



THURSDAY  
MAY 28, 2015

Vol. 139, No. 106

# THE CHRONICLE-NEWS

50 CENTS  
TRINIDAD  
COLORADO

Proudly Serving Southeastern Colorado and Northeastern New Mexico • www.thechronicle-news.com

## THE FINE PRINT

### ■ MAY 28

**TRINIDAD AMBULANCE THURSDAY (4:30 p.m.)** District Board of Directors regular meeting will be held at the District Office, 939 Robinson Ave. Information: 719-846-6886.

**COMMUNITY SOCCER THURSDAY-MAY 28-FIRST GAME (5:30 p.m.)** FREE pickup games for all ages at Los Niños Field behind the Post Office on Mondays and Thursdays. Bring a light/dark tee shirts. Info: sherry.hinchley@yahoo.com.

**HOEHNE SCHOOLS THURSDAY (7 p.m.)** Hoehne School Board will meet in regular session in the Superintendents Office. Information: 719-846-4457 ext.109.

### ■ MAY 29-31

**SUMMER ART TREK DON'T MISS THIS! FRIDAY (5-8 p.m.)** The 4th Annual Downtown Summer Art Trek will be held the last Friday of every month thru October. Relax dining out with friends, listen to great music, enjoy terrific artwork. Find 'Merchant Specials' for evening shoppers.

**FP HORSE ASSOCIATION SATURDAY (3 p.m.)** No admission to Fun Day events at the LA Co. Fairgrounds on N. Linden St. Info: Susan Schneider, 719-680-0666.

### ■ PUBLIC SERVICE

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM SIGN UP THRU JUNE 5:** Summer Reading Program, "Every Hero Has a Story!" at the Carnegie Library, 202 N. Animas St. Info: Felicity Boepple, 719-846-6841.

**PLANNING COMMISSION JUNE 1-MONDAY (1 p.m.)** The Las Animas County Planning and Land Use Office commissioners' meeting will be held at the County Court House, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Information: 719-845-2561.

**CHICOSA WATER USERS JUNE 3 (6 p.m.)** Association Board meeting will be held in the Hoehne Community Center. Info: Karen Floyd, 719-846-4600.

**2-DAY FLEA MARKET JUNE 5&6 (8 a.m.-2 p.m.)** Holy Trinity Church annual benefit Flea Market will be held at the Sebastiani Gym on Animas St. Proceeds fund the church restoration project.

**STONEWALL FISHING TOURNAMENT JUNE 6 (Tournament 9 a.m.-3 p.m. & Awards 4 p.m.)** Join in the fun at the 19th Annual Stonewall Fire Auxiliary's Fishing Tournament at Monument Lake. Registration and info: Barb Holik, 719-868-2024 or Nancy Sinor, 719-868-2102. Proceeds benefit the Fire House community projects.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 8-12 (9 a.m.-Noon)** Annual event for kids (ages K-6th grade) will be held at the Fisher's Peak Community Church, 10377 S. Santa Fe Trail Dr. — includes Bible stories, crafts, songs, games and snacks. Info: 719-846-6018. Sign up now — everyone welcome.

**FORT CARSON AT PCMS THRU JUNE 10:** The 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division's Operation Raider Focus at PCMS. Noise complaints: Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-9849.

**SANTA FE TRAIL DAYS JUNE 19-20:** Annual 2-day festival will be held at Central Park on Stonevale Ave. Join in the fun, food, dancing, music and enter Trinidad's soon-to-be World Famous Chili Cook Off Contest. Info: John Schecter, 719-846-7727 or Chamber of Commerce, 719-846-9285.

**SUICIDE HOTLINES**  
■ ADULT: 800-784-2433  
■ TEEN: 877-968-8454  
■ GLB-YOUTH: 866-488-7386  
■ VET-2-VET: 877-838-2838

**ABUSE HOTLINES**  
■ Domestic Abuse Hotline: In Trinidad call 719-846-6665 (24-hours a day). In Walsenburg call: 719-738-0770. National Hotline: 1-800-790-SAFE (7233).

■ Child Abuse Hotlines Call: 1-844-CO-4-KIDS or 719-846-2330 or 719-846-8596. For more information and to learn the signs of child abuse and neglect, visit CO4Kids.org.

■ Animal Abuse: Report animal abuse and dog/cock fighting at Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line: 720-913-7867.

**FEATURE POLICY:** The Fine Print feature is NOT an advertisement — it is a courtesy notice used to inform the public of upcoming free public meetings and events. Placement is not guaranteed and is always subject to space available. For contributions please call 719-846-3311 or e-mail cathy@trinidadchroniclenews.com.

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 05/21/15. Model Storage right --- Appropriation date: 01/22/1908.

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
Release 236.10 AF  
Inflow 1059.81 AF -- 534.31 CFS  
Evaporation 3.71 AF  
Content 25.382 AF  
Elevation 6,190.73  
Precipitation 0.02

Downstream River Call / JMR Conservation Storage: 12/31/1948.



## TRINIDAD EDUCATION

# School Super says license-revoked teacher never worked for TSD No. 1

By Steve Block  
The Chronicle-News

A former Pueblo teacher who recently had his license revoked never worked for Trinidad School District No. 1, according to information from Scott Mader, Trinidad's school superintendent. Edward Lackey's teaching license will be permanently revoked in August, after the Colorado Board of Education said Lackey was accused of watching pornography with high school students on a classroom computer, having sex with a co-worker in his classroom and having an inappropriate relationship with a student, according to a recent report from KRDO.

That same report said that



Superintendent Scott Mader

Lackey was most recently working as a Trinidad Middle School teacher for the Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), but had been placed on administrative leave when it was learned he was under investigation by police, but Mader denied that Lackey was ever employed by the Trinidad district in a Thursday, May 21, press release, which is quoted below:

"Trinidad School District No. 1 has received several requests for information concerning the employment of Edward Lackey. Mr. Lackey was an employee of the South Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services (SCBOCES), an organization which provides a variety of services to a

number of rural school districts, including Trinidad. Neither the administration nor school board of the Trinidad School District No. 1 was aware of, nor consulted about administrative proceedings concerning Mr. Lackey before the State Board of Education revoked his teaching license. Upon hearing of the revocation of Mr. Lackey's teaching license, Trinidad School District was assured by SCBOCES that proper measures were taken to protect the students of Trinidad School District No. 1."

Pueblo City Schools said Lackey started as a Special Education teacher at South High School at the start of the 2006-07 school year,

Continued on Page 2 ...

## RATON HIGH SCHOOL

# Art legacy celebrated as teacher retires

By Tim Keller  
Correspondent  
The Chronicle-News

When Marv Newton left his teaching job in Tulsa, OK, to start a school art program in Raton, the Sixties were still in full swing. The

last thing he could have imagined would be standing in the Raton High School art classroom 46 years later to celebrate an exemplary program led by only two teachers through all of those years.

Last week, Newton visited his successor and former student, Kathy Vertovec, in the RHS art classroom that she has guided for the past 19 years. They reminisced as Vertovec packed up: She retires this week, passing the baton that's been carried for 46 years by only her and Newton. Between them, they built a program that led to this month's 45th annual Youth in Art show with more than 200 entries, plus a dynamic slate of classes that incorporate computers in art production and graphic design. The RHS Art Club has sponsored an exchange with students in Kenya and Honduras, and



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Raton High School's dynamic and diverse arts programs have been guided by just two teachers over the past 46 years. Marv Newton launched the annual spring Youth in Art show the year after he started teaching at RHS in 1969. His former student, Kathy Vertovec, succeeded him in 1997, bringing the arts into the 21st century with computer-assisted art production. Vertovec retires this week. Each year, Vertovec's RHS art students have spent months illustrating and producing children's books, at left, from the preceding year's winners in the district-wide Eye of the Tiger writing awards. The books were all written, illustrated, and published entirely by Raton students.

for decades it's celebrated the end of each school year with a field trip to art museums in Denver, Taos, or Santa Fe.

"Kathy was a good art student," Newton says, and he wasn't surprised when she came on board the program that he'd founded in 1969. For two years, they overlapped, each teaching part-time. She'd taught art at Kearny El-

ementary since 1989. In 1996, she moved over to RHS.

"You were some big shoes to fill," she tells Newton.

"You expanded our programs and made them better," he replies, "bringing them into the 21st century."

It was Vertovec that sought

Continued on Page 6 ...

## INSTILLING LOVE OF HISTORY

# A.R. Mitchell Museum offers free passes for area students

By Eric John Monson  
News Editor  
The Chronicle-News

Area students, in grades 3-12, can now attend the A.R. Mitchell Museum for free thanks to a new program the museum has rolled out this spring. In recent weeks local schools received packets of free membership passes for their students to use the coming year at the museum.

Recent A.R. Mitchell Board of Directors addition Judith Fuentes said that increasing youth involvement at the Mitchell has been a top priority for board members for some time, but turnover in the museum director position slowed development.

"My husband was President of the board here 4-5 years ago and he always wanted to get kids involved more in the museum, but just couldn't quite get it. Then I joined the board this past February and we were having a discussion about youth involvement and I thought afterwards 'Why not give the kids their own free membership to the museum and maybe that brings them in?'" Said Fuentes.

Fuentes's next call was to Trinidad School Board member Paul Montera. "He thought it was a great idea," said Fuentes. "But he said 'You know it's not just Trinidad,' and he proceeded to rattle off about 10 other schools and entities... Besides Trinidad, there is Hoehne, Primero, Aguilar, Branson, Raton, Holy Trinity, Grace Christian, Home Schoolers, and Goal Academy."

Continued on Page 3 ...



File Photo

## WEATHER WATCH

**Thursday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 77. Southwest wind

5 to 15 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. West northwest wind around 5 mph. **Night:** A 60 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 48. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday:** A 30 percent chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. Calm wind becoming south southeast around 5 mph in the afternoon. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. South wind around 5 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Weather Sponsored by:  
  
Inn & Suites  
Wellness  
Hotel  
719-845-0102

# EDUCATION

## Art legacy celebrated as teacher retires

... Continued from Page 1



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

This year's Youth in Art Best of Show winner, July Hunnicutt, said that she drew her greatest inspiration from her older sister, Autumn Hunnicutt, above, who won the 2011 Best of Show with her unforgettable self-portrait in charcoal. After Kathy Vertovec introduced computers to the RHS art programs, she implemented a student publishing company and annual Raton Schools Eye of the Tiger writing competition. In 2011, senior Sam Bayliss, at right, was the first to win the Whited Foundation Writer of the Year award with a non-fiction entry.

Vertovec has been an ardent advocate for mixing literature and the arts, founding Students for Student Publishing in which her students run their own small publishing press. Each of her advanced art students has illustrated an entire children's book from a story written by an elementary-school student that won an award in the previous year's writing competition. An annual hardbound anthology has collected winning writings from various categories, combining them with winning images from the big Youth in Art show.

"Commercial art is now done 95 percent in the computer," Newton says. He cites a long string of former RHS Art Club students that have become successful entrepreneurs, engineers, and innovators. Two, in Albuquerque and Colorado Springs, now own graphic design businesses that develop advertising for business clients.

In 2012, the Art Club received grants to send a computer to art students in Kenya and another to Honduras. Although the program fell short of its goal to collaborate in publishing work from students in those countries, the Raton students enjoyed conversations with their foreign counterparts.

They asked the Kenyans, "Do you see lions and giraffes where you live?" The Kenyan children erupted in laughter at the stereotype. No, they didn't see those animals. "Well," replied the Raton teens, "we see bears and deer outside our houses all the time." The Kenyan children gasped.

The emphasis in schools has changed since 2012. "Now all of our technology dollars are going to testing," Vertovec says. "We're going back to the basics—reading, writing and testing—but in the arts we innovate. We create, we problem solve, we

make things."

Newton adds, "There's more to life than making a living. Art adds fullness to life. It helps us to see—to see more, better, and differently."

"When the textbooks and all educational materials are delivered via electronic tablets and computers," Vertovec says, "it will be artists that design and create all of the materials. It's going to be a big boon for the arts, and artists will be in demand."

She adds, "The best students in graphic design are usually the ones who learn to do it by hand first."

Looking at the displacement of programs by the new immersion in testing, she ponders, "Do we still want our kids to run? To sing? To draw? Kids feel good when they create something. We're the visionaries, the creators." What kind of a future would we have without that?

Newton says, "There's something innate in human beings that wants and needs to create things."

Raton Public Schools is currently advertising for only its third RHS art teacher since 1969. RHS principal Duncan Ware is committed. "Research after research tells us," he says, "that kids involved in art and music—anything that's hands-on—do better in math, critical thinking, and throughout the curriculum. It's a huge benefit."

With the shift of emphasis and budget to testing, what is the future for arts education

in Raton? Superintendent of Schools Neil Terhune says, "We'll have three schools and as long as we can afford it we'll have an art teacher at every school. The high school will be top priority, followed by the intermediate school. If we run out of money, the classroom teachers in grades K-2 will incorporate their own arts instruction." For the moment, he's optimistic that Raton will have three art teachers.

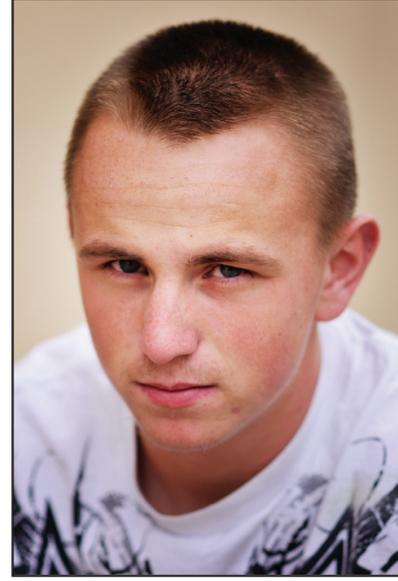
"At the high school," he says, "we hope to find a great forward-thinking teacher like Kathy Vertovec to carry the program forward. And she's agreed to participate on our selection committee."

Meantime, Vertovec looks forward to following Newton's path into an active retirement. Newton is a well-known watercolor painter whose serene landscapes and Native American scenes are shown in galleries and museums throughout the mountain west.

Vertovec paints in oils, portraits of her children and family members and landscapes of her beloved Johnson Mesa. She's descended from six generations that have lived along the mesa.

"An artist," she says, "can bless a place just by making a painting of it."

As they move forward in their own creativity, both Vertovec and Newton leave behind an even greater blessing in their 46-year legacy of progressive arts education, their greatest gift to the people of Raton.



grants to add computers. "It required lots of grants and a steep learning curve. I went to TSJC to learn how to use the computers and the software." Now, every art student learns to work in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, along with other programs.

Those programs have helped students design winning entries in this year's logo design contests for the Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally and the school's Poetry Rocks! event. They were used for years to produce books illustrated by RHS students from stories written by Raton students of all ages, the winning entries in the annual Eye of the Tiger writing competition sponsored by the Art Club.

tries, the Raton students enjoyed conversations with their foreign counterparts.

They asked the Kenyans, "Do you see lions and giraffes where you live?" The Kenyan children erupted in laughter at the stereotype. No, they didn't see those animals. "Well," replied the Raton teens, "we see bears and deer outside our houses all the time." The Kenyan children gasped.

The emphasis in schools has changed since 2012. "Now all of our technology dollars are going to testing," Vertovec says. "We're going back to the basics—reading, writing and testing—but in the arts we innovate. We create, we problem solve, we

### THE LAS ANIMAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES WILL ISSUE COMMODITY FOODS ON MAY 29, 2015 FROM 8:30A.M. TO 3:30P.M.

AT THE LAS ANIMAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (BOXING ROOM). ID REQUIRED. NO EXCEPTIONS.

THE ISSUE WILL BE ONE DAY ONLY

May 29, 2015

THE ISSUE WILL BE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THE TEFAP INCOME STANDARDS THROUGH A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, LEAP, TANF, FOOD STAMPS, OAP, AND, SSI OR MEETING THE INCOME LIMITS INDICATED BELOW. YOU MUST BRING PROOF OF LAS ANIMAS COUNTY RESIDENCY WITH PICTURE IDENTIFICATION.

HOUSEHOLD GROSS MONTHLY INCOME SHALL NOT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ALLOWABLE GROSS MONTHLY INCOME
1	\$1,800.00
2	\$2,426.00
3	\$3,051.00
4	\$3,677.00
5	\$4,303.00
6	\$4,929.00
7	\$5,555.00
8	\$6,181.00

EACH ADDITIONAL MEMBER ADD \$626.00

THE COMMODITY FOOD PROGRAM SHALL BE EXTENDED TO ALL ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, SEX, RELIGION, NATURAL ORIGIN, OR POLITICAL BELIEFS. USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.



## Branson School District RE-82

Provides Choice in Education!

719-946-5531

### ENROLL NOW

Contact Superintendent Brad Caldwell for your out-of-district enrollment application.

- Small class size Pre-K through 12th grade
- Caring Community & Excellent Learning
- Sports, Performing Arts, and much more
- Transportation provided for local students

The bus stop is just 6 miles east of Trinidad at Beshoar Junction (Hwy 160 & 350)

Choice in Education for Colorado parents & their students!



**GAMORA**  
Akita/Husky



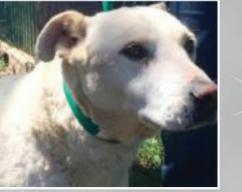
**GUINNESS**  
Bder Col/ Shepherd



**IVAN**  
Border Collie Mix



**MAMOU**  
Great Pyrnees



**OLD YELLER**  
Lab mix



224 N. Chestnut St. • Trinidad, CO 81082  
**(719) 680-2385**

90 Legals	90 Legals	90 Legals	90 Legals
JUST ARCHITECTURAL \$3,515.42	QUILL CORPORATION \$114.08	***CLIENT PAY*** \$31.82	***CLIENT PAY*** \$28.12
TOTAL JAIL IMPROVEMENT FUND \$3,515.42	REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY, \$508.12	***CLIENT PAY*** \$48.10	***CLIENT PAY*** \$301.92
	RIGHT WAY DISPOSAL \$125.00	***CLIENT PAY*** \$278.20	***CLIENT PAY*** \$240.87
	STEEL CITY CONSULTANTS \$1,700.00	***CLIENT PAY*** \$64.38	***CLIENT PAY*** \$626.78
	SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORP \$5,120.28	***CLIENT PAY*** \$89.54	***CLIENT PAY*** \$150.96
	WAL MART COMMUNITY BRC \$296.67	***CLIENT PAY*** \$131.72	***CLIENT PAY*** \$142.82
	LAS ANIMAS COUNTY \$30,158.41	***CLIENT PAY*** \$145.78	***CLIENT PAY*** \$127.28
	LAS ANIMAS COUNTY \$1,195.76	***CLIENT PAY*** \$213.12	***CLIENT PAY*** \$205.72
	HUERFANO CO DEPT OF SOCIAL SVC \$12,943.56	***CLIENT PAY*** \$61.42	***CLIENT PAY*** \$65.86
	SIGNAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETW \$1,150.42	***CLIENT PAY*** \$457.32	***CLIENT PAY*** \$125.80
	SISTO J. MAZZA, ATTORNEY \$4,750.00	***CLIENT PAY*** \$59.20	***CLIENT PAY*** \$118.40
	COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATI \$79.00	***CLIENT PAY*** \$193.14	AT&T MOBILITY \$90.32
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$62.90	***CLIENT PAY*** \$86.21	AT&T MOBILITY \$288.03
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$266.40	***CLIENT PAY*** \$190.18	EDUCATIONAL CREDIT MANGMT CORP \$254.95
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$137.64	***CLIENT PAY*** \$65.86	HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY \$867.00
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$187.22	***CLIENT PAY*** \$128.76	LAS ANIMAS COUNTY \$2,042.24
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$191.66	***CLIENT PAY*** \$124.32	MOBILE RECORD SHREDDERS, LLC \$24.00
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$210.53	***CLIENT PAY*** \$96.94	NORCHEM DRUG TESTING LAB \$1,200.00
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$126.91	***CLIENT PAY*** \$133.20	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL \$101.81
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$731.49	***CLIENT PAY*** \$248.66	***CLIENT PAY*** \$170.21
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$130.24	***CLIENT PAY*** \$66.60	SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION \$120.00
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$79.92	***CLIENT PAY*** \$60.68	THE TRACKER PROCESS SERVICE \$70.00
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$219.78	***CLIENT PAY*** \$399.60	AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE \$1,632.02
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$96.94	***CLIENT PAY*** \$105.08	COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY \$22.00
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$66.60	***CLIENT PAY*** \$62.16	LEGAL SHIELD \$70.75
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$256.85	***CLIENT PAY*** \$545.38	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES \$88,975.48
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$142.08	***CLIENT PAY*** \$371.48	
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$65.86	***CLIENT PAY*** \$128.76	Patricia M. Vigil, Clerk & Recorder
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$68.08	***CLIENT PAY*** \$146.52	
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$59.57	***CLIENT PAY*** \$134.68	
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$60.68	***CLIENT PAY*** \$194.25	
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$131.72	***CLIENT PAY*** \$40.00	
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$293.78	***CLIENT PAY*** \$457.32	
	***CLIENT PAY*** \$38.48	***CLIENT PAY*** \$92.50	