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THE FINE PRINT

Primero Volleyball

There will be a parent/player volleyball meeting at 4 p.m. today at Primero High School in the modular.

Work session meeting

Trinidad School District No. 1 Board of Education will host their work session meeting/Community Engagement at 5 p.m. tonight at the Trinidad School District in the Administration office.

SCRT Junior Academy

SCRT Junior Academy presents "How to Eat Like a Child and Other Lessons in Not Being a Grown Up" at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Call (719) 864-4765 to reserve your seats.

Lord's Pantry

The Lord's Pantry will not be open on tomorrow. It will be open next month.

French Art for Kids

The children's workshop "Chez Bloom French Outdoor Art" takes place in the Bloom Heritage Gardens 9 a.m.-12 p.m. tomorrow. Best for kids in grades 6-8. Call (719) 846-7217.

CSAP press conference

There will be a press conference at 11 a.m. tomorrow at School District No. 1 in the Administrative Office Board Room to review newly released CSAP information.

LA County BOC

The Las Animas County Board of County Commissioners will meet in Special Session at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Commissioners' Chambers, Las Animas County Courthouse Rm. 201.

Town meeting

The community is invited to a town meeting at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow at TSJC's Sullivan Center. The meeting is hosted by Holy Trinity Academy.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 92. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

Tomorrow: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 92. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast.

Tomorrow Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 7/25/08. Southside Priority No. 74 as of 5/17/1876.

Trinidad Lake Accounting: Release, 256.65 acre ft.; Inflow, 213.65 acre ft.; Evaporation, 11 acre ft.; Content, 19,457 acre ft.; Elevation, 6,179.34; Precipitation, 0.

Downstream River Call, Ninemile as of 5/10/1887.

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



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Award winning builders break ground at Cougar Canyon

By MARTY HACKETT
The Chronicle-News

Pioneer West Homes garnered eleven awards in the 2007 Pueblo Association of Home Builders Parade of Homes including the People's Choice Award and they are now bringing their expertise to Cougar Canyon Homes. Ron Miller and Nate Grabill, owners, broke ground Friday for the first neighborhood of patio homes in Trinidad's new upscale golf community.

Golf was the forerunner for the new addition east of town, but the many amenities that will surround the Nicklaus design course are fast catching up. The patio homes which will be springing up soon will be, as Marketing Director Michael Butcher put it, smack dab in the middle of the proposed Equestrian Center to one side, and the Resort and Spa on the other. Conservation property and the golf course square out the area where the first neighborhood of patio homes will be located.

The homes are characterized by low maintenance interiors and exteriors, smaller floor plans, but not ignoring the little amenities that count, will include a putting green in the back yard of each one.

They are essentially designed with the second-home buyer in mind, as Butcher explained.

"The concept is a get-away or retirement home," he said, adding that a homeowners association would be established to provide outside maintenance and perhaps eventually a security service. "This will offer them lock and leave comfort."

Each home is a 2-bed, 2-bath, with a 2-car garage and 120 feet of covered patio. The low maintenance interior includes such up to date features as slab granite counters, stainless sinks and appliances, cherry wood cabinets and either Berber carpet or hardwood floors and the must have fireplace. Potential homebuyers will be offered three different models.

A pocket park will be the central feature of the neighborhood of the approximately 50 Pioneer West homes that will be marketed locally by Scenic West Properties.

This is the kick-off project in Trinidad for the mostly Pueblo area home builders, but Miller and Grabill have another project in the Santa Fe Trail Ranch area which is in the planning stages.

The Pioneer West concept which garners the attention of homebuyers is their ability to take the project from the initial budget planning process, through the planning stages all the way through construction.

"This makes the whole process smooth," they both agreed. With a unique background, specializing in commercial construction to include pharmaceutical facilities, the company comes to Cougar Canyon with expe-



Pioneer West owners Ron Miller and Nate Grabill sink their shovels in the ground where their first patio home will soon be standing proud at the Cougar Canyon golf community. (Photo by Marty Hackett)



An artist's rendition of one of the three styles of patio homes that will soon be found at Cougar Canyon.

rience in much more complicated construction, qualifying them for turning out exceptionally crafted family homes.

Interested buyers can tour model homes and review floor plans for custom and semi-custom homes, designer homes, patio homes, and townhomes

onsite at the Cougar Canyon Welcome Center. It is open daily to provide detailed information or interested buyers can contact 877-547-7455.

For the sake of a beer

CN Staff Report

On July 23, at 1:06 am, an alarm call from Main Street Liquor Store, located at 803 E. Main St. was received by the Trinidad Police Department Communication Center.

Trinidad Police officers were dispatched to the scene and found that the exterior and interior glass doors had been broken. It was determined that the business had been illegally entered and that alcohol had been removed from the premises.

Main Street Liquor owners noted that a sledge hammer had repeatedly been used to enter the store and that two cases of Corona had been taken out. It was also noted that one individual had apparently injured himself on the safety glass on the door. Mario Quintana, 19, of Trinidad and a juvenile have been arrested and charged with second-degree burglary, conspiracy to commit second-degree burglary, criminal mischief, and theft.

Surveillance cameras located at the store recorded information that was available for review by the PD.

This case is still under investigation by the Trinidad Police Department. Several suspects have been identified and arrests are expected in the near future. Anyone with information is encouraged to call (719) 846-4441 or the tips line at 845-TIPS.

TRINIDAD CRIME REPORT

Las Animas County group reaches consensus on COGCC rulemaking approach

Courtesy of the Las Animas Area Consensus Group
Special to the Chronicle

A group representing diverse interests in Las Animas County has reached consensus in an unprecedented joint effort to affect new oil and gas regulations being proposed by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Members of Las Animas County's Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association, Land Owners Association, Chamber of Commerce and Trinidad City Officials have participated with Pioneer Natural Resources in drafting, endorsing and submitting alternate language for new regulations pertaining to Las Animas County oil and gas operations for consideration by the COGCC. The alternate language draft has been submitted to COGCC staff and discussed with

staff members and David Neslin, COGCC's Acting Director.

"We feel the consensus alternate language offers a win-win for the COGCC and the parties in LAC that will be impacted by the new regulations," says Douglas Taylor, a Las Animas County rancher. "The Farm Bureau got involved because of the water regulations and private property rights that will be greatly affected by these new rules proposed by the Commission. The potential impact of the new regulations is far reaching, and considering the limited time we had to respond, we realized that we had to join together to offer an alternative draft of the rules that we believe accomplishes the intent of the legislation passed last year while minimizing any unnecessary or unforeseen

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