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MARK FRANCIS VISCONTI JR.
 Mark Francis Visconti Jr., age 27, passed away unexpectedly on August 31, 2013.

He was born in Raton, New Mexico on September 24, 1985.

Funeral Memorial Services will be held Monday, September 9, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Private inurnment at a later date.

A memorial account has been established at the First National Bank in Trinidad, Colorado in Mark's name.

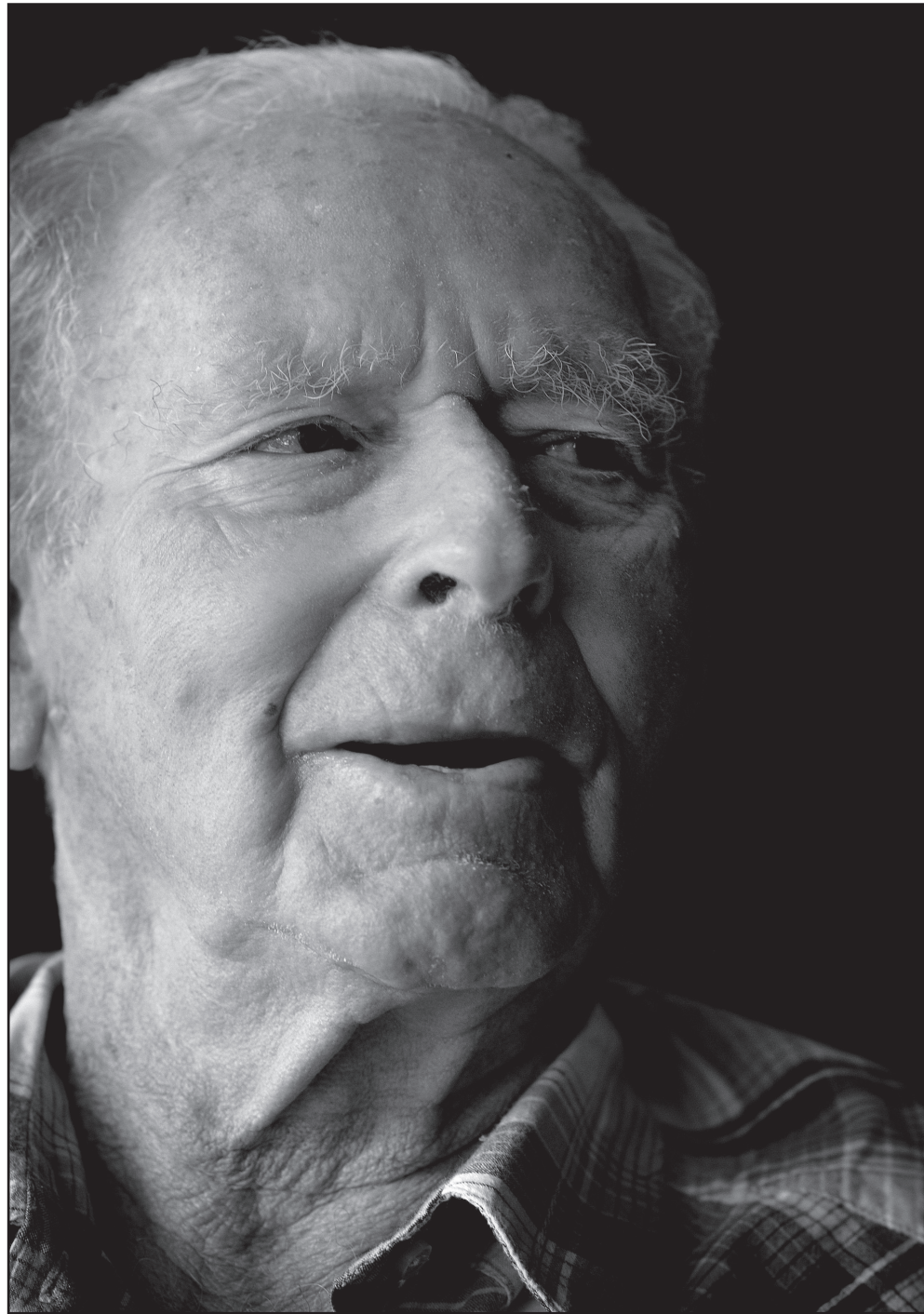
Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

63 Card of Thanks

To those that attended the services of Bernard Brunelli, brought or sent gifts, flowers or food, thank you so much for your thoughtfulness, kindness & generosity. It was very much appreciated.

A special thank you to the Williamson family's for the use of their house and for the amazing lunch that was provided. Thanks to the Ringo family and Jasper for the delicious feast they provided, following the services. We feel so fortunate to have such wonderful family and friends.

Love,
 The family of Bernard Brunelli



Willard Loudon photos (above and below) courtesy of Tim Keller

Regional treasure Willard Loudon will be missed

By Steve Block
 Correspondent
 The Chronicle News

Willard Loudon wanted his many friends to know that, though he would soon be gone from this earth, his spirit would still be with them. Loudon wrote: "Know you, my friends, though I am gone still I am here.... My image is in the clouds. You may hear my voice racing the wind and feel my spirit dancing in the rain."

Loudon, a renowned Western artist, geologist and rancher, passed away recently at the age of 88. He leaves behind a legacy of positive accomplishment that is a tribute to his deep and abiding love for the people and heritage of Las Animas County.

Loudon worked to preserve Trinidad's historic character by helping create the Corazon de Trinidad Historic District in 1972, along with former resident Ron Passerelli, and getting it designated as a National Historic District.

Loudon grew up on his family's Mesa de Maya Ranch in eastern Las Animas County, and, with his wife, Mary Ann, co-founded the art gallery of that name at their Branson home.

A trained geologist and amateur archeologist, he discovered the Trincheras Indian caves southeast of Trinidad while flying an airplane over the area in 1947. He explored the caves with his brother Richard and family friend Ruth Henrietze, and the caves proved to be a treasure trove of natural and manmade artifacts, some dating from many

thousands of years ago. To this day, those items form the backbone of the collection at Trinidad State Junior College's Loudon-Henritze Archeology Museum.

A World War II veteran and Peace Corps volunteer, Loudon shared his knowledge as a teacher of museum technology at TSJC and also taught at Branson Schools.

As an artist, Loudon developed a close relationship with his friend and mentor A.R. Mitchell, as their joint love of Western landscapes and people inspired them both to create realistic artworks that won wide renown. Loudon later served as curator of the Mitchell Museum.

Loudon served for many years as a tour guide, leading countless numbers of students, geologists, archeologists and adventurers into the rugged canyons and prairies of his native home. He roamed the wild backcountry of North America with his 16-millimeter movie camera, then later toured the United States with his documentary films, lecturing on a variety of subjects.

With a list of honors and awards to his credit, Loudon only took issue with his best-known designation, that of a visual artist.

"I don't like to speak of being an artist," he once said. "Like my mentor Arthur Roy Mitchell, I'm a Western landscape picture-maker. And because I've spent such an extensive part of my life out of doors, in the midst of these landscapes, I have learned to express the beauty I see and feel in that environment."

"My image is in the clouds. You may hear my voice racing the wind and feel my spirit dancing in the rain."
 ~Willard Loudon



Area weekend events

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be held on the same weekend as the huge ArtoCade event.

"Things have gone pretty well so far," Loudon said. "We've gotten a lot more support from the Trinidad community this year. I think that's because we're in our second year now, and people here know it's going to happen. We've had many positive comments about last year's Trindiefest, and people are looking forward to this year's event."

Loudon said filmmakers and screenwriters who were here for last year's Trindiefest are also raring to go this year.

"Everyone who was here for last year's event loved it, and they all wanted to come back again this year," he said. "That shows we're getting favorable reviews from the film community, and that's very important to our future."

Trindiefest 2013 will focus on independent feature films in several categories, including drama, comedy, suspense and thriller, action, science fiction and horror. Documentary films will be featured as well as live action and animated short films. Awards will be presented to the winning filmmakers in all those film categories. Winning screenwriters will

also receive awards in several different categories.

Actor and stuntman Don Shanks will speak about his experiences at 7 p.m. Friday at the Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home. Shanks played the lead role in "Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael Myers," and portrayed an Indian chief in 2007's "The Last Sin Eater," among many other roles. He'll talk about the iconic horror film roles he's played and discuss what it's like to be a stunt coordinator.

Writer and director Louis Morneau will appear at 10:30 p.m. at Purgatoire on Elm Restaurant to

discuss his work on the HBO films "Retroactive" and "Made Men." His latest film, "Werewolf: The Beast Among Us," will be shown after his presentation.

Donald Zuckerman, Colorado Film Commissioner, will appear at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at SCRT's Famous Performing Arts Center. Zuckerman will discuss filmmaking from script to casting, financing, production and distribution. He's produced several major films, including "Beer For My Horses" and "Casino Jack." A question-and-answer session will follow.

Casting director Catrine Mc-

Gregor will appear at 3 p.m. at the same location. McGregor is a 30-year veteran of the film business who has won several prestigious awards as a producer and casting director. A published author, she has become known as a champion of the regional actor and an expert in Screen Actor's Guild rules and how they apply to right-to-work states. She'll also discuss the importance of name recognition for feature films.

Trindiefest promises to be an entertaining and informative event for locals and visitors alike and will likely become a highlight of Trinidad's year.

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Patriot Day service

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the President, U.S. flags are to be displayed at half-staff on American homes, the White House and all U.S. government buildings around the world.

Terrorists hijacked four commercial jetliners

on Sept. 11, 2001, and flew two of them into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane struck the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and the fourth crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The

loss of life and the economic impact were enormous, and the attacks resulted in an increased emphasis on national security, which continues to prevail.

VFW Post Commander John Rios wanted to remind all area veterans

that the VFW is holding regular meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the local Elks Club. Commander Rios said all veterans are invited to attend the meetings.

Rangers recover body in Grand Teton National Park

Associated Press

MOOSE, Wyo. (AP) — The body of a Colorado man who fell to his death Friday has been recovered by Grand Teton National Park rangers.

The Park Service says the body of 40-year-old Edward Tom of Boulder was recovered Saturday in Garnet Canyon. He fell to his death while scouting for a campsite following heavy rain and hail.

Tom apparently fell over a cliff band.

Park officials say Tom and his climbing partner intended to spend Friday night at a backcountry

camping area before climbing the Grand Teton on Saturday.

The Park Service says 911 calls reported that a man fell nearly 100 feet and was unconscious. Two physicians in the area were providing emergency medical care when rangers arrived.

Weather and darkness forced rangers to delay the recovery operation until Saturday morning.



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