

THE FINE PRINT

WEDNESDAY

Chamber Luncheon

Trinidad and Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce "Business During Lunch" meets at noon in the Pioneer Room at Trinidad State Junior College, 600 Prospect St. RSVP: Marty Hackett, 719-846-9285.

Trauma Advisory

Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado Council meets at noon in the Miners' Colfax Medical Center, Long Term Conference Room, 900 S. Sixth St., Raton, N.M. Information: Henrietta Romero, 575-445-3661.

Las Animas County

E-911 Authority Board meets 1:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 135 N. Animas. Information: Rita Mantelli, 719-846-4441.

Fishers Peak

Fire Protection Board of Directors meets at 6 p.m. in the Starkville Fire Station #1. Information: 719-846-6077. Public is invited.

Trinidad Schools

District Accountability meeting is 6 p.m. at Tequila's Restaurant, 9900 Santa Fe Trail Drive. Information: 719-846-3324.

Veterans Council

The Las Animas County Veterans Council for the Preservation of Fort Wooten meets 7 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 136 W. Main St., Room 206. Information: John Garduno, 719-680-1277.

THURSDAY

Rotary Club

Meets for lunch and program at noon in the Holiday Inn, 3130 Santa Fe Trail Drive. Scheduled speaker is Laura Papadopoulos from Trinidad Public School District #1. Information: Dennis Scott, 719-845-8660.

Trout Unlimited

Purgatoire River Anglers Chapter hosts public meeting at 6 p.m. in the Trinidad Community Center, 1309 Beshoar Ave. Information: 719-846-7307.

Trinidad Society

Supper Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at Trinidad State Junior College, 600 Prospect St. Entertainment will be provided by "Mr. Z." Information: Peggy Hatton, 719-846-4967.

Mitchell Museum

Sam Bachicha concert and dancing at 7 p.m. in the museum, 150 E. Main St. Admission \$10 at the door with light refreshments included. Information: 719-846-4224. Proceeds fund the museum.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Armed Forces Day

Parade begins at 11 a.m. Saturday. If you are interested in riding on a float, please call Bob Ling at 719-859-0743. Parade Route is along Main St. from Animas to Walnut.

Sophie's Rock Garden

"We dig dirt!" free compost and container gardening class 11 a.m. - noon Saturday at SRG, 2400 E. Main St. RSVP and information: 719-846-4170.

Pet Fair

Noah's Ark sponsored adoption event 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Big R in Trinidad, 2202 Freedom Road. All kinds of dog and cats will be available, along with prizes, food and fun. Information: 719-680-2385.

Relay For Life

Las Animas County Kick-Off Celebration for the American Cancer Society event (August 12) is 6 p.m. May 25 at the Quality Inn, 3125 Toupal Drive. For information contact Becky at becky.hamilton74@yahoo.com.

Community Garage Sale

To donate items for the June 4 event drop off gently used, clean articles at 426 Chestnut St., Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To see recent water flow and water quality readings taken on the Apishapa River upstream of Aguilar, visit www.apishapawatershed.org

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 5/13/11

Chillili ditch priority #7 4/30/1862

Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release 316.73 AF
Inflow 31.05 AF
Evaporation 4.32 AF
Content 19518 AF
Elevation 6,179.43
Precipitation 0
Downstream river call
Highland Canal 5/31/1866

Notes

1 cubic (cfs) foot per second equals one cubic foot of water passing a point in one second of time.
1 acre-foot equals a quantity of water required to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot.
1 cubic foot per second = 1.9835 acre-feet per day (24 hrs)

To see water flows at points along the Purgatoire River upstream of Trinidad Reservoir (updated every 15 minutes) and other water quality information, visit www.purgatoirewatershed.org



Board pushes online education

By Richard Sitts
The Chronicle-News

The effort to establish an online education program for Trinidad School District #1 picked up a little more steam when the Board of Education voted 4-1 to proceed on the project during its last regular meeting.

"I want it to succeed, so I respectfully vote no," board member Vic Meyers said before casting the dissenting vote. "It's a pilot (program). We want it to start off right," Meyers said during discussion prior to the vote. He said he was most concerned that there still was no established criteria for which students must qualify to be accepted into the program. Meyers said he wanted to see "equity and fairness" in the criteria, and wanted to stipulate

the dates of the online contract.

The pilot online program is to be set up to accommodate 10 full time students and 10 "blended" students taking a combination of regular and online courses. It is slated to begin on June 1 and run until May 30, 2012.

By starting the program, the district would immediately realize \$60,000 in savings, Superintendent Mike Tranter told the board. The district would receive a credit recovery of about \$3,600 per student.

The board voted 5-0 to approve the job description for a food service director. Chief Financial Officer Jack Bay, who is leaving the district, had been overseeing the district's nutrition program. Bay, whose last official day at the district is June 30, told the board that

there are "dramatic changes" coming in school food service. The current position, with an annual salary of \$35,000, would probably change from a 12-month-a-year job to 11 months, Bay said. The job description calls for five years of experience in food service, with a salary range of \$38,000 to the mid-\$40s. The position would be upgraded to take over the budgeting of food service, and overseeing food production at the middle school and the high school.

The position carries the significant responsibility of "leading the wellness of the district and our kids," Tranter said, adding that one question would be who the position reports to - the CFO or the superintendent. Bay said the

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Dep. Elliot Grubert, at right, presents Sheriff James Casias with the memorial plaque from the May 6 ceremony.

Sheriff's Office works to honor those lost in the line of duty

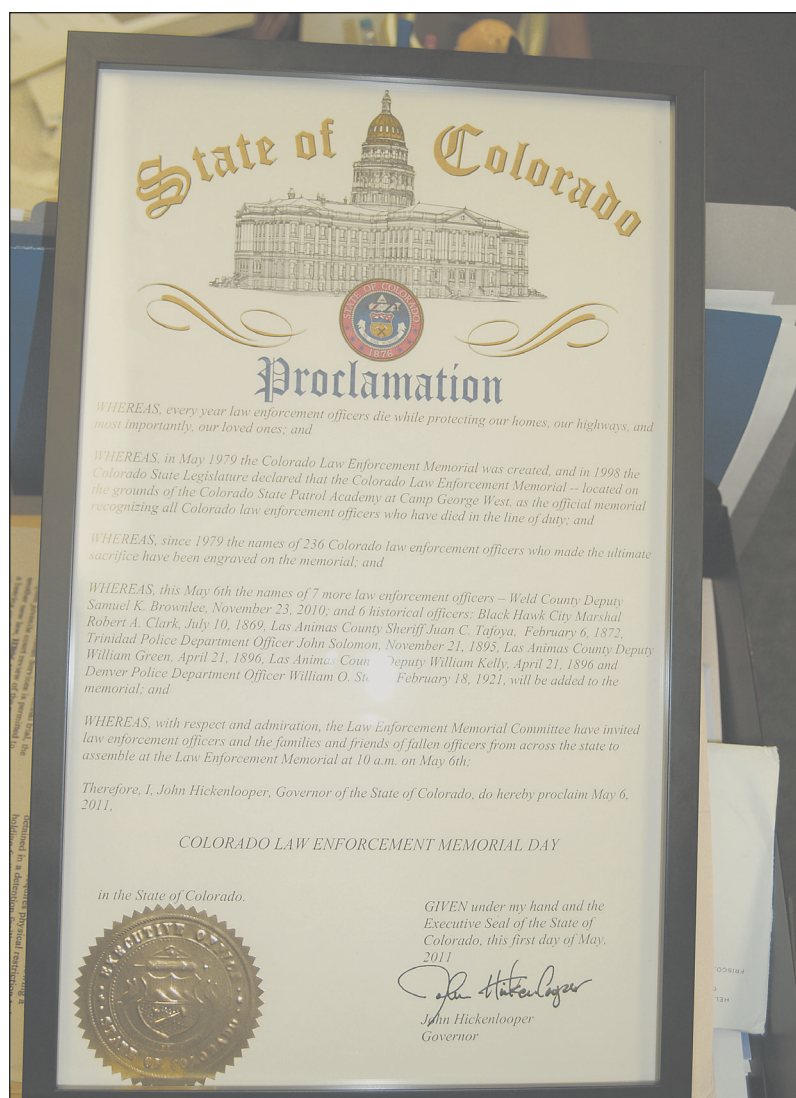
By Maria Quinnell
The Chronicle-News

For the past eight years, Sheriff James Casias and Dep. Elliot Grubert, have been sifting through old records in hopes of finding the names of past law enforcement officers and how they died. As a result of their work, in the last two years, eight officers from the county who died in the line of duty have been identified, and their names have been added to the State Memorial in Golden. Deputy Grubert attended the memorial service on May 2, and said, "It was somber and it was also incredible."

The officers added in 2010 included Las Animas County Deputies Bill Thompson (1888), Francisco Garcia (1905), and Antonio Shelby (1908), and Trinidad Police Department Officer Alexander Brighton (1909). The officers added in May include Las Animas County Sheriff Juan C. Tafoya (1872), Las Animas County Deputies, William Green (1896), and William Kelly (1896), and Trinidad Police Department Officer John Solomon (1895).

Sheriff Casias started the project when the family of Antonio Shelby contacted him and asked him to check into the death of their relative. "I got editorials from the paper about him being shot in the Aguilar area, I did the investigation and then I submitted it to the National Memorial in Washington, D.C.," said Casias. At that time he was not aware of the state memorial.

Deputy Grubert also became curious about local law enforcement history. "I saw the memorial and noticed that our area didn't have anybody on it," said Grubert. So, he started the daunting task of searching for records on the Internet at the Library of Congress and Tri-County Obituaries websites. Grubert believes it is important to memo-



Photos courtesy of LACSO

This is the memorial plaque honoring local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

rialize and remember these fallen officers in our community. "These men sacrificed their lives over 100 years ago, and they've been forgotten." Grubert's ultimate goal is to establish a memorial at the local sheriff's office to honor those who die in the line of duty. "It is also a way of honoring the legacy of our department," added Grubert. He

continues to conduct research in hopes of finding additional officers to honor.

Sheriff Casias believes their work is important and has given these men a sense of honor. "I know we're always busy, but we have to take time to do something that is right and important," Casias said.

Four new members inducted into Hall of Fame

By Tim Keller
The Chronicle-News

RATON - Four new members will be inducted into the Raton High School Wall of Fame Friday evening in a ceremony immediately preceding the school's annual graduation exercises. Beginning at 6:15, the event will take place at Tiger Stadium if weather permits. Otherwise, all ceremonies that night will be held in the Raton High School gym.

This is the fourth annual Wall of Fame ceremony. The Wall of Fame will consist of commemorative plaques lining a wall in the new John Krivokapich Media Center at RHS. The brainchild of RHS Principal Mike Sparaco, it's designed to honor former Raton students "who have distinguished themselves through recognition, honor, and distinction during their lives" after they left Raton schools.

The by-laws continue, "It is hoped that this display will serve as a motivational and inspirational tool for current and future students of Raton High School. By recognizing and honoring these individuals, future generations of graduates will have a wall of role models from which they can help formulate their future plans and career choices."

Nominations are open to all, with nomination forms available at RHS. The nomination deadline for 2012 induction is Jan. 1, 2012. Broad categories have been established for nominees in arts, education, athletics, entrepreneurship, and the military. An at-large category is intended to cover accomplishments in other areas. Those submitting nominations have included family members, former classmates, friends, and others.

Early each year, Sparaco gathers a committee of 8-10 members to evaluate, rank, and select from the nominees. In order to speed the creation of the Wall of Fame, 17 members were inducted in 2008, the first year. In 2009, 10 members were inducted. Since then, the plan has been to induct 3-5 honorees each May.

The 2008 inductees included John Davidson, Tom Popejoy, Bernard J. Salvo, James T. Roper, Stanlee Gatti, Bill Serazio, Mary Lynn Roper, Lynn French, The Fireballs, Loretta Rose Encinias Smith, Noel Mazzone, Monty McGowan; Austin Brunelli, Bernard Leon Johnson, Jesse Ridenour, Gary K. Walton, and Faron Segotta.

The 2009 inductees were Kenny Montoya, John Anthony Jellico, John Antonio Aguilar, Joe Aldaz, Richard Joseph Bonahoom, Richard Newman, Richard Montgomery Strong, Richard

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WEATHER WATCH

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 70. Breezy, with a southwest wind 5 to 10 mph

increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Wednesday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. Breezy, with a west wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of pre-

cipitation is 40%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Thursday: A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 66.



Breezy, with a west southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. Breezy, with a west wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

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ELVIRA P. SCUZZARO



Elvira P. Scuzzaro of Aguilar, passed away at Mt. San Rafael Hospital on May 15, 2011 at the age of 95.

She was born in Bear Creek, Colorado on September 7, 1915 to Maria (Balina) and Bartolo Pugnetti.

In 1941, Elvira was united in marriage to Andrew Scuzzaro in Alamosa Colorado.

She was a teacher having taught in Pryor and Aguilar schools for many years until her retirement. She loved to cook and bake and liked being outside and caring for her flower gardens.

She was preceded in death by parents, Maria and Bartolo Pugnetti, husband Andrew Scuzzaro, daughter Marie E. Scuzzaro Johnson.

Survivors are sons Andy (Elaine) Scuzzaro, Aguilar, Daniel (Vivki) Scuzzaro, Texas, Harry Scuzzaro, Aguilar numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Comi Funeral Home Chapel and Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church.

Funeral Services will be Friday, May 20, 2011 with Rosary at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Aguilar with Fr. Martin Frias as celebrant.

Interment with Rite of Commitment will follow at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers are Larry Vezzani, Lindo Vezzani and Louie Vezzani.

Active pallbearers are Gerald Baudino, Robert Baudino, Charles Pugnetti, Max Vezzani, Frank Payne and Joe Geiser.

Immediately following the services, friends are invited to gather with the family at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.

The family may be contacted at the home address.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

MINNIE F. DECRISTINO



Minnie F. Decristino, age 79, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer, on May 11, 2011 at the Trinidad Inn Nursing Home surrounded by her family and friends.

She was born on February 2, 1932 to Bertha (James) and Angelo Blasi in Trinidad, Colo. Minnie attended Holy Trinity High School where she graduated in 1951.

On June 26, 1954, Minnie was united in marriage to Pete Decristino at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Trinidad, Colo. She was employed by good friend, Fran Monteleone at Nana and Nano's for 28 years.

She loved to cook and bake and was best known for her delicious Italian cookies. She also loved taking the Rambling Bus to Cripple Creek with family and friends.

She loved her family and her favorite time was preparing for the holiday family gatherings.

Preceding her in death are parents Bertha and Angelo Blasi, mother and father-in-law Irma and Joe Decristino, sisters and brothers Carrie (William) Paravecchio, John Blasi, Lucy Blasi, Mary Ann Hadad, Fred Blasi, Carol Ann Swanson, Tony (Annabelle) Blasi, Louis Blasi, Dominic Blasi, sister-in-law, Mary Margaret Blasi and brother-in-law Frank Cerame.

Survivors are husband Pete Decristino, sons Robert (Liz) Decristino, Springer, N.M., Richard (Kathy) Decristino, Trinidad, grandchildren, Travis, Randee, Ryan, Lisa and Erik, Decristino, great grandson Carter Decristino, siblings, Irene Cerame, Trinidad, Theresa (Dick) Hadad, Albuquerque, N.M., Esther (Lou) DeCrescentis, Brighton, Betty Jo (Charles) Gyurman, Betty Jo (Charles) Gyurman, Hoehne, Mike Blasi, Pueblo, brothers and sisters-in-law, Joe Hadad, Trinidad, Bill Swanson, Arvada, Betty Blasi, Trinidad, Billie Blasi, Trinidad, Don Decristino, Denver, Mary Kay (Bob) Kemp, Wetmore, Colo., Betty Decristino, Trinidad, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends including Fran Monteleone and family.

Visitation will be Sunday from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Comi Funeral Home Chapel.

Rosary will be Sunday May 15, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Funeral Mass will be Monday May 16, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity church.

Interment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery.

Active pallbearers are grandsons, Travis Decristino, Ryan Decristino, Erik Decristino, nephews Paul Blasi, Ronnie Hadad, Joe DeCrescentis and Steve Blasi.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

Memorials

In loving memory of Husband, Father, and Grandfather, **FRANK BERGAMO** on his 2nd Birthday in Heaven, May 18.



Today is your birthday without candles and cake. And since you are not with us, we will not celebrate. We cannot send you a birthday card, your hands we cannot touch. So we ask God to give a message to the one we love so much. Grant us one wish and make it come true, to have his choir of Angels sing Happy Birthday to you!

Sadly missed and forever loved by your loving wife, Flora, your children and grandchildren

In loving memory of **PHYLLIS MONIOT**



Don't think of her as gone away.

Her journey's just begun. Life holds so many facets This earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting From the sorrows and the tears

In a place of warmth and comfort Where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing That we could know, today Now, nothing but our sadness Can really pass away.

And think of her as living In the hearts of those she touched.

For nothing loved is ever lost And she is loved so very much.

Her loving children Donna, Phyllis, Dee Dee, Ted, and Families

Cards of Thanks

The family of John (the Pollock) Jaszewski

Word cannot express our gratitude for your kindness and generosity during our time of grief. On behalf of our family, thank you for all you have done for us.

John's wife and kids - Cathy Jaszewski, Daelene and Mark Brown

The family of Glenn Davis would like to thank everyone for everything they have done for us. Words can never even begin to express the gratitude we have for the countless expressions of sympathy, love and support we have received from so very many people over the past month. Glenn's death was a shock to all of us. It is and will continue to be a comfort to the family to know how many lives he touched.

I am blessed and honored to be able to call myself a member of the community, and my girls are equally blessed to have grown up here.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. You are truly wonderful people.

The Davis Family, Jane, Dayna, Trudi, Matt, Daylynn, and Philip

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Cimino, Gordon Robertson, and Harold Honeyfield. The 2010 inductees were Harry E. Kinney, Charles Jellico, and Thomas Weaver.

Friday evening, the four 2011 inductees to the RHS Wall of Fame will be honored. Their names follow, with comments from Sparaco.

Bob Dabovich (Athletics, Class of 1966) is in charge of the Mesa View Alternative School Social Studies Department and coaches girls basketball and golf at RHS. An outstanding mentor and role model to the youth of Raton, his talent is in motivating students and athletes to perform their best.

Bruno Ridolfi (Entrepreneurship, Class of 1973) is an engineer with over 30 years experience in waste management, environmental restoration, construction, and mining engineering in the natural environment. Recent projects include developing

integrated waste management plans for tribal communities in Alaska and Washington. His management methods emphasize team building, effective communication, and continuous improvement.

Janine Krivokapich, MD (Education, Class of 1965) was a true ambassador of the medical profession and of her hometown. Many people from Raton would call her to ask for medical advice, even outside her area of expertise, which was cardiology. She gave her time and knowledge to help people through what were often difficult and confusing situations.

Gene Sisneros (Military, Class of 1962) served 35 years in the Army National Guard in various command positions. He was instrumental in aiding and cleaning up after the Santa Fe Prison riots. He retired as a Brigadier General in 1999. While serving in a military capacity he was also elected as Colfax County Assessor for six terms.

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district would like to get a new director on board as soon as possible.

In his year-to-date financial report, Bay told the board that the district so far this year has collected a little more than a million dollars, with about \$400,000 left to go.

During announcements, the board noted that the district's nearly 130 third graders greatly improved their Colorado Student Assessment Program test scores in reading, surpassing the state average. "Congratulations to the third graders and all those who got them there," Meyers said.

Board member Karen Montera brought up the subject of the proposed no-cut policy in school athletics that the board discussed during its previous meeting. Board members agreed that if there were only two or three extra kids going out for a particular sport, that it would be preferable not to cut anyone. But for something like cheerleading, where many students go out, some would have to be cut.

Before going into executive session, the board briefly considered the search for a new chief financial officer to fill Bay's position. The application deadline originally had

been set for Friday, but the board considered extending it. The position is being advertised with a salary range of \$75,000-\$85,000, with consideration given for experience.

How do you score?

60 Second Quiz

- Do you have a problem hearing over the telephone?
- Do you have trouble following the conversation when two or more people are talking at the same time?
- Do you have trouble understanding things on TV?
- Do you get confused about where sounds come from?
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