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## THE FINE PRINT

### MONDAY - JAN. 4

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
JAN 4 (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. Info: 719-846-4486.

**TAAC**  
MONDAY (6 p.m.) Trinidad Area Arts Council will meet in the Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Info: 719-846-1441. Public is welcome to attend.

## Today's Quote

**"Here's to the bright New Year, and a fond farewell to the old; here's to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories that we hold."**

~ Unknown

### TUESDAY - JAN. 5

**LAS ANIMAS COUNTY**  
TUESDAY (9 a.m.) Board of County Commissioners meeting is in the Las Animas Courthouse, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Information: 719-845-2568. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Gary Hill (719-845-2595), Mack Loudon (719-845-2592), and Anthony Abeyta (719-846-9300).

**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 corner of Linden Ave. Info: 719-846-3536.

**CITY COUNCIL**  
TUESDAY (6 p.m.) A special session followed by regular session will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843. CITY COUNCIL: Mayor: Joe Reorda and Council Members: Carol Bolton, Joe Bonato, Pat Fletcher, Anthony Mattie, Michelle Miles, and Liz Torres.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**  
BEGINS FRIDAY & RUNS THRU JAN. 30: Contemporary Western Art Show will be held at Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Info: Bree Pappan, 719-846-1441 or trinidadareaartscouncil@gmail.com.

**TAKE THE SURVEY**  
JANUARY 7 DEADLINE: EVERYONE HAS A VOICE! Space To Create needs your input, so please take the survey! Let us know what you want. GO TO: [www.corazondetrinidad.org](http://www.corazondetrinidad.org)

**TSJC NEEDS YOU!**  
Volunteers are need for science fair judges for area secondary schools on Jan 12, 14 and 27. Please email the TSJC STEM Outreach coordinator, Linda Perry at [linda.perry@trinidadstate.edu](mailto:linda.perry@trinidadstate.edu) or call 719-846-5697. Approximately 1/2 day will be needed from each volunteer.

**SENIOR CENTER FUNDRAISER**  
JAN. 10: The Sayre Senior Center annual Quilt Raffle benefit for the facility will be held at the Center, 1222 San Pedro. To purchase tickets or info about the Center call: Anna Risley, 719-846-3336.

**STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**  
JAN. 13 & 27 (6 p.m.) Parents Workshop to help complete student's Financial Aid Applications with Louis Rino. Reserve a space: 719-846-2971.

**STATE OF THE COLLEGE**  
JAN 13 (6 p.m.) President Dr. Carmen Simone of TSJC will give an address regarding the challenges the college faces as well as exciting plans for the future that will be held at the Masari Theater (corner of Broom and State Streets. Info: 719-846-5725.

**TRINIDAD WORKFORCE**  
JAN. 19 (2-4 p.m.) First Responder Jobs Career Exploration will be held at the Center, 140 N. Commercial St. Info: 719-846-9221.

**CHENOWETH AWARDS**  
JAN 22 DEADLINE: Individual nomination forms for outstanding citizens who have made positive contributions to the region can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office. For more information call 719-846-9285 or email [tiaochamber@outlook.com](mailto:tiaochamber@outlook.com). Please include nominee's phone number and email address so they can be contacted.

**TSJC LUNCH & LEARN**  
JAN. 28 (12:15-12:45 p.m.) Free program "What's all the Buzz About Bees" by Jim Conley, former Huerfano County Extension Agent, will be held in the Pioneer Room of the Sullivan Center. Lunch can be had on your own at the cafeteria. Lunch RSVP: Donna Haddow, 719-846-5541 or [donna.haddow@trinidadstate.edu](mailto:donna.haddow@trinidadstate.edu).

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 12/30/15. Chilli Ditch: Priority # 7 --- Appropriation date: 04/30/1862.

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
Release .32 AF  
Inflow 48.97 AF -- 24.69 CFS  
Evaporation 0.65 AF  
Content 25,069 AF  
Elevation 6,190.34  
Precipitation 0

Down stream call: John Martin Reservoir: 12/31/1948.



## DISTRICT COURT

# Visiting judge denies public defender's motion to dismiss case

Staff Report  
*The Chronicle News*

A visiting judge has issued an order denying public defender Patrick McCarville's motion to dismiss the lawsuit brought against him by a prison inmate alleging fraud.

Judge Claude Appel disquali-

fied himself from the case after inmate Justin Rueb filed with the local court a letter blasting Appel for various conflicts of interest that Rueb claims should have disqualified Appel before he dismissed the case originally. This brought in visiting judge Charles R. Greenacre, who recently denied McCarville's motion to dismiss the case.

The case stems back to January 7, 2008, where McCarville represented Justin Rueb, then 33, in one criminal case out of two, the second of which Rueb intended to represent himself. Rueb underwent a sanity evaluation at the time and was found competent to stand trial; as a result, the cases were set for trial several months later on July 8 of the same year.

One week before the trials, McCarville was appointed to represent Rueb in both cases rather than just one, and he moved for a continuance in order to have more time to prepare a defense. At that point, Rueb asked McCarville to confirm whether or not the July 8 trial date fell within the six-month speedy trial deadline, to which McCarville told Rueb that it

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Courtesy of the Office of Judicial Performance

Las Animas County District Court Judge Claude Appel



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# Young cowboy brings in New Year right on top

Young ranch hand Chance Walton is already so skilled that he's started right at the top. Son of Bob and Melissa Walton, Chance is the fifth generation of his family to ranch at the top of Sugarite Canyon, on the Las Animas County side of the New Mexico state line. The 7-year-old's responsibilities require him to carry a radio, because ranching brings daily surprises.



Photo by Nick Ruybalid/The Chronicle-News

Native Trinidad resident and retired professor John Wood sits with one of his guitars in his home on Wednesday. Wood has been building, repairing and refurbishing guitars for 50 years — a hobby he has embraced for a lifetime.

## THE GUITAR MAN

# Local resident continues 50-year-old hobby — keeps others in mind

By Nick Ruybalid  
Correspondent  
*The Chronicle News*

Though many hobbies are for the benefit of self, one local resident's way of staying busy benefits others just as well. Retired professor John Wood has been building, repairing, and refurbishing guitars for 50 years, and he hasn't kept many of them.

"I find people that need them," Wood explains, "It's hard to get into the music business anymore... but if you follow through on bass or guitar, who knows where it'll take you?"

Wood spends quite a bit of time on guitars of all makes and builds, including Gibson, Fender, Ibanez, and Harmony guitars among others, even having worked on a models from as early as the 1940s. He works with bodies from different companies, fretless necks, electrics, acoustics, and has even fixed up fiddles and violins. Why? "It keeps my mind occupied and keep going," he answers.

Second Chance Guitar Ltd. — the name of Wood's project — isn't even close to the only thing Wood has done within his lifetime. In fact, he has two doctorates from UCLA and Stanford in mathematics and chemistry, taught coding and vacuum technology

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## CREATIVE ART DISTRICT

# Gallery Main readies for a new year of exhibitions

By Bree A. Pappan  
Executive Director  
*Trinidad Area Arts Council*

I have had the pleasure of serving as the Executive Director at Gallery Main since May of 2015. I knew I had some big shoes to fill

considering the past directors of this organization. Along with the help of the Trinidad Area Arts Council (TAAC) board and some of our members, I hope that the planned programs, exciting events and exhibitions for the upcoming year will contribute to the positive wave of change that the Arts in Trinidad will be experiencing in 2016.

The Exhibition schedule (shown in the inset on Page 4) was realized in November when I began to contact and poll artists, and have many discussions with the board and some of our members as to what would be some much-anticipated shows. The results are what I believe to be an exciting

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Bree A. Pappan

## WEATHER WATCH

**Monday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 45. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. **Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around

21. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph.

**Tuesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 47. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. West southwest wind around 5 mph becoming south in the afternoon. **Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around

26. South wind around 5 mph becoming west in the evening.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 44. West northwest wind around 5 mph. **Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. West wind around 5 mph.

**Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 38. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17. North wind around 5 mph.

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