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THE FINE PRINT

■ 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.

TRINIDAD SCHOOL BOE TUESDAY (6 p.m.) The Board of Education will hold a special session at the District Administration Office, 612 Park St. Info: 719-845-2048. School Board Superintendent: Scott Mader and Members: Paul Montero, Patrick Sandoval, John Masarotti, Joe Terry and Deb Hartman.

Today's Quote

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."
~ Helen Keller

■ WEDNESDAY - JAN. 6

E-911 AUTHORITY WEDNESDAY (3 p.m.) The E-911 Authority Board meets at the Garcia Justice Center in the Las Animas County Sheriff's Office, 2309 E. Main St. Information: Rita Mantelli, 719-846-4441.

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

■ 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 trinidadareartsCouncil@gmail.com.

TAKE THE SURVEY THURSDAY 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

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 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 into about the Center call: Anna Fislely, 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 tlacchamber@outlook.com.

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 is your own at the cafeteria. RSVP: Donna Haddow, 719-846-5541 or donna.haddow@trinidadstate.edu.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 01/04/16. Chilili Ditch: Priority # 7 --- Appropriation date: 04/30/1862.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
Release .32 AF
Inflow 40.32 AF -- 20.33 CFS
Evaporation 0 AF
Content 25,277 AF
Elevation 6,190.60
Precipitation 0

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



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Polar Bear Plunge draws the hardy and foolhardy once again

New Mexico's Lake Maloya's water temperature was 30 degrees Friday, positively balmy compared to the air temperature of 23 when almost three dozen of the bold and the crazy took the leap for the third annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge, a Raton Parks and Recreation Department benefit for the Raton Veterans Memorial. At least two-hundred more-cautious souls watched from the sidelines. **See Page 3 for more chilling photographs of this zany event.**

HEALTHY CHILDCARE

Local Preschools, Early Childhood Centers not impacted by new state licensing standards

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

New state standards requiring healthy meals, playground time, limits on television viewing and a ban on sugary drinks go into effect on February 1, 2016. Some of the approximately 2,000 state-licensed child care centers have expressed concerns that the new standards could hurt their businesses and the state has promised help in implementing the new standards, but a Monday phone survey of several local early childcare and preschool providers in Trinidad indicated that they already use those standards and they all said they wouldn't be negatively impacted by the changes in child care standards.

The new licensing standards were approved last month, according to an Associated Press story,

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The Las Animas County Health Department is the home of the Huerfano - Las Animas Counties (HuLA) Early Childhood Advisory Council.

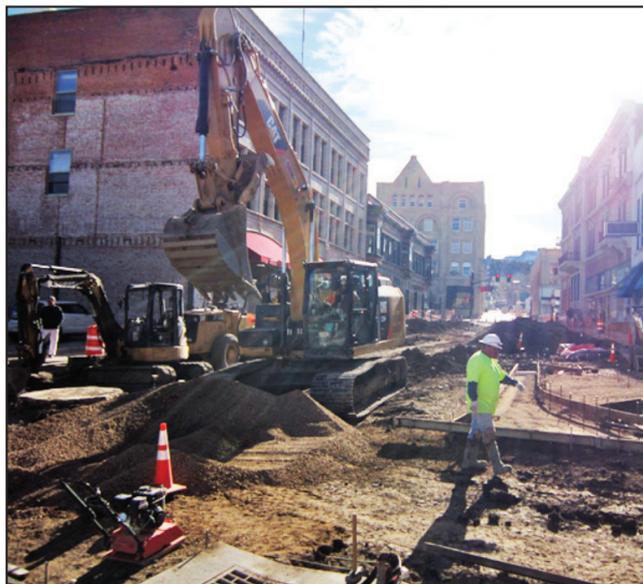


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Construction continues on Commercial St. in Trinidad as seen here from the intersection at Church St. the week of December 24, 2015.

COMMERCIAL STREET

Light shines at end of tunnel as project nears last phase of completion

Crews finish work in last block

City of Trinidad
Special to The Chronicle-News

Construction continues on the Commercial Street Project here in Trinidad. Crews are in the last block of the project, removing and replacing sidewalk, curb and gutter, and installing road base. Bricks have been installed up to the intersection of Commercial and Church Streets, and the Bank of the West drive thru is now open.

A utility contractor is on site to repair a manhole cover in the Church Street area. Tree grates and light poles will soon be installed in the south

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WEATHER WATCH

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.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37. Southwest wind around 5 mph.
Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 15. West wind around 5 mph.

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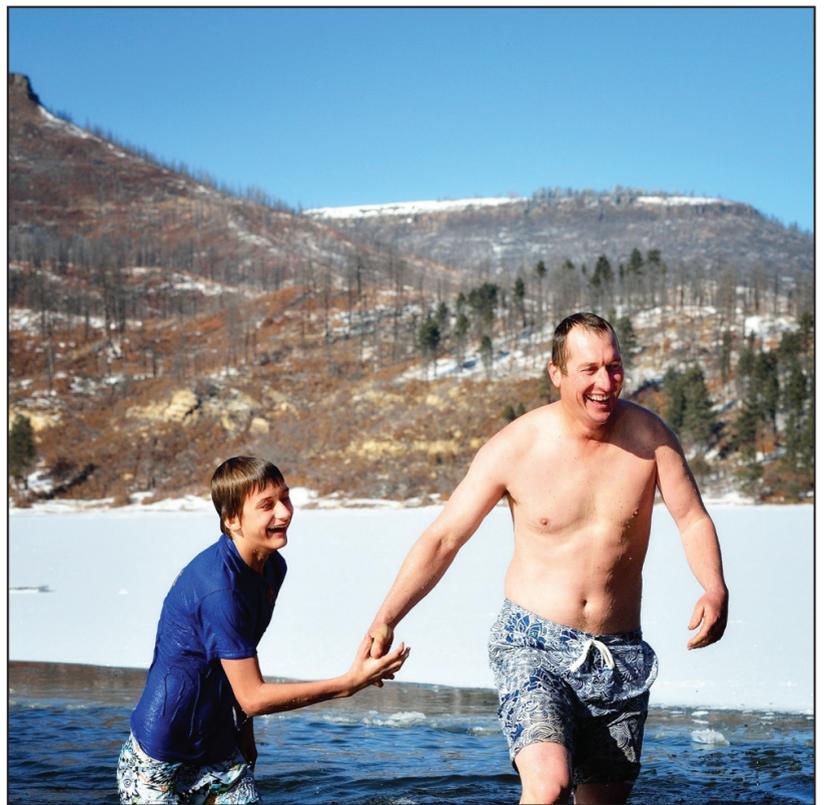
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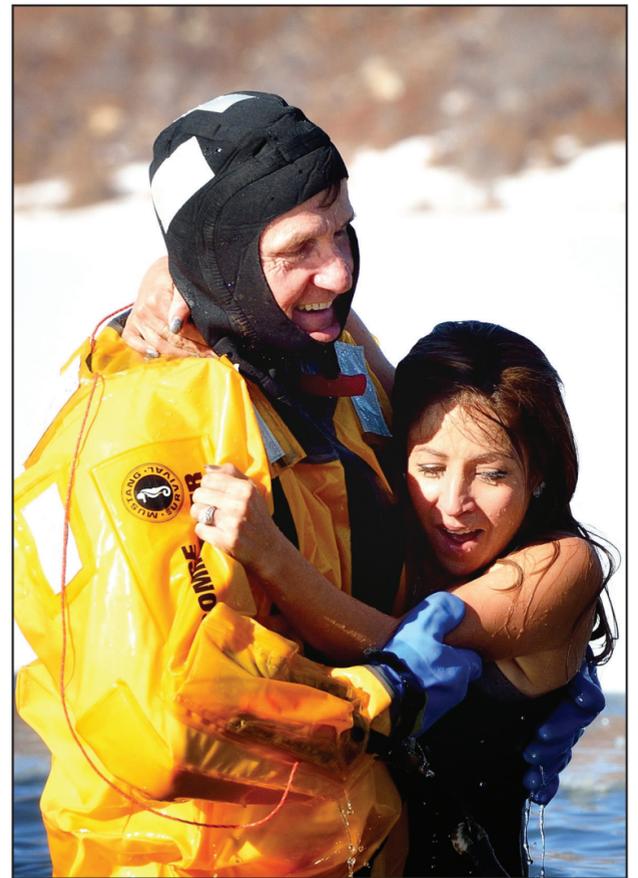
GREAT OUTDOORS

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JANUARY 22 DEADLINE

Chamber seeks nominees for annual Chenoweth Award

By Eric John Monson
News Editor
The Chronicle-News

One of the most respected awards given out regularly in Trinidad has been the Chenoweth Award, named after the late Judge and longtime U.S. Congressman John Edgar Chenoweth. The Trinidad and Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce (TLACC) is now seeking nominations for the 2015 Chenoweth Award.

Last year the Griego family was presented with the award with Ed, Karen and Kathleen Griego accepting. Other nominees last year included the late Lonnie Adkisson, Linda Perry, Jay Cimino, Judge John Garcia, the Griego family, Noreen Hazen, Loyd Holliman, Marilyn Leuszler, Terry Lobato, Anthony Mattie, Yolande Romero, Ann Salbato-Large, Lou Simpleman and Charlene Tortorice.

The annual award was revived a year ago after a year absence. At that time, 2012 Chenoweth Award recipient Tom Perry highlighted the importance of the community-centered award and its importance to the Chamber. "As you know," said Perry, "the Chamber of Commerce is working very hard to get the Chamber back up and running and serving the community in many ways. One of these ways is with the annual Chenoweth Award. One of the goals is to re-energize the Chenoweth Award process and to build a strong pool of nominated candidates from which the Chamber Board will select the recipient of this prestigious award."

In an email announcing the nomination process for this year the Chamber said, "Some of the examples of character of the late J. Edgar Chenoweth include responsibility, respectfulness, caring, giving, positive attitude, trustworthiness, cooperation, honesty and many others."

The award dates back to 1979 and honors a distinguished local citizen for their outstanding service to the community. Any citizen of Trinidad or Las Animas County can be nominated, although former Chenoweth Award winners are ineligible. Past recipients of this prestigious award include the Ed Griego Family, Tom Perry, Howard Lackey, Jack Bearden, Roberta Cordova, Joe Reorda, Linda Barron, John Tarabino and others.

The presentation of this annual award will take place in mid February and the deadline for nominations is January 22, 2016. Nomination forms can be picked up at the Chamber office, or by calling 719-846-9285, or through email at tlcchamber@outlook.com. The Chamber asks that people provide a phone number and/or email address of the nominee so the Chamber office may contact them.

Each nominee will be asked for biographical information, which will be reviewed by past award winners to come up with a list of finalists. The TLACC board of directors will make the final decision on the award winner, whose name will be announced at the banquet.

Judge Chenoweth served in Congress for 22 years, during the period from 1940 through 1964. His core values represented a shining example to his community, and are the same values that will be used to decide this year's Chenoweth Award winner.



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Judge John Edgar Chenoweth

Past Chenoweth Award Recipients

- 2014: Griego Family
- 2012: Tom Perry
- 2011: Howard Lackey
- 2010: Phyllis Moniot
- 2009: Sam Madrid & Kay Garlutzio
- 2008: Eugene Aiello
- 2007: Jack Bearden
- 2006: Roberta Cordova
- 2005: James "Chico" Martinez (posthumously)
- 2004: Captain Mel Williamson
- 2003: Mayor Joseph Reorda
- 2002: Lou Girodo
- 2001: Linda Barron
- 2000: Gertrude Brunelli
- 1999: Sister Isabella Glenn
- 1998: Stan Barron
- 1997: Harry R. Sayre
- 1996: Willard Louden
- 1995: Joe Garbo
- 1994: Floyd Hill
- 1993: John Tarabino

- 1992: Ruth Henritze
- 1990: Golden K Kiwanis Club
- 1989: Richard Louden
- 1988: Shaker Azar
- 1987: Glenn Aultman
- 1986: Marj Marty
- 1985: Bea Sanders
- 1984: George Hadad
- 1983: Ed Howard
- 1982: Tom Cimino
- 1981: Sister Augusta Zimmer
- 1980: Mae Barker
- 1979: Judge J. Edgar Chenoweth

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