las Animas County was one of six counties that meeting the goals and the only medium size county statewide. The second award was for Las Animas County meeting the highest percentage of current Child Support collected in the

state. The statewide goal was set at 63.9 percent and Las Animas County exceeded the goal to 71.4 percent. In 2008 Las Animas County collected \$2,194,913.63 in Child Support Collections.

Mr. Bernhart stated that Las Animas has consistently met and exceeded performance goals and has increased child support collections in excess of six percent annually. Mr. Bernhart acknowledged that the work Las Animas County does on behalf of children is recognized statewide.

Woods says farewell as TSJC president leaving one last legacy

By MIKE GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

It was time to say a tearful good-bye with lots of hugs and salutations. But what a way to leave a legacy!

Retiring Trinidad State Junior College President Ruth Ann Woods saved one of her undeniable legacy splashes for last Tuesday evening before a huge turnout for the grand opening and dedication of the new Ruth Ann Woods Student Success Center in the TSJC Freudenthal Library building.

In her last official day of work before interim President Felix Lopez assumes her leadership reigns, Woods again showed the Trinidad community why her get things done, take-charge attitude, visionary perseverance and team approach have contributed to her making a substantial difference at TSJC and with community and regional partnerships during her five-year reign as president.

As TSJC Educational Foundation Executive Director Toni DeAngelis noted in her introduction, Woods has been a true visionary, a rock in the community, she has always been committed to her students welfare and has always been at the forefront to involve individuals and the business community in her many new curriculum programs, partnerships and improvement projects.

As evidence, 34 community business and individual donors contributed to furnishing and decorating the Woods Student Success Center.

The new SS center's mission statement provided by center coordinator Jean Sumner also says it all: It will "enhance academic opportunities and support for all students to increase

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Major military operation under way in Afghanistan

By LARA JAKES,
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Thousands of U.S. Marines and hundreds of Afghan troops moved into Taliban-infested villages with armor and helicopters Wednesday evening in the first major operation under President Barack Obama's revamped strategy to stabilize Afghanistan.

The offensive was launched shortly after 1 a.m. Thursday local time in Helmand province, a Taliban stronghold in the southern part of the country. The goal is to clear insurgents from the hotly contested Helmand River Valley before the nation's Aug. 20 presidential election.

Dubbed Operation Khanjar, or "Strike of the Sword," the military push was described by officials as the largest and fastest-moving of the war's new phase. British forces last week led similar missions to fight and clear out insurgents in Helmand and neighboring Kandahar provinces.

"Where we go we will stay, and where we stay, we will hold, build and work toward transition of all security responsibilities to Afghan forces," Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson said in a statement.

Southern Afghanistan is a Taliban stronghold but also a region where Afghan President Hamid Karzai is seeking votes from fellow Pashtun tribesmen.

The Pentagon is deploying 21,000 additional troops to Afghanistan in time for the elections and expects the total number of U.S. forces there to reach 68,000 by year's end. That is double the number of troops in Afghanistan in 2008, but still half of much as are now in Iraq.

While Marine troops were the bulk of the force, recently arrived U.S. Army helicopters were also taking part in the operation in Helmand

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Photo by Laura L. Brewer

The Raton Junior Arts Council peruses some of the photographs that are adorning the wall of the Old Pass Gallery for the Third Annual Ralph R. Solano Memorial Photography Exhibit and Sale. Shown are: James Angeli, Jacob Sanchez, Amanda Mehn, Brooke Fleming in front, Tessa Fleming, Peyton Richards, and Kate Little.

Jr. Arts Council plans reception for Solano Photography Show

By LAURA L. BREWER
The Chronicle-News

The Raton Arts & Humanities Council, Inc. is encouraging the youth of Raton to become more involved in the arts with the help of the Jr. Arts Council, which will be celebrating its one year anniversary in August.

The Ralph R. Solano Photography Exhibit and Sale that opened to the public July 1 will be holding a reception on Friday, July 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Pass Gallery on First Street and will include an opportunity for the

community's youth to express themselves artistically. The Jr. Arts Council members will be offering large canvases on which anyone who attends the reception will be able to throw paint-filled water balloons, spray and splatter paint with brushes, hands, and spray cans. The youth who attend will also be asked to judge the photography entries for the "Youth Choice Award," which will be presented with a special trophy donated by Rose Petal Floral and Gifts. Although the theme of the reception is graffiti, the RAHC and Junior Council want to assure every-

one that they do not condone graffiti, but are simply offering a way of honoring Ralph Solano, who was well known for his photography of train box car graffiti.

"From Here 2 Fame," a framed print of box car graffiti by Solano, will be on display at the International Bank in downtown Raton until Friday, when it will be displayed for the remainder of the month at the Old Pass Gallery. The piece will be raffled with all proceeds to go to the Ralph R. Memorial Fund. The winner will be announced on July 31.

LOCAL NEWS

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retention, graduation, articulation agreements and transfer of TSJC's diverse student population."

The center is also designed to assist the design and implementation of classroom-based and distance-learning student intervention strategies, including technologies and methodologies relevant to first-year and at-risk learners and will be used to collect, analyze and report data related to student academic success, including overall rate of student retention, graduation and transfer to four-year colleges.

Summer will oversee center support programs and staff to ensure its successful operation. Also planned for the center's staff will be a student transfer coordinator to provide transfer advising to all TSJC students seeking to transfer to four-year institutions, intervention specialist for at-risk and dropping out students, distance learning advisors to provide technical assistance to faculty and students during scheduled courses and academic support specialists to help students achieve high completion levels towards their degrees by providing academic support and resources.

Summer said the project evolved out of state Title V and CCRAA STEM grants from the state Department of Education.

- Center services will include:
- ACCUPLACER and other computer-based testing
 - Individualized student academic assessment and case management
 - Academic support and service referral
 - Instructional assistance with online classes and with classroom-based learning success strategies
 - Hybrid/online support for



Photo by Mike Garrett

Retiring Trinidad State Junior College President Ruth Ann Woods goes out with a bang surrounded by more than 100 community, staff and faculty supporters present at Tuesday's dedication and grand opening ceremonies of the Ruth Ann Woods Student Success Center in the Freudenthal Library Building.

both students and instructional faculty

■ Transfer and articulation agreement advising

Center dedication ceremony speakers, DeAngelis, Summer, Woods and Lopez stressed the ongoing need for continued community and business involvement in TSJC programs and projects and the power resulting from using a team approach to solving challenging issues during very difficult economic times. As Lopez noted, those challenges will require innovative thinking outside the box and turning them into opportunities while maintaining Woods' "yes we can" approach to any difficult situation.

"Wisdom and knowledge reside in Trinidad," he said emphatically.

In her final speech as TSJC president before passing the baton of leadership over to Lopez, Woods was her usual eloquent and thankful self, giving

others the credit for helping her complete her final TSJC project and partnership.

She has indicated she is retiring to a quiet home life in her South Fork home although many acquaintances wonder how long it will be before Woods will get back into the state educational and rural community loop in some profound way.

"I am truly humbled that Trinidad State has this awesome facility to better serve our students," she said. "This all began with the writing of two grants by Kerry Gabrielson - our VP of Institutional Advancement and Shannon Shively TSJC's Title V Director.

"Toni DeAngelis was instrumental in coordinating the supplemental funds needed to provide these beautiful furnishings," she said. "And a sincere thank you to our outstanding maintenance and IT staff for their hard work and cooperation.

"I want to thank all of you for

making my time here a true learning and growing experience. I feel blessed to have worked with such dynamic group of faculty, staff and community. There is certainly no I in team and the Woods Student Success Center has become a reality because of unforgettable teamwork."

In thanking the large turnout of TSJC staff, students, faculty and community leaders, Woods said TSJC students deserve the best "and what a warm, comfortable and homey place for students to study this room is. Thank you all! I will miss you. Please know that your new president will carry the college forward in a magnificent way.

"Felix has the passion, compassion, energy, wisdom, the financial knowledge, the heart and soul to be the greatest TSJC President ever!! Felix, on behalf of our faculty and staff, consider yourself encouraged, and believed in - big time!!!"



AP Photo/David Guttenfelder

In this photo taken Saturday, June 13, 2009, the Afghan flag flies on the mud roof of an Afghan National police post seen from a guard tower of a U.S. Marine base near the town of Golestan in Afghanistan's Farah Province. In announcing his new Afghan policy, President Barack Obama said strengthening local security forces was a priority. The administration is aiming for a trained, equipped and professional force of 82,000 police by the end of 2011.

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province. In March, Obama unveiled his strategy for Afghanistan, seeking to defeat al-Qaida terrorists there and in Pakistan with a bigger force and a new commander. Taliban and other extremists, including those allied with al-Qaida, routinely cross the two nations' border in Afghanistan's remote south.

The governor of Helmand province predicted the operation would be "very effective."

"The security forces will build bases to provide security for the local people so that they can carry out every activity with this favorable background, and take their lives forward in peace," Gov. Gulab Mangal said

in a Pentagon press release.

Obama's strategy aims to boost the size of the Afghan army from 80,000 to 134,000 troops by 2011 - and greatly increase training by U.S. troops accompanying them - so the Afghan military can defeat Taliban insurgents and take control of the war. The White House also is pushing forces to set clear goals for a war gone awry, to get the American people behind them, to provide more resources and to make a better case for international support.

There is no timetable for withdrawal, and the White House has not estimated how many billions of dollars its plan will cost.



Enter to win!
Your best friend could be our...



Here's how to play:

- Submit a photo of your pet, along with your completed entry form, and a \$10 fee to *The Chronicle-News* Noah's Ark Program by 5 p.m., Thursday, July 2, 2009.
- Beginning July 9, 2009, photos will be published in *The Chronicle-News* where readers can vote for their favorite pet photo by submitting a ballot and a 25 cent donation per vote.
- The contest will consist of four rounds through 5 p.m., Friday, August 21, 2009, to determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners by process of elimination according to reader votes.

Prize sponsors:



Rules

1. To enter our contest, please submit a color or black/white photo, minimum of 3"x5," along with completed entry form, and a \$10 donation made payable to *The Chronicle-News* Noah's Ark program. All entries for the contest must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2009. Only one entry per pet. No humans allowed in photos. Sponsors will not be responsible for lost, late, misdirected, mutilated or otherwise undeliverable mail.
2. Beginning on Thursday, July 9, 2009, photos will be published in *The Chronicle-News*. Readers can vote for their favorite pet photo by submitting a voting ballot along with a 25 cent donation per vote. Voting ballots will be available in the newspaper and at *The Chronicle-News* & Prize Sponsor Locations. Voters may submit multiple votes.
3. 25 cents from each vote will be deposited into an account to pay for ads that run in *The Chronicle-News* to promote adoptable pets available at Noah's Ark.
4. The contest will consist of four voting rounds. All contestants will be included in the first round. Each consecutive round of the contest will eliminate one-fourth of the contestants. The pets to receive the most votes will move on to consecutive rounds. All votes and donations for the fourth and final round must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2009. Winners will be announced in the newspaper on Thursday, August 27, 2009.
5. The first place prize is a \$500 gift certificate from Duran Oil. A \$25 gift certificate from Lori Lynn's. A \$25 gift certificate from Purgatoire River Trading Company and a \$25 gift certificate from What'a Grind. Total value of prize package is \$575
The second place prize is a \$250 gift certificate from Feed & Moore. A \$25 gift certificate from Lori Lynn's. A \$25 gift certificate from Purgatoire River Trading Company and a \$25 gift certificate from What'a Grind. Total value of prize package is \$325
The third place prize is a \$100 gift certificate from Dinky's Grooming Shop. A \$25 gift certificate from Lori Lynn's. A \$25 gift certificate from Purgatoire River Trading Company and a \$25 gift certificate from What'a Grind. Total value of prize package is \$175.

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Attn: Pet Idol Contest
200 Church Street
Trinidad, CO 81082

Pet's Name _____

Photo Summary _____

Pet Owner's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Donation Method: Cash Check Mastercard Visa

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

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