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**TUESDAY**  
Sept. 17, 2019

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## THE FINE PRINT

**CONSTITUTION WEEK**  
CELEBRATE AMERICA'S HERITAGE  
SEPT. 17-23 (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M-F) The  
Santa Fe Trail Chapter of the DAR will host  
the Constitution Week display at the Las Ani-  
mas County Courthouse, 200 E. First St. Info:  
Patty Kinder, [prkinder3@gmail.com](mailto:prkinder3@gmail.com)

**Today's Quote**  
**"Working  
without  
coffee is  
called  
sleeping."**  
—Coffee Funnies

**TUESDAY—SEPT. 17**  
LAS ANIMAS COUNTY  
TUES. (9 a.m.) Board of County Com-  
missioners regular meetings are held 1st and  
3rd Tuesdays in the Las Animas Courthouse,  
200 E. First St., Room 201. Info: 719-845-2568.  
COMMISSIONERS: Luis Lopez, II (719-845-  
2595), Tony Hass (719-845-2592) and Felix Lo-  
pez (719-845-2593).

**SAMARITAN CLINIC**  
1st & 3rd TUESDAYS (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)  
Here to serve the under-insured and non-  
insured community with free health care  
and low-cost lab work, 413 E. Frost and cor-  
ner of Linden Ave. Info: 719-846-3536.

**PRIMEROS SCHOOLS**  
(5 p.m.) District Board of Edu-  
cation meets 3rd Tuesdays in executive ses-  
sion with regular session that follows at 6  
p.m. in the Primeros School Cafeteria, 20200  
Hwy 12. Info: Tina East, 719-868-2715.

**TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL**  
TUES. (6 p.m.) Regular sessions are held  
1st and 3rd Tues. in Council Chambers, City  
Hall, 135 N. Desire Sandoval, 719-846-9843  
ext. 125. Mayor Phil Rico and Council Mem-  
bers: Joe Bonato, Rusty Goodall, Karen Grego,  
Carlos Lopez, Anthony Mattie and Michelle  
Miles.

**WEDNESDAY—SEPT. 18**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
WEDS. (Noon) Monthly Business Lun-  
cheon, 3rd Wednesday, will be held in the  
Pioneer Room at TSJC. RSVP: 719-846-9285.

**MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE**  
WEDS. (Noon) Group meets 3rd  
Wednesday of the month at Tequila's Res-  
taurant, 321 State St. Info: Kristin Thurston,  
719-680-9133.

**PURGATOIRE WATERSHED**  
WEDS. (4 p.m.) Group meets 3rd  
Wednesdays in the Natural Resources Con-  
servation Service Office, 3594 E. Main. Info:  
Julie Knudson, 970-420-1915.

**PUBLIC MEETING HWY 12 PLANNING**  
WEDS. SEPT. 18 (5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.) The  
South Central Council of Governments  
(SCCOG) and the Colorado Department of  
Transportation (CDOT) will host a public  
meeting about the Southern Mountain Loop  
Hwy 12 Planning and Environmental Linkages  
study in the Pioneer Room on the Trinidad  
State Campus. Info: [SouthernMountainLoop@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernMountainLoop@gmail.com).

**FISHER'S PEAK FIRE DISTRICT**  
WEDS. (6 p.m.) District Board of Direc-  
tors meets 3rd Wednesday at the Starkville  
Fire Station. Info: 719-846-6077.

**HOEHN FIRE PROTECTION**  
WEDS. (6 p.m.) District Board of Direc-  
tors meets 3rd Wednesday at the Century  
Finance, 109 W. Main St. Info: Jenny Stalker,  
719-846-2080.

**LIBRARY MOVIE NIGHT**  
WEDS. SEPT. 18 (6:30 p.m.) Join your  
friends at the Library to watch this month's  
movie classic, 202 N. Animas. Event held ev-  
ery 3rd Wednesday, always includes free popcorn.  
Info: Tom Potter, 719-846-6841.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**CRITTER SHOW CALL FOR ARTISTS**  
WEDS. SEPT. 25 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) Entries  
are due at the Corazon Gallery for the all-  
media Critter Art Show, at 149 E. Main St. Info:  
719-846-2027.

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**RUN TRINIDAD EVENT**  
SAT. SEPT. 21 (6:30 a.m./Registration &  
7:30 a.m./Race) Signup now for the 2019  
Cougar Canyon Killer 10k/5k Run/Walk at  
Hwy 160 and the Cougar Canyon Development  
Entry. Pre-registration & Info: [runsignup.com/](http://runsignup.com/)  
303-229-1383.

**BAR NI COMMUNITY GRANT**  
FRI. SEPT. 27 DEADLINE: The Bar Ni  
Ranch Community Fund is accepting grant  
proposals for area non-profits. Info: Tom  
Perry at [tomandlindaperry@gmail.com](mailto:tomandlindaperry@gmail.com)

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of:  
09/13/2019. Johns Flood Ditch,  
Priority #15: Appropriation Date:  
04/10/1864.

**Trinidad Reservoir Report:**  
Release 174.15 AF  
Inflow 54.72 AF - 27.59 CFS  
Evaporation 10.57 AF  
Content 20,250 AF  
Elevation 6,183.99  
Precipitation 0

Down Stream Call: Highland  
Canal, Appropriation date:  
05/31/1866.



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## Building Better Colorado releases report on state discussions centered on fiscal policy

Garrett Watson  
*The Chronicle-News*

On June 10, 2019, the non-partisan "Building a Better Colorado" project hosted a meeting with 20 civic leaders in Trinidad to solicit their input on how Colorado might improve state fiscal policy to support Colorado's quality of life.

Specifically, BBCO raised for discussion the three fiscal amendments, which Coloradans have adopted into the state constitution: the Gallagher Amendment (1982), the TABOR Amendment (1992) and Amendment 23 (2000).

Attendees held group discussion about the issues and potential policy options. Participants were equipped with a keypad-voting device to enable them to anonymously vote their opinion on the questions posed.

While BBCO defined the scope of the discussion, they gave control



Eric John Monson / *The Chronicle-News*

Senator Larry Crowder at the Building a Better Colorado in Trinidad this past June. On Monday, June 10, Building a Better Colorado hosted a small forum and workshop for community and area leaders designed to seek out consensus largely around state budgetary issues. The non-partisan organization is hosting these invitation-only events in 39 cities across the state and Trinidad's Mt. Carmel was the local gathering point.

of both the input and the outcome of this conversation to the participants.

The top three ranking concerns among attend-

ees were K12 education, cost of health care, and minority voices not being heard.

When asked what program areas the State

should prioritize investment if fiscal policy changes resulted in additional revenues the

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Background  
on Gallagher,  
TABOR,  
Amendment 23

Building a Better Colorado  
Gallagher Amendment

When voters approved the Gallagher Amendment in 1982, it froze the ratio of the total assessed values of residential property and non-residential property at 1982 levels for the calculation of property tax.

The BBCO report shows that more than four-out-of-five (86 percent) participants in the BBCO meetings statewide indicated opposition to maintaining the status quo on the Gallagher Amendment, including 71 percent indicating "Strong Opposition" to the status quo. Of the policy alter-

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## Artocade again takes over Trinidad streets

The seventh annual Artocade took place in Trinidad this past weekend with art-cars filling Main Street Friday night and again Saturday when the featured parade took place. The event was capped by the Cardango party Saturday night. Above, an art-car robot stands sentinel at Cardango as another futuristic art-car makes its lap during Saturday's parade. At right: Doug and Lori Holdread from Trinidad take home one of the Artocade awards during the Cardango celebration.

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## Colorado oil company files for bankruptcy, cites 'collateral damage' of new regulations

Derek Draplin  
*The Center Square*

A Colorado oil and gas company has filed for bankruptcy, blaming the state's new regulations on development for "collateral damage" that has resulted in a deceleration in the industry and job losses.

PetroShare said it filed petitions for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which requires reorganization to pay off creditors.

The company told The Center

Square it laid off three employees ahead of the bankruptcy announcement, and the company now has nine employees.

Company officials directly linked the bankruptcy filing to Senate Bill 181, signed into law by Gov. Jared Polis in April.

The law changes the mission of the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC), the state's body for the industry, to focus on public health, safety and the environment, instead of in-

dustry development. The law also allows local governments to more heavily regulate the industry.

"The new Colorado regulatory environment governing oil and gas permitting in the state and the associated uncertainty on rule-making has made it very difficult to attract new capital investment in this sector," said PetroShare CEO Stephen J. Foley. "We are filing a voluntary Chapter 11 petition in order to proceed with the orderly recapitalization or sale of

some or all of the Company's assets and to continue to pay active vendors, suppliers and other ongoing business expenses without interruption during the process."

"Unfortunately, the collateral damage of Senate Bill 181 has manifested itself in the slowdown of the state's oil and gas sector, resulting in job losses," Foley added.

PetroShare operates in the Wat-

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## WEATHER WATCH

**Tuesday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 52. West southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Thursday:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, with a high near 81. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

**Goodbye Summer!**

# ARTOCADE 2019



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## Polis asks BLM to 'correct inconsistencies' between federal agency's resource management plan, state's new regulations

**Derek Draplin**  
*The Center Square*

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis sent a letter to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management this week telling officials to consider the state's new regulations in the federal agency's resource management plan for an area in the southwestern part of the state.

The letter, sent Monday to the BLM's Colorado State Office, raises concerns

about the BLM's revised Uncompahgre Field Office Resource Management Plan, which guides land-use decisions and implementation practices on public lands managed by the federal agency.

The Colorado Department of Natural Resources formally opposed the plan in a July letter to the BLM, citing concerns for federally protected wildlife.

"Colorado is submitting the following comments

and recommendations to correct inconsistencies between the Proposed Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO) Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Study (Collectively, PRMP/FEIS) and Colorado laws, plans, programs, and policies," the letter reads. "The State has concerns related to the planning process for the PRMP/FEIS revision."

In the letter, Polis cites new state laws regarding

pollution reduction and regulations for gas and oil development in the state.

House Bill 1261, signed by Polis in May, sets aggressive goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Senate Bill 181, which Polis signed in April, changed the state's oil and gas industry regulatory body to prioritize health, safety and the environment over industry development.

"As we implement HB19-1261 and SB19-181,

state agencies will also be closely engaging local governments across Colorado to analyze avenues to reduce emissions, and protect community health and environmental resources," the letter continues. "This work extends to our public and federal lands, including the BLM-administered lands contemplated in this PRMP/FEIS."

Polis recommends that oil and gas development that takes place on federal

lands adhere to state air quality and emissions requirements.

The letter also says that the plan is still inconsistent with parts of the state's wildlife management plans, such as the conservation plan for the Gunnison sage-grouse.

Montrose, Delta and Mesa counties support the plan, while Ouray, Gunnison and San Miguel counties have voiced concerns, the letter notes.

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