



Grant to help veterans

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GROVETON — In a spot of good news in the midst of the disaster aftermath, Trinity County Commissioners Court celebrated the receipt of a grant that will help veterans in the county. Grant administrator Vicki Branch informed the court at the June 25 meeting that the county was awarded \$180,000 from the Texas Veterans Commission Veterans' Assistance Grant for 2024/2025. The funds will be used to provide services for qualifying veterans and their families beginning July 1, to June 30, 2025.

Branch said grants like these can make a significant difference in supporting veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much for their country.

By providing food allowance, rent, utility sup-

port, and transportation support, Trinity County helps alleviate financial burdens and ensure basic needs are met. Assistive technology includes hearing aids, mobility devices, Orthotics, and other devices that will greatly improve the quality of life for veterans with disabilities.

Financial assistance may include rent, utilities (water, gas, electric), food, and assistive technology and transportation, such as hearing aids and lift chairs. Also, the money can be used to assist the repair of scooters.

Additionally, there is help for utilities and even rental assistance.

"We're trying to get them some help, the younger veterans looking to get back to work or the older ones who need help," Branch said.

Eligibility guidelines have been established using specific income brackets and other criteria to determine the need for financial assistance; veter-

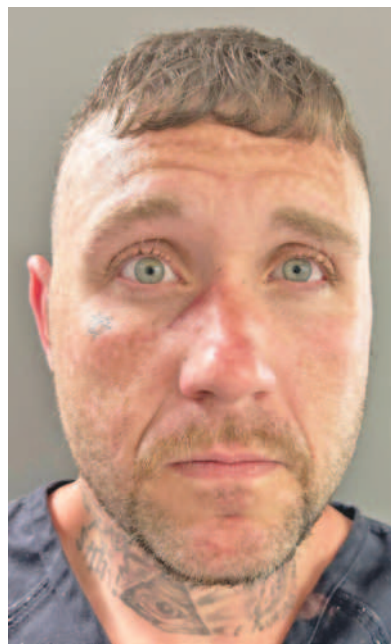
ans must be a Trinity County resident and have an honorable, general under honorable conditions, or uncharacterized discharge.

Dependents include legal spouse, child, step-child, or legally adopted child under the age of 18; disabled adult child who requires care by an adult, adult child attending high school or college and under the age of 23, and surviving spouses must have been legally married to an eligible veteran at time of his/her death and not have remarried.

Other requirements for members or spouses include a valid state-issued ID/DL, or military ID, and a marriage license for spouse. Dependents need also a birth certificate or adoption certificate. For information, please call the Trinity County Veterans Service Office at (936) 594-8067 or (936) 642-3928 or visit 106 Elm Drive in Trinity; email veterans@co.trinity.tx.us; or visit <https://www.co.trinity.tx.us> or www.tvc.texas.gov.

In other business, the commissioners:

- approved the annual audit, which was submitted with an unmodified opinion;
- approved a bond renewal for Devon Evans and a new bond for Makenzie White;
- approved personnel action forms;
- approved a request for bids for road materials and contract hauling;
- approved a new financial software license agreement;
- approved invoices for disaster-related purchases;
- tabled a request for a contract for inmate housing;
- reappointed County Tax Assessor/Collector Nancy Shanafelt as DETCOG representative;
- accepted a donation of law books;
- approved bids on tax resale properties; and
- set a public hearing for July 23 for a road closure on McMullen Road.



Suspect, Shyan Spikes



Law enforcement officials began a search in subdivisions around Trinity for a suspect wanted in connection with a Wednesday shooting that left one man injured. COURTESY PHOTOS

Fight leads to shooting, manhunt

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TRINITY — A 35-year-old Trinity man is facing an assault charge after an argument led to a shooting that forced law enforcement officials to call out the dogs.

Shyan Spikes is being held on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and may have additional charges filed, according to Trinity County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Jeremy Carroll.

Carroll said that on Wednesday, an al-

tercation between Spikes and victim Jamie Driggers, 35, was reported. The reason was not known; however, Driggers reportedly drove past Spikes' residence, and two shots were fired in Driggers' direction.

The bullets hit Driggers and his vehicle, who then he went to a nearby house and asked for ambulance.

Carroll said that when law enforcement officers arrived at the scene of the attack, a witness told them about the shooting. Deputies began a search, which ended up in the Lake L subdivision.

From there, law enforcement officials set up a perimeter and called for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice tracking dogs. After a short period of time, as dogs were being deployed, Spikes came from 10-15 yards in woods and was arrested 700 block Darrell Hall Road, Carroll said.

The search lasted just under three hours.

Carroll said Driggers, 35, was listed in stable condition at a hospital in Houston.

Also assisting in the investigation was the Trinity Police Department.

Board approves termination

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TRINITY — After a closed session, the Trinity ISD Board of Trustees approved the termination of the district's transportation director.

Superintendent Dr. John Kaufman said that the contract for Robert Redmond was terminated on the night of the June 24 board meeting.

According to police reports, Robert Ryan Redmond, 52, was arrested June 11 on a charge of theft of property of more than \$2,500 but less than \$30,000, a third-degree felony. He was released on a \$20,000 bond.

A special meeting was scheduled for Tuesday to discuss hiring a replacement.

In other business, the trustees:

- approved a resolution to pay employees for days lost during the flooding disaster. Kaufman said that several employees were flooded in and could not report for work;
- renewed health care coverage for employees for the 2024-2025 school year, which reflects a premium increase of \$31 per employee, which will be passed on to the employees;
- approved the creation of a facility planning committee to explore the district's needs and how to meet them through the existing budget and without creating a bond issue; and
- approved research into the cost feasibility of implementing a cosmetology program for the district.

City looks for land for water storage

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GROVETON — City officials are looking to contract with the U.S. Forest Service for land to build a second storage tank for the city's water system.

At the June 24 meeting, the Groveton City Council discussed its latest option to improve water service — leasing land in Davy Crockett National Forest for a ground storage tank and booster pump station.

Mayor Ralph Bennett said that the land in question is next to the city's existing Pennington connection, which is the source of city water, near the corner of Highway 287 and FM 3154.

Bennett said this will increase capacity and provide a long-term water source. He also said they are still searching for another well location for an additional water source.

In other business, the council:

- discussed city financials, and that the city has funds to make it through to the next budget cycle;
- approved the purchase of the building for a new library at a cost of \$125,000, with the city cashing in a Library CD for \$34,778.17 and taking the remaining cost from the city's special project fund;
- approved issuing a business credit card for Bennett, to be used for emergency purchases;
- approved paying Inframark \$7,187.06 for water and sewer services;
- discussed street repair and filing for grants from FEMA for reimbursement; and
- approved the renewal of health-related supplemental insurance

FEMA assistance available for churches

Special to the News-Standard

FEMA may provide funds to houses of worship and other private nonprofit organizations to help pay for emergency protective measures, debris removal and restoration of facilities damaged by the storms and flooding April 26-June 5 in Texas.

FEMA's Public Assistance program may cover costs to repair or replace damaged facilities or provide funding for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.

Eligibility requirements include:

- The house of worship must be owned or operated by a private nonprofit organization and have sustained damage caused by the storms.
- The facility must be open to the public.
- The application must include state and/or U.S. Internal Revenue Service documentation of tax-exempt status, pre-disaster charter and other documentation.

Organizations that provide non-critical services may be required to apply for a low-interest disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to be considered for Public Assistance

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New officers

Joe Werner Masonic Lodge 553 of Trinity had its annual Installation of officers on Saturday for 2024-2025. They are Rich Scott, worshipful master; Denis Wilkins, senior warden; Neal Smith, junior warden; Windell Kendrick, senior deacon; and Michael Moffett, junior deacon. COURTESY PHOTO

Lake Livingston Dam under failure watch

Special to the News-Standard

The Trinity River Authority is confirming that the spillway of the Lake Livingston Dam and spillway have been adversely impacted by the recent heavy rainfall and flooding in the dam's drainage area, resulting in the declaration of a "potential failure watch" condition which requires continued moni-

toring and evaluation of the spillway's integrity, as well as the implementation of necessary repairs and remedial actions.

Although there is no immediate danger of either failure or breach of the dam, the potential does exist however remote it might be.

The day-to-day operation of the dam will continue as necessary, although

normal gate operations may vary as conditions dictate.

This declaration is in conformance with the Emergency Action Plan as approved by the TRA, which will monitor the spillway's status and will issue updates as necessary.

For additional information please contact Trinity River Authority at (877) 352-3247 or visit trinityra.org.



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RIVER & RAINFALL DATA AS OF JULY 2
Gauge Height..... 19 ft
Condition..... Normal Flood Stage
Weekly rainfall 0.00 in



Next stop is Independence Day celebrations

It is hard to believe but half of 2024 is gone, and the weather still has a mind of its own. We have already had two hurricanes wreak havoc on the two Americas, and more are yet to come.

I do hope we get through the Fourth of July activities before Mother Nature decides to interfere with our freedom celebrations.

Last weekend was the Fireworks display at Westwood Shores Subdivision. It was a small array of colors but the oohing and aahing, clapping and hollering, and the noise let me know it was a huge success and much appreciated by the guests and residents.

This week the fireworks' display near us are:

- Huge Firework Extravaganza on Thursday at the "Y" in Groveton. The gates open at 3 p.m. July 4 and the festivities begin with food, games, live music, vendors, and fun followed by fireworks at 9 p.m.

The Groveton Lions Club sponsors this event, and the parade that starts on Thursday at 1 p.m. will line up at noon at the Indian Stadium Parking lot 1 p.m. No need to sign up, you just show up, join the parade and participate.



Julia's Tidbits

By Julia McMichael

- Trinity's fireworks display is being held on Friday at the old football field on Stadium Street at dusk.

- McLeod's Fireworks on Saturday, July 6, at Barrett's Landing. I think I say where they are having food music, vendors, and games before the fireworks display at dusk.

The last of the July Vacation Bible School listings in Trinity:

- Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church is hosting Vacation Bible School July 8-12 at 201 N. Robb St. in Trinity. School starts at 8 a.m. and ends at noon. The theme for this VBS is "Breaker Rock Beach." Children's ages are completed kindergarten and fifth grade. For more information, call the church office at (936) 594-3822.

- First Methodist Church of Trinity is hosting Vacation Bible School July 15-19. You may register now. The hours are 9 a.m.

until noon Monday through Friday. The Cokebury's VBS program this year is "Hero Hotline" called together to serve God. The church is located at 131 N. Elm St. For more information, call Laura at (936) 594-3826 or email firstmctrinitytx.org to register.

More Community Activities for early July:

On Thursday, Trinity VFW Post 6899 will be closed. No Bingo that night. Bingo will resume on Friday at 7 p.m. as usual.

On Saturday, there will be two events at the hall, 400 Caroline St.

First there is a blood drive being held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the VFW parking lot. The Gulf Coast Blood Center is the recruiter for the blood donations. Call Marilyn Barnes at (281) 782-8309 for more information.

During the blood drive, you can go inside and purchase the best bake goods in Trinity County provided by the Ladies Auxiliary and by my favorite baker, Lanora Ainsworth.

I have it on good authority there will be cherry pies, blackberry pies, banana bread and peanut brittle, but you must go early to get to purchase Lanora's goodies.

The second event is Eddie and Maxey's Saturday Afternoon

Dance from noon until 4 p.m. The Texas Thunder Band of Vidor will perform classic Country music for your enjoyment. The cantina and snack bar will be open at this time and admission is \$15. For more information, call Eddie at (409) 550-4348, Maxey at (936) 635-4787, or the VFW at (936) 594-9467.

More Activities for Community Late July.

- SAAFE House will host its annual Denim & Diamonds Bingo fundraiser from 6 to 10 p.m. July 13 at The Manor on Pinecrest Drive in Trinity. There will be food, a silent and live auction, door prizes and of course 10 rounds of Bingo with prizes for the winners.

Tickets and tables are available. Call SAAFE House at (936) 291-3529, Veronica at (936) 284-5580 or Tammy at (936) 284-5547.

- The Annual Summer conference for the ROTC church will be held July 20 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Trinity Community Center. Prayer in the Park is held each summer to provide music, free school items, food, door prizes and spiritual aspiration to the community of Trinity.

This event is sponsored by many churches in our city and county, and for more informa-

tion or to sponsor a booth, donate gifts, provide music, food, or school supplies, your generosity would be greatly appreciated and welcomed, so contact Karen Dixon at (936) 581-6531.

- The second annual Back to School Supply Drive will be held July 27 and hosted by Lone Star Missionary Baptist Church, 502 W. Main St., in Trinity.

The event starts at 10 a.m. and ends when the school supplies are gone. Free backpacks and school supplies are to be given to pre-K to eighth-grade students.

Donations or money can be dropped off at the church on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. or Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. at the church. Please help to make this a successful endeavor.

For more information, call Charolett Clayborne at (936) 662-5947, Pastor DeBose at (936) 355-1987 or Lula English-DeBose at (936) 355-3973.

- The Trinity Lions Club will meet for its regular business meeting at noon at the Chamber Building on Wednesday.

- The Trinity Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will not meet until next Wednesday, July 10, due to members on holiday.

Happy Independence Day and be cool if you can.

Help possible for loss of tools, equipment

Special to the News-Standard

If you are self-employed, FEMA may be able to provide funds to repair or replace disaster-damaged tools and equipment required for your work. This help is available to

a wide range of applicants, including farmers, artists, musicians, mechanics and many other occupations.

FEMA may also be able to help if you are an employee and you lost tools or equipment required

for your job and not reimbursable by your employer.

Eligible work tools
Tools and equipment required for self-employment or required, but not provided, by an employer. Examples of tools include:

- Computers required by an employer or for self-employment when you are responsible for the replacement of the computer.

- Tools and equipment such as power tools, art materials, musical instruments, tractors, utility ve-

hicles, lawnmowers, ladders, etc.

- Uniforms required for work when you are responsible for replacement of the uniforms.

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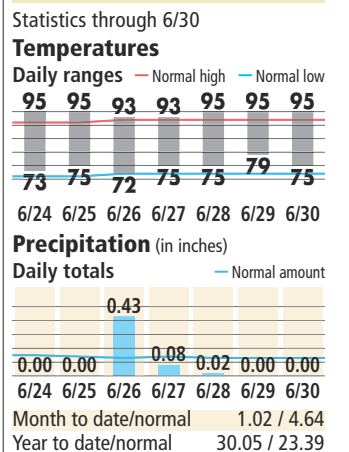
TRINITY COUNTY WEATHER FORECAST

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THURSDAY	THU NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny and very warm	Mostly clear, warm and humid	Mostly sunny and very warm	A t-storm in spots in the afternoon	Partly sunny	An afternoon t-storm or two; warm	Warm; an afternoon t-storm or two	Cloudy with a couple of t-storms
HIGHS: 95 to 100 RF: 105 to 110 POP: 15%	LOWS: 76 to 81 RF: 84 to 89 POP: 15%	95 to 100 73 to 78 RF: 105 to 110/80 to 85 POP: 15%	91 to 96 74 to 79 RF: 101 to 106/77 to 82 POP: 40%	93 to 98 74 to 79 RF: 104 to 109/78 to 83 POP: 20%	95 to 100 73 to 78 RF: 105 to 110/80 to 85 POP: 65%	94 to 99 74 to 79 RF: 102 to 107/77 to 82 POP: 65%	91 to 96 74 to 79 RF: 94 to 99/78 to 83 POP: 65%

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ARREST RECORDS

The following people were arrested by Trinity County law enforcement officials through July 1. All suspects are innocent until convicted in a court of law.

- **Makala Shahailey Greer**, 17, assault causing bodily injury on a family member.
- **Amanda Janette Golden**, 44, escape; evading arrest or detention; theft; public intoxication; possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **Clayton Brice Parish**, 23, public intoxication.
- **Jerry Patrick Smith III**, 36, driving while license invalid with previous convictions.
- **Charlie Leon Rhodes**, 36, warrant for theft of property.
- **David George Agee Jr.**, 38, warrant for violation of bond or protective order.
- **Sean Daniel Wallace**, 43, warrant for bond forfeiture on a charge of assault causing bodily injury; warrant for bond forfeiture on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- **Edward Donald King Jr.**, 43, burglary of a habitation; theft of property; evading arrest or detention with a vehicle; unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; evading arrest or detention.
- **Shelby Dawn Applewhite**, 33, warrant for speeding; warrant for failure to drive in a single lane; warrant for possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia.
- **Donna Lynn Moore**, 56, driving while intoxicated with an open container.
- **Keontra Tirrell Moore**, 26, warrant for probation violation on an original charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **Melissa Ann Cunningham**, 42, warrant for motion to revoke parole on a conviction for possession of a controlled substance.
- **Wallace Lincoln Hooks**, 33, warrant for probation violation on a conviction for assault causing bodily injury on a family member.
- **Dustin Lynn Johnson**, 43, assault causing bodily injury on a family member.

STAR Fund supports Texas ag producers affected by natural disasters

Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and the Texas Department of Agriculture urge all agriculture producers affected by recent severe weather disasters to apply for the State of Texas Agriculture Relief Fund Disaster Assistance Program.

This essential program provides financial support to help with clean-up and rebuilding efforts, offering crucial assistance to those on the front lines of these natural disasters. Qualifying applicants can receive a cost-share of up to 80 percent for eligible disaster recovery expenses.

“Texans are no strangers to extreme weather,” Commissioner Sid Miller said. “Farmers and ranchers across the state are trying to rebuild fences, clean up their properties, and pick up the pieces from Mother Nature’s latest curve ball. That’s where the STAR Fund comes into play and why it was created — to help support folks during challenging times and to help them get back on their feet. TDA is committed to providing whatever help we can. I hope producers who need a little help will apply for assistance. That’s what this money is for.”

The STAR Fund currently has more than \$1.2 million available to support agricultural producers. Fully funded by private donations, the STAR Fund provides resources to appli-

cants in counties that have been declared disaster areas by the Texas Governor.

Currently, assistance is available for multiple disasters, including the 2024 Panhandle wildfires and the severe storms that occurred in April and May 2024. Producers affected by these events are strongly encouraged to apply for assistance.

As disasters increase in scale, support for agricultural producers has become even more important—the Smokehouse Creek Fire, for example, became the largest recorded fire in Texas history in 2024. The STAR Fund is a recognition of the harsh realities Texans face, and TDA is dedicated to ensuring that producers receive the support they need and deserve.

“Folks, I urge you to apply for these funds, because every single Texan across our state depends on our agriculture producers to provide the food and fiber to keep us alive and keep our economy strong,” Miller said. “Every single dollar in the Star Fund was donated by a private person or business — none of the funding is from taxpayer dollars. This money was donated by good, hardworking people who just want to help their fellow Texans get their operations back up and running.”

Applications for wildfire aid are due July 15 before 11:59 p.m.

Applications for severe weather aid are due Sept. 11 before 11:59 p.m.



Looking Back

By Marlena Stubblefield
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10 years ago on July 3, 2014: Jordyn Rogers signs with Kilgore College; Local teams head to State; Dyer to make recommendation during nuisance abatement hearing July 28. Obituary for the week: Ben Abshier, 77 of Woodlake and Marie T. Daniel.

20 years ago on July 1, 2004: GVFD 4th celebration to be held Saturday at Fire Station; City council discusses sta-

tus on USDA sewer plant grant; News/Ad deadline set at 5 p.m. Friday, July 2nd; Rodney Thomas hired as Asst. Coach at Timpson High; Joe L. Price portrait hanging set for Thursday, July 15, 2004. Obituaries for the week: Morris Neal West, 69; Milton Rett Friday, 91 of Friday; Herbert Lee Shaw, Jr., 76 of Grapeland and Garland Curry, 49 of Houston.

30 years ago on July 7, 1994: Chamber hosts Fourth of July fun afternoon; DARE officer guards buried treasure; Drug Abuse council/DARE join forces; Dairy Queen fender bender involves unlicensed driver; Lise Denman graduates; From the Chief Deputy-Don’t assist vehicle thieves. Obituaries for the week: Betty Jo Atmar Ballard, 69 of Tulsa, OK; Ethel Carr, 91 of Groveton and Linda Kay Owens Robert, 40 of Houston.

SENIOR MENUS

July 8-12
Menus Subject to Change
• **Martin Senior Center** | 936-594-2625
All meals are \$6.

A limited fruit and salad bar is available, and drinks include lemonade, tea, water or coffee. Dessert is served with all meals.

MONDAY: Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread.

TUESDAY: Barbecue baked potatoes, tenders, broccoli, baked beans, bread.

WEDNESDAY: Baked chicken, rice and gravy, purple hull peas, cornbread.

THURSDAY: Goulash, corn, garlic bread.
FRIDAY: Fried fish or chicken tenders, French fries, fried okra, deviled eggs.

• **Groveton Senior Center** | 936-642-1541

Bread, dessert, fruit, tea, coffee and milk are available.

MONDAY: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet peas, rolls.

TUESDAY: Barbecue sandwich, breaded

okra, baked beans, chips.
WEDNESDAY: Oven fried chicken, turnip greens, blackeye peas, cornbread.

THURSDAY: Meatloaf, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread.

FRIDAY: Fried or baked catfish, French fries, potato salad, coleslaw, pinto beans, hush puppies.

• **Apple Springs Senior Citizens Inc.** | 936-831-2671
Meals served with dessert and fruit and a choice of drink.

MONDAY: Swiss steak with tomato gravy, rice, broccoli, cornbread.

TUESDAY: Chicken fried steak, rice, okra and tomatoes.

WEDNESDAY: Pork loin, navy beans, broccoli cheese rice casserole, cornbread.

THURSDAY: Chicken and sausage casserole, cabbage, pinto beans.

FRIDAY: Hamburgers or cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes.

FEMA

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grants. Grants may be available to these organizations for repair or replacement costs that SBA loans do not cover. These organizations can also

apply to FEMA and the SBA at the same time. For more information, see FEMA’s Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide Version 4. Private nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, interested in applying for a grant should contact their local or state emergency manager.

TOOLS

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This assistance may be available if the items were damaged by the Texas storms and flooding April 26-June 5, and you do not have another working item that can meet this need and the loss of the item was not covered by insurance.

Required documentation

To be eligible for self-employment assistance, you must provide documentation that proves you’re self-employed, such as federal tax return documents, and must meet the eligibility criteria for FEMA assistance.

Self-employed Texans should provide FEMA with:

- Insurance documents for all potential cov-

erages and benefits

- Itemized receipts or estimates for repairing or replacing the requested items
 - A written statement that explains the items are needed for self-employment
- To find out if you are eligible, apply to FEMA:
- Go online to disasterassistance.gov.
 - Download the FEMA App for mobile devices.

- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 any day from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.
- Visit any Disaster Recovery Center. For operating hours and addresses, go online to fema.gov/drc.

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Reading between the chirps won't reveal substance

Many of you by now have formed an opinion on what happened in last week's debate between Joe Biden and Donald Trump.

You've either watched that slow-motion train wreck, or you've been inundated with social media posts and phone/email spam on who won, who lost and who was or wasn't coherent.

While on the surface, the performances left a lot to be desired (like an actual leader), underneath there was even less, unless you count golf game handicaps and the obvious dislike of each other.

There was one phrase, uttered off-hand by Biden, that was particularly telling and encapsulates the current mindset — and current problem — with government, and possibly the main one that has shaped my disappointment with our country's leaders.

Biden, in talking about assisting people of color, said the quiet thing out loud when he said, "we need to do more."

While he was talking in terms of race relations, this is exactly what the mindset is for everything and why the government has grown to its current behemoth size.

If somebody somewhere has a problem, they talk with legislators



My Two Common Sense

By Tony Farkas
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or their aides, which starts the ball rolling on legislation or regulation (more on that in a bit). Got issues with too many people dying in car crashes? Have the government make seat belt use mandatory, and arbitrarily create a point where a driver is considered impaired.

Have an issue with being denied health care procedures? The government can pass universal health care and dictate what can and can't be done, and how much it will cost.

Climate change making you hot under the collar? Convince your leaders that climate change is the "greatest existential threat to the planet" and create rules to reverse it, or whatever.

Our fearless leaders have taken that attitude toward every aspect of our lives. Homes must be built to government standards, children must be educated to government standards, parks can be enjoyed by

government standards, television and radio broadcasts must meet government standards, and so on and so on and scooby dooby dooby.

The useless sheeples do nothing but exclaim how the government cares, and the large media conglomerates toe the line and spin everything to make it palatable. It doesn't make a difference what brand of politician is in charge, since these days there's no real difference.

Several things occur to me about this, not the least of which is underscored by the word "more." It tells me that all of the efforts into control "for the good of the country" and "our democracy" have not been effective. This has been the fed modus operandi — patch after patch, law after law that have been applied to fix something fails till the government takes over completely.

Problem 1 is that has yet to work, and problem 2 is that many of these things — education, energy, banking, the marketplace, etc. — are not under the scope of government responsibility, at least not constitutionally.

There are remedies, such as trying to vote out the swamp dwellers and the courts, but that takes time and perseverance, such as actually getting people out to vote or hav-

ing the funds and actual time to run things through the gauntlet of government-appointed judges.

Recently, though, there was a bright spot: The Supreme Court last week gutted a "government doctrine" that allowed federal agencies to regulate business and industry into the ground. Seems the judges felt that actual laws need to be passed by Congress before a federal agency can issue regulations, instead of what was being followed for the last 40 years.

The Chevron deference doctrine allowed that in cases where law wasn't specific enough, a federal agency can interpret the law and courts were bound to uphold it. The new ruling puts the question of interpretation back in the hands of the courts.

Will it help? Probably, in the long run. But ultimately, unless the inexorable appetite of the government for control is ended, pretty soon there will be no freedom except what is granted to us by government, not endowed to us by the creator.

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Energy fund program hit with numerous applications

Happy Independence Day. Have a safe holiday and enjoy the fireworks. Here are five things happening around your state:

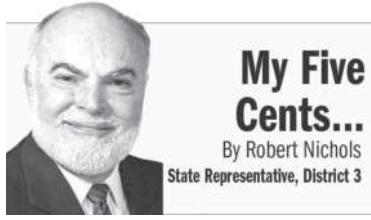
•Texas Energy Fund oversubscribed
The Public Utility Commission of Texas announced this month that the newly created Texas Energy Fund has received 125 notices of intent to apply for the In-ERCOT Generation Loan program.

The notices request almost \$40 billion in financing for new dispatchable power generation projects. This indicates strong industry response and interest in the low-interest loan program created by the Legislature last year.

The initial program was designed to provide low-interest financing for new construction or upgrades to existing dispatchable electric generating facilities in the ERCOT power region. Currently, the program has only \$5 billion available for its various programs.

However, the intention of the Legislature was to fund the program in two stages, with an additional \$5 billion infusion next session, for a total of \$10 billion in new investment.

The In-ERCOT Generation Loan Program is one of four TEF programs



My Five Cents...
By Robert Nichols
State Representative, District 3

established by Senate Bill 2627 by Sen. Charles Schwertner. All four programs are designed to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric facilities in Texas both inside and outside the ERCOT power region.

• Teacher Incentive Allotment funds roll out to schools

This month, the Texas Education Agency announced more than \$290 million in Teacher Incentive Allotment funds have been awarded to almost 25,000 designated teachers.

The program was created by House Bill 3 (86 Regular Session) in 2019 to provide top-performing teachers with an accessible pathway to a six-figure salary. Teachers earn designations from their district's designation system, or a National Board Certification, which generates extra funding for the district.

This program incentivizes high-quality teachers to stay in the classroom while receiving better pay. More than 300 districts have fully implemented a TIA program, including many in East and Southeast Texas, and more are working through the rigorous process to implement a program.

Programs like these are essential to achieving educational excellence in Texas.

• Battleship Texas update

The Battleship Texas is still undergoing extensive repairs before it can reopen to the public. Soon the ship will move to Pier A along the channel at Gulf Copper, where the next stage of restoration will take place. It will focus on deck replacement, painting, interior restorations, and the beginning stages of planning the new, onboard museum.

While there is still a lot of work to be done before the ship can reopen, the Battleship Texas Foundation is hoping to reopen in 2025 or 2026 at its new home in Galveston.

For more information, visit BattleshipTexas.org.

• Business and Commerce Committee

The Senate Business and Commerce Committee met this month to discuss interim charges including electricity market design, transmitting Texas power, and the impact of Bitcoin mining on the Texas electric grid.

The committee heard from officials at the Public Utility Commission, ERCOT, Office of Public Utility Counsel, the Independent Market Monitor, and industry representatives about how the implementation of changes made during the last legislative session are effecting the market. Additionally, the panel heard from Bitcoin miners regarding the industry's impact to the grid.

Bitcoin mines can come online quickly and usually demand a large amount of electricity. The addition of large load to the grid can create scarcity within the market when grid conditions are tight. However, Bitcoin mines are considered "flexible load," meaning that they can reduce operations and thus reduce their electricity demand.

The new market entrants faced skepticism from members about their operations during the hearing, especially considering the load growth

projections the committee received from ERCOT. Over the next six years, ERCOT is projecting a possible addition of 40 gigawatts of load compared to last year's forecast of the same timeframe — a tremendous increase from last year.

To meet that much demand, new generation will have to come on the market.

• Texas-based stock exchange in the works

This month, the Texas Stock Exchange announced it had raised approximately \$120 million from investors to launch the new trading venture.

The TXSE would be an alternative to the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq, which some view as too costly and overly regulated. The financing group, which includes BlackRock, Citadel Securities, and dozens of investors, plans to headquarter in Dallas.

The TXSE founders said they chose Texas because of its explosive economic growth and population growth. Many large companies have relocated to Texas over the past decade and Texas continues to be a pro-business state.

Sen. Robert Nichols represents District 3, which includes Trinity County,

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Sunday evening 6 PM
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Evening Worship 6 PM
Wednesday 7 PM

Trinity Tabernacle
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Hwy 19 N
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Wednesday 7 PM
Sunday evening 6:30 PM

Country Campus Baptist

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Evening 6 PM
Wednesday 6 PM

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Morning Worship 11 AM
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Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 6:30 PM
Wednesday 6:30 PM

Lone Star Baptist
Isaac DeBose, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 11:30 AM
Thursday Prayer 6 PM

Mary's Chapel Missionary Baptist
Rev. Nathaniel Jenkins, Pastor
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Wednesday 6 PM

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Sunday School 10 AM
Sunday Service 11:15 AM

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Worship 11 AM
Wednesday 5:30 PM
Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Worship 11 AM
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Morning Worship 11 AM
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Wednesday 6:30 PM

Pleasant Grove Baptist
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Worship Service 11 AM

Riverside Baptist Church
Jim Newton, Pastor
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Worship 11 AM
Evening 6 PM
Wednesday Service 7 PM

Trinity Missionary Baptist
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Morning Worship 11 AM
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Wednesday 6:00 PM

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Sunday School 9:30 AM
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Sunday Service 11 AM
Wednesday Service 7:30 PM

New Beginning Full Gospel Church
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Worship 10 AM
Wednesday Bible Study 6 PM

The Risin' Sun Church
Ron Conatser, Pastor
FM 356, Trinity
Sunday School 9 AM
Sunday Service 10 AM
Sunday Youth Church 7 PM
Wednesday Service 7 PM
Thursday Cowboy Church 7 PM

Word of Love Worship Center
Travis & Rebecca Beakley, Pastors
594-8014
101 Filmore, Trinity
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Sunday Evening 6 PM
Tuesday Bible Study 6 PM
Thursday Worship 6 PM

Sebastopol Congregational Methodist Church

Pastor Sue Koenig
Intersection of FM 355 & FM 356
(936)594-2840
Sunday School 10:00AM
Sunday Worship 11:00AM
Singing on third Saturday

Sebastopol Community Church
Marion & Sandi Morrison, Pastors
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship 11 AM

Trinity Chapel A.M.E. Church
E. Sterling Lewis Jr., Pastor
908 S. Robb St., Trinity
(281) 847-3414
or (713) 206-6134
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Wednesday 7 PM

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Liberty Christian Center
Kelly Barker, Pastor
101 W. Main, Trinity,
Church 10:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM
Wednesday 7 PM
Friday Youth Impact 7-11 PM

Living Word Outreach Church
Lynn and Dana Gentry, Pastors
(936) 594-8081
Sunday 11 AM
Wednesday 7 PM

Open Door Outreach Ministry
Billie J. Coleman Sr., Pastor
418 West Main St (936) 438-3923
Sunday Worship 11:30 AM
Wednesday Bible Study 6 PM

Remnant Faith Church of Pegoda
Jimmie and Maryann Carrico Pastors
662-8496 or 662-8926
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Sunday Evening 6 PM
Wednesday 7 PM

River of Life
Mike and Suzanne Loftin, Pastors
594-6262
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning 10:30 AM
Wednesday Night
Adult Bible Study
Youth Ministry 7:00 PM

The Gathering
301 Church Street 594-9559
Sunday School 10 AM
Sunday Worship 11 AM
Wednesday 6:30 PM

Westwood Shores Chapel in the Pines
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Worship Service 9 AM

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Wednesday 5 PM

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Morning Worship 9 AM
Wednesday 6 PM

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Morning Worship 11:15 AM
Wednesday 5:30, 6 PM

Burning Hope Baptist Church
Jim Parrish, Pastor 594-3623
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Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Friday Nite Church 7:00 PM

Calvary Baptist Trinity
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Sunday School 9:45AM
Morning Worship 10:50 AM
Sunday evening 6 PM
Wednesday 6 PM

Calvary Baptist Nogalus Prairie
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Morning Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 6 PM

Carlisle Baptist
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Morning Worship 11 AM
Sunday evening 6 PM
Wednesday 6 PM

Chita Grace Church
Russell Lee Jr., Pastor
Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Sunday evening 5 PM
Wednesday 7 PM

Clegg Chapel Missionary
Henry Lovelady, Pastor
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Morning Worship 11 AM
Sunday evening 5 PM
Brotherhood Tuesday 6 PM
Wednesday 7 PM

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Wednesday 6:30 PM

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Sunday Mass, English 10 AM
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Weekday Mass, English 10 AM
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Groveton Church of Christ
Tony Goins, Minister
169 Main St (936) 642-2382
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 6 PM
Wednesday 7 PM

Riverside Church of Christ
Brother Jerald D. Bass, Minister (936) 744-0093
Bible Class 9:30 AM
Worship 10:45 AM

Trinity Church of Christ
David D. Collier, Sr., Minister
Bible Class 10 AM
Worship 11:00AM
Wednesday 6 PM

CHURCH OF GOD

Campbell Memorial Church of God in Christ
Elder Cleven V. Thompson, Pastor
600 W. Main
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 11:15 AM
YPWW- Sunday 6:30 PM

Church of God
Jack and Debbie Black, Pastors
Hwy. 94
Adult Bible Study 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Wednesday Evening 7 PM

LUTHERAN

Faith Lutheran Church & School LCMS
Rev. Travis A Pitlock Sr., Pastor
Hwy. 30W & Sumac Rd., Huntsville(936) 295-5298
Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

Grace Lutheran Church
Rev. Thomas St. Jean
West Loop 304 at Hall's Bluff Rd., Crockett 936-544-3508
Sunday School 9 AM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

METHODIST

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Jeff Hastings, Pastor
155 Church Ave. (936) 642-1249
Sunday School 10 AM
Sunday Worship 11 AM
Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 PM

First Methodist Church
Rev. Michael Bedevian
131 N. Elm (936) 594-3826
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Traditional Morning Worship 11AM

Glendale Congreg. Methodist
Barbara Campbell, Pastor
184 Glendale Church Road
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 7 PM
Wednesday 6:45 PM

Prairie View United Methodist
Jeff Hastings, Pastor
307 Denman Road (936) 642-1249
Sunday Worship 9AM
Youth/Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM
Tuesday Bible Study 10:30 AM
Wednesday Nogalus Quilters 8 A

Riverside United Methodist
Max Nichter, Pastor
Worship 9 AM
Sunday School 10 AM
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:30 PM

PENTECOSTAL

Calvary Tabernacle Apostolic P.C.
Guy Hargrave, Pastor
(Nelson Amaya for Spanish services)
Highway 94/E. Caroline St.
Morning Service 11 AM
Sunday School 10 AM
Spanish Service 2 PM
Evening Worship 5 PM
Wednesday 7 PM

Sebastopol Friendship Harbor
Reagan Duncan, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Wednesday Service 7:30 PM
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Fundraiser set

SAAFE House is looking for donations and sponsors for the annual Denim & Diamonds bingo fundraiser, set for Saturday at the Manor on Pinecrest Drive.

The event this year will be held at the Manor on Pinecrest Drive, but as always, it is being organized to support SAAFE House and its endeavors in Trinity County. Money raised at the event stays in Trinity to help Trinity County residents in need.

The bingo fundraiser will take place from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, July 13, at The Manor, 2005 Pinecrest Drive in Trinity. It includes 10 rounds of bingo with prizes for the winners, as well as food, silent and live auctions and door prizes.

Call SAAFE House at (936) 291-3529, Veronica at (936) 284-5580 or Tammy at (936) 284-5547.

Veterans event set

The Huntsville Elks Lodge 1981 is hosting a veterans' barbecue and bingo to raise awareness of suicide and post-traumatic stress disorder.

The event is set for 2 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Huntsville lodge, 3206 Elks Drive.

The event is an educational opportunity to help veterans and their families, and will feature food, fun and games and guest speakers.

For information, call (936) 296-2881 or text Irene at (281) 928-8382.

Fourth of July

The Groveton Lions Club will host the annual Fourth of July celebration at the Y on Thursday.

Events include a parade at 1 p.m., and the area around the Community Center will open at 3 p.m. with vendors, games, live music and fun for all.

Fireworks will kick off at 9 p.m.

Holiday happenings

The office at the city of Trinity will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

The city of Trinity fireworks display will be July 5 at dusk.

Conservation expo set

The Piney Wood Lakes Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist is presenting an East Texas Conservation Expo, set for 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Polk County Commerce Center in Livingston.

Topics include forestry, pond management, wildlife management, pasture restoration, native planting and

youth activities, among others.

There will be boots, workshops, demonstrations and speakers, as well as vendors both inside and outside of the exhibition hall.

The event is free to the public; however, Texas Parks and Wildlife will offer a hunter education course for \$15.

For information, email etconservationexpo@gmail.com.

Open gym night

The Groveton Change Club presents Open Gym Night on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday.

The times will be from 6-7 p.m. at First Baptist Church Gymnasium, 126 N. Devine Ave., in Groveton.

Activities include basketball, pickleball, volleyball and badminton with adult fitness classes coming soon. All children under 18 must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

For more information, please call (936) 642-1421.

GOP Ladies meet

The Republican Women of Trinity County meet the third Tuesday of each month. All Republican women are welcome to attend.

Meetings are held at the Trinity County Community Center at 2693 US Hwy 297, Groveton. For more information, contact republicanwomen-trinityco@gmail.com, message our Facebook page or text (281) 467-8626.

Church program set

Calvary Baptist Church in Trinity invites children from 3 years old through the fifth grade to join in a fun-filled AWANA program that runs every Wednesday night from 6-8 p.m. For information, contact the church at (936) 594-3611.

Band holds fundraiser

The Roaring Tiger High School Band is holding a flag subscription fundraiser.

For a \$50 annual fee, a member of the band will deliver and pick up an American flag with an 8-inch flagpole for each patriotic holiday throughout the year — Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Flag Day, Labor Day, Patriots Day and Veterans Day.

A PVC pipe should be placed in the soil below the grass level for the flag, which will be placed two to four days prior and removed two to four days after, weather permitting. The flag, pole and pole mount will be property of the band.

Contact roaringtigerband@trinityisd.net for more information or to obtain a registration document.

Veterans museum hosts events

HEARTS Veterans Museum hosts HAM radio class/testing at the Walker County Storm Shelter on the second Saturday of every month from 9-11 a.m.

For more info email festival@heartsmuseum.com or call (936) 295-5959.

Delivery available

Martin Senior Center in Trinity now offers meal delivery to those over 60 that qualify for the service.

Guests also are welcome to enjoy mahjongg on Monday afternoons, bingo on Tuesday mornings, dominoes on Friday mornings and puzzle at any time.

The center is looking to hold health and exercise programs in the near future.

For information, call the center at (936) 254-2625.

Helping hands

Ladies in Action, 307 N. Main St. in Groveton, will hand out bags of food the third Thursday of every month from 8-10 a.m.

Additionally, the group is having a clothing sale through the end of January on all clothes.

Soup kitchen available

Burning Hope Baptist Church on FM 356 in Trinity is offering a soup kitchen.

Meals will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays to anyone.

There is no charge for the meal, but donations will be accepted.

For information, call the church at (936) 594-3623.

Fire safety urged for Fourth

With the Fourth of July bringing a possible four-day weekend for lucky Texans, the Texas A&M Forest Service urges outdoor enthusiasts to exercise fire safety outdoors, especially when using fireworks or starting campfires to roast hot dogs and toast marshmallows.

Approximately 90 percent of wildfires are caused by humans and their activities, and the Fourth of July is one of the top days for reported wildfires, according to the forest service.

Large wildfires generally are not expected, and none are prevalent currently, but north and northeast Texas has received little to no rainfall since early June. That reduces moisture content and increases the potential for wildfires to start.

"As we start to observe typical summer weather with conditions becoming hotter and drier, we anticipate wildfire activity to increase," said forest service chief Wes Moorehead. "State and local firefighters are prepared to respond quickly, but we need Texans to be careful and prevent wildfire ignitions while conditions are hot and dry."

Anyone considering using fireworks is urged to comply with any burn bans in place, follow the warning labels on fireworks, use only under close adult supervision and keep them away from structures, dry grass and brush. Cornyn bill would increase security for judges

Legislation sponsored by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn would, if passed, estab-



Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders Texas Press Association

lish a new resource center that would monitor threats to local judges and provide training for both judges and staff at state and local courts, The Dallas Morning News reported.

At a panel held recently at the University of North Texas law school, participating judges and prosecutors expressed support for the measure, which passed the Senate unanimously in mid-June and awaits consideration in the House.

A consultant for the nonprofit National Center for State Courts said attacks and threats against members of the federal judiciary increased 400 percent from 2015 through 2021. In Texas, security incidents involving local judiciary have increased fourfold on average since fiscal year 2017, though the number dropped slightly last fiscal year.

"This isn't partisan. It's just common sense," Cornyn said during a news conference after the roundtable discussion.

Top 10 state parks listed by TPWD

With summer in full swing, Texas' 89 state parks are expecting an influx of visitors. Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department recently released the top 10 parks in terms of visitors. The top 10 in reverse order are, according to the Austin American-Statesman:

- 10. Ink Lakes State Park, Burnet County
9. Dinosaur Valley State Park, near Glen Rose in Somervell County
8. Brazos Bend State Park, Fort Bend County
7. Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, between Fredericksburg and Llano
6. McKinney Falls State Park, Travis County
5. Ray Roberts State Park Isle du Bois, Denton County
4. Cedar Hill State Park, Dallas County
3. Ray Roberts Lake State Park, Sanger Unit, Denton County
2. Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Armstrong County

And the top state park for visitors: Garner State Park, located in Uvalde County, which hosted more than 475,000 visitors in 2023.

Paxton probe appears headed to grand jury

A federal appeals court appears to have cleared the way for officials in Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office to testify before a grand jury probing alleged corruption, the Houston Chronicle reported.

While the case before the 5th Circuit of Appeals remains under seal, last week the court last rejected an unnamed state agency's attempt to stymie federal investigators from calling top officials.

While the case is under seal, the Chronicle reported, "the dates and details line up with those in the years-long federal probe into allegations by Paxton's former top deputies, who say the attorney general took bribes to benefit Nate Paul, an Austin developer who is a friend and donor of Paxton's." The court said that the AG officials may have evidence of a potential crime, and that the Department of Justice can invoke the "crime-fraud exception" to get around potential attorney-client privileges.

Paxton did not respond to requests for comment.

Fewer students seek financial aid after FAFSA glitches

Nearly 30,000 fewer Texas students have filled out the federal form this year to apply for financial aid after a new rollout was beset with complications and delays, the Texas Tribune reported.

A revamped Free Application for Federal Student Aid has resulted in hurdles that have led to fewer high-school students seeking financial aid for college, with FAFSA completion rates for Texas students dropping by 8.8 percentage points. That decline is sharper than what the state experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"These are by far the steepest declines that I have observed," said Bill DeBaun, the senior director of data and strategic initiatives at the National College Attainment Network. "It's going to take a really significant push

this summer to continue to connect students with the FAFSA completion support they need and keep them on track for the post-secondary pathways to which they aspire."

The U.S. Education Department was ordered by Congress to revamp FAFSA in 2020 to make it simpler to fill out, but the new form's release came out three months late, cutting the time high school counselors had to help students with the form. Glitches were reported by many students attempting to complete the form, The Tribune reported.

Abbott appoints new PUC member

Gov. Greg Abbott has appointed Courtney Hjaltman to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, filling the final vacancy on that board. The PUC regulates the state's utility industries — electric, water, wastewater, and telecommunications.

Hjaltman has been chief executive and public counsel for the Office of Public Utility Counsel since December 2022. She has worked in state service for more than 17 years.

"Courtney Hjaltman's longtime service to the State of Texas and extensive legal expertise makes her the ideal choice to serve on the Public Utility Commission," Abbott said.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

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Long-range rifle accuracy made easy

During the course of a year, readers of this column write about me shooting and hunting with all sorts of sporting arms. Part of the outdoor experience, at least for me, is learning about new methods and new tools for hunting.



I thoroughly enjoy hunting with my bows but also muzzleloaders, centerfires, occasionally handguns and even big bore air rifles. Like most rifle hunters, I considered 300 yards a long shot at deer, so for many years, I simply sight in my flat shooting calibers about an inch high at 100 yards knowing that I can hold center of shoulder on deer size game out to 300 yards and collect my venison.

Until last week down in Houston County near Crockett, I never considered shooting much past 300 yards, and shooting at yardages out to 1,200 yards with any accuracy was something accomplished at shooting matches by highly skilled shooters using very specialized rifles and scopes. Was I in for an eye-opener.

Dr. John McCall is a noted eye surgeon and traveled big-game hunter from Crockett that developed a line of state-of-the-art rifle scopes a few years ago and formed a company called Stealth Vision. The good doctor and one of his partners, Joe Cunningham, invited me to join a group of friends for the day and learn that any average shooter (me) with basic rifle shooting skills can, with a quality rifle, shoot accurately out to 1,000 yards and a bit beyond.

Describing the internal workings of the scope is way beyond my pay grade, but I did learn how simple long-range shooting can be with one of these scopes. The technology built into these scopes make them very easy to operate and use by the average shooter.

We met at the doctors hunting camp where targets are set at various yardages out to 1,200 yards. A shooting bench was constructed on the back porch of the lodge and even during a recent hot Texas summer morning we were shooting in comfort with a couple of shop fans keeping the air moving. My goal, other than to do some very long-

range shooting, was to have a new rifle scoped with one of the Stealth Vision scopes. Cunningham understands everything about long-range shooting and gave us an introduction to what we could expect when we took our turn at the bench.

At the start, he mounted one of the Stealth Vision scopes on my new CVA Cascade rifle chambered in 6.5 PRC, a very flat shooting round. It took only three shots to get the new rifle dead on at 100 yards and he set the rifle aside and informed me that he would need to 'break it in' with a bit of shooting the next few days. I was invited to come back when he had worked his magic on the rifle/scope combination.

In essence, he would shoot groups at various yardages out to 1,000 yards, record the data and then have a turret burned to match the various distances. When I come back for a test-shooting session, all I would need to do is dial in the yardage I wished to shoot, steady the rifle and squeeze the trigger.

Our group sat in the shade of the porch and one by one, each of us took our turn shooting various yardages with scopes mounted on quality precision rifles. I learned that Stealth Vision not only offers scopes but also rifle/scope combos that have guaranteed precision built in.

Our group was shooting a 7 mm PRC topped with a scope that had already been zeroed. I watched as each shooter shot targets ranging from 400 yards all the way out to 1,200 yards. All were veteran shooters and hunters and without exception, shooting from a good rest at the bench, all hit every target at all the yardages.

Canting a scope affects accuracy, especially on longer shots. Each scope has a green light that comes on when the scope is level or very close to level. Green light on, you're ready to begin your trigger squeeze knowing your rifle is very close to level.

I had a bit of an advantage as the last one to shoot. I had watched each shooter shooting the closer targets and then on out to 1,200 yards. In past years, I had shot out to 600 yards in what was then a long-range



Joe Cunningham with Stealth Vision setting up Luke's rifle for some long-range shooting fun. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

shooting class but never twice that range.

The sun was beginning to warm the ground by mid morning and I didn't want to miss the opportunity to shoot at the very long-range target. Heat waves were just beginning to form which makes shooting long range accuracy challenging. I opted to bypass the closer targets and shoot long before heat waves made the most distant target impossible to sight accurately.

With a spotter using a spotting scope trained on the 1,200-yard target, I made my first shot and was happy to learn that my first and the next few shots were hitting the bull's eye, in a group about the size of a basketball. Granted, my CVA is a stock rifle and not a custom rig like we were shooting. I am anxious to see what kind of accuracy Cunningham can get out of it.

To be honest, if my stock rifle consistently shoots a 10- or 12-inch group at 1,000 yards, I will be overjoyed. I plan to use it mostly for hunting and regardless the long range capabilities, I can't see myself shooting game out much past 500 or 600 yards. Target shooting is an entirely different proposition. It's a great deal of fun and very satisfying to know

your rig can reach out to 1,000 yards and beyond with accurate shot placement.

I wrapped up my morning of really long-range shooting with a totally new perspective. Do I plan to harvest deer at 1,000 yards this coming deer season? Probably not, because in the majority of country I hunt, I won't be able to see a deer at half that distance, but I did learn that I absolutely love shooting very long-range. Now, if I'm out west on a mule deer or elk rifle hunt and the buck or bull of a lifetime appears on a hillside across a big canyon, I will have a rifle/scope that is up to the task, assuming I do my part.

I'm counting the days until I return to Houston County and take delivery of my new rig after Cunningham works his magic. From now on, long-range shooting will have an entirely new meaning to me. This happens after you have punched a few holes into a relatively small target at almost three quarters mile away.

Learn more about Stealth Vision at the website www.stealthvision.com

Email outdoors writer Luke Clayton through his website www.catfishradio.org.

Pineywoods Region Week of June 26, 2024

B.A. Steinhagen
FAIR. Water stain; 75 degrees; 1.00 feet below pool. Bass are good on soft plastics in the cuts, or with frogs over grass. Crappie are good with jigs in flooded timber. Catfish are fair.

Bob Sandlin
GOOD. Water slightly stained; 89 degrees; 0.10 feet above pool. Channel catfish are excellent in 15-20 feet of water on standing timber and brush piles with stink bait. Blue catfish are good shallow rocky areas with fresh cut bait. Crappie are good on brush piles and standing timber in 25-30 feet of water with jigs or minnows. White bass are biting small white grubs or spinnerbaits gravitating near structure. Large-mouth bass are good on chatterbaits and creature baits. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service. Black bass should be receptive to topwater frogs in shad or bream patterns, and clouser type baits around grass and retaining walls. Bream are slow with water clarity and high water is not good. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. Bass are fair with fish in transitioning to deeper water summer patterns. Target points with deep running crankbaits and perseverance in 15-20 feet of water. Night fishing around the lights is starting to pick up. Report by Mike Stroman, R & R Marine.

Bois d'Arc
stained; 85 degrees; 0.17 feet above pool. Bass are good on early morning topwaters like frogs and choppos on grassy points. Wacky rigs are very good in shallow water early. June bug and Mardi Gras colors best. Texas rigs are best in 3-6 feet around green bushes and the outside grass line and some small brush piles out to 8-10 feet. Report by Marc Mitchell, Lake Fork Guide Service.

Caddo
FAIR. Water stained; 80 degrees; 1.25 feet above pool. The bass bite is starting to heat up now that the water level has fallen to just above normal levels for this time of year and the clarity is improving. Some morning topwater action with frogs, buzz baits or choppos and as always a chatterbait, fluke or senko around the trees are still a pattern to keep on your deck. The shaky head, dropshot or light Texas rig in the current and river spots should start really heating up when the current slows down some from what Pines is sending our way. This has been a tough year for consistency with the bite because of all the flooding but maybe we are done with all that and we can now just fish and enjoy this majestic lake that God spoke into existence. Report provided by Vince Richards, Caddo Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

Conroe
GOOD. Water stained; 87 degrees; 0.41 feet above pool. Largemouth bass offshore bite has been slow when there is no wind, but there are many of dock fish to be caught. Report by Roy Crush IV Fishing. Catfish are still spawning hanging tight to structures like rocks and tires on ledges. When you find them, you find a bunch. Stink bait, liver, catfish Bubblegum work well. Report by Brad Doyle with Bradley's Guide Service. Hybrids are schooling in 19-26 feet biting live bait, jigging with a spoon, or trolling with a deep diver with a pet spoon as a trailer. Crappie are in or around structure 12-21 feet using minnows or jigs. Always wear your life jacket & stay hydrated in this heat. Report by Mike Cason, Fishical Therapy.



Fork
GOOD. Water Stained; 76 degrees; 0.15 feet above pool. Bass fishing has slowed down some as the Texas heat settles in. Morning bite is good on chatterbaits and topwaters around main lake points in 2-5 feet. It can be a plus when wind is present. Carolina rigs and Texas rigs are good in 12-20 feet near drop-offs. Deep crankbaits are very good in 18-22 feet of water over offshore underwater high spots like humps and points. Report by Marc Mitchell, Lake Fork Guide Service. Black bass are chasing topwater patterns early in the day and later in the day when it is dark. Check out the brush piles as big bass are using them to feed on crappie. Bream are excellent in the shallows on woolly buggers and small poppers. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. Lake Fork crappie fishing continues to be excellent going into the dog days of summer. Fish are in all the places they should be for this time of year. Look for crappie holding on brush piles, summer time trees, lay downs, bridges and docks. You can find fish in 14-30 feet right now but it seems like those fish will be above 14-16 feet as that is where the thermocline is showing up. One of the biggest keys to loading the boat with crappie has been finding the fish that haven't been pressured as much. We are still having a lot of success with very small hand tied jigs in 1/16 ounce. Cut the tails down shorter to get those finicky bites to hook up. Minnows are producing bites but it seems the hook up ratio is much lower and we end up losing a lot of minnows to those finicky fish. Soft plastics will work on the more aggressive crappie too. Staying off huge groups of fish, pitching and swimming jigs will also help to keep those fish put a little longer. If you get the boat right over fish with the really bright sunny skies they will move off most times and relocate. Report by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky Wiggins Guide Service.

Houston County
GOOD. Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.06 feet above pool. Largemouth bass are hitting square bill crankbaits or shaky heads on docks, and swim jigs in shallow water around vegetation. Crappie are on minnows around standing timber and offshore brush in 8-14 feet. Report by Colan Gonzales, CG's Just Fishing Guide Service.

Lake O' the Pines
GOOD. Water stained; 87 degrees; 4.37 feet above pool. Channel catfish are good in 10-15 feet of water in the bridge shade. Crappie are good in 16-25 feet in standing timber with minnows on a cork. Several catches of white bass while targeting crappie. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service. Shad spawn has come to an end. Bass are good in the bushes along the banks pitching Texas rigged worms and jigs, or wacky rigs. Bass are good on brush piles on points on the south end of the lake in 18-20 feet of water with deep running crankbaits, jigs, wacky

worms and Texas rigs. The north end of the lake is producing catches on the grass and bushes. Report by Mike Stroman, R & R Marine.

Livingston
SLOW. Stained; 75 degrees; 0.04 feet above pool. White bass are great in 8-15 feet of water. Find clear water and good structure and you will find the white bass. Duck-tracker slabs are the lures of choice. Catfish are good drifting flats with cut shad in 10-20 feet. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

Martin Creek
GOOD. Water slightly stained; 91 degrees; 0.18 feet below pool. Bass are good fishing down the dam with crankbaits and shaky head rigged worms in either redbug or watermelon red. Using Texas rigged weightless senkos over the hydrilla is working too, or punching the grass mats with 1 ounce weight Texas rigged creature baits. Crappie have grouped together in deep brush and at railroad trestle on minnows. Catfish are good using live bait on jug lines, and drifting along the dam with nightcrawlers on rod-and-reel. Place 3/4 ounce weight on the end of line and hook about 16 inches above. Report by Hambone Guide Service.

Nacogdoches
GOOD. Water stained; 87 degrees; 0.41 feet below pool. Largemouth bass are excellent on chartreuse deep diving crankbaits, or Carolina rigs in 15-20 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on brush piles with live minnows or chartreuse colored crappie jigs. Catfish are slow on cut bait and live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Nacoinche
FAIR. Water stained; 88 degrees; 0.50 feet above full pool. We have dried out and the heat is on with water temperature rising sharply. This should set up for the fish to be in full summer mode going forward. Keep an eye on the thermocline, as this tells you the exact depth to present your offering. Even over deep water, do not go below this line. The days of Mag-worm fishing are probably here for the next several months. Carolina or Texas rig will be the norm in 6-10 feet. If you catch them schooling, chunk an underspin at them. Crappie population is good. Catfish are slow. Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services. Largemouth bass are excellent on dropshot and large swimbaits. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Catfish are slow on live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Pinkston
FAIR. normal stain; 92 degrees. Largemouth bass are good with large glide baits and 3 inch shad colored swimbaits. Crappie are slow on live minnows on standing timber and brush piles. Catfish are slow on live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service. Largemouth are heavily schooling. Thermocline up to 10 feet of water. Can catch fish using a jighead minnow, chatterbait, spook or a topwater frog. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Fishing.

Raven
SLOW. Water stained; 80 degrees. Catfish are good on worms Carolina rigged off of the bottom. Bass are biting good on worms and topwater lures in the early morning hours. Worms and crankbaits are successful in the cooler evening hours. Crappie are good on grubs and crappie bites fished near the bottom at prairie branch pier. Bluegill are excellent off worms and hotdogs at the

boathouse dock.

Sam Rayburn
GOOD. Water stained; 87 degrees; 7.68 feet above pool. Water level is slowly dropping, but fishing conditions and patterns are holding steady. Summer bite is just around the corner when we will see the bass draw to deeper water points and white bass schooling. Bass are good on topwaters, or flipping soft plastics into submerged brush and points, or deeper humps and points with Carolina rigs. Crappie are in 12-16 feet of water, 20-30 feet on timber and brush. Catfish are in 22 feet of water in the creek channels. White bass are in 26 feet of water off of points on jigging spoons. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. Water temperatures are rapidly rising to the mid 90s. Thermocline is 15-25 feet of water depending on where you are in the lake. Morning until 10 a.m or after 3 p.m. Largemouth bass are good on submerged main lake points and ledges in 16-24 feet of water with crankbaits, jig head minnow or Carolina rig. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Fishing.

Toledo Bend
GOOD. Water slightly stained; 91 degrees; 0.39 feet above pool. Fishing patterns are holding steady as Texas heat raises the water temperature. Bass are good shallow to deep all over the lake however you like to fish. The best baits for shallow water are frogs, pop r's, buzz baits and senko. The mid range fish are good on Texas rig and mid running crankbait in 8-12 feet range. The deep fish are coming on big crankbaits, Texas rigs and Carolina rigs. With the full moon coming, the night fishing will be back on fire with buzz baits and spinnerbaits around the shallow water. Watch for snakes in the flooded bushes at night. Crappie are fair while there continues to be a current from the influx of freshwater coming down the lake. Fish deep docks and lighted docks at night and shallow brush piles with jigs and live bait. Thanks Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

Tyler
GOOD. Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.00 feet full pool. Crappie are good with many undersized catches using minnows and jigs on brush in 16 feet of water. Catfish are good in the shallows on shrimp, nightcrawlers and liver. Bream are good on red worms off the barge and throughout the lake. Bass are good on crankbaits, plastic worms and topwater frogs.

Welsh
FAIR. Water stained. 92 degrees. Fishing patterns are consistent. Channel catfish are in 20 feet of water on the inlet side of the power plant in the cooler water with fresh cut bait and stink bait. Bass are good punching through grass with a creature bait. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service.

Wright Patman
GOOD. Water stained; 74 degrees; 10.49 feet above pool. The lake level is high and water is being released. Be sure to check ramp status before heading out.



Congressional art competitor visits

Last week, I had the pleasure of hosting our Texas 17th District winner of the Congressional Art Competition. Shayne Sexton of Groesbeck visited the Capitol with winners from around the country. Her winning artwork, "Waving Flag" is displayed in the Canon Tunnels of the Capitol complex.

I personally took Shayne and her family on an after-hours tour of the Capitol. The following day my team joined her for the 2024 Art Winner's Reception where her tremendous work was recognized. It was wonderful to engage with Shayne and other talented young people from around our great nation. Congratulations, Shayne, and thank you for visiting.

Government Oversight

On Wednesday, I participated in a full committee hearing with the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability entitled "Defending America from the Chinese Communist Party's Political Warfare, Part II."

My goal in this hearing was to find legislative solutions to defend our country against communist manipulation. America's approach to China is not about politics, it's about protecting our nation.

Later that day, the Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce, where I am chairman, held a hearing to examine how the Department of Defense has fallen short in its mission to modernize the personnel vetting process with the National Background Investigation Services system. I delivered opening remarks



In Session

By Pete Sessions
US Representative, District 17

emphasizing that a high-quality security clearance process is vital to national security.

In Thursday's House Oversight Committee hearing, my colleagues and I called for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to better investigate discriminatory policies by U.S. based companies operating under the guise of diversity, equity, and inclusion in U.S. companies.

As the father of a Down syndrome young man, I appreciate the need for opportunity and access, but I reject the notion that we achieve these goals through exclusionary and divisive practices. Clearly, These DEI policies over-correct and are problematic to say the least.

The EEOC must engage in careful examination of "inclusionary" practices to protect our men and women in the workforce, as they were created to do. Here is a link to my remarks.

Sam Houston portrait

My office boasts a new portrait of Sam Houston, delivered by the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Sam Houston State University of Huntsville.

A formidable figure in Texas history, Sam Houston was fundamen-

tal to the foundation of the Lone Star State. His leadership in battle and government continues to inspire Texans. Only one man has been governor of more than one state, and his portrait now hangs in my Washington, D.C., office.

The legacy of Sam Houston continues to inspire Texans. I encourage everyone to visit the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville to gain insight into the life of Sam Houston.

Legislative business

I was happy to fight for an additional \$5 million in funding for the Army to enhance spectrum sharing and management technology. This will support the SMART Hub project at Baylor University, advancing our military's electromagnetic capabilities and ensuring battlefield dominance to protect our servicemen and women.

"We are pleased that Dr. Charlie Baylis and his research team are leading a national spectrum effort out of the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative, and I'm grateful to Congressman Sessions and his staff for their unwavering support." — Dr. Kevin Chambliss, Vice Provost for Research, Baylor University.

• HR 8752: Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act strengthens our southern border with substantial support for border patrol agents and advanced technology, counters China's influence through bolstering national security, and firmly opposes the Biden Administration's radical, far-left agenda that promotes illegal im-

migration.

—\$600 million for additional border wall.

—Sustains funding for 22,000 Border Patrol Agents.

—Prohibits Biden Administration rule allowing USCIS officers to make final asylum determinations.

—Prohibits employment authorizations for aliens whose asylum claim was denied or if they were convicted of a federal or state crime.

—Prohibits the issuance of H-1B visas from entities connected to the People's Liberation Army.

—Requires the Secretary to obligate funding for the border wall within 120 days of the date of enactment.

—Prohibits the dismantling or removal of existing border barriers.

—Provides \$64.81 billion in total discretionary funding, including \$3.41 billion for defense, an \$82 million (2.4 percent) increase above the FY24 enacted level, and \$61.39 billion for non-defense, a \$2.88 billion (5 percent) increase above the FY24 enacted level and \$4.27 billion (7.5 percent) above the President's Budget Request to improve national security at the border and oppose foreign influence at home.

• HR 8771: Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act directs resources to support our allies and counter adversaries, halts funding for organizations that oppose U.S. interests, and promotes American values by boosting funding for religious freedom programs abroad and enforcing the expanded

Mexico City Policy on all health funds.

—\$6.83 billion for Foreign Military Financing Program

—Assistance for Israel, Taiwan, and the Philippines.

—Allocates for U.S. national security interests in the Indo-Pacific and countering malign influence.

—Fully funds the Countering PRC Influence Fund

—Provides \$51.71 billion in total discretionary funding, \$7.6 billion (11 percent) below the FY24 enacted level and \$12.26 billion (19 percent) below the President's Request.

• HR 8774: Department of Defense Appropriations Act provides a 4.5 percent pay raise for our troops and an additional 15 percent increase for junior enlisted service members, ensures combat-ready forces to deter war and secure national defense, and removes funding for President Biden's divisive social agendas that undermine the strength of our military.

—Provides \$833.05 billion in discretionary funding, \$8.57 billion (1 percent) above the FY24 enacted level and consistent with the limit that is set in law. Roughly 62 percent of funding go to must pay bills (operations and maintenance, etc.)

—Rejects \$18 billion in unnecessary items from the President's Budget Request, redirecting funds to counter China and other adversaries, foster innovation, combat fentanyl flow, and support service members and their families.

Pete Sessions represents District 17, which includes Trinity County, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Estate Clyde Jerald Foster

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Clyde Jerald Foster, Deceased, were issued on 6/11/2024, in Cause No. 5707, pending in the County Court of Trinity County, Texas, to: Pamela M. Krnavek. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present

them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Respectfully submitted, By: Colton Hay, Texas Bar I.D. 2409664, The Hay Law Firm, PLLC., PO Box 979, Groveton, TX 75845, 936-642-1725, email:colton.hay@thehaylawfirm.com, Attorney For The Estate.

Live birth certificate claim

AFFIDAVIT Claim of Ownership of Certificate of Title i,anthony maurice woods,states that I am familiar with the facts recited,i state that I am the party named in said Certificate of Live Birth,and I am the same party as one of the owners named in Certificate Of Title;i,man;verify under penalty of per-

jury under the laws of the United States of America that the forgoing is true and correct; Executed on the twenty-seventh day of June 2024. by:Woods,Anthony Maurice, Not in Individual Capacity,Without the United States, Held in Trust. All Rights Under Reserve.

Trinity County seeking bids for Limestone, hauling, delivery

NOTICE TO BIDDERS BID NUMBER: 2024-06.25 Trinity County Road & Bridge Precincts 1-4 will be accepting sealed bids for Fiscal Year 2025 purchase of: Limestone Road Base - 2" Standard , Limestone Rock 1" to 3" , Limestone Rock 3" to 5", and Contract Hauling - Delivery of Road Materials . Specifications and required submittal forms may found under Bid Notices and Proposals on the Trinity County website www.co.trinity.tx.us or obtained by contacting the Trinity County Auditor's Office, Trinity County Courthouse, 162 W. 1st Street,

3rd Floor, P.O. Box 1030, Groveton, Texas 75845, (936-642-2233). Bids must be sealed and identified on the exterior of the envelope per bid specifications and received at the office of the County Auditor by Friday, August 9, 2024, at 12:00 noon. The subject bids are scheduled to be opened, read, and awarded by the Commissioners' Court on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 9:00 AM. Trinity County reserves the right, under Local Government Code, to reject any and all bids or to accept the bid deemed to serve the best interest of Trinity County.

Disaster debris monitoring proposals due July 15

TRINITY COUNTY NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING AND CONSULTING SERVICES RFP #2024.06.005 Trinity County is soliciting proposals to obtain the services of a qualified firm(s) to provide debris monitoring services of the removal of disaster generated debris from public property and public rights-of-way in Trinity County, operating temporary debris staging site and reduction areas, and ultimate disposal of the debris and waste. This RFP is available through the Trinity County website http://co.trinity.tx.us/page/trinity.bid.notices. Go to the appropriate RFP#, click on appropriate hyperlink for viewing and/or downloading. All sealed proposals must be clearly marked with the proposal number and proposal name and submitted to Trinity County Auditor, Attn: Bonnie Kennedy, 162 West 1st

Street, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 1030, Groveton, Texas 75845. Proposals must be received by the County no later than July 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. The scheduled date and time for the opening of proposals is July 23, 2024, at 9:00 in the Trinity County Commissioner's Court Room located at 162 W. 1st Street, Groveton, Texas 75845 Trinity County reserves the right to change the date of the opening, to waive any informalities, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous for Trinity County. Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The County of Trinity is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

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Legal Notices

Land title, 1041 Shore Shadow Dr., Harris County

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I desire to confirm , certify, declare, convey and give notice of claim by this Land Title for the following parcel located at 1041 Shore Shadow Drive, Texas Republic, (Harris County) usA NON-DOMESTIC. Let the record show the Grantor grants this private property to: EL SHADDAI EXPRESS TRUST hereinafter called the Grantee for and in consideration of the sum of ten silver dollars (\$10.00) and no other valuable

consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants, bargains, sells, aliens, remises, releases, conveys and confirms unto the Grantee all that certain land situate in Harris County , Texas Republic. This land now titled, is FEE SIMPLE ABSOLUTE and also known as an Allodial title. Done under my hand and seal of my own freewill act and deed. Any party interested in viewing this claim can view the associated documents at https://bit.ly/4bamIwY.

Land patent in Harris County

KNOW ALL MEN BY THE PRESENTS: We, Maricella Ana Benavente, Alan Ismael Pagan Perez; desires to confirm, certify, declare, convey and give notice of claim by this Land Patent for the following parcel located at 6039 Spring Creek Lane, Texas Republic, (Harris County) usA NON-DOMESTIC. Coordinates:Latitude 30.035708 and Longitude -95.507732. Let the record show the Grantors grant this private property to: DE NOVO DYMANTE EXPRESS

TRUST hereinafter called the Grantee. Consideration of the sum of ten silver dollars (\$10.00) and no other valuable consideration was paid in full. This land, now patented, is FEE SIMPLE ABSOLUTE and also known as an Allodial title. Done under our hand and seal of our freewill act and deed. Any party interested in viewing this claim can view the associated documents here: https://bit.ly/3VxUZlg.

Constable Sale at Trinity County courthouse August 6

On August 6, 2024 a Constable's Sale will occur at the Trinity County Courthouse front doors between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., concerning an Order of Sale (Real Property), Cause # 24168 dated May 30, 2024, and a Final Summary Judgement, Cause #24168, dated August, 29, 2023. The property is described as Lots twenty-three

(23) and twenty-four (24), block four (4), section eight (8), of Westwood Shores, a subdivision in Trinity County, Texas, shown by the map or plat there of recorded in volume 2, page 117 and re-recorded in cabinet A, slide 186 of the plat records, Trinity County, Texas APN#: 24572

Trinity County seeking bids for road materials and services

NOTICE TO BIDDERS BID NO. 2024.06.26 Trinity County Road & Bridge Precincts 1-4 will be accepting sealed bids for the following road materials and services for local disaster road repairs and Fiscal Year 2025 contracts. Type A - Oil Sand, Clay, Contract Hauling - Delivery of Materials. Specifications and required submittal forms may found under Bid Notices and Proposals on the Trinity County website www.co.trinity.tx.us or obtained by contacting the Trinity County Auditor's Office, Trinity County Courthouse, 162 W. 1st Street, 3rd

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