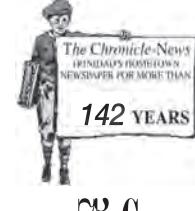




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## THE FINE PRINT

### ■ MONDAY—SEPT 2

#### CELEBRATE LABOR DAY

On September 2, 2019, the U.S. Department of Labor celebrates and honors the greatest workers in the world—the American worker. Labor Day 2019 is the 125th anniversary of Labor Day being celebrated as a national holiday. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

### ■ TRINIDAD ROUNDUP

#### 109th TRINIDAD ROUNDUP

#### ACTION-PACKED WEEKEND

#### LAST DAY FOR THE RODEO—DON'T

#### MISS IT! FRI-MON., AUG. 30-31 — SEPT.

1-2. Come on out for great food, lots of family-friendly fun, variety of vendors and beer garden. See the Westernaires in action. Info: Kristy Bahr, 719-680-0424.

#### "MON. (9 a.m.) "Saddled Up & Untameable" Parade thru downtown Trinidad

#### "MON. (10 a.m.) Las Animas Co. Fairgrounds open for rodeo action

#### "MON. (1 p.m.) Rodeo at the Las Animas Co. Fairgrounds

**Today's Quote**  
**"Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it."**

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

### ■ TUESDAY—SEPT 3

#### LIBRARY CLOSURE

In addition to the upcoming Labor Day Weekend (Saturday-Monday, Aug. 31-Sept. 2) the Carnegie Library will also be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 3 for a staff training day. Info: 719-846-6841.

#### LAS ANIMAS COUNTY

TUES. (9 a.m.) Board of County Commissioners 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 Lopez (719-845-2593).

#### SAMARITAN CLINIC

TUES. SEPT. 3: PLEASE NOTE THE CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED TODAY, BUT WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL ON SEPT. 17. Regularly open on 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 corner of Linden Ave. Info: 719-846-3536.

#### DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS

TUES. (5:30-6:30 p.m.) Dementia caregivers support group meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at Zion's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 613 Prospect St. Info: Jill Wilson, 719-846-4416.

#### TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL

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

### ■ PUBLIC SERVICE

#### TRINIDAD CATHOLIC HIGH ALUMNI

FRI-SUN., SEPT. 6-8: Tiger alumni Class of 1969 will celebrate their 50th class reunion in Trinidad. Weekend's variety of activities will include lots of fun, food and more. Info: Bruna VanCleave, 719-641-2646.

#### DOWNTOWN TABBY TEA PARTY

SAT. SEPT. 7 (2-5 p.m.) ATTENTION FUR PARENTS & FRIENDS: Dress in your very most favorite and best tea party duds, leave Rover and Miss Kitty at home and come to the Trinidad History Museum's Bloom Mansion garden for a great fundraiser event and help support the Noah's Ark Animal Shelter. Tickets & info: 719-680-2385.

#### FREE HUNTER'S ED CLASSES

Sponsored by Colorado Parks & Wildlife \*SAT. SEPT. 7 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.) Hunter Education Internet Completion Course at the La Junta Police Department Memorial Range, 2750 Target Road, La Junta. Info: 719-384-2525, or CPW's Steve Keefer at 719-940-3586.

\*SUN. SEPT. 8 (2-5 p.m.) Survival 101 from 2-5 p.m. at the Rocky Ford State Wildlife Area, 21898 Otero County Road 805. Participants should wear a hat and sturdy shoes and bring water for this interactive class. Info: CPW's Steve Keefer at 719-940-3586.

### RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of:  
08/30/2019. Hoehne Ditch,  
Priority #20: Appropriation Date:  
10/07/1865.

#### Trinidad Reservoir Report:

Release 170.15 AF  
Inflow 95.94 AF - 48.37 CFS  
Evaporation 14.15 AF  
Content 21,697 AF  
Elevation 6,185.96  
Precipitation 0

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



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Rich Hoffman, FlyCam Enterprises / The Chronicle-News

## Simpson's Rest sports new American flag to celebrate Labor Day

Historic and beautiful Simpson's Rest, known for the larger-than-life, luminous Trinidad sign, is a beautiful site to the residents, visitors, and passers by of Trinidad. With a new 70-foot pole erected beside the sign by the City of Trinidad, the City and San Isabel Electric crews worked together to raise a new American flag, purchased by the local Elk's Lodge, to wave proudly for all to see. [See more photos on Page 6 ...](#)

## Historic area photos to be featured in Trinidad State President's Office Art Show

Greg Boyce  
Trinidad State

Calvin Smith grew up in the oil fields near Hobbs, New Mexico and lived in a company camp until he went to college. Since those humble beginnings he has traveled the world trying to unlock the mysteries that have faded over time and understand the people who came before us.

When he was much younger, back in the 1960s, he spent a lot of time in the Mescalero Sands of eastern New Mexico. That included camping there the entire summer of 1967. Many years later thousands of acres were designated an Outstanding Natural Area because of Smith's extensive work. While many would see a hostile and desolate land, Smith saw the beauty of nature and an eclectic mixture of stubborn plants and animals. His photographic documentation of the area will be featured in the next President's Office Art Show at Trinidad State.

The show will open with a reception on September 19 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Smith will be there to answer questions and light refreshments will be served. Then from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Pioneer Room, Smith will do a presentation on the months he spent over a period of years studying the area. Those who miss the

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Greg Boyce / Trinidad State

Calvin Smith with a historic illustration from the Samuel Freudenthal Library collection at Trinidad State.

Former Chronicle-News reporter pens action-adventure novel from lifetime, world of experiences

Author steps into Native American culture and the real-life threats of terrorism, jihad and human trafficking

Garrett Watson  
The Chronicle-News

Arch (Skip) Gibson, former reporter for the Chronicle in the 1960s, recently published *Kotah Gold*, the second novel of his Bear Kotah series, available on Amazon and Kindle.

Skip Gibson lived with his family in Trinidad from 1960 to 1966 during which time his father, Arch E. Gibson, was the editor of the Chronicle-News before joining the staff of former Third District Congressman Frank Evans. Gibson worked as an assistant pressman while he attended TSJC and served as a reporter for the Chronicle-News after graduation.

"I followed a career in journalism for 19 years," said Gibson, "working for newspapers from the Chronicle in Trinidad, to Roswell, New Mexico, the Lamar Daily News in Lamar, Colorado; Okmulgee Oklahoma Daily Times,

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## Horse owners alert: Vesicular stomatitis cases have been confirmed in 20 Colorado counties

Colorado Department of Agriculture

BROOMFIELD — The Colorado Department of Agriculture has confirmed cases of vesicular stomatitis (VSV) in the following counties: Adams, Alamosa, Archuleta, Boulder, Broomfield, Conejos, Delta, Douglas, Gilpin, Grand, Jefferson, La Plata, Larimer, Mesa, Montezuma, Montrose, Morgan, Ouray, Pueblo, and Weld counties in Colorado. There are currently 254 quarantined locations statewide, and 177 released quarantines.

All VSV cases are important for the epi-

miology and management of this outbreak and MUST be reported to the State Veterinarian's Office at (303) 869-9130, regardless if the owner and veterinarian decide to have their livestock tested or choose to manage as positive premises based on the presence of typical clinical signs without testing. The only cases that may be managed as suspect positive are equine cases located in counties that have confirmed cases.

"It is of utmost importance that livestock owners report VSV occurrences and comply

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## WEATHER WATCH

**LABOR DAY:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, high near 89. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, low around 57. East wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Tuesday:** A 20 percent chance of

showers and thunderstorms. Sunny, high near 86. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, low around 57. South wind around 10 mph.

**Wednesday:** A chance of showers and

thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, high near 86. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday:** A chance of showers and

thunderstorms. Sunny, high near 88. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

# COMMUNITY & REGION



Ty Winter / Las Animas County Republicans

## Republicans host first pancake breakfast at fairgrounds

The Las Animas County (LAC) Republicans hosted their first annual pancake breakfast at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 27, inside of the Pavilion at the Las Animas County Fairgrounds. They served pancakes, eggs, sausage and coffee, or orange juice, to around 190 people. The group donated a portion of the proceeds from the breakfast to the Las Animas County Fair Board to help plan the fair and its events for the next year. Pictured (L-R) are LAC Republicans Parliamentarian Gage Montoya, Chairman Ty Winter, Colorado GOP Secretary Devin Camacho, LAC Republican Vice Chair H.L. Bowman.

## Trinidad State President's Office Art Show

reception can view the show during normal office hours until Thanksgiving in the Berg Building, Room 218.

Smith's exploration of the Mescalero Sands began in 1961, when Smith was 21. He had heard about a rumored massacre site in the area, but when he investigated, he found that wasn't the case. "There were rims of wagon wheels, exposed out of the sand," Smith recalls. "But as it turned out, it was a squatter from the 1920s by the name of Lon Levi who had decided he'd put a field in at the edge of the Mescalero Sands."

Over the next decade and more, Smith would visit the dunes and catalog what he found. He got married in 1965 and then spent the summer of 1967 there with his former wife. Nearly all the photographs in the show were taken that summer. They collected about 300 specimens of plant, reptiles, mammals and insects. They also found fulgurite, which are tubes of glass created in the sand by lightning strikes. They lived in a tent for three months and it was an unusual summer. Normally brutally hot, it rained 86 of those

mer." Now pushing 79, Smith smiles at the memory. "I shot probably a thousand slides. I don't know how I paid for them because I didn't have any money."

Smith suspected the white tail deer he occasionally spotted could be a subspecies because their markings were different than the white tails he'd seen in Texas. He eventually trapped, studied and released two, but was not able to prove they were unique. He believes that herd of only about thirty, later died out. Ironically, their winter food supply was mostly wild watermelons that the aforementioned Levi had planted in the 1920s.

Smith worked for 14 years to get the area designated an Outstanding Natural Area. It finally happened in 1980 because of the sand dunes lizard, now called the dunes sagebrush lizard or sceloporus arenicolus. This lizard is only found in that region of New Mexico and four adjacent counties in western Texas.

The area is still accessible only by four-wheel drive vehicle and covers 6,293 acres. Ten miles north and adja-



Complex in Texas, including the Strecker Museum, the Ollie May Moen Discovery Center, the Governor Bill and Vera Daniel Historic Village and the Department of Museum Studies at Baylor University in Waco. Smith also had a major role in the Dr. Pepper Museum and Enterprise Institute in Waco and once oversaw five museums affiliated with the Arkansas Museum Services.

Smith was the director of the Waco mammoth site, which began with a discovery by two men looking for arrowheads in 1978. Smith and his crew eventually found 24 mammoth skeletons, the world's largest concentration of proboscideans that died in a single event. Trapped in a mudslide, they can now be viewed under a covered structure, just as they were found. The site was designated the Waco Mammoth National Monument 2015. Each year 100,000 people come to see what Smith uncovered.

Smith spent 20 years at Baylor University and retired in 2003. After four years he was lured back home to Hobbs to help revitalize a troubled museum. In five years he was able to take it from no attendance to 16,000 visitors a year. He again retired in 2012 but after six years decided he had more to offer and came to work at Trinidad State's Samuel Freudenthal Memorial Library.

Smith is now Trinidad State's Library Coordinator. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Archaeology, a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and a Master of Science in Biology from Eastern New Mexico University. He is teaching two classes this fall at the Trinidad Campus: Introduction to Archaeology (ANT 107) and Cultures of the Southwest (ANT 121).

### A full life in archaeology

Calvin Smith's accomplishments are impressive. His interest in archaeology began as a teenager. He helped launch the Southwestern Federation of Archaeological Societies. Smith headed the Western Heritage Museum Complex in Hobbs, N.M., ramrodded the \$23-million Mayborn Museum



Courtesy Calvin Smith

Photographs taken by Calvin Smith of Mesquite in the Mescalero Sands, top right, and remains of a dilapidated windmill in the Mescalero Sands in 1967, above, will be included in the display in the Trinidad State President's Office Art Show.

92 days. Once a tornado came through. "The only way in was with four wheel drive. I had an old Jeep," Smith recalled. It was 10 miles to U.S. Highway 380. "The water was good. The water table was 37 feet." They hauled water from a nearby windmill-powered well on a cattle ranch.

Most would find this adventure grueling. For Smith and his then wife, also an archaeologist, this was glorious fun. "We had a work tent and then we had a living tent. I had hauled in an old refrigerator and my parents would meet us every week with ice and we'd put the ice in the old refrigerator. I had buried it in the sand. It was a fun sum-

mer to the highway, 45 miles east of Roswell, the Bureau of Land Management set aside 600 acres of dunes for use by all-terrain vehicles and dune buggies.

### Downton Tabby Tea & Lawn Party

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Wristbands are \$5. Kids under 12 free. Visit [www.theatresantafe.org/walk](http://www.theatresantafe.org/walk) for full program information.



65 Comi Funeral Home

### Stella Irene Dubois

Stella Irene Dubois, former resident of Trinidad, CO, passed away in Cheyenne, WY, on August 27, 2019. She was 89.

Visitation will be Tuesday, from 3pm-7pm at the Comi Chapel.

Rosary will be Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7pm at the Comi Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 10am at Holy Trinity Church.

Interment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery. Complete obituary to follow.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

63 Card of Thanks

### With Sincere Thanks Albert Blasi

August 7, 1938 - July 30, 2019

We sincerely thank our relatives and friends for the expression of sympathy afforded to us on the death of our Husband, Father, and Grandfather.

To all who supported us with food, flowers, mass cards, monetary gifts, to all who attended the Funeral Mass, and the condolence dinner. We appreciate all of the love and support you have extended to us during this difficult period of sadness and are grateful for your friendship.

Love

The Albert Blasi Family



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