



On the heels of floods, county deals with Hurricane Beryl

TCNS staff

While still recovering from the effects of the late April storms, Trinity County residents suffered high winds and rain after Hurricane Beryl made rainfall.

On July 8, the day the county was hit, Trinity Fire Department responded to 23 calls for service.

Fire Chief Keith Johnson said the majority of calls were for trees blocking roadways and on electrical lines, keeping firefighters busy keeping roads open.

Additionally, firefighters were called to a home in Timber Bay after a tree fell on a house, trapping the resident.

Johnson said that firefighters, along with a retired firefighter, were able to remove the victim with no injuries.

Firefighters also responded to a two-vehicle accident on Pinecrest Road; however no injuries were reported.

Groveton, Pennington, Apple Springs and Friday volunteer departments also were kept busy.

The Groveton Fire Department opened its doors to provide cooling and charging for city residents, since an anonymous donor provided a generator.

Without a doubt, though, the loss of power cost many dearly.

In light of that, Entergy Texas has secured a shareholder commitment of \$125,000 to the American Red Cross to help support relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Beryl in Southeast Texas.

This contribution will help facilitate the provision of essential services such as shelter, food, medical care and other vital resources to assist those affected by the hurricane in their recovery process.

Hurricane Beryl's impact has been substantial, leading to widespread damage and displacing many individuals in the area and across the state. The level of damage brought by the Category 1 hurricane underscores the urgent need for assistance and resources to aid those grappling from the storm's impact.

Elicier Viamontes, president and CEO of Entergy Texas, expressed the company's dedication to providing assistance during this time of need.

"Entergy Texas is proud to stand alongside the Red Cross in supporting the relief efforts for those impacted by Hurricane Beryl in Southeast Texas," he said. "Our commitment to helping communities in distress remains unwavering, and we are hopeful that our contribution will offer relief and comfort to those facing hardships in the storm's aftermath."

For more information on Entergy Texas' restoration following Hurricane Beryl, visit the company's online Storm Center.



Groveton firefighters and Texas DPS troopers survey a tree downed by Hurricane Beryl. COURTESY PHOTO



(Above) Crews from the Texas Department of Transportation clear downed trees and debris following the July 8 storms. (Left) Trees felled by the July 8 storms blocked several roads in the county. COURTESY PHOTOS



TxDOT crews stage and get assignments prior to beginning work for the day. COURTESY PHOTO

Next steps taken for water service

By Tony Farkas
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TRINITY — The city of Trinity will now seek contractors to begin work on improvements to the city's water system.

City Manager Tim King said that at the Thursday City Council meeting, the council approved seeking bids for work to replace a water storage tank at the city well site, as well as building a new water tower and installing backup generators.

The grant, administered by Goodwin Lasiter Strong, is for almost \$4 million, King said.

In other business, the council:

- approved bids for the purchase of two Ford ¾-ton pickup trucks for the Water and Sewer Department;
- accepted the annual audit performed by Davis, Heinemann and Co., which was given an unmodified opinion but suggested raising prices on water service;
- approved an amendment to an ordinance that established the position of Police Chief. King said the original ordinance, passed in the 1980s, abolished the city marshal position and created a police chief; however, it stated the chief of police will answer to city manager, which was changed to answering to the mayor; and
- amended the ordinance on mobile homes and HUD-code manufactured homes areas to require the parks to have two entrances on each end or a turnaround large enough to accommodate a fire truck.

Insurance tips after Hurricane Beryl

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If you experienced damage from Hurricane Beryl, contact your insurance company to start a claim. If you still have questions, the Texas Department of Insurance has specialists ready to help.

Call the TDI Help Line at 800-252-3439.

"You need to get your claim started as soon as possible," said Insurance Commissioner Cassie Brown. "We can help you if you run into an issue contacting your insurance company or just don't understand what you're hearing from them."

Filing an insurance claim

Contact your insurance company or agent as soon as possible. Keep a list of everyone you talk to. Be ready to describe the damage.

Make a list of damaged property. Take pictures or video. Don't throw away damaged items until you talk to your insurance company or adjuster.

Try to protect your property from further damage. Cover broken windows and holes to keep out rain and prevent vandalism or theft.

Ask about additional living expenses if you can't live in your home due to the damage or power outages. Your insurance may pay some of those expenses.

Save proof you paid the deductible on your claim. State law makes it illegal for contractors or roofers to offer to waive a deductible or to promise a rebate for the amount.

In addition to filing your insurance claim, be sure to tell the Texas Division of Emergency Management about the damage. This will help Texas to receive as many recovery funds as possible. Report damage at iSTAT Damage Surveys.

Flood damage

Most home and renters' policies don't cover flood damage. Check your policy or call your agent if you aren't sure about your coverage.

If you have flood insurance, call your agent or company as soon as possible. Federal flood policies require you to file a claim and document your losses within 60 days.

Your personal auto policy may cover flood damage if you have comprehensive coverage. If your car was flooded or damaged, call your insurance company or agent as soon as possible.

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Disaster Recovery Centers in Harris, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity counties reopen

AUSTIN — Disaster Recovery Centers in Harris, Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity counties reopened Monday. The centers closed temporarily after Hurricane Beryl.

Center locations:

- Trinity County: Trinity ISD Boardroom, 101 W. Jefferson St., Trinity, TX 75862
- San Jacinto County: Innovation Center, 250 Live Oak St., Coldspring, TX 77331
- Harris County: Leon Z. Grayson Community Center, 13828 Corpus Christi St., Houston, TX 77015; or Thomas A. Glazier Senior Education Center, 16600 Pine Forest Lane, Houston, TX 77084
- Polk County: Livingston Public Library 707 N. Tyler Ave., Livingston, TX 77351

SNAP, WIC replacement benefits approved

Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — Acting Governor Dan Patrick last week announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission received federal approval allowing recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to apply for replacement benefits for food lost or destroyed from Hurricane Beryl.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children is also replacing food and formula benefits lost during the hurricane.

"The recent storms have impacted many families across the state. By providing these replacement food benefits, we will offer relief to those who need our help the most," Patrick said. "As we continue our recovery process, it is vital that SNAP and WIC recipients have access to these benefits to continue to feed their families."

"Three million homes and businesses lost power with Hurricane Beryl's impact, which caused people's food to go bad, and many were forced to discard spoiled food because they had to evacuate. This loss was especially painful for families who rely on SNAP benefits," said HHSC Deputy Executive Commissioner of Access and Eligibility Services Molly Regan. "Replacement food benefits will relieve some of the challenges many Texans are currently facing."

To replace food lost or destroyed by the storms that began July 8, SNAP recipients must apply for replacement benefits that will be placed on their Lone Star Cards within two business days once benefits are approved.

SNAP recipients in 121 counties listed in Acting Governor Patrick's disaster declarations must apply for replacement benefits by Aug. 8. Affected counties are listed below. Beginning July 11, recipients can apply by dialing 2-1-1 and selecting Option 8.

Recipients can also download Form HI855 (Affidavit for Non-receipt or Destroyed SNAP Benefits). Completed forms should be mailed to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box

149027, Austin, TX, 78714-9027, or faxed to 877-447-2839.

Recipients who live in counties other than those listed below can apply for replacement benefits in person within 10 days of discovering their food was lost or destroyed due to the recent storms. Individuals in those counties must go to a local benefits office to request replacement food benefits.

HHSC is also providing crisis counseling for Texans affected by this disaster through local mental health authorities. To locate a local mental health authority, visit the Where Can I Find Services page.

Additionally, the WIC program, administered by HHSC, is replacing food and formula benefits lost during Hurricane Beryl through July 31, 2024. Families can visit TexasWIC.org or call 800-942-3678 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and select Option 3 to speak with an operator who will help find an open WIC location. WIC participants will need to go to the WIC office in order to replace food benefits. WIC also offers 24/7 breastfeeding assistance through its lactation support hotline: 855-550-6667.

"Many WIC recipients have been impacted by Hurricane Beryl," said Rob Ries, HHSC Deputy Executive Commissioner for Family Health Services. "Texas WIC and local WIC offices are here to help meet their food, formula and breastfeeding needs as quickly as possible."

Any Texan in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at YourTexasBenefits.com or can use the Your Texas Benefits mobile app to manage their benefits. To find local resources, such as food or shelter, dial 2-1-1 and select Option 1.

Affected counties include Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Bell, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Dallas, Delta,

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Unemployment assistance deadline extended

Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — The Texas Workforce Commission has received federal approval to extend the deadline for Disaster Unemployment Assistance applications relating to the severe weather events that impacted Texas counties between April and June.

Individuals who may be eligible for DUA now have until Aug. 15 to apply for assistance under Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Number 4781-DR. This disaster declaration does not include the recent impacts of Hurricane Beryl.

Individuals whose employment or self-employment was impacted by the severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding that began on April 26 and ended June 5 must now submit their applications by Aug. 15. The amended declaration includes Anderson, Austin, Bell, Calhoun, Collin, Cooke, Coryell, Ellis, Dallas, Denton, Eastland, Falls, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Henderson, Hockley, Jasper, Jones, Kaufman, Lamar, Leon, Liberty, Montague, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Panola, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Jacinto, Smith, Terrell, Trinity, Tyler, Van Zandt, Walker, and Waller Counties.

Workers and self-employed individuals in the designated counties who have been unable to work due to damage sustained from the severe weather may be eligible for DUA benefits. Individuals can apply for benefits online through Unemployment Benefit Services

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RIVER & RAINFALL DATA AS OF JULY 16
Gauge Height..... 13.26 ft
Condition..... Normal Flood Stage
Weekly rainfall 0.00 in



Residents muddle through with help from neighbors

I have so much to say about the State of Texas's lack of preparation for Hurricane or Tropical Storm Beryl, but supposedly I am a lady.

However, I can say that I am disappointed that the designated centers here in Trinity were not open for its residents.

Thank God for angels of mercy; I know there were many who took care of their friends, families, and neighbors. I know a good Samaritan who took care of a 94-year-old veteran who has been paralyzed since he was 19 years old, and I don't know how she did it.

I know of one church that held its VBS program last week for the children to come and have fun and be cool. They had a generator. Thank you, Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church, for your generosity and caring. Please report other heroes to me so I can publicly thank them too in the upcoming



Julia's Tidbits

By Julia McMichael

issues.

Again, thank you Liberty Christian Center, Remnant Faith, Ladies in Action, Burning Hope Baptist Church, Loaves and Fishes, and Martin Senior Citizen Center for sponsoring the facilities that help our Trinity Community. You are the best heroes every week, Beryl or no Beryl.

The Annual Summer conference for the ROTC church will be held Saturday 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 information 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 SAAFE House annual Denim & Diamonds Bingo Fundraiser that was supposed to take place last weekend has been rescheduled for Aug. 10. The fundraiser will still take place at The Manor on Pinecrest Road from 6-10 p.m., and tickets and tables are available to be purchased from SAAFE House by calling (936) 291-3529. More info on this later next week.

Houston Food Bank will be at the Blanche K. Werner Public Library in Trinity on several Saturdays in July and August, from 11

a.m. until 1 p.m., to service children under 18 years of age. The dates are July 20, and 27 and Aug. 3.

Each child will be given five meals that include breakfast and lunch until supplies run out. You must bring your child to receive this program or proof of guardianship if they are not able to attend. For more information, call Sophia at (936) 594-2087.

Can you believe that TISD school starts in 23 days? The yellow buses will hit the road on Aug. 7 for the graduating class of 2025. If time goes any faster, I am going to turn into butter like the story book tale of yesterday.

Don't forget the Trinity High School Band is hosting its flag subscription fundraiser at this time and for more information you can email roaringtigerband@trinity-isd.net.

Flood insurance a valuable resource for Texans

Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — Your house has never flooded. You have a homeowner's insurance policy. You're thinking: "I'm covered."

Maybe not. Many Texas residents may believe they don't need to buy flood insurance. They don't live in a high-risk flood zone. But flooding can happen anywhere, often to the surprise of residents who thought they were covered for disaster. When flooding happens, the damage is not covered by most homeowners' insurance policies.

One inch of floodwater can cause more than \$25,000 of damage in a home.

Before a community is eligible for federal disaster assistance, it must be designated a federal disaster area. This happens in less than 50 percent of flooding incidents. The main form of federal assistance after a federally declared disaster is a loan that must be repaid with interest.

Property owners can protect themselves from financial losses by having a flood insurance policy through the National Flood Insurance Program. Flood insurance

coverage is available regardless of federal disaster declarations. Insurance for contents is also available to homeowners and renters. There is a 30-day waiting period before new policies go into effect, an important consideration during hurricane season.

Statewide, 653,309 policyholders in Texas hold \$197 billion in coverage but many people have no flood coverage. Residents can purchase a flood insurance policy if their community participates in the NFIP, no matter their flood risk. Even in areas that are not flood-prone, insurance is a good

idea. People outside of high-risk areas file more than 25 percent of NFIP claims.

Coverage is available for residential and commercial buildings and contents:

- Up to \$250,000 in building coverage and up to \$100,000 in contents coverage for single-to-four family residential structures.
- Up to \$500,000 in building coverage and up to \$100,000 in contents coverage for five-or-more family residential structures.
- Up to \$500,000 in building coverage and up to \$500,000 in contents coverage for businesses.

How to buy:

Contact your insurance company or agent. If you need help finding a provider, go to FloodSmart.gov/flood-insurance-provider or call the NFIP at 877-336-2627. In addition to the NFIP, flood insurance is also available from some private insurance providers. For an agent referral, call 800-427-4661 or visit FloodSmart.gov.

For more information about Texas disaster recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4781. Follow FEMA Region 6 on social media at x.com/FEMARegion6 and on Facebook at facebook.com/FEMARegion6/.

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TRINITY COUNTY WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY	THU NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
A t-storm in spots in the afternoon	Cloudy, a shower and t-storm late	Mostly cloudy, a shower and t-storm	Partly sunny with showers around	Mostly cloudy, afternoon t-storms	Cloudy with a couple of t-storms	Some rain and a t-storm in the a.m.	Cloudy with thunderstorms
HIGHS: 88 to 93 RF: 101 to 106	LOWS: 69 to 74 RF: 72 to 77	87 to 92 69 to 74 RF: 97 to 102/73 to 78	83 to 88 70 to 75 RF: 96 to 101/75 to 80	79 to 84 73 to 78 RF: 90 to 95/77 to 82	82 to 87 71 to 76 RF: 88 to 93/70 to 75	81 to 86 70 to 75 RF: 93 to 98/69 to 74	86 to 91 72 to 77 RF: 90 to 95/74 to 79
POP: 40%	POP: 65%	POP: 90%	POP: 65%	POP: 70%	POP: 60%	POP: 60%	POP: 60%

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Statistics through 7/14

Temperatures
Daily ranges — Normal high — Normal low

77	90	91	93	84	88	90
70	66	68	70	72	72	72

7/8 7/9 7/10 7/11 7/12 7/13 7/14

Precipitation (in inches)
Daily totals — Normal amount

0.93	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.00
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Month to date/normal 1.31 / 1.57
Year to date/normal 31.36 / 24.96

Larry Barak Sr.

Oct. 24, 1949-July 11, 2024

Larry Dean Barak Sr., 74, passed away to be with our Lord and Savior on July 11, 2024, in Huntsville. He was born Oct. 24, 1949, in Bay City to Willie and Edna Barak.

Larry is preceded in death by his father, Willie Barak; mother, Edna Barak; his brother-in-law, James Williams; and his loving wife of 45 years, Diana Barak.

Larry is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Deidra and Brian Mannion; his son and daughter-in-law, Larry Dean Barak Jr. and Rachel Barak; three gorgeous grandchildren, Alexis Hope Mannion, Cameron Dean Mannion and Constance Kelly Barak; his father-in-law, James "Buster" Ford; his sister, Peggy Barak; sisters-in-law, Teresa Williams, Debra and Mike Perroni, and Kim and Kenny Moulder; along with numerous nieces and nephews. Larry was affectionally called "Mr. B" to the countless family friends that considered him a second father.

Larry was a graduate of Columbia High school and Sam Houston State University where he received his bachelor's degree. He went on to work as a controller in the oil and gas industry for more than 40 years before he retired in Trinity, where he would work alongside his wife for the Westwood Shores POA. He found true joy in working with the community and creating events that would bring the neighborhood together with their family and friends by opening the 19th Hole and organizing the now Annual Fourth of July celebration.

Larry's passions included beach vacations and cruises with his family, children and his adopted children who he would load up year after year to take them to their happy place in Destin Florida. He found great joy on Friday nights sitting in the stands watching his son play for his beloved Katy Tigers. In his later years he was happiest surrounded by family, especially his grandchildren and great nieces and nephews.

Larry was a faithful Christian who enjoyed his duties as deacon and being actively involved in Dorcas Wills Baptist Church, where he would be baptized to ensure his eternal resting place alongside his wife and children. He will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved him as they treasure all their fond memories.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked for donations to be made to the Kaille Mills Foundation.

Visitation was held Monday, July 15, at Waller-Thornton Funeral Home in Trinity. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 16, at Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church in Trinity with the Rev. Greg Kitts officiating.



Larry Barak Sr.

Sharon Mills

Sept. 23, 1942-June 29, 2024

Sharon Melton Mills passed away peacefully, at home, in Trinity on June 29, 2024. She was born September 23, 1942, in Houston to Amos Jack and Louise Annie (Egging) Neal.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her second husband, Ed Melton.

Sharon is survived by her loving husband, Mike Mills; daughter, Robin Kay Selcer; son, Paul James Rushing III; grandchildren, Sean Selcer and wife, Kalea, Ryan Warren, Nathaniel Boyd, Natlyn Wheeler, and Zane Doggett; great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Dustin and James; and first husband and father of her children, Paul Rushing Jr. Numerous extended family and friends also survive.

Sharon grew up in a loving Lutheran family and attended a Lutheran High School. She spent her career working 23-plus years at Whispering Pines Golf Course in Trinity. She loved yard work and gardening in her leisure

time. Her true passion was serving her family and her faith, and she always ensured that her family never went without. She will be dearly missed by those that she leaves behind to cherish her memory and to protect her legacy.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Sharon's memory may be made to Operation Christmas Child.

Funeral Services were held Friday, July 5, at Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church with the Rev. Greg Kitts officiating. Interment followed at Cedar Grove Cemetery.



Sharon Mills

Looking Back
By Marlena Stubblefield
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10 years ago on July 17, 2014:
Groveton FFA members headed to Cow-Town; Groveton Volleyball Camp scheduled; Man arrested on two felony warrants. Obituaries for the week: Mary Mae Davis, 94 of Tomball formerly of Nogalus Prairie; Mary Culp Lowery, 72 of Possumwalk; Anna Belle Stewart, 87 of Groveton; Clifford Earl "Daddy/Papa"

Faver, 75 of Cushing and Clarice Ramona Willis, 86 of Onalaska formerly of Groveton.

20 years ago on July 15, 2004:
Commissioners give approval for Auditor to borrow money; Renovation plans studied by county commissioners; Carrasco Prison siege anniversary July 24. No obituaries for the week.

30 years ago on July 21, 1994:
Life jacket saved 8-year-old in boating accident-Boy drifted alone throughout the night; High school class schedule changed-staff changes completed; Election judges named; US Rep. Charles Wilson visits next week; Mayor Pro Tem Clayton Hester corrects backhoe statement. Obituaries for the week: Simeon H. Story, Jr., 80 of Corrigan; Elzie Gibson, 72 of Waco; Hill Hester, 85 of Lufkin and Lena Smith Jernigan, 95 of Houston.

SENIOR MENUS

July 22-26
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: Chicken salad, pea salad, peaches crackers.
TUESDAY: Barbecue baked potatoes, chopped barbecue sandwich, baked beans.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken spaghetti, peas and carrots, garlic bread.
THURSDAY: Beef stroganoff, corn, bread.
FRIDAY: Fried fish or chicken tenders, homemade fries, fried okra, deviled eggs.

• **Groveton Senior Center** | 936-642-1541
Bread, dessert, fruit, tea, coffee and milk are available.
MONDAY: Chicken and dumplings, lima beans, cabbage, cornbread.
TUESDAY: Cheeseburgers or hamburg-

ers, ranch style beans, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles.

WEDNESDAY: Pork chops, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, cornbread.

THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad.

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: Chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, green beans.

TUESDAY: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, cornbread.

WEDNESDAY: Taco salad, pinto beans, chips and salsa.

THURSDAY: Chicken and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans.

FRIDAY: Chicken fried steak, purple hull peas, squash casserole.

ARREST RECORDS

The following people were arrested by Trinity County law enforcement officials through July 15. All suspects are innocent until convicted in a court of law.

- **Donte Rashad Lane Williams**, 28, warrant for failure to appear on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **Jose Manuel Montes-Velazquez**, 23, no driver's license.
- **Thomas Lee Kesinger**, 75, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon causing severe bodily injury.

- **Charles Therion Lintemuth Jr.**, 24, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; failure to maintain financial responsibility; no motorcycle endorsement.

- **James Michael Cook**, 59, criminal mischief; public intoxication.

- **Brian Taylor Wright**, 40, warrant for theft of property; warrant for burglary of a habitation; warrant for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle; warrant for unlawful use of a motor vehicle; warrant for evading arrest.

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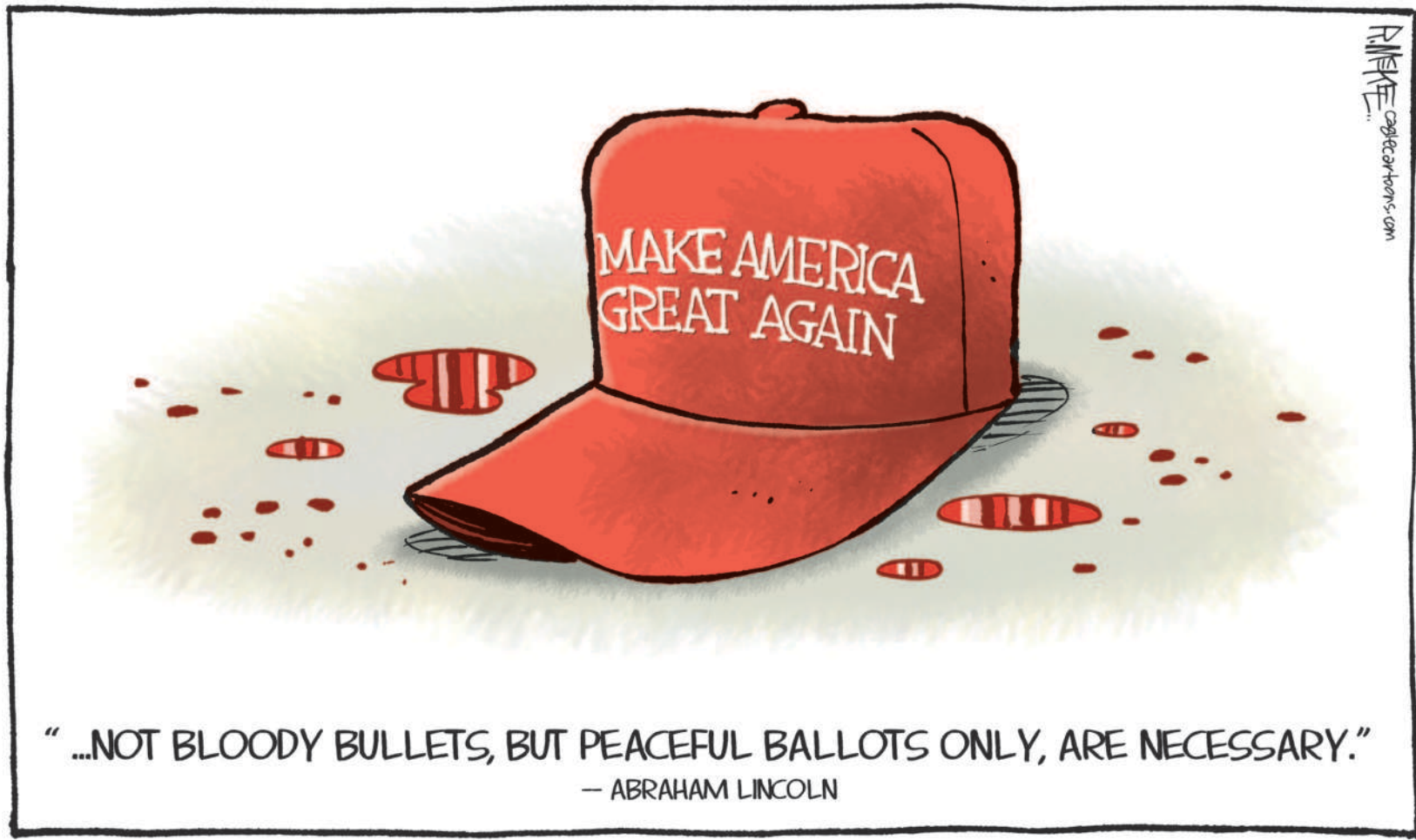
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OPINION



The result was as inevitable as it was planned

Two phrases began battling for supremacy in my mind on Saturday evening after news of the shooting at a Pennsylvania rally for Donald Trump.

One was "What else did you expect would happen?" and the other was "threat to our democracy."

The first one, many of you will remember, was one you dreaded to hear from anyone as you were growing up, from parents to teachers to pastors to babysitters, grandparents, etc., when the result of some poorly planned event backfired spectacularly.

Usually this amounted to a feat of derring-do such as building a homemade bicycle ramp or holding a bottle rocket while it was lit, resulting, usually, in some injury to the body or, just as bad, to the ego.

Once the blood and gravel were removed, and sufficient Kool-Aid was applied, the phrase was brought out as a way of admonishment, and hopefully, correction.

After Saturday's events, though, it's hard to only say that.



My Two Common Sense

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The chief weapon against the candidacy of Donald Trump, going back for eight years now, has been reviling the man at every opportunity. He's continuously labeled as Hitler, as a threat to democracy, a tinpot dictator in waiting, a serial philanderer, a thief, a traitor, and even an insurrectionist.

The national news media has become torch-bearing Chicken Littles, describing any and every thing Trump does as proof he is a fascist seal-clubbing, puppy punching climate denier, and of course, their adamantly uneducated followers have been whipped into a frothed frenzy.

So, after the shots were taken, and the nation was taken aback, I

think to myself, "what else did you expect would happen?"

Even after the event, as information began trickling in, the left wing of politics, including the national media, kept their collective feet on the gas. CNN's first headline claimed Trump was rushed off-stage after a fall; MSNBC claims Trump is safe after popping sounds were heard at a rally; even the Associated Press claimed the former president was rushed off the stage after loud noises were heard.

A sitting Senator from Tennessee, London Lamar, claimed the shooting was caused by MAGA extremism; even President Biden had said that his main purpose in running again was to get Trump, saying "... it is time to put Trump in a bull's eye."

As part of the concerted effort to erase Donald Trump from public existence, he constantly has been called the second phrase, the ridiculous "threat to our democracy."

This is clearly done only to ramp up the hysteria about candidate

Trump, mostly because it is a completely nonsensical, false statement, since the United States is not now, nor has it ever been, a democracy.

It is a republic. Moreover, it is a republic of the people, by the people and for the people.

What that means, in a nutshell, is if the people want to attend a Trump rally, and if the majority of people — and states — want to place Trump back into the White House, then that is precisely their right. It is not now, nor has it ever been, the place of the current elected lemmings to stop it.

So, if there ever was a threat to democracy, or correctly the republic, it's the incitement of a people to commit heinous acts, instead of using reason, debate and compromise to do what is best for all.

In the current landscape, I bet you can see that very real threat.

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Abbott demands probe into power outages

More than 2 million Texans lost power when Hurricane Beryl hit the Texas coast, and Gov. Greg Abbott wants to know why. The Austin American-Statesman reported Abbott has ordered the Public Utility Commission to conduct an immediate study into why the Houston area has again been hit by widespread power outages.

"I want to find out, was there a structural flaw with regard to the electrical delivery system?" Abbott said. "Was that the cause of it? If so, what needs to be done to shore up, or was this a personnel issue of not having enough power personnel in all the right locations to get power back up?"

CenterPoint Energy is the primary electricity transmission company serving the Houston area. Its CEO, Jason Ryan, appeared before the PUC last week and was questioned about the outages.

"To our customers that not only have power out but have significant property damage from the trees we talked about coming up from the roots, our hearts go out to you and our hearts go out to our community," Ryan said.

As of Sunday morning, CenterPoint's website indicated 461,247 customers were still without power, nearly a week after Beryl made landfall.

To date, 67 counties have been approved for federal disaster assistance, while other counties may be included as damage assessments are concluded. Those counties in the initial list are: Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Austin, Bowie, Brazoria,



Capitol Highlights
By Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

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Forest service assesses tree damage after Beryl

More than 400,000 acres of rural forestland was potentially affected by Hurricane Beryl, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service, which has closed W.G. Jones State Forest in Conroe until a damage assessment can be undertaken. In addition, hurricane force winds potentially affected as much as half of Houston's urbanized area tree coverage, the service reported.

"We used a combination of on-the-ground observation, remote sensing and Forest Inventory and Analysis data to conduct a tree damage assessment for rural forests in

East Texas and the Houston metro area," said Aaron Stottlmyer, Texas A&M Forest Service Forest Analytics Department Head.

Workers and others are urged to use extreme caution when clearing tree debris.

Old pipes lead to billions in lost gallons of water

The state's most populous cities lost approximately 88 billion gallons of water last year because of aging pipes and extreme heat, The Texas Tribune reported. Unsurprisingly, the city that lost the most water, according to self-reported audits, was Houston, the state's largest, at 31.8 billion gallons. Coming in second was San Antonio, which reported losing 19.5 billion gallons.

The main factors for the losses are leaks and water main breaks, problems more often associated with smaller towns with fewer resources to maintain infrastructure, The Tribune reported.

"What we have right now is not sustainable [or] tenable," said Jennifer Walker, National Wildlife Federation's Texas Coast and Water Program director.

An Austin-based think tank, Texas 2036, predicts the state will need to spend more than \$150 billion over the next half-century on water infrastructure.

'Real ID' will be required by next May

Is your state-issued identification card, such as a driver's license, a Real ID? Texans have until May 2025 to find out and comply with a federal law passed in 2005 in response to 9/11, the Statesman reported. The

state in response began issuing Real ID compliant cards in 2016. These cards have a gold circle with an inset star located in the upper right-hand corner.

Right now, a Real ID card is not required to fly domestically, but that will change on May 7, 2025. After that, a Real ID or a passport will be required to board domestic flights. Anyone renewing their driver's license now will receive an idea that is Real ID-compliant.

Passports are still required to travel beyond U.S. borders.

Saltwater fish release nears 1 billion

Hurricane Beryl slowed the official release of the 1 billionth saltwater fish into Texas bays, but it should happen soon, according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. The Texas Parks and Wildlife program has been releasing fish into Texas bays for the past four decades in order to replenish native fish populations.

The fingerlings are raised in local and state hatcheries. The billionth fish is slated to be a red drum fingerling — a highly popular game fish in Texas.

Paxton: House committee preparing to impeach him again

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said last week that a House investigating panel once again is attempting to impeach him, though its chairman said the panel is meeting for an unrelated matter.

The committee passed articles of impeachment in May 2023 that were passed overwhelmingly by the House. The Senate then voted by a large margin to acquit Paxton.

"Their bitter obsession with taking me down knows no bounds, and they will stop at nothing to remove me from office," Paxton wrote last week.

Committee chair Rep. Andrew Murr, R-Junction, said Paxton was mistaken.

"There is absolutely no truth to Mr. Paxton's far-fetched fantasy that the House General Investigating Committee is meeting to talk about him," Murr said in a statement.

Whataburger app serves as outage tracker

While CenterPoint Energy's outage tracker was down, some Houston residents figured out that an app used by Whataburger, the iconic Texas burger chain, could be used to figure out what areas had power and what didn't.

The Houston Chronicle reported the app allowed folks to look at the Houston area and determine what areas had power. If the Whataburger "W" normally orange logo was gray on the app's map, that area likely had no power.

After a social media user posted the discovery on X, formerly Twitter, on Monday night after the storm, more than a million people had viewed the post. It is unknown how many used the information to head out for a burger or a taquito.

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SBA loans available to Hurricane Beryl victims

Special to the News-Standard

SACRAMENTO — Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to Texas businesses and residents as a result of President Biden's major disaster declaration, U.S. Small Business Administration's Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman announced.

The declaration covers the Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker and Wharton counties as a result of Hurricane Beryl that occurred July 5-9.

"SBA's mission-driven team stands ready to help Texas's small businesses and residents impacted by Hurricane Beryl," said Administrator Guzman. "We're committed to providing federal disaster loans swiftly and efficiently, with a customer-centric approach to help businesses and communities recover and rebuild."

Francisco Sánchez Jr. associate administrator for the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the Small Business Administration, also stated, "As a native Houstonian, I am deeply concerned for communities now facing two historic

disasters within a matter of weeks. Hurricane Beryl was catastrophic and deadly. The U.S. Small Business Administration is still on the ground responding to the derecho and will send reinforcements in response to Beryl. I was on the ground just days after the storm and I can assure Texans that the Biden-Harris Administration will be with them every step of the way. SBA will work across local, state, federal, business, and non-profit partners to make every possible resource available."

Businesses of all sizes and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is

available to businesses regardless of any property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$500,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$100,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property, including personal vehicles.

Interest rates can be as low as 4 percent for businesses, 3.25 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 2.688 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Interest does not begin to accrue until 12 months from the date of the first disaster loan disbursement. SBA disaster loan repayment begins 12 months from the date of the first disbursement.

As soon as Federal-State Disaster Recovery Centers open throughout the affected area, SBA will provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants. Additional information and details on the location of disaster recovery centers is available by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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or by calling TWC at (800) 939-6631 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Individuals should specify that their applications are related to the damage caused by severe weather which occurred April 26 through June 5. Applications for DUA benefits under this declaration must be submitted by Aug. 15.

DUA, which is an unemployment insurance benefit made available especially for victims of disaster, is available to individuals who:

- Have applied for and used all regular unemployment benefits, or do not qualify for unemployment benefits;
- Worked or were self-employed or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment in the disaster area;
- Can no longer work or perform services because of physical damage or destruction to the place of employment as a direct result of the disaster;
- Establish that the work or self-employment they can no longer perform was their primary source of income;

- Cannot perform work or self-employment because of an injury as a direct result of the disaster;

- Became the breadwinner or major support of a household because of the death of the head of household; or

- Were unable to reach their job or self-employment location because they must travel through the affected area and are prevented from doing so by the disaster.

To receive DUA benefits, all required documentation must be submitted within 21 days from the day the DUA application is filed. Required documentation includes Social Security number, and documentation to support that you were working or self-employed when the disaster occurred or were about to start work or self-employment and could not do so due to the disaster.

TWC must have documents that prove you were working, or scheduled to start working, at the time of the disaster. If you do not send us proof of employment by the 21-day deadline, TWC will halt DUA payments and you will be responsible for repaying any benefits you received. In some cases, TWC can use information in our system, such as wage records, to prove you were employed at the time of

the disaster.

Submit your proof of employment using TWC's online UI Submission Portal for the fastest review. Select DUA Proof of Employment at Time of Disaster from the Type of Submission drop-down menu. If you cannot use the online portal, you can submit the proof by fax or mail.

- Texas Workforce Commission Attn: DU A Proof P.O. Box 149137 Austin, TX 78714-9137

- Fax: (512) 322-2867 TWC's website contains more information about local Workforce Solutions offices for access to job search resources, job postings and training programs, as well as assistance with exploring career options, resumé and application preparation, career development and more. Customers also may connect with potential employers through TWC's online job search engine by visiting WorkinTexas.com.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) encourages Texans to report damage to homes and businesses using the online Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool. These surveys help emergency officials determine eligibility for federal assistance such as DUA.

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Get more than one bid to gauge which ones are too high or too good to be true. Check references and phone numbers. Beware of contractors who only have out-of-town references or solicit door-to-door.

Don't pay in full upfront and don't make a final payment until the job is done.

Be sure to read and understand any contracts before signing and don't sign a contract with blanks to be filled in later.

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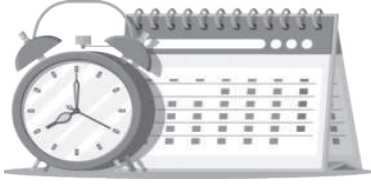
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Fundraiser set

The SAAFE House annual Denim & Diamonds bingo fundraiser set for Saturday has been moved to Aug. 10 because of the damage from Hurricane Beryl.

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. and 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, Shelby at (936) 284-5580 or Tammy at (936) 284-5547 to purchase tickets or tables, to donate, or to become a sponsor.

Hunting course set

TCSO is sponsoring a Texas Hunter Education Course on Aug. 17 at the Courtroom Annex in Groveton.

Lunch is included and will be provided by Taco's by the Trax. Instructors will be Sheriff Woody A. Wallace, Game Warden Randy Watts and Game Warden Anthony King.

For additional information contact Felicia at 936-642-0761.

Revival to be held

Rose Hill Baptist Church will be holding a three-night revival July 31-Aug. 2 beginning at 7 p.m. each night.

The evangelist will be Bishop Augustus Moore III. Everyone is welcome.

For information, call the church at (936) 642-1880.

VBS set

First Baptist Church of Groveton will hold Vacation Bible School July 29-Aug 2 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. each night.

The classes are for children 4 years of age through the sixth grade.

For information, call the church at (936) 642-1478.

Family reunion

The Dial Family Reunion will be held on at 11 a.m. Saturday at Groveton Methodist Church in the Edward Carter Hall.

Revival scheduled

Paul and Vanessa Cherry of Cherry Ministries will lead a three-service revival meeting at First Baptist Church of Friday.

The Cherrys home base is in Wolfe City. They average 40 revivals each year, plus concerts. Their goal during their revival meetings is to challenge Christians to live a life that exemplifies Christ every day. The music, and messages are aimed at lifting up Christ, so He may draw men to Himself.

The music service consists of a blending of praise choruses and traditional hymns.

The event is set for Aug. 2 and 3 at 6:30 p.m. each night, with a light meal at 6 p.m.; and at 11 a.m. Aug. 4 with a covered dish after service.

No-cost meals

The Houston Food Bank will be at the Blanche K. Werner Library in Trinity on several Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Those days are July 20 and 27 and Aug. 3.

This is for all children 18 years and

younger. If your child is not present, you must bring proof that you are the parent or guardian. Examples of this are an official letter or email from school enrollment, student ID cards, report cards, attendance record, birth certificate, or state ID.

Each child will be provided with a bundle that includes breakfast and lunch for 5 days, while supplies last.

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.

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 republicanwomenctrinityco@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.

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AUSTIN — Consumers who suspect that they may have purchased contaminated fuel after flooding caused by Hurricane Beryl hit southeast and east Texas should file a complaint with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation as soon as possible.

Intense flooding can sometimes cause water to enter underground fuel storage tanks and contaminate the gasoline supply.

If you suspect you purchased contaminated fuel, take these steps as soon as possible:

•File an online complaint with TDLR immediately. Choose Fuel Metering & Quality from the drop-down menu. It's important to file a complaint as soon as possible — if the station gets deliveries between the incident and the investigation, it can be difficult to prove the fuel did not meet specifications because the contaminated fuel may be diluted or completely dispensed.

•When filing your complaint, be sure to include fuel receipts, fuel type, octane rating, pump number and as much information as

possible about the station and any damage to your vehicle caused by the contaminated fuel.

•Alert the station management or chain headquarters to the issue. Most stations/headquarters will take action to stop selling the suspect gas and have it checked or remediated. Stations often will voluntarily reimburse the consumer for repairs. However, some stations will deny there's a problem, which is why it's so important to file the complaint quickly so TDLR can investigate the quality of the fuel.

•Once TDLR receives a complaint, the department reviews the information to determine if it is appropriate to dispatch an investigator to the location to take a sample of the fuel for lab. If the sample is found to be contaminated, TDLR will take necessary action, depending on how the station responds to the reports of contaminated fuel.

Motor fuel dealers and operators are reminded to visually inspect motor fuel metering devices, filtering equipment and storage tanks to ensure there is no contamination and that all items are in proper working order.

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Deer season not that far away



We're in the midst of our annual midsummer burnout. A cool day this time of year is when the mercury only reaches 95; but fall and cooler weather is not that far away.

Whitetail season is less than a scant three months away. The summer hunting shows will soon be under way in several of the major cities across the state. This is a time when we deer hunters make plans for fall hunts and devise strategies to outsmart that wily old buck that eluded us this past season. Is he still out there on our hunting grounds, did he move on or succumb to a pack of coyotes after the rut before he had a chance to regain his strength and vitality?

Why not fast forward a few months and think about cooler weather and deer hunting? I think it will do us all good.

I've been a deer hunter since my early years when I would jump off the school bus at the age of 10 during deer season, grab my .410 shotgun loaded with a single rifled slug, snatch a cold sweet potato off the stove and headed to the woods behind our little farm to set on a bucket and hunt deer. This was way back in the late 50s when deer were precious few in northern Red River County where I grew up.

I once saw a big buck cross our hay meadow but never after all those amateurish attempts to kill a buck did I see hide nor hair of

one. I knew next to nothing about whitetail deer other than that they fascinated me, and I had a burning desire to hunt them. It was several years before I killed my first deer — a goat-horned spike — but that little buck was the trophy of a lifetime for me back in the early 60s.

As a young man with a growing family, dollars were tight, but I still managed to get out and hunt the woods of northeast Texas each season. I even managed to take a few deer back in those years, but I was well into my 20s before I had the opportunity to travel down to the Texas Hill Country near Llano with a couple of buddies for a glorious three day hunt with an outfitter that offered day hunts.

I remember to this day that our cost was \$180 apiece and that included transportation to and from stand and camping rights near the old camp house. We all enjoyed a big barbecue dinner that first evening before opening day. I remember the outfitter kidding me about my little brush gun, an iron-sighted lever action .30-.30. Most of the hunters back then had gravitated to scoped rifles, mostly in .30-.06 or .243 caliber.

My stand for that opening morning was a few boards nailed to the lower limbs of an old live oak. Some corn had been sprinkled around the area and just after shooting light, I began to see deer. Several does approached the area and nibbled on corn and then on the edge of a distant tree line, I saw a deer with its head down to the ground, trotting along like a hound on a hot trail.

By this time, had learned the habits of deer and knew this was a buck on the trail of one of the does that was approaching my stand. Within 15 minutes of shooting light, I had my first Hill Coun-

try buck on the ground. I think I stretched the distance of the shot a bit when Herb Stehling the outfitter kidded me about making a lucky shot with that old "thutty-thutty," but it was an honest 70 paced yards.

My friends and I could not have had a better time had we booked a guided moose hunt in Canada. We hunted, cooked and sat around the campfire a bit too late on that opening night as my memory serves me.

When I began writing outdoor articles back in the eighties, my deer hunting opportunities increased and I found myself hunting deer over much of Texas but also in North Dakota and several of the mountain states for mule deer.

Some of my most fond memories are those early October days I spend hunting with a family that farmed and outfitter deer hunts in the little hamlet of Streeter North Dakota. I hunted with these fine folks for several years. They owned a big house in downtown Streeter (population around 400) which served as a gathering place and dining room for the hunters. Lodging was provided in several homes around the town.

With more than six decades of opening mornings to reflect upon, I feel truly blessed that I have never lost my passion for getting up well before daylight on those cool fall mornings and heading to the deer woods somewhere. I am very thankful that I can still climb a tree into a tree stand and enjoy all elements of deer hunting, everything from practice with my bows and rifles to skinning and quartering the game. I have always enjoyed cooking venison for my family and at camp and put great value on having a good supply of



Larry Weishuhn aka. "Mr. Whitetail" with a fine very late season West Texas buck taken on a hunt with Luke this past February. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

venison in the freezer.

Granted, I've obviously learned a good bit about deer and how to hunt them through the years, but I still learn something new each year, deer are fascinating animals and there is no formula that always results in venison on the meat pole.

This past February my good friend Larry Weishuhn, aka "Mr. Whitetail," invited me out to far west Texas for a late season doe hunt. I still needed a couple more deer to round out my supply of venison and his managed lease had several unused permits. I had just obtained a new CVA muzzle-loader, and I was anxious to put it to use. I honestly thought I would get up in a stand, wait until the feeder went off and be covered up with deer. I was surprised to learn that the bucks were dominating the feeders and doe were staying back in the brush, feeding on a plant called filaree and cedar berries.

I had a good supply of a food attractant called Vineyard Max

www.vineyardmax.net that I'd heard good things about. It is made from dried, hammer-milled grape skins, rice brand and corn chops. I've known for years that deer love wild grapes but to my knowledge there were no wild grapes or vineyards anywhere near my friend's lease. The attractant has a very strong grape smell, but we were all curious whether these West Texas deer would be attracted to this new smell.

We baited several clearings in the brush with Vineyard Max during mid-day and returned to hunt them on the late afternoon hunts. We were able to fill our doe permits thanks to the smell of grapes. There's always something new to learn about whitetail deer. I can't wait until the season once again opens and I enjoy my 64th season hunting them. I bet you feel the same way too.

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Week of July 10, 2024

B.A. Steinhagen

FAIR. Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.72 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; 0.17 feet above pool. Channel catfish are excellent in 10-12 feet of water on baited holes with stinkbait. A few catches of blue catfish in the same areas with cut bait. Crappie are good on brush piles and standing timber in 20-25 feet of water with black and green jigs or minnows. White bass are schooling on the main lake in 35-40 feet of water. 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 good on points in 18-22 feet of water using deep water baits like deep diving crankbaits, dropshots and Texas rigs. Night fishing has the best bite and is an escape from the heat and recreational boaters. Report by Mike Stroman, R & R Marine.

Bois d'Arc

stained; 85 degrees; 0.27 feet below pool. Bass are best in the bushes and trees in 6-12 feet with Beavers and creature baits on Texas Rigs. Some fish are in 4-7 feet on the outside of the grass line on main lake points biting chatterbaits, flashy swimmers and spinnerbaits. Offshore bass are good in 10-15 feet of water with Carolina rigs and Texas rigs on brush piles. JawTech KO sticks good around bushes and outside of grass 4-6 feet. Report by Marc Mitchell, Lake Fork Guide Service.

Caddo

FAIR. Water stained; 80 degrees; 1.40 feet above pool. Caddo is setting up good for bass fishing. Schooling bass bite is heating up with topwater frogs, buzz baits or choppo bite. After another round of heavy rain expect the high water levels, muddy water or more current. Your river fish are setting up good for dropshots, Texas rig, football jigs or Carolina rigs. And there are still fish being caught around trees with the brim bedding so a pop r, fluke or senko still work around the trees for you tree anglers. It is a beautiful time of year to come enjoy this lake that God spoke into existence. Report provided by Vince Richards, Cad-



do Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

Conroe

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 89 degrees; 0.15 feet above pool. Largemouth bass fishing is good flipping under docks and around bluegill beds. Bigger fish are related to offshore structure and brush-piles biting Texas Rigs, Carolina Rigs, and crankbaits. Report by Roy Crush IV Fishing. Catfish are great and near the end of their spawning patterns. Report by Brad Doyle with Bradley's Guide Service. Some hybrids are scattered while some 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. Hair jigs are out-producing plastics. Always wear your life jacket and stay hydrated in this heat. Report by Mike Cason, Fishical Therapy.

Fork

GOOD. Water Stained; 81 degrees; 0.16 feet above pool. Bass are good on Z-Man chatterbaits and lipless crankbaits early in 2-5 feet on points and grassy wind blown banks. Topwaters are hit-or-miss early on points. Carolina rigs, big shaky heads and Texas rigs are good in 10-25 feet of water on points, humps, drop offs. Big worms doing the best in these areas. Crankbaits are good over deep underwater ridges and humps with timber in 18-28 feet. Shad patterns and blue and chart Strike King 6XD or 8XD. 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

SLOW. Water stained; 82 degrees; 0.45 feet above pool. Sunfish are good. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Bass are slow midday, with the best bite in the morning.

Lake O' the Pines

GOOD. Water stained; 90 degrees; 2.21 feet above pool. The lake received inches of rain from the tropical depression. Channel catfish are good in 15-20 feet of water in the bridge shade. Channel catfish bite in 3-4 feet of water under trees. Crappie are good in 16-25 feet in standing timber with minnows on a cork. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service. Solid summer pattern is holding steady for the bass. 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 15-25 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

GOOD. Stained; 87 degrees; 0.52 feet above pool. The bite is as good as it gets! White bass have been schooling and have been mainly in 10-20 feet of water. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

Martin Creek

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 101 degrees; 0.42 feet above pool. Bass are good along hydrilla with weightless senkos and Texas rigged worms. Keep a shad colored rattle trap handy for schooling bass. Crappie are excellent on brush piles and standing timber in 20-24 feet suspended around 15 feet. Minnows and pin tail Bobby Garland jigs work well. The fish

bunch up on bright sunny days. Fish should go on ice as soon as possible, or keep ice in a live well due to extremely high water temperatures. Report by Hambone Guide Service.

Nacogdoches

EXCELLENT. Water stained; 92 degrees; 0.44 feet below pool. Largemouth bass are excellent off the bottom in 15-20 feet of water on big crankbaits, Carolina rigs and dropshots. Crappie are excellent on brush piles with live minnows or 1/8 ounce crappie jigs. Catfish are good on cut bait and live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Nacogdoches

FAIR. Water stained; 88 degrees; 0.50 feet above full pool. The heat is on so the fish should be in full summer mode. Keep an eye on the thermocline and this tells you the exact depth to present your offering. Bass are holding tight to submerged timber with a Texas rigged Mag-worm. The days of Mag-worm fishing are probably here for the next several months. This is a common approach, so do not be afraid to do something different like Tokyo-rig instead. If you catch them schooling, chunk an underspin at them. Crappie population is good. Catfish are slow. Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services. Largemouth bass are excellent on Carolina rigs and large swimbaits. Crappie are good on brush piles with chartreuse crappie jigs. Catfish are slow on cut bait and live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Pinkston

GOOD. normal stain; 89 degrees. Largemouth bass are good with soft plastic swimbaits and Carolina rigged trick worms. Crappie are good on live minnows on standing timber. Catfish are slow on cut bait. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Raven

SLOW. Water slightly stained; 88 degrees. Huntsville State Park was hit directly by Hurricane Beryl, and will be closed due to storm damage. We apologize to our anglers who were hoping to get on the water this week. Call for up to date information.

Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water stained; 90 degrees; 5.11 feet above pool. Lots of floating debris after the recent rains from Hurricane Beryl. 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. As the lake continues to drop fish are going to be moving to traditional summer locations pending the thermocline depth. Bass are good early morning on shallow main lake points with medium or deep diving crankbaits, and topwaters. Main lake ledges with Carolina rig shaky head and spoons. Brush piles shallower than the thermocline with Texas rigs, jigs or Carolina rigs. The thermocline is actively fluctuating and will continue to do so while lake level changes. Navigate with caution watching for floating debris, trees, and stumps. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Fishing.

Toledo Bend

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 92 degrees; 1.04 feet below pool. Many houses and marinas sustained damage due to Hurricane Beryl, and power has not been restored in many areas. All the roads are back open, and trees have been pushed to the side. Please make sure and call your marina, or house before heading over to the lake. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

Tyler

GOOD. Water stained; 80 degrees; 1.13 feet above pool. The water has been cool and the fish have been biting after the recent weather. Crappie are good using minnows and jigs on brush in 16 feet of water. Catfish are good in 12-16 feet of water nightcrawlers, shrimp, 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. 106 degrees. There has been a fish kill in certain areas of the lake. It is believed to be related to low oxygen levels in the water. If anyone sees dead or dying fish call the Texas Parks and Wildlife 24-hour hotline, 512-389-4848.

Wright Patman

GOOD. Water stained; 83 degrees; 5.86 feet above pool. The lake level is high and water is being released. Be sure to check ramp status before heading out.

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Hurricane Beryl efforts examined

Thousands of homes and businesses in the 17th Congressional District of Texas were without power, cellular, or internet access in the wake of Hurricane Beryl last week, including my Huntsville and Lufkin field offices.

Outages left many Texans exposed to the heat. The hurricane has greatly impeded Trinity County's recovery efforts following the storms earlier this year.

In Walker County, the Walker County Storm Shelter is offering disaster food boxes as well as overnight shelter. Residents without power in Nacogdoches, Angelina, and Trinity counties are encouraged to seek shelter from the heat and drink plenty of water to decrease the risk of heat-related illnesses.

Texas are resilient to storms such as Beryl, and power restoration efforts have greatly reduced the number of outages. My affected offices are back to business as usual and available to assist constituents.

Thank you, Jack Kielty and Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Last week, I took to the floor of the House of Representatives with a certificate signed by Gov. Greg Abbott to extend my thanks to Lt. Jack Kielty (Ret.) of FDNY.

Back in March, Lt. Kielty came to Franklin, Texas to present a mortgage-free personalized smart home to Sgt. Maj. Sid Hamid, USA (Ret.), through the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. At the event, Lt. Kielty shared the story of the founding of Tunnel to Towers by



In Session
By Pete Sessions
US Representative, District 17

the siblings of firefighter Stephen Siller, a hero who gave his life rescuing others on 9/11.

Lt. Kielty has dedicated his life to public service through his career as a firefighter. Now as a board member with the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, he supports those who have served our great country as first responders or members of the military such as Sgt. Hamid, who now suffers various handicaps resulting from his time as an Army Green Beret and 40 years of military service.

His home was renovated for him by the Tunnel to Towers Foundation to uniquely meet his needs, and I was honored to participate in Lt. Kielty's ribbon-cutting presentation of the home to the Hamid family.

I was touched by what Lt. Kielty and Tunnel to Towers did for Sgt. Hamid and their service to veterans and first responders. In recognition of his kindness, I gave an address and presented a certificate proclaiming Lt. Kielty an Honorary Texan.

To learn more about the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, visit t2t.org. To read more about the incredible life of ongoing service of Sgt. Hamid, click here. Lt. Kielty, thank you for your kindness and

continued service. **Oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency**
On Wednesday, EPA Administrator Michael Regan appeared before the House Oversight Committee.

Regan could not answer basic questions about the naturally occurring chemical formaldehyde, yet his EPA proposed lowering formaldehyde in the workplace to levels that are undetectable to modern technology.

The EPA's recently released draft Toxic Substance Control Act risk evaluation for 20 necessary chemical components is completely out of step with industry and worldwide standards. This discrepancy between the EPA's proposed restrictions and the accepted norm highlights the need for congressional oversight. These proposed restrictions place an onus on industry and will stifle American enterprise.

I am committed to promoting prosperity and preventing unnecessary burdens imposed by the government.

The Report to the Nation
Also on Wednesday, I was introduced to the newly commissioned Chief Scout Executive of Scouting America, Roger Krone. As an Eagle Scout myself, and the father of two Eagle Scouts, I am personally familiar with the positive impact scouting has on preparing America's youth for life.

The National Chief of the Order of the Arrow, David Gosik, presented me with a copy of the 2024

Report to the Nation. In my many years involved with the Scouts, I have amassed a collection of these Reports to the Nation and am excited to have an addition.

Public Comment Letter
Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma and I released a bicameral public comment letter with 23 members of Congress strongly opposing the Biden administration's recent decision to reschedule marijuana from a Schedule I to a Schedule III substance.

In my conversations with local law enforcement and judges, I am hearing much concern about the addictive qualities of THC (marijuana). Our letter emphasizes that the Department of Health and Human Services made the recommendation to reschedule based on politics, not science.

The rescheduling ignores the increasing danger of high-potency marijuana, creating a high risk for public health threats such as youth overdoses and schizophrenia. This egregious proposed rule fails to provide sufficient science and data to support it.

Legislative Highlights
•HR 8281, The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act: The Biden administration has failed to secure our southern border.

President Biden has released almost 5 million illegal aliens into the U.S. and allowed over 2 million illegal aliens to enter the country undetected. In many states, these migrants can obtain drivers licenses and other forms

of identification. These forms of identification are enough to allow migrants to vote in our federal elections.

To combat this, HR 8281, the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, passed the House this week. This legislation requires proof of U.S. citizenship in person when states are registering an individual to vote in federal elections. The influx of illegal migrants into our country requires Congress to take steps to safeguard against non-citizens participating in our elections.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of HR 8281 and voted yes.

•HJR 165, Stopping Biden's Attack on Women and Girls: Another piece of common sense legislation to pass the House this week was HJR 165. The Biden administration's Title IX rule destroys fundamental protections for women and girls by allowing biological males to compete within women's sports and organizations and eliminating female-only spaces.

The Democratic Party is more interested with men being in women's locker rooms than about jobs in this country. I voted yes to protecting women and girls' access to educational opportunities through our institutions, fighting Biden's crusade against decades of progress for women across America.

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

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sylvia G. Calhoun, Deceased, were issued on 7/10/2024, in Cause No. 5660, pending in the County Court of Trinity County, Texas, to: Donovan Paul Joyner. 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.

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 dol-

lars (\$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

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>

Claim of ownership of certificate of title

AFFIDAVIT Claim of Ownership of Certificate of Title i, monique alexis richardson, state 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 woman; verify under penalty of perjury under

the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct; Executed on this second day, of July, 2024 by: Richardson, Monique Alexis, Not in Individual Capacity, Without the United States, Held in Trust. All Rights Under Reserve. Publication dates: 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1

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Sheriff Sale at Trinity County courthouse August 6

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TRINITY NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE By virtue of Tax Warrant issued out of the 411TH DISTRICT COURT OF TRINITY County in the following cases on the 6th day of June, 2024, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 AM on the 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 2024, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the Official Door of the Courthouse of said TRINITY County, in the City of GROVETON, Texas, the following described property, to wit: Cause No: 5598 TRINITY COUNTY, ET AL vs. MICHAEL L. DAVIS Tract 1: LOT 19, BLOCK 1, DEER RUN SUBDIVISION, PID 26821 Tract 2: LOT 20, BLOCK 1, DEER RUN SUBDIVISION, PID 26822 Cause No: 5639 TRINITY COUNTY, ET AL vs. KURT BLACKBURN, ET AL Tract 1: LOT 11, BLOCK 5, SECTION 5 WESTWOOD SHORES SUBDIVISION, PID 28374 Cause No: 5640 TRINITY COUNTY, ET AL vs. JAMES BLANKENSHIP, ET AL Tract 1: LOT 15 AND 1/2 OF 14, BLOCK 5, SECTION 5, WESTWOOD SHORES SUBDIVISION, PID 21977 Cause No: 5641 TRINITY COUNTY ET AL vs. CORY L. MUL-LINS Tracy 1: LOT 6, BLOCK 9, SECTION A OF LAKE L. ACRES SUBDIVISION PID 30826 Cause No: 5642 TRINITY COUNTY, ET AL vs. GINNY L. ANGLIN, ET AL Tract 1: LOT 4, BLOCK 5, SECTION 2 TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION PID 13450 Tract 2: LOT 7, BLOCK 1, SECTION 1, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 27211 Tract 3: LOT 10, BLOCK 1, SECTION 1, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 23173 Tract 4: LOT 9, BLOCK 1, SECTION 1, TRINITY

FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 26117 Tract 5: LOT 37 (1/2 OF), BLOCK 5, SECTION 2, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 27324 Tract 6: LOT 37 (1/2 OF), BLOCK 5, SECTION 2, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID35696 Tract 7: LOT 23, BLOCK 5, SECTION 2, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 17027 Tract 8: LOT 17, SECTION 3, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 17614 Tract 9: LOT 52, SECTION 3, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION PID 24091 Tract 10: LOT 8, BLOCK 1, SECTION 1, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 27212 Tract 11: LOT 3, BLOCK 1, SECTION 2, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 27273 Tract 12: LOT 6, BLOCK 1, SECTION 1, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 27210 Tract 13: LOT 9, BLOCK 1, SECTION 4, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 16587 Tract 14: LOT 24, BLOCK 5, SECTION 2, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 17028 Tract 15: LOT 5A, BLOCK 3, SECTION 2, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 27296 Tract 16: LOT 16, BLOCK 2, SECTION 2, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 27696 Tract 17: LOT 11, BLOCK 4, SECTION 2, TRINITY FOREST SUBDIVISION, PID 25649 Levied on the 18 day of June .2024. as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgements rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of each jurisdiction. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND ON THE 18 DAY OF June 2024 Woody Wallace SHERIFF, TRINITY County, Texas By: DEPUTY TRINITY County, Texas

Request for qualifications for engineer services

TRINITY COUNTY RFQ 2024.07.11 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEER SERVICES Trinity County invites the submittal of responses from qualified firm(s) interested in providing Engineer services for the update of the Trinity County Subdivision regulations. Specifications and required submittal information can be 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). A mandatory pre-response conference will

be held Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. to preview the current subdivision regulations and hear suggested updates and current problem areas. Responses must be sealed and identified on the exterior of the envelope per specifications and submitted to County Auditor not later than August 16, 2024, at 12:00 noon. Contract will be awarded by the Commissioners' Court on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 9:00 AM. Trinity County reserves the right to cancel the RFQ at any time, to elect not to award contracts cited in the RFQ, to reject any and all submittals and to award contract deemed to serve the best interest of Trinity County.

Trinity County seeking bids for road materials and services

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.

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

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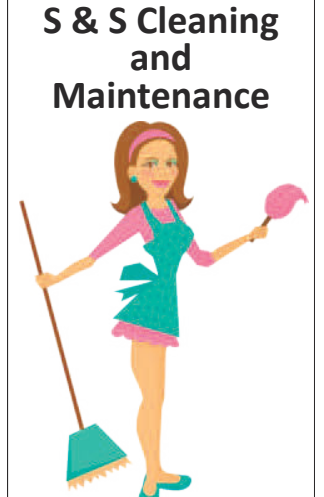
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