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■ WEDNESDAY — NOV. 6
FREE HIV & HEPATITIS TESTING
WEDS. NOV. 6 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) The
Southern Colorado Health Collaborative
in conjunction with Las Animas-Huerfano
County Health Dept. is giving free, confidential HIV and HCV testing by appointment
or walk-in at the facility, 412 Benedicta Ave.
Results in 20 minutes. Appointments and info:
Jennifer Moor, 720-951-2693.

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Wednesdays at Ft. Wootton, 204 S. Chestnut. Info: Luton Dawes, 719-859-4277.
TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
TUES. (6 p.m.) Regular sessions are
held 1st and 3rd Tues. in Council Chambers,
City Hall, 135 N. Desiree Sandoval, 719-8469843 ext. 125. Mayor Phil Rico and Council
Mambers: Joe Bonato, Rusty Goodall, Karen Members: Joe Bonato, Rusty Goodall, Karen Griego, Carlos Lopez, Anthony Mattie and Mi-

### Today's Quote "Happy is the man who has broken the chains which hurt his mind, and has given up worrying once and for all."

~Ovid

NETWORK COUNCIL
THURS. (8 a.m.) Group's regular meetings are held 1st Thursday in the First National Bank's Galleria Building 2nd Floor Conference Room on Main St. Info: 719-846-5940.
SPPRCD MEETING
THURS. (Noon) Spanish Peaks Purgatoire River Conservation District meets 1st Thurs. at the District Office, 3590 E. Main St. Info: Jonnalea Tortorelli, 719-497-311s.
GAME MANAGEMENT MEETING
THURS. NOV. 7 (6-8:30 p.m.) Public input is being sought by Colorado Parks and Wildlife about plans to manage mule deer herds in the Trinidad area over the next decade. Hunters, ranchers and the general public are invited to voice their opinions in the Pioneer Room at Trinidad State Junior College. Info: CPW Biologist Allen Vitt, allen vitt@state.co.us
LA COUNTY REPUBLICANS t@state.co.us

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THURS. (6 p.m.) Group meets 1st Thurs.
every month at the Isaak Walton League
Building, 1900 Santa Fe Trail Dr. Everyone is
invited. Info: Ty Winter, 719-680-0346.
PRCWD WATER DISTRICT
THURS. (7 p.m.) Purgatoire River Conservancy meets 1st Thursdays in City Hall
Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas. Info: Thelma Lujan, 719-846-7285.

### ■ PUBLIC SERVICE PUBLIC MEETING

MON. NOV. 11 (1-3 p.m.) Interested persons are invited to the 2018 Farm Bill CRP General Signup Informational Meet-ing to discuss what changes will be affect-ing stakeholders who own and/or operate cropland in the Lower Arkansas Watershed at the Johns Rawlings Heritage Center, 560 Bent Ave. Las Animas, Colo. RSVP due Nov. 8 at bit.ly/NovCRPMeeting. Or call Cathy Garcia at 719-543-1324.

FIREMAN'S TOY DRIVE

SAT. DEC. 7 (10 a.m.) Wrapping Day at Corazon Gallery, downstairs. Help support the Trinidad Fireman's annual toy drive. Volunteers for wrapping needed. Drop off new toys at either Fire Station: 1605 Santa Fe Trail Dr. or 1102 Nevada. Monetary donations can be miled for Trailed Fireman's Tay Drive. can be mailed to: Trinidad Fireman's Toy Drive, PO Box 900, Trinidad, CO 81082. Info: Capt. Drew Gatlin, 719-846-8664 or 719-989-4863.

TOURISM BOARD GRANTS
FRI. NOV. 1 - SAT. NOV. 30: The City of Trinidad Tourism Board will accept Grant Applications for advertising and marketing of area tourism events. Info: marty.hackett@

FRI. NOV. 22: This is the perfect opportunity to "SHARE & GIVE BACK" to your committee. munity. Any Thanksgiving dinner items can be taken to the First National Bank's Walmart Branch, 2921 Toupal Dr. Info: 719-846-6360. CORAZON CALL FOR ARTISTS

WEDS. NOV. 13 (10a.m.-5 p.m.) Entries are due at the Corazon Gallery for the all-medium "Holiday Gala" Art Show to run thru Jan. 10, at 149 E. Main St. Info: 719-846-0207. LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE
WEDS. NOV. 13 (5:30-7:30 p.m.) Take

a few minutes to stop in, share some re-freshments and meet your library staff at the Carnegie Library, 202 N. Animas. Info: 719-

Purgatoire River Call as of: 11/05/2019. El Moro Ditch, Priority # 8: Appropriation Date: 11/15/1862.

**Trinidad Reservoir Report:** Release 0.06 AF Inflow 52.51 AF - 26.47 CFS

Evaporation 4.45 AF Content 20,031 AF Elevation 6.182.61 Precipitation 0

Downstream Call: MR Conservation Storage, Appropriation date: 05/31/1949.



### TSD No. 1's 4B wins, Rico, Ogletree, Shew, Williamson voted on Trinidad Council

Staff report The Chronicle-News

A large cheer went up in the Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder Office as the result for Trinidad School District Ballot Issue 4B was confirmed to have passed, according to unofficial results, just after 9 p.m. on election

The school district's funding measure passed by a margin of 1,856 to 1,204 (60.7 percent) as about 30 people milled in the upper floor of the Las Animas County Courthouse.

Like the school district's measure, Trinidad Referendums 2A and 2B and Las Animas County Referendum 1A (see descriptions at right) all passed. The lone loser on the night was Trinidad Ambulance District Ballot Issue 6A, which was soundly defeated with 3,316 "no" votes and 1,155 "yes' votes (74.2 percent against).

Leading the candidates was incumbent Trinidad Mayor Phil Rico who secured another term as mayor over challenger Robert Scidmore.

Meanwhile, Aaron Williamson, Franklin Shew and Erin Ogletree all earned seats to the Trinidad City Council

For Trinidad School District No. 1, Ed Romero, James Sanchez and Karen Montera were the leading vote getters for three open seats on the board of education.

In Las Animas County, the two state propositions, CC and DD, were both solidly defeated. Yet while, by press time, Prop CC could be unofficially declared defeated at the state level, Prop DD was still too close to call with only 35 of 64 counties reporting.

Prior to votes being posted at the Las Animas County Courthouse, there was some minor drama as Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder "Peach" Vigil announced that a single vote was missing. A Las Animas County Sheriff's Deputy was called to search election judges, but the vote has yet to be accounted for.

days to locate the missing ballot

### USDA releases draft rules for hemp manufacturing

Staff report The Chronicle-News

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released draft rules for hemp manufacturing and said it will soon begin accepting state regulatory plans for the newly legal crop.

The interim final rule on hemp was formally published in the Federal Register on Thursday, Oct. 31, with a 60-day public comment period to follow. Once the rules are finalized, USDA will begin to evaluate states' and tribes' submitted regulations plans, and any jurisdictions that do not send proposals will fall under the department's general guidelines for producing the crop, which was federally legalized under the 2014 Farm Bill.

The regulations cover the requirements for where hemp can be grown, THC testing standards, the disposal process for crops that don't meet federal standards and licensing protocols.

"At USDA, we are always excited when there are new economic opportunities for our farmers, and we hope the ability to grow hemp will pave the way for new prod-ucts and markets," USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue said in a press release.

"We have had teams operating with all hands-on-deck to develop a regulatory framework that meets Congressional intent while seeking to provide a fair, consistent, and science-based process for states, tribes, and individual producers who want to participate in this program," he added.

After the regulations are finalized, USDA said it will make a determination about state or tribal plan applications within 60 days

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## ELECTION 2019

### Numbers

Vote tally available for races/candidates in Las Animas County as of print deadline at 9 p.m. on Nov. 5.

**Phil Rico Robert Scidmore** 

**Terry Brown** Jay Gonzales **Erin Ogletree** Franklin Shew

Vigil said the office has a few before validating results.

### Unofficial results at thechronicle-news.com and in our e-edition for Wednesday. **CITY OF TRINIDAD** ■ Mayor — At Large Votes / Percent 1,544 / 66.49

778 / 33.5 **■ Council Member — At Large** Votes / Percent 757 / 12.5 1,106 / 18.38 1,219 / 20.26 1,393 / 23.15 **Aaron Williamson** 1,540 / 25.60

■ Trinidad School District No. 1 — Board Member Votes / Percent **Jeremy Maucione** 1,387 / 21.33 **Karen Montera** 1,524 / 23.44 1,895 / 29.14 **Ed Romero James Sanchez** 1,695 / 26.07 ■ Hoehne School District — Director-District 1 Votes / Percent

■ Primero School District RE-2 — Director At Large Votes / Percent **Jeremiah Harris** 252 / 21.24 282 / 23.77 **Lonnie Lopez Robert Mattie** 247 / 20.82 267 / 22.51 **Laura Saint Glenn Moltrer** 138 / 11.63

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY **Votes / Percent** ■ Referendum 1A (Without increasing taxes shall Las Animas Co. reestablish right to provide high speed internet.) YES: 3,284 / 71.39 NO: 1,316 / 28.60

■ Referendum 2A (Amend Home Rule Charter to include Municipal YES: 1,232 / 53.05 NO: 1,090 / 46.94 Landfill as an enterprise in order to delegate to it responsibility for its financial independence while preserving the city's obligation to own and operate it unless people vote otherwise.)

■ Referendum 2B YES: 1,283 / 54.02 NO: 1,092 / 56.22 (Revenue Extention to extend city's 1% sales tax originally approved in 1980 and extended in 1991, 1996, 2002, 2008 and 2014 until

Dec. 31, 2020.) ■ Ballot Issue 4A (Shall Hoehne School District No. 3 debt be increased to \$3,200,000 for the purpose of providing capital assets for district purposes.) 307 / 56.22 239 / 43.77

YES: 1,856 / 60.65 NO: 1,204 / 39.34 ■ Ballot Issue 4B (Shall Trinidad School District No. 1 debt be increased \$7,455,000 by issuance of general obligation bonds to meet current safety, health and extend useul life of school buildings.)

■ Ballot Issue 6A (Shall Trinidad Ambulance District taxes be increased \$1,038,000 and every year after for the purpose of paying the District's operations, maintenance, capital and other expenses.)

### STATE OF COLORADO Votes / Percent

### **■** Proposition CC

(Retain State Government Revenue to keep all of the money it collects from existing sources every year and require any money kept over existing revenue limits be spent for public schools, higher education and transportation projects.)

**■** Proposition DD (Legalization and Taxation of Sports Betting to Fund Water Projects and Obligations, authorize a state tax on casinos' net sports betting proceeds.)

YES: 1,912 / 41.14 NO: 2,735 / 58.89

YES: 1,966 / 42.10 NO: 2,703 / 57.89

YES: 1,155 / 25.83 NO: 3,316 / 74.16

422 / 100

### Safe Trick-or-Treat costume contest winners announced

First National Bank

Just over 100 Trinidad merchants participated in this year's Safe Trick-or-Treats for Kids on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 3 to 5 p.m. Participating businesses also took place in voting for their favorite costumes for the costume contest sponsored by The First National Bank in Trinidad. Each participating merchant was given 10 "voting tokens" to award to their favorite costumed trick-or-treaters as they visited their establishments.

Trick-or-treaters who received tokens returned to The First National Bank lobby at 5 p.m. for a tally of the "votes." The top four costume contest winners received prizes donated by local businesses that included an award ribbon, a Walmart gift card, a Trini-

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Photos courtesy Steve Wharton Photography

First place winner: Brooklyn MacDonald, above right, who was dressed as Cruella de Vil. Second place winner: Azerijah Gonzales who was dressed as a gumball machine.





Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. West southwest wind around 5 mph becoming east northeast in the afternoon. Night: A 20 percent chance of showers after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. North northeast wind around 5 mph. New precipitation amounts

of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 48. Northeast wind around 5 mph. Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Southeast wind around 5 mph. Friday: Sunny, with a high near 61.

West southwest wind around 5 mph. Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. West southwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 63. West wind 5 to 10 mph. Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. West southwest wind around 5 mph.