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Today's Quote

"Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but sometimes, playing a poor hand well."

~Jack London

■ AREA INFORMATION UPDATED DAILY

COMMUNITY

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY
WEDS. MAY 26 (2 p.m.) Board of County Commissioners will hold a special meeting via online Zoom meeting. Access Info: Paula Lucero, 719-845-2568. Info: 719-845-2568.

COMMISSIONERS: Luis Lopez II (719-845-2595), Tony Hass (719-845-2592) and Felix Lopez (719-845-2593).

—TRINIDAD SCHOOL BOE

WEDS. MAY 26 (5 p.m.) Board members will hold a regular session at Eckhart Elementary School, 1021 Pierce St. Info: Diane Montoya at 719-845-2048. Superintendent: Dr. Bonnie Aaron and Members: Karen Montero, Ed Romero, Dan Ruscetti, James Sanchez and Joe Terry.

—SCCOG MEETING

THURS. MAY 27 (1 p.m.) The Southern Colorado Council of Governments Board of Directors will meet in regular session via Zoom Meeting at the COG Early Learning Center, 1225 Rosita Ave. Info: Donna Sue Torres, 719-845-1133 ext. 223.

HONORING LA COUNTY VETS
SAT. MAY 29 (9 a.m.-Noon) Volunteers are asked to help place Memorial Day flags on the graves of our county's veterans in the Masonic and Catholic Cemeteries. Info: Linda Barron 719-846-8223.

—AGUILAR AMERICAN LEGION
SAT. MAY 29 (10:30 a.m.) American Legion Post 42 in Aguilar will be setting flags on Veterans graves. Volunteers should meet at the Town Park. Call Bob Romero at 719-680-1393.

—AGUILAR BLOOM TEAM
SAT. MAY 29: Join the fun-loving community Bloom Team for the Aguilar Planting Party to help make Aguilar beautiful. Event will be followed by a pizza party. Sign up & info: Jill at 847-504-6163 or jillrockey@ gmail.com.

—CATHOLIC CEMETERY

PLEASE NOTE: Memorial Day is MON. MAY 31. Decorations can be placed in the Catholic Cemetery five days before the holiday (Weds., May 26) and left up for 10 days after (Thurs., June 10) the holiday. Info: Leesa Givigliano, 719-846-4934.

—SAN ISABEL ELECTRIC
San Isabel Electric's office locations will re-open to the public and return to normal office hours on June 1. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact SIEA at 800-279-SIEA or email contactus@siea.com.

STATE

STATE'S COVID-19 INFO SITE
Continue to stay up to date by visiting covid19.colorado.gov.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 05/23/2021. Model Storage: Appropriation Date: 01/22/1908

Trinidad Reservoir Report:

Release 244.47 AF
Inflow 2,933.87 AF - 1,479.14 CFS
Evaporation 10.40 AF
Content 20,783 AF
Elevation 6,183.69
Precipitation 3.48

Downstream Call: Fort Bent #2 Canal: Appropriation Date: 03/10/1889.



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New Club 14 created to inspire outdoor, healthy lifestyle, celebrates grand opening



Kirk Loudon / The Chronicle-News

Club 14 Garden Grille and Pub opened its doors to the public Friday, May 21 for its three-day grand opening weekend at its location on Americana Road. The restaurant features new décor, an outdoor seating area and a new menu.

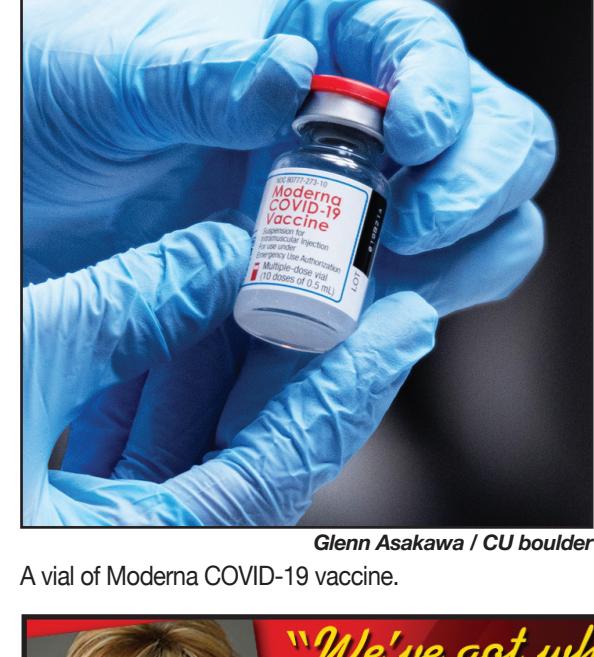
City schedules gas meter replacement program to restart in June

City of Trinidad

The City of Trinidad Gas Utilities will be continuing the gas meter replacement program with an estimated start date set for June 2021 and continuing through the summer months.

Trinidad Natural Gas customers will be receiving notifications via mail and door hangers letting them know when their gas meter will be replaced.

During the process of the gas meter replacement, gas will be turned off for a short period of time. After work is complete, a City Natural Gas employee will need to enter the residence to re-light all gas appliances.



Glenn Asakawa / CU boulder

A vial of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

Coloradans urged to reduce wildfire risk

Wildfire is a concern for all communities statewide

Colorado State Forest Service

DENVER — Colorado experienced one of its most active wildfire seasons in history in 2020, including its three largest fires on record. With below-average snowpack and ongoing drought across much of the state increasing the possibility of another challenging wildfire season in 2021, state and federal agencies that manage wildfires and forests are urging residents to join in efforts to reduce wildfire risk.

With about half of all Coloradans — about 3 million people — living in the wildland-urban interface (WUI), it's important for people to take action to reduce the risk wildfire poses to their homes and create more fire-adapted communities.

The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control anticipates above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation

Opening weekend touts new face, terrific menu for city's posh new, customer-friendly restaurant, pub

Benjamin Mandile
Reporter
The Chronicle-News

Club 14 Garden Grille and Pub, a new meeting ground for people seeking a healthy outdoor lifestyle, opened its doors to the public last weekend, May 21-23 for its grand opening filled with a hotrod car show, live music and a newly designed face and menu of the restaurant.

The new establishment remains at its location next to the railroad tracks where Walter's Beer Garden served cold beer from its taps to locals before transferring to the new business.

"Club 14 was inspired by the Gang of Fourteen, a group of impassioned individuals with the shared vision of bringing access to Fishers Peak for all to enjoy, and for Trinidad's vibrancy," accord-

ing to a release from Club 14.

The club started after the "Gang of Fourteen" summited Fishers Peak in 4x4 vehicles in 2017 and Jay Cimino, owner of Club 14, thought it would be good for the group to preserve at least part of what is formerly known as Crazy French Ranch. With the help of the fourteen members on the peak — along with state agency and local government buy-in to the idea — Governor Jared Polis dubbed the 19,200-acre landmass Colorado's 42nd state park in 2019. One member of the "Gang of Fourteen" said that it could not have been made possible without the partnership at all levels and that the City of Trinidad was a huge supporter in the effort.

"It really was a story about partnerships," said Cimino.

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USDA Forest Service

East Troublesome Fire viewed from a Colorado Multi Mission Aircraft from the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control.

through June, which will result in the continuation of drought conditions across the state, and

the emergence of above-average

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Researchers say 70% of Coloradans must get COVID vaccine to safely return to 'normal'

University of Colorado Boulder

At least 70% of Colorado residents will need to get vaccinated against COVID-19 before the state can safely roll back all public health restrictions and return to "normal."

Those results come from a new mathematical study led by researchers at two University of Colorado campuses — CU Boulder and the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. The team explores what it might take for the state to safely shed mask mandates, limits on indoor dining and a range of other restrictions.

The findings, published online as they await peer review, indicate that Colorado is heading in the right direction, said study co-author Andrea Buchwald, a research associate at the Colorado School of Public Health at CU Anschutz. But residents still have a lot of

work ahead of them.

"Everyone likes to talk about how we're almost there, that we're in the endgame," said Buchwald. "But we have to make a shared decision as a society to get vaccinated if we want to get back to this idea of normal."

Buchwald and her colleagues used state-of-the-art modeling tools to simulate how COVID-19 might spread throughout the state in the months ahead under different scenarios — balancing how Coloradans could potentially relax their precautions while also keeping people out of hospitals. The work was funded by the AB Nexus, a CU effort that seeks to spur collaboration between CU Boulder and CU Anschutz.

It highlights the close connections be-

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WEATHER WATCH

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 20 mph, gusts as high as 30 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, low around 52. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph

becoming east northeast in the morning.

Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Sunny, with a high near 81. South wind around 10 mph. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low

around 52. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Sunny, with a high near 85. Southwest wind around 10 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. South southwest wind around 10 mph.