



Department battles several fires

TCNS staff

TRINITY — Trinity Fire & Rescue handled two fires in the area last week, including one that burned for days.

On Wednesday, the department responded to a large fire on Highway 19 South where there was a field with thousands of wooden mats used in pipeline work on fire.

Fire Chief Keith Johnson said firefighters set up a tanker shuttle to supply an engine to try and stop the fire from spreading. Trinity responded with two engines, two tankers, a brush truck and a rescue truck along with 21 firefighters, and 356 Volunteer Fire Department responded with an engine and eight firefighters.

Trinity Police Department and Trinity County Sheriff's Department responded for traffic control and Ventura EMS was on scene to help firefighters in the extreme heat.

The fire covered approximately 4 acres and continued burning for several days. Johnson said firefighters were on scene until around 7:30 p.m. No injuries were reported.

On Thursday afternoon, responded to a report of a fire burning behind a residence on Mockingbird Lane in Westwood Shores.

Johnson said the first unit on scene reported a tree on a power line that had started a fire with tree debris that was endangering the house. Engine 1 arrived on scene and quickly extinguished the fire.

The fire damaged the siding on the rear of the air conditioning unit. No one was home at the time.



Firefighters pour water on wooden mats that caught fire on Wednesday at a shop in Trinity. PHOTO BY KEITH SHELLY



Thousands of wooden mats burned for several days. PHOTO BY KEITH SHELLY

Trinity continues ordinance updates

By Tony Farkas
editor@trinityconews.com

TRINITY — As part of a mission to bring laws into the current century, the Trinity City Council updated several city ordinances at its regular meeting on Thursday.

Mayor Billy Goodin said that the council is going through all ordinances to ensure they make sense, and to update them if necessary.

The council approved repealing the city's curfew ordinance, put in place in 1998 for residents under 17 years of age.

Additionally, the council amended an ordinance relating to junk vehicles. The previous ordinance required enforcement

See TRINITY ⇨ Page 3A

BINGO!



Elizabeth King (center), Trinity County Juvenile Probation officer and Trinity School Board member, looks over her cards during the annual SAAFE House Denim & Diamonds Bingo fundraiser on Saturday. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



Eager blotters at Saturday's Denim & Diamonds Bingo Fundraiser in Trinity were able to raise additional funds by blotting the head of Trinity Police Sgt. Tom Hester. The event was to raise funds for SAAFE House, which helps victims of abuse in Trinity County. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS

FEMA assistance deadline is this week

Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — Texas residents who were affected by the storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding this spring have until Aug. 15 to apply for FEMA disaster assistance.

Homeowners and renters in Anderson, Austin, Bell, Calhoun, Collin, Cooke, Coryell, Dallas, Denton, Eastland, Ellis, Falls, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Henderson, Hockley, Jasper, Jones, Kaufman, Lamar, Leon, Liberty, Montague, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Panola, Polk, San Jacinto, Rusk, Sabine, Smith, Terrell, Trinity, Tyler, Van Zandt, Walker and Waller counties designated for federal disaster assistance and who incurred storm-related loss or damage between April 26-June 5, have days left to apply.

See DEADLINE ⇨ Page 3A



The siding of a residence in the Westwood Shores subdivision was melted from the heat of a blaze that broke out when a downed power line ignited debris on the ground. COURTESY PHOTO



Trinity Fire Chief Keith Johnson surveys the burning mats that continue to smolder. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS

FEMA requires occupancy, ownership documentation

Special to the News-Standard

As part of the disaster assistance process, FEMA must determine ownership and occupancy of damaged primary residences. There are several ways Texans who were affected by Hurricane Beryl can provide this information.

Homeowners may provide official documentation such as:

- The original deed or deed of trust to the property
- A mortgage statement or escrow analysis
- Property tax receipt or property tax bill
- Manufactured home certificate or title
- Property insurance documentation

In addition, FEMA accepts a public official's letter or receipts for major repairs or improvements. The public official's state-

ment (police chief, mayor, Postmaster) must include the name of the applicant, the address of the disaster-damaged residence, the period of occupation and the name and telephone number of the official providing the verification.

Texans with mobile homes or travel trailers who do not have the traditional documentation of ownership may self-certify ownership as a last resort.

Homeowners with the same address from a previous disaster only need to verify ownership one time. FEMA has also expanded the date of eligible documents from three months to one year before the disaster.

Homeowners and renters must document that they occupied the dwelling at the time of the disaster. Applicants may provide official documentation, such as:

- Utility bills, bank or credit card statements, phone bills, etc.
 - Employer's statement
 - Written lease agreement
 - Rent receipts
 - Public official's statement
- FEMA will also accept motor vehicle registration, letters from local schools (public or private), federal or state benefit providers, social service organizations or court documents.
- Applicants can also use a signed statement from a commercial or mobile home park owner, or self-certification for a mobile home or travel trailer as a last resort.
- If Texans have successfully verified occupancy to FEMA from a previous disaster within a two-year period, they do not need to do it again.



VOLUME 119 • ISSUE 32
To subscribe call 936-642-1726
USPS 641-061

Julia's Tidbits.....	2A	Opinion.....	4A
LifeTributes.....	3A	Crossword.....	2B
LookingBack.....	3A	Sports.....	7A
Arrest Records.....	3A	Classifieds.....	8B

RIVER & RAINFALL DATA AS OF AUG 13	
Gauge Height.....	9.35 ft
Condition.....	Normal Flood Stage
Weekly rainfall.....	0.00 in



Well, you don't have to be told it is August

The next 10 days will be over 100 degrees counting the heat index, and the only relief in sight is when we have a cold front of 99 degrees next month.

Kudos to the SAAFE House Purse Bingo Gala Saturday night at the Manor. The food, prizes, and auctions were wonderful.

• Two New events in August:
The Circle of Brothers will host a Bible Study Saturday at 7 p.m. at their club on South Robb Street. They are serving pulled pork or chopped beef sandwiches with chips for \$10 each.

Wayne Williams will provide the music and there will be a 50/50 raffle. For more information, call (936) 662-9471.

• On Aug. 23, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church will sponsor a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$15 for a plate. The church is located at 401 Prospect Drive. For more information, call Iris Alaniz at (713) 253-6221.



Julia's Tidbits

By Julia McMichael

• Fair News: Sept. 19-21 is the Trinity Community Fair Association's 75th Year of operation. This livestock, vendor/craft show, and carnival is one of the last free fairs in Texas.

The theme for the TCFA Fair this year is "Hats Off to 75 Years." Applications and rules for the fair booths, inside and outside, have been put on the internet/Facebook for downloading.

There are some new additions and old reminders to this year's guidelines, and you must adhere to these rules, or you will not be invited back to participate next year.

If you cannot use this method of entry, please contact Kim

Spillman for more information and how to obtain forms at (936) 661-1568.

• The Circle of Brothers is hosting a steak night Sept. 21 at the White Rock City Marina, 819 White Rock Road in Trinity, from 6-9 p.m.

The menu is steak, baked potato, salad, and a roll for \$25. Reserve your steak ahead of time by calling (936) 662-9471 or (936) 662-2917.

• Repeat of September dates:
Sept. 2, Labor Day
Sept. 19- 21, TCFA Fair
Sept. 20, TISD Fair Holiday
Sept. 22, KoC blood drive

• These are Save the Dates for Events in October:

Oct. 4-6, Huntsville Fair on the Square in Huntsville.

Oct. 12, Brick Street Harmony Quartet First Presbyterian Church on North Elm Street

Oct. 15, Pumpkin Patch opens, First Methodist Church of Trinity Downtown Lot

Oct. 19, barbecue and bingo fundraiser, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Oct. 20, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church Fall Festival

Oct. 26, Trinity Lions Club Pet Expo and Talent Show, Trinity Community Center

Oct. 26, Trinity County Veterans Wall of Honor, Scheelbillies on FM 356 East.

The third annual Fall Festival in October for Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church is Oct. 20. Music, dances, food, and prizes are on the list of activities.

The event will take place inside the Fellowship Hall and outside on the church grounds, which is located at 401 Prospect Drive. The event starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m.

The night before, Oct. 19, the Fall Festival begins with a barbecue dinner and bingo game which starts at 5 p.m. Barbecue plates are \$15, and bingo cards are \$10 each.

On Oct. 20, the official Fall Festival starts at 11 a.m. with music, booths and games. Five wonderful prizes are to be raffled off to the lucky attendees.

• First Prize, \$2,000 dollar gift card

• Second Prize, \$1,000 dollar gift card

• Third Prize, \$500 dollar gift card

• Fourth Prize, 22-inch self-propelled lawn mower

• Fifth Prize, a Tablet Computer

There will be food and craft booths for the adults, and games for the children. To rent a booth space and obtain more information, call (713) 291-3388.

Next week I will list Trinity County Veterans 17th Annual Wall of Honor fundraiser to be held on Oct. 26, at noon at Scheelbillies Saloon on FM 356 in Trinity.

See you at the fish fry downtown.

TRICARE authorizes temporary prescription refill waivers

Special to the News-Standard

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The Defense Health Agency announced that TRICARE beneficiaries in 121 Texas counties may receive emergency prescription refills through Aug. 15 due to Hurricane Beryl.

The counties impacted are Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Dallas, DeWitt, Delta, Dimmit, Du-

val, Ellis, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kaufman, Kenedy, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lamar, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Live Oak, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, Maverick, McLennan, McMullen, Medina, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rains, Red River,

Refugio, Robertson, Rockwall, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Starr, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Wood, Zapata, and Zavala.

To receive an emergency refill of prescription medications, TRICARE beneficiaries should take their prescription bottle to any TRICARE retail network pharmacy. If the bottle is unavailable or the label is damaged or missing, beneficiaries should contact Express Scripts, Inc., or their re-

tail network pharmacy for assistance.

To find a network pharmacy, beneficiaries may call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303, or search the network pharmacy locator.

If possible, visit the pharmacy where the prescription was filled. Prescriptions filled by a retail chain may be filled at another store in that chain. If the clinician who prescribed the medication is available, beneficiaries can ask them to call in a new prescription to any network pharmacy.

As a reminder, TRICARE beneficiaries, other than active-duty ser-

vice members, may receive urgent care from any TRICARE-authorized urgent care center or provider and do not need a referral. This allows beneficiaries to seek non-emergency care for illnesses or injuries if their primary care provider is unavailable because of emergencies. Any TRICARE beneficiary who reasonably believes they have an emergency should always call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

Beneficiaries are advised to visit Express Scripts' Weather Alert page for updates.



Elevate your next adventure

Introducing the First-Ever Traverse Z71

The Dealership that makes a Difference



WIESNERCHEVY.COM • WIESNERCADILLAC.COM • 936-291-7500

1-45 AT EXIT 116 BOTH WAYS IN HUNTSVILLE! ACROSS FROM HOME DEPOT • HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL

Wiesner in Huntsville sells vehicles for factory sticker price - whether it's in stock, on order or bought online! You don't pay over MSRP. Say no to additional dealer markup, market price adjustments, Zax, environmental packages or the security package. Wiesner of Huntsville is the only place where you will be treated fair and like family.

HUGE SELECTION OF CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED VEHICLES

2022 Hyundai Kona	\$17,995	2023 Mazda CX-50	\$25,395
2020 Chrysler Pacifica	\$20,588	2022 Buick Encore GX	\$25,995
2022 Kia Sportage	\$21,995	2021 Chrysler Pacifica	\$25,995
2022 Hyundai Sonata	\$23,995	2024 Chevrolet Trax	\$25,995
2017 Chevrolet Tahoe	\$24,995	2020 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	\$26,995
2024 Chevrolet Trax	\$24,995	2024 Nissan Ultima	\$27,839

All prices include Wiesner Finance Cash. Must finance with Wiesner-approved lender to qualify. All prices include tax, title and license.

STORMS STRIKE QUICKLY

Check Your Generator Before Storms Arrive.

Take time to make sure your backup generator is working properly, is the right size for your needs, and you have a safe area to place it when it's time to pull it out of storage. Your generator needs a clean, dry, well-ventilated area and a transfer switch installed by a licensed electrician.

SAM HOUSTON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

800-458-0381
www.SamHouston.net
Facebook.com/SamHoustonEC

MADISONVILLE LION'S CLUB ANNUAL GUN & HUNTING SHOW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 | 9 AM-5 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 | 10 AM-4M

\$5 PER PERSON | 12 & UNDER FREE

TRUMAN KIMBRO CENTER
On the square in Downtown Madisonville TX

SPONSORED BY
MADISONVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB

FOR MORE INFO CALL 936-349-7029

TRINITY COUNTY WEATHER FORECAST FOR AUGUST 8-14

Information sourced from weather.com

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Sunny 101°/76°	Sunny 99°/76°	Sunny 97°/74°	Sunny 97°/73°	Mostly Sunny 96°/74°	Mostly Sunny 97°/75°	Mostly Sunny 96°/76°
Chance of Rain 6% Wind NNW 4 mph	Chance of Rain 4% Wind NE 7 mph	Chance of Rain 5% Wind NE 8 mph	Chance of Rain 2% Wind ENE 7 mph	Chance of Rain 15% Wind ESE 6 mph	Chance of Rain 12% Wind SE 6 mph	Chance of Rain 15% Wind SSE 7 mph

Forecast Fire Danger

twc.tamu.edu

Fire Danger Rating
■ Low
■ Moderate
■ High
■ Very High
■ Extreme



Looking Back

By Marlena Stubblefield
grovetonnews@gmail.com

10 years ago

Two-day search and rescue effort finds missing person; Eleanor Garrett honored with education award by SHSU; Wainwright brought back to Trinity; Area 4-H President takes part in Texas 4-H Congress in Austin.

Obituary for the week: Addie Mae Hobbs Owens, 94, of Groveton.

20 years ago

Commissioners discuss tax freeze; Court-house renovation plans discussed at meeting; Norman Eastepp files as write-in candidate for sheriff; Firefighter completes school. No obituaries for the week.

30 years ago

Worsham pleads innocent to simple assault allegations; GISD approves \$4.5 million budget; Landowners Association updates timber owners; 'Standing room only' for Tiger fans; Centerville starts today. Obituaries for the week: Michael Drake, 34, of Lufkin; and Charlie Lonnie Kendrick, 82, of Pasadena.

SENIOR MENUS

Aug. 19-23

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: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread.

TUESDAY: Barbecue baked potatoes or chopped barbecue sandwich, baked beans, broccoli.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken broccoli casserole, corn, cornbread.

THURSDAY: Chicken and dumplings, carrots, rolls.

FRIDAY: Fried fish or chicken tenders, dirty rice, corn on the cob, deviled eggs.

• **Groveton Senior Center** | 936-642-1541
Bread, dessert, fruit, tea, coffee and milk are available.

MONDAY: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, cornbread.

TUESDAY: Barbecue sandwich, ranch style beans, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken strips, sweet potato fries, green beans, rolls.

THURSDAY: Meatloaf with sauce, scalloped potatoes, turnip greens, spinach, cornbread.

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, cabbage, pinto beans.

FRIDAY: Catfish, French fries, pinto beans, coleslaw.

ARREST RECORDS

The following people were arrested by Trinity County law enforcement officials through Aug. 12. All suspects are innocent until convicted in a court of law.

• **William Rene Velasquez**, 19, warrant for probation violation on a conviction for possession of child pornography.

• **James Cody Smith**, 29, driving while license invalid.

• **Duncan Tanner Langston**, 26, driving while intoxicated; resisting arrest, search or transport; driving while license invalid.

• **Leopoldo Ivan Rodriguez Romero**, 38, public intoxication.

• **Jonathan Robert Thompson**, 42, assault causing bodily injury.

• **Auston Duran Dalton**, 31, warrant for motion to adjudicate guilt on an original charge of abandonment or endangering a child.

• **Timothy Michael Zawodny**, 35, warrant for bond violation on a charge of possession of child pornography; warrant

for bond violation on a charge of possession with intent to promote child pornography; warrant for bond violation on a charge of indecency with a child.

• **Andrew Eric Perez**, 38, warrant for driving with license invalid with previous convictions.

• **Lacey Layne Owens**, 31, warrant for release of surety bond on a third or subsequent charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **Christopher Ayala Flores**, 27, warrant for burglary of a motor vehicle.

• **Samantha Ann Zawodny**, 24, warrants for three counts of abandonment or endangering a child.

• **Stephanie Nicole Marie Fuentes**, 25, assault causing bodily injury; aggravated assault with deadly weapon; injury to a child, elderly or disabled individual; abandonment or endangering a child.

• **Andrew Julian Sepulveda**, 24, possession of marijuana.

• **Bobby Keith Nichols II**, 37, expired driver's license.

TRINITY

Continued from page 1A

by a city marshal, a position that no longer exists; the changes include replacing that with the police department, police chief and code enforcement officer.

The city's animal control ordinance was amended to make it unlawful to leave a dog outside and unattended with a restraint unless the animal has access to shelter, a clean area free of waste, a shaded area and clean drinking water. The changes also require leads that are not weighted or a chain and

must be a minimum of five times the length of the dog.

The council approved changes to an accumulated trash ordinance to make it unlawful to "meddle" with garbage or rubbish receptacles.

In other business, the council:

- approved a subdivision of tiny homes near the intersection of East Jefferson Street and Highway 19 South, provided the owners follow subdivision guidelines for plumbing and spacing issues;
- proclaimed Aug. 1-7 as Exercise Your Child Week; and
- approved budget amendments.

DEADLINE

Continued from page 1A

To apply for FEMA assistance homeowners and renters can:

- Go online to disasterassistance.gov/
- Download the FEMA App for mobile devices

• Visit a Disaster Recovery Center
• Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 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.

Deadline to apply is Thursday.

Disaster assistance is not a substitute for insurance and cannot compensate for all losses caused by a disaster. The assistance is intended to meet basic needs and supplement disaster recovery efforts. FEMA assistance is unable to duplicate benefits offered through insurance, state or other programs. However, if your losses or damage go beyond disaster assistance available from other sources – or include items or categories not covered by other assistance

– you may be eligible for additional funds from FEMA. Even if you have already registered for the State of Texas's disaster program, you must also apply to FEMA to learn if you may be eligible to receive additional funds.

Low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) are another important form of federal disaster assistance. These loans are not just for businesses. Homeowners, renters and private nonprofit organizations can also apply. Residents and businesses referred by FEMA to SBA must also complete their loan application by the deadline.

For more information, go to: sba.gov/disaster, or call SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. or online at SBA's secure website: disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/

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/.

To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube.

One killed in two-vehicle crash

TCNS staff

APPLE SPRINGS — Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers investigated a fatal crash on Farm-to-Market Road 357, near Farm-to-Market Road 2501, that occurred Monday.


The preliminary crash investigation indicates that at approximately 9:12 a.m., a Ford Edge was traveling south, while a GMC van was traveling north. It is reported that the Ford crossed over

into the oncoming lane and struck the GMC.

The driver of the Ford, 44-year-old Mandy Pullin of Apple Springs, was transported to Woodland Heights Hospital and was pronounced deceased by medical staff.

The driver of the GMC, 50-year-old Elliot Hernandez of Lufkin, was transported to CHI St. Luke's Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.


This is an ongoing investigation.




Agriculture Is Changing

Technology is replacing traditional farming practices and the needs for financial assistance and guidance are more sophisticated than ever before. Although agriculture is changing, our commitment to provide dependable ag financing for our customers hasn't changed. We offer sound advice, competitive rates, and convenient hometown service. ^{©VJ}

"Hometown banking with your neighbors and friends"

 <p>Citizens State Bank</p>	<p>Citizens State Bank - Groveton 117 E. First St. Groveton, Texas 75845 936-642-1444</p>	<p>Citizens State Bank - Corrigan 300 N. Home Corrigan, Texas 75939 936-398-2566</p>
---	---	--



TRINITY COUNTY News Standard

1-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION

In County \$45	Out of County \$55	Out of State \$65
-------------------	-----------------------	----------------------

E-Edition \$35

Send in this form today along with your check or money order!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

YOU CAN ALSO PAY BY PHONE OR ONLINE | ALL CARDS ACCEPTED

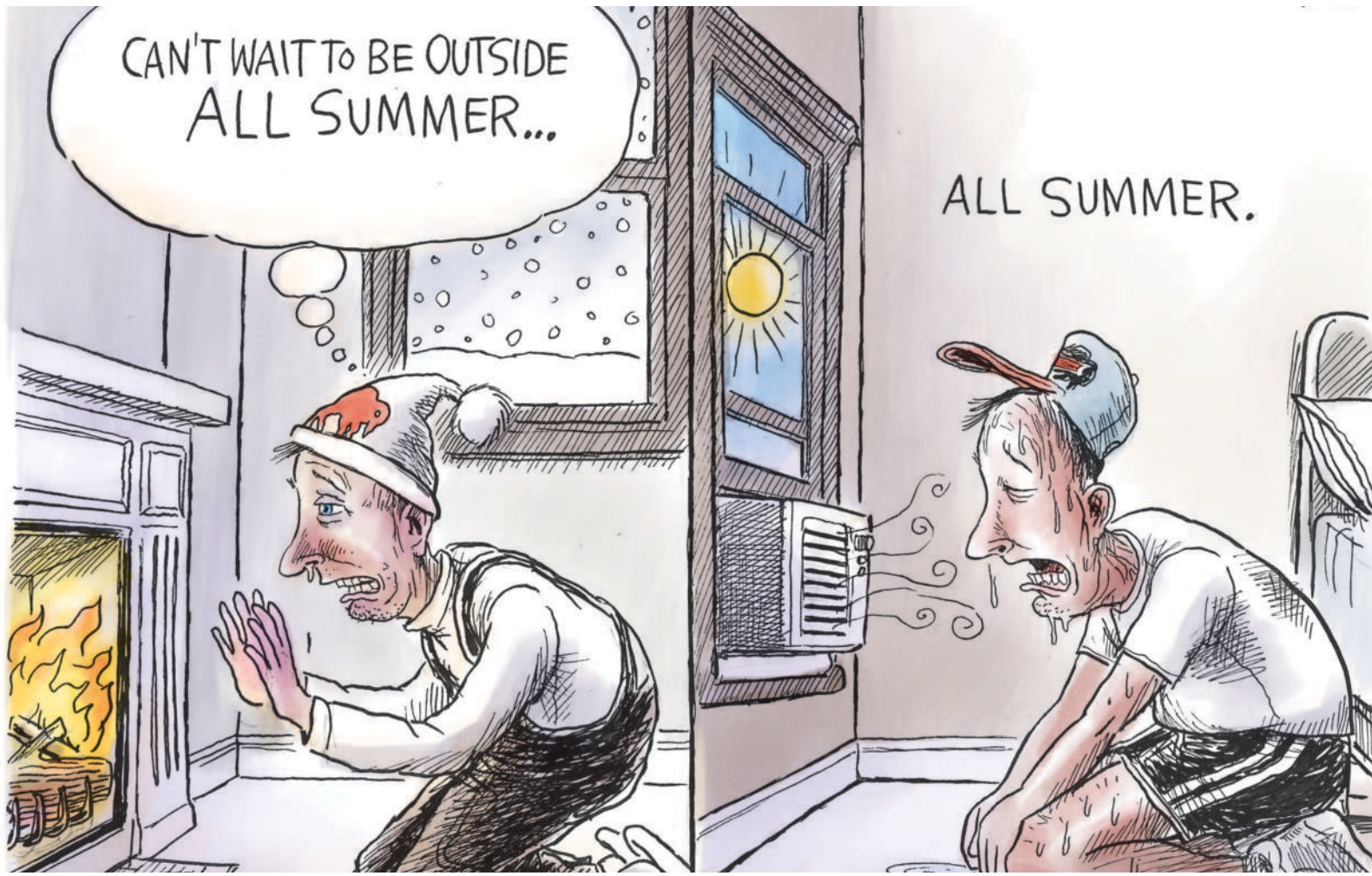
<p>134 E 1st St Groveton, Tx 75845 936-642-1726</p>	<p>easttexasnews.com circulation@easttexasnews.com</p>
---	--

"I want to be a bench. Recycle me!"

[IWantToBeRecycled.org](https://www.IWantToBeRecycled.org)

 **KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL**

OPINION



CONTACT LIST

Elected and Appointed Officials Representing Trinity County

PRESIDENT
Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

GOVERNOR
Greg Abbott (R)
512-463-2000
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711-2428

ATTORNEY GENERAL
Ken Paxton (R)
512-463-2100

U.S. SENATOR
John Cornyn (R)
(C) 202-224-2934
(D) 903-593-0902

U.S. SENATOR
Ted Cruz (R)
(C) 202-224-5922
(D) 512-916-5834

U.S. CONGRESSMAN
Congressional Dist. 8
Pete Sessions (R)

Washington, DC Office
204 Rayburn Hob
Washington, DC 20515-6105
(202) 225-6105

Waco Office
00 Austin Ave,
Ste 302,
Waco, TX 76701-2139
(254) 633-4500

Huntsville Office
901 Normal Park Dr., Ste 208
Huntsville, TX 77320-3770

Nacogdoches Office
3034 Raguet St.,
Nacogdoches,
TX 75902-3252

Lufkin Office
300 E Shepherd Ave.,
Ste 210 Lufkin,
TX 75902-3252

State Board of Education
Dr. Audrey Young
PO BOX 2683
Trinity, Texas 75862
(936) 662 - 4264

audrey.young@tea.texas.gov

TX SENATOR
Senate District 3
Robert Nichols (R)
robert.nichols@senate.texas.gov
(C) 512-463-0103
(D) 903-589-3003

TX REPRESENTATIVE
House District 9
Trent Ashby (R)
trent.ahby@house.texas.gov
(C) 512-463-0508
(D) 936-634-2762

COUNTY JUDGE
Danny Martin
(936) 642-1746
P.O. Box 457
Groveton, TX 75845

SHERIFF
Woody Wallace
(936) 642-2414

Precinct Officers

Precinct 1

Tommy Park (com)
(936) 642-2743
Lawrence Adamick (C)
(936) 642-1424
Mary Wallace (JP)
(936) 642-1224

Precinct 2

Mike Loftin (com)
(936) 642-2743
Mark Cole (C)
(936) 594-2011
Lyle Stubbs (JP)
(936) 594-2011

Precinct 3

Carl Casey (com)
(936) 642-2743
Mark Jones (C)
Keith Johnson (JP)

Precinct 4

Steven Park (com)
(936) 642-2743
Brian McMullin (C)
(936) 831-3778 Ext. 278
Richard Steptoe (JP)
(936) 831-3778

GROVETON MAYOR

Ralph Bennett
cityofgroveton@valornet.com
(936) 642-1122

TRINITY MAYOR

Billy Goodin
936-594-2507

(C) = Capitol number

A short moment to pause and reflect

There are times, so many times, that I get so completely overwhelmed with the rampant insanity that passes for politics that I have to take what Berke Breathed calls “a dandelion break,” or step off to clear the channels of thought.

See, we’re ramping up the clown cars and circus acts toward the November election, and I’m a little overwhelmed with things that I can’t believe actually happened, and I want to decompress.

So, given that all the children are now back in school, I will inundate myself with movies about school.

Of course, at the top of my, and hopefully everyone’s, list is “Grease.” I even hear that song “Back to School” every August when the ducklings head back to the halls of learning.

The lead male, played by John Travolta, was well-cast, since he got his start in the classroom in the wonderful “Welcome Back, Kotter” sitcom. Yes, he was the lead Sweathog, and once done, gravitated to singing, so



My Two Common Sense

By Tony Farkas
tony@polkcountypublishing.com

he was a lock. No one else can hold a candle to Olivia Newton-John’s Sandy, especially in those final numbers. Still not sure why they cast then-33-year-old Stockard Channing as a high school student, but, hey, the movie was good enough to suspend that disbelief.

Heath Ledger had an amazing turn in a lot of movies, but the first time I saw him act was in “10 Things I Hate About You.” The longer that movie went on, the more it seemed familiar; eventually, I pieced together that the whole thing was inspired by Shakespeare’s “The Taming of the Shrew,” with Julia Stiles as in the Katharina

role and Ledger as Petruchio.

Two movies off the beaten path but extremely good Saturday afternoon popcorn fare are “My Science Project” and “Real Genius” (not to be confused with “Weird Science,” which was its own version of strange).

For the first movie, a kid finds some alien artifact while looking for a slam dunk science grade, which warps the entire school into an alien/post-apocalyptic nightmare scenario, and the kids have to battle their way through ever-increasing bad times to win the day. Fisher Stevens does a remarkable turn as that kid — the one you know was born to handle weird. For the second, Val Kilmer does what he does best — chew the scenery while inventing a laser, which was eventually used to fill a house with popcorn.

I can never choose between “Lean on Me” with Morgan Freeman and “Stand and Deliver” with Edward James Olmos. The scene when Free-

man first hears the reworked Alma Mater was transportive, and the compassion and empathy, as well as tough love, exhibited by Olmos with the students he worked with was inspirational. We’ll just watch them both, I’m thinking.

Honorable mentions would go to “Rock ‘n’ Roll High School” with the Ramones; “Conrack” with Jon Voight; “Fast Times at Ridgemont High” with the nostalgic mimeograph scene; “Carrie” for some representation in the horror genre; “Bill & Ted’s Excellent Adventure” with George Carlin; and “Kindergarten Cop” because Ahnold.

Later in the evening, we’ll switch gears and go with “Animal House,” because that is one super funny movie.

Tony Farkas is editor of the San Jacinto News-Times and the Trinity County News-Standard. He can be reached at tony@polkcountypublishing.com.



TRINITY COUNTY News Standard
(USPS 230-680)
ALVIN HOLLEY, OWNER | KELLI BARNES, PUBLISHER
Entered as Periodical Matter at the

MEMBER 2023 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

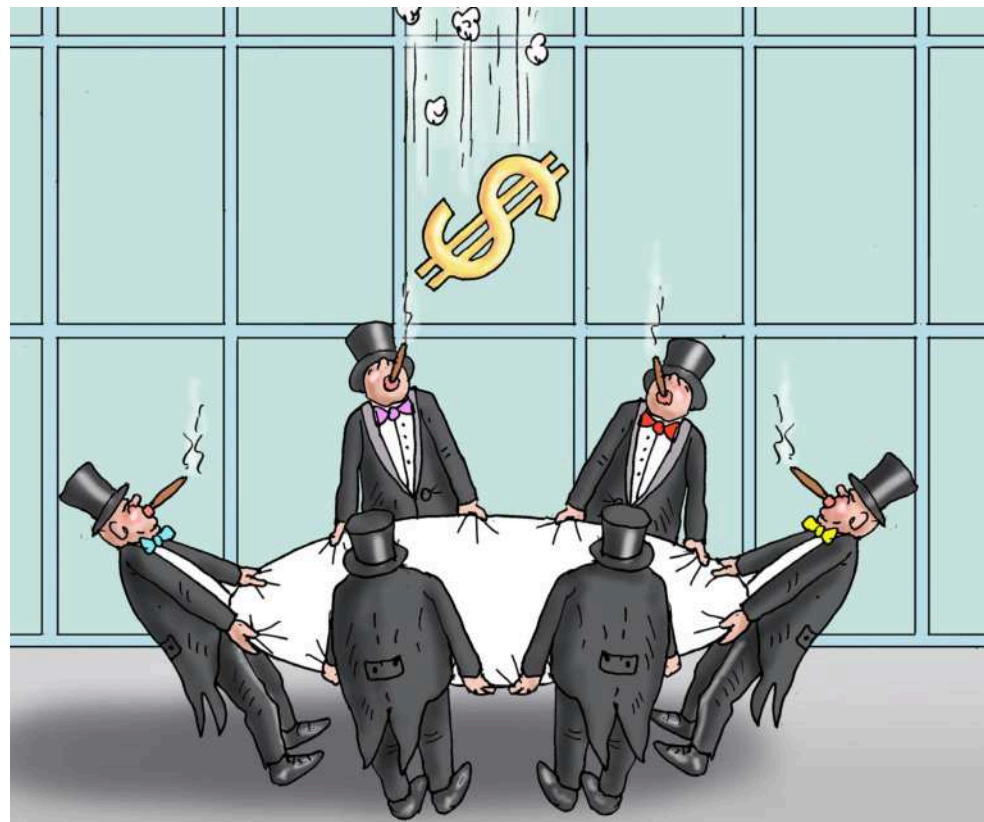
Groveton Office:
Phone: (936) 642-1726
P.O. Box 730 • 134 E. First St.
Groveton, Texas 75845

MEMBER 2023 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

News Editor - Tony Farkas - email: trinity.standard@gmail.com
Office Manager - Marlena Stubblefield
Advertising - Marlena Stubblefield
Graphics/Page Design - Amy Holzworth, Cheryl Lloyd
Print Shop - Cheryl Lloyd - printing@polkcountypublishing.com
Contributing Writers - JoAnn Beken, Cathy Czajkowski, Julia McMichael, Martha Mericle, Scott Womack

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in this newspaper will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.
Opinions expressed in columns are those of the writer and not necessarily those of this newspaper. POSTMASTER: Periodical postage paid at Groveton, TX. Please address changes to P.O. Box 730, 134 E. First Street, Groveton, TX 75845

DISCLAIMER
Advertisements submitted in this newspaper are from organizations and citizens. The statements and opinions expressed in these advertisements are their own and does not imply an endorsement of the Polk County Publishing Company, its newspapers or employees.



The Crucified Christ

Crucifixion was a means of torture and execution even before the Roman Empire. There is a relief on the Assyrian palace of Sennacherib dating to 701 B.C. which shows Jews impaled on poles outside the city of Lachish, which is southwest of Jerusalem.

Sometimes foreign invaders would nail the Jews to trees or impale them on poles and leave them there for the vultures, hyenas, and other scavengers to eat, denying them a proper burial. It was the most tortuous means of execution possible and was meant as a sign of utter domination by the invader and utter humiliation of the invaded.

The Romans used crucifixion for the same reasons. The Jews were a rebellious people, motivated in part by their religious belief that God intended them to be free. God had freed them from slavery in Egypt under Moses, and they were always looking for a new Moses, a Messiah, to lead them to freedom again.

There were five major Jewish rebellions from the time of the Roman occupation in 63 B.C. until the Romans made a final solution to the Jewish problem by destroying Jerusalem and the Temple and dispersing the surviving Jews throughout their Empire in 70 A.D. After a rebellion in 6 A.D., the Romans crucified 2,000 Jewish Zealots in one day.

To make their point most visible, the Romans usually crucified their victims by nailing them to



Dan's Divinities
By Rev. Dr. Dan Darby

the trees lining the major avenues coming into Jerusalem so that everyone entering the city would see what happens to those who rebel. Probably the most traveled road entering the city was the road Galilean Jews would use.

The Galileans would come south and cross the Jordan River to the east to avoid entering the territory of the hated Samaritans, then re-cross the Jordan below the Samaritan territory. They would follow the road up through Jericho, passing Bethany, the Mount of Olives, and Gethsemane. Then they would follow the outer Temple and city walls through the Kidron Valley, entering the city from the south.

Upon the trees lining this road, many crucifixions took place, possibly including the crucifixion of Jesus, although no one knows for sure the location of Golgotha.

Our popular picture of the cross is that of a tall T-shaped structure of milled lumber. But archeological and historical evidence points to the probability that Jesus was crucified on a rooted tree. This hypothesis is bolstered by biblical references to Jesus being crucified on a tree.

For example, in Acts 5:30 it says, "The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree" (see also, Acts 10:39, Acts 13:29, Galatians 3:13, and 1 Peter 2:24). If this theory that Jesus was crucified is correct, then when the Bible says that Jesus was unable to carry his own cross, it would be referring not to the entire cross, but just the heavy crossbeam that would be lashed to a tree at the site of the crucifixion.

Jesus was unable to carry his cross not because he was a weakling, but because his back muscles would have been ripped out by 39 lashes with a cat o' nine tails, which had sharp stones and glass fragments imbedded in each of the nine leather strips. The Romans limited the number of lashes to 39 because it was believed that no one could survive 40.

The Jews themselves generally did not crucify anyone because the Old Testament says in Deuteronomy 21:23, "... anyone hung on a tree is under God's curse." Crucifixion is what others did to Jews, not Jews to Jews. If the Jews wanted to execute someone, they used the more merciful means of stoning someone to death.

The Jewish ruling council, called the Sanhedrin, could have stoned Jesus to death as they did Stephen in Acts 7:54-60. But Jesus was very popular with the crowds as evidenced in John 12:19, "The Pharisees said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing.

Look, the world has gone after him.'" The Chief Priest, the members of the Sanhedrin, and the priestly families who had a monopoly in the Temple marketplace where Roman money was exchanged for Jewish money and approved animals were purchased for sacrifice in the Temple did not want Jesus to be the Messiah because their positions of power, prestige, and wealth were granted by the Romans, and any revolt would mean the loss of their positions. If the Sanhedrin had stoned Jesus, he would have become a popular martyr and their likely would have been a riot by the people. If that happened, they would have all lost their positions. So, to save themselves, they presented Jesus to the Roman Proconsul, Pontius Pilate, and charged him with insurrection and treason. To have the Romans crucify Jesus on a tree would mean that Jesus could not possibly be the Messiah because "anyone who hung on a tree is under God's curse" (Deut. 21:23).

Since the Messiah had to be blessed and not cursed by God, a person who was crucified could not possibly be the Messiah.

The "Crucified Christ" was the ultimate oxymoron in the mind of the Jews. It just could not be. St. Paul said, "We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews, and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom

of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength" (1 Corinthians 1:23-25). The Jews could not conceive of a crucified Messiah, and the Gentiles thought it silly that a powerless person could be the Savior. But God had other ideas.

Jesus preached, "Blessed are the peacemakers," the "meek," and the "poor," which sounded awfully foolish in a world where obtaining and maintaining power meant everything. He died in meekness, humiliation, and poverty. His sacrifice brings the hope of peace in our world. His approach to obtaining that life which is abundant and eternal was verified by the Resurrection.

The one who hung on the tree was not cursed and deserted by God after all. Rather, God was with him in his suffering and humiliation. God was so unified with him that death, the cross, and the grave could not hold him. He rose in victory and triumph. The lifestyle and teachings of Jesus of forgiveness, peace, non-violence, and loving even one's enemies instead of striking out in vengeance were verified by the Almighty.

God is with us even in the most cursed and tortuous of experiences. If you are looking for peace in your soul and meaning and fulfillment in your life, look toward the cross and find the Crucified and Risen Christ.

Dr. Dan Darby is a retired United Methodist pastor.



ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE



TRINITY COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

- Calvary Temple Assembly of God**
Lonnie Vallance, Pastor
287 West First St. (936) 831-2797
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:55 AM
Evening Worship 7 PM
Wednesday 6:30 PM
- Lovelady Assembly of God**
Gary Johnson, Pastor
1 Mi. S of Lovelady, Hwy. 19
Sunday Bible Class 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship 11 AM
Sunday evening 6 PM
Wednesday 7 PM
- Trinity Fellowship Church**
Richard & Jane Gonzales, Pastors
594-2423
Foundation For Life 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Evening Worship 6 PM
Wednesday 7 PM
- Trinity Tabernacle**
Kevin Williams, Pastor
Hwy 19 N
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Wednesday 7 PM
Sunday evening 6:30 PM

BAPTIST

- Apple Springs Baptist**
Mike Due, Pastor
9286 FM 357 (936) 831-3114
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 6 PM
Wednesday 5 PM
- Baldwin Chapel Baptist**
Curtis L. Owens, Jr., Pastor
288 Martin Luther King (936) 642-1466
Morning Worship 9 AM
Wednesday 6 PM
- Bowen-Pilgrim Missionary Baptist**
Carl L. Brock, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 AM
Morning Worship 11:15 AM
Wednesday 5:30, 6 PM
- Burning Hope Baptist Church**
Jim Parrish, Pastor
594-3623
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Friday Nite Church 7:00 PM
- Calvary Baptist** Trinity
Dr. Randall Lowe, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:50 AM
Sunday evening 6 PM
Wednesday 6 PM
- Calvary Baptist Nogalus Prairie**
James Whittlesey, Pastor
2975 FM 357
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 6 PM
- Carlisle Baptist**
Donnie Lawrence, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 AM
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
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Sunday evening 5 PM
Brotherhood Tuesday 6 PM
Wednesday 7 PM
- Community Missionary Baptist**
Dennis McKnight, Pastor
594-1615
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 1:30 AM
Wednesday 6:30 PM

Country Campus Baptist

- Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Evening Bible Study 4 PM
Thursday (May-Oct.) 6 PM
Wednesday (Nov-April) 6 PM

Dorcas Will Memorial Baptist

- Greg Kitts, Pastor 594-3822
www.dwmcb.org
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 8 and 10:45 AM
Sunday Evening 6 PM
Wednesday Service 6 PM

Faith Baptist of Riverside

- Kyle Costos, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship 11 AM
Sunday Evening 6 PM
Wednesday 6 PM

First Baptist Church of Friday

- 3247 FM 1280, Groveton
Wesley May, Pastor
936)204-0739
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Wednesday 6 PM
Meal 6 PM
Bible Study 7 PM

First Baptist Church - Groveton

- Matt Sharrock, Pastor
126 N. Devine (936) 642-1475
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 7 PM
Wednesday 6:30 PM

Glendale Baptist

- Harold Gates, Pastor
Sunday School 10 AM
Worship 11 AM
Evening 6 PM
Wednesday 6 PM

Iglesia Bautista Hispana (Groveton)

- Oscar Campos, Pastor
East Second St. 936-222-0241
Escuela Dominical - Domingo 10 AM
Servicio - Domingo 11 AM

Josserand Independent Baptist

- Bueford Rogers, Pastor
449 Josserand Rd. (936) 642-1403
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 5 PM
Wednesday 6 PM

Lakeway Baptist of Carlisle

- Jerry Vincent, Pastor
12748 FM 356 594-0086
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

Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist

- Jasper Callahan, Pastor
Sunday School 10 AM
Sunday Service 11:15 AM

Greater New Hope MBC

- Garry L. Brown Sr., Pastor
790 FM 3317 (936) 642-6991
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship 11 AM
Wednesday 5:30 PM
Bible Study 6:30 PM

Oaklawn Baptist Church

- Lester McAdams, Pastor
4833 N. SH 94 (936) 642-1314
Sunday School 10 AM
Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 6 PM
Wednesday 7 PM

Pennington Baptist Church

- Bud Magee, Pastor
6828 FM 2781 (936) 638-4311
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 5 PM
Wednesday 6:30 PM

Pleasant Grove Baptist

- Kenneth Myers, Pastor
Sunday School 10 AM
Worship Service 11 AM

Riverside Baptist Church

- Jim Newton, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship 11 AM
Evening 6 PM
Wednesday Service 7 PM

Trinity Missionary Baptist

- Jim Golden, Pastor
Hwy. 94 & Jack Shaffer Rd.
(936) 594-4974
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 6 PM

Trinity Pines Baptist

- Jonathan Davidson, Pastor
Hwy. 356 at Pegoda
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Wednesday 6:00 PM

Weldon Baptist

- Reggie Gregory, Pastor
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 5 PM

Zion Hill Baptist

- Dee Queen, Pastor
917 Zion Hill Rd.
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM

CATHOLIC

- Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church**
Fr. Cesar Betancourt, Administrator
401 Prospect Dr. 936-594-6664
Secretary | Thurs & Fri only
Saturday Vigil Mass, English 4 PM
Sunday Mass, English 10 AM
Sunday Mass en Espanol 1 PM
Weekday Mass, English 10 AM
Weekday Mass en Espanol 7 PM
Saturday Confession 2:30-3:45 PM

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- 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 11:00 AM
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

Revival Center Church of God, Onalaska

- Gerald Reeves, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening 5 PM
Wednesday 7 PM

Westside Church of God in Christ

- Bernard Boston, Pastor 594-7146
200 Israel Otis, Trinity,
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 11:30 AM
Evening Worship 7:45 PM

FULL GOSPEL

- Lighthouse Cowboy Church**
Len Smith, Pastor
Odessa St., Trinity 594-2228
Sunday Service 11 AM
Wednesday Service 7:30 PM

- New Beginning Full Gospel Church**
522 Josseland Rd. (936) 675-2848
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 Milmore, Trinity
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM
Sunday Evening 6 PM
Tuesday Bible Study 6 PM
Thursday Worship 6 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

- First United Methodist-Groveton**
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 11 AM

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 9 AM
Youth/Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM
Tuesday Bible Study 10:30 AM
Wednesday Nogalus Quilters 8 A

Riverside United Methodist

- Ros Nichter, Pastor
Worship 9 AM
Sunday School 10 AM
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:30 PM

Sebastopol Congregational

- Methodist Church**
Pastor Sue Koenig
Intersection of FM 355 & FM 356
(936)594-2840
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
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 Marynn 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

- A. Leroy Brown, Pastor
Worship Service 9 AM

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
Saturday Service 7:30 PM

PRESBYTERIAN

- First Presbyterian**
Dan Alexander, Pastor
(936) 688-6674
Sunday Service 4 PM
Coffee & fellowship 5 PM
Sunday School 10 AM

Innovation from Texas 17 is amazing

Last Friday, I went up to Dallas to see Nexio's line of cutting-edge propane-based bobtail trucks showcased at the 2024 Crossroads Propane Expo and Conference.

Nexio is a company based out of Nacogdoches and is setting the standard for propane-based engine innovation. This groundbreaking technology will drive future supply chain growth and cut fuel costs for heavy duty vehicles while promoting the domestic production of LNG.

Texas alone produces more than 500,000 barrels of propane per day. If heavy duty vehicles were to use propane rather than diesel, we would see a reduction in fuel costs for these vehicles. As industry lead-



In Session

By Pete Sessions
US Representative, District 17

ers are calling for the production of a propane-based heavy duty vehicle engine, Nexio has developed a solution. Nexio is at the forefront of developmental progress, leading the country from Texas' 17th.

Upcoming East Texas events

As I continue to spend the month around the district during August recess, I have enjoyed getting to interact with many of you. This Tuesday, I will be hosting a town hall in

Houston County at the Latexo High School gymnasium. We will be recognizing the 12-time state champion Latexo Math Team as well as providing a personal platform for you to engage with me about the issues impacting our communities.

Save the date for Aug. 20, when I will be hosting a town hall in Leon County at the Jewett Civic Center. Join us for an opportunity to have your questions about veterans' issues addressed by my Veterans Health and Benefits Case Coordinator, Dr. Bill Ferguson, MD.

Come with questions and suggestions on any topic that affects the 17th Congressional District of Texas or our great nation. I look forward to hearing your thoughts,

opinions, and concerns. Visit here for more information on the Houston County town hall and here for information on the Leon County town hall.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Congratulations to Caden Volcik on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Last weekend, I had the pleasure of participating in Caden's Court of Honor. Attaining the high rank of Eagle Scout is an honor that he will carry with him through his life. Eagle Scouts like Caden are distinguished by their high merit and live by the Scout Oath and Law.

Happy Birthday Smokey Bear

Today is Smokey Bear's 80th birthday. The Smokey Bear Wildfire Prevention campaign by the USDA

Forest Service is the longest-running public service advertising campaign in American history. He has educated generations about their role in preventing wildfires and protecting our forests.

Texas' 17th is home three National Forests: Davy Crockett National Forest, Angelina National Forest, and Sam Houston National Forest. As an Eagle Scout myself, I am passionate about taking care of our natural resources and encourage all of you to spend some time in our beautiful public lands, managed by the rangers of the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas.

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

Home-delivered meal grants available

Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller announced that applications for the Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program will open Sept. 1 on the Texas Department of Agriculture's Home-Delivered Meal Program webpage.

The program provides financial support to qualifying at-home meal service providers, ensuring that homebound Texans receive high-quality and

nutritious meals.

"These programs are more than just food," Miller said. "A home-delivered meal is a lifeline, reminding some of our most vulnerable Texans that they're not forgotten. That's why the Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program is so important. I urge all eligible organizations to get a head start on their applications — because this isn't just about meals; it's about caring for our neighbors."

The Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program is part of the Texans Feeding

Texans umbrella program. Established during the 80th Legislative Session in 2007, the program supports governmental and nonprofit agencies that provide at-home meals by creating partnerships between local meal providers, counties, and the state.

Applications for the 2024 grant will be accepted beginning Sept. 1 and must be submitted no later than Nov. 1.

HDMGP is a noncompetitive grant; all eligible entities that submit a qualifying application will receive a need-based award. To qualify, meal-provid-

ing organizations must first obtain a financial grant from the county where they operate. As the grant process can be lengthy, TDA recommends that applicants begin working with their counties as early as possible.

With the support of HDMGP, meal-providing organizations can bring TDA dollars directly into their communities. Most importantly, seniors and disabled Texans will be able to receive crucial support—not only nutritionally but also socially. These programs connect homebound Texans to

their communities.

"Our Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program is about making a difference," said Commissioner Miller. "By supporting local meal providers, we deliver nutrition, a sense of community, and care to those who need it most. This initiative is a testament to the Texas spirit of neighbor helping neighbor."

If you have any questions, please contact TDA at Grants@TexasAgri-culture.gov. Additional details, recommendations, and other grant qualification requirements can be found here.

A/C & HEATING

WOLF CREEK AIR CONDITIONING

HEATING COOLING

Insulation Call us for your A/C, Heating,
3601 FM 224, Coldspring, or Insulation needs
Tx 77331 TACL8021695C
Call 936-653-3888 or email service@wolfcreekair.com

AUTO REPAIRS

Chris White Free Estimates
Owner All Insurance Claims Welcome
Complete Body and Frame Repair

White-Starr Collision

I-CAR . ASE . STG

whitestarrcollision@gmail.com 4300 US Hwy 190 W
(936)967-2777 Livingston, Tx 77351

East Texas

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Saens Concrete, helping you make the right decision

Whether adding a room to your house, a Saens contractors have the experience and deck around your pool or even a new sidewalk the knowledge to help you with every-or driveway, concrete is the most economical thing you need. Call 936-933-1911 today. and long lasting of any other building materials. Finding the right contractor that will work with your schedule and needs is also very important.

Make sure you choose someone who is updated on the types of materials needed for your particular project and also aware of the building codes for your area.

Saens Concrete has been busily working in this area for some time and can help you make the right decisions concerning your concrete needs.

Feel free to call us and get an idea of cost and time frame for your upcoming project.

For details and to advertise in the East Texas Business Directory, call
Madison Bland at 936-327-4357 or email madison@polkcountypublishing.com

INTERNET SERVICE

HIGHLINE™
Welcome to real high-speed internet.

701 W. Church
LIVINGSTON, TEXAS 77351
888-212-0054
HighlineFast.com

LAWN & GARDEN

All-Curbs
LANDSCAPING SERVICES

Pressure Washing and Garden Retaining Walls
Flower Beds | Tree Rings | Playgrounds
Color Options • Stone Texture
Rolled Texture • Continuous Edging

"Beautifying Lake Livingston, one yard at a time."

All-Curbs.com 936-247-2963

BODY SHOP

24 Hour Wrecker Service **"We Meet By Accident"**
936-327-1239
936-365-2707

- Free Estimates
- Complete Paint & Body Work
- All Insurance Accepted

Serving Polk County Since 1966

FAWBUSH BODY SHOP

Hwy 59 S. - 4 Miles South of Livingston

BULKHEADS

Moseley Construction

General Contractor - Waterfront Construction Specialist

Mailing Address: 296 Fern, Livingston, Texas 77351
Physical Address: 2055 FM 3126, Blanchard, Texas
Office: (936) 967-8032 Fax: (936) 967-8033
Email: mosco@moseley.com

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches. Proverbs 22:1

CONSTRUCTION

RILEY'S

Ponds ★ Site Prep
Land Clearing

936-398-4295

RESTAURANT

El Burrito

MEXICAN RESTAURANT
Real Mexican Delights

936-327-3770
100 SOUTHPPOINT LOOP • LIVINGSTON

BOWLING

Triple Lanes

16 Lanes
Kitchen
Party Rooms
Full Bar
Leagues
Pool Tables
& Arcade
5 Flat Screen TVs

936-967-BOWL (2695)
6900 US Hwy 190 W • Livingston

www.shoretechmarine.com

936-662-5100

Shoretech Marine Consulting LLC Over 40 years of Design & Construction Experience

Steel & Wood Bulkheads
Boathouses - Piers - Docks - Decks
Timber Bridges - Marinas

GAS/PROPANE

Consumers L-P Gas & Appliance Co.

Competitive Pricing and excellent service on all your propane needs.

Propane • Cylinder & Motorhome Filling
Home Deliveries • Tanks • Sales and Rentals
GE & Hotpoint Appliances • Sales and Service Heaters
Rheem Water Heaters • Rinnai Water Heaters
(Propane, Natural & Electric) In House Financing
You can be sure day or night! Call 936-594-2156
FM 1617 at Hwy. 195 • Trinity, TX (behind Roadside Park)

ROOFING

★ WILL COX ★

Roofing

281-592-4997

"We Are The Experts"

Serving for 40 years
willcoxroofing.com

Will Cox

BULKHEADS

Bulkheads & Boathouses

936-239-2357

Ivy Construction, LLC

www.ivy-construction.com

CONSTRUCTION

House Slabs
Garages • Driveways
Patios • Sidewalks • Walls

936-933-1911

HOUSE LEVELING

AMTEK HOUSE LEVELING

Leveling • Waterleveling • Beams • Pylons • Concrete Blocks •
Roof Covers • Deck • Floors • FREE Estimates • Senior Citizen
Discount • For Your Protection Insured since 1980

936-328-1434

Need a ROOF or Repair?

ALL TYPES OF ROOFS

We Finance - \$0 Down - Low Payments
Long Term Workmanship Warranty

LakeLivingstonRoofing.com

936.513.9900

REACH 9,500 HOMES AND BUSINESSES IN 3 NEWSPAPERS FOR 13 WEEKS - ONLY \$30 A WEEK

POLK COUNTY ENTERPRISE • SAN JACINTO NEWS-TIMES
TRINITY COUNTY NEWS-STANDARD

- Contract period is for 13 weeks at a total cost of \$390.
- Ad will continue to run until notice of cancellation is received.
- All ads are of the same size with a hairline border.
- Advertiser is allowed one change per month to ad. (Changes or corrections must be called in before 2 p.m. on Friday)
- A FREE feature story with company pictures and outline information will be requested at the end of the 13-week contract period. (photos may be of your place of business and/or your equipment) Information and photos must be provided by you at this time.

FOR DETAILS AND TO ADVERTISE, CALL MADISON BLAND AT (936) 327-4357

INSURANCE

CARTER INSURANCE

Your Protection is Our Business

Auto-Home-Mobile Home-RV-Boat-Motorcycle-Life-Commercial
SR22's

612 Pan American Dr. (next to Boot Barn) • 936-327-3804
Call today for a free quote!

UPHOLSTERY

CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY COMPANY

Automotive - RVs - Motorcycles
Boats - ATVs - Furniture - Etc.
For All Your Upholstery Needs!

512-657-0113
(CALL FOR APPOINTMENT)

Texas Aftermarket/Custom Upholstery Co./Lost Pines

Want to become a fishing guide? You sure?



Through my career of almost forty years as an outdoors writer, I have fished with and written about countless fishing guides. How many? Well, I can only guess but I estimate in excess of 100.

I've fished with veterans with decades of guiding under their belts and I've fished with great fishermen that were just beginning their guiding career. Most were very experienced fishermen but new to the art of putting paying clients on their boat with the express intent of not only catching fish but enjoying the company of what is hoped to become a new friend and repeat fishing companion.

I believe I have learned what it takes to be a successful fishing guide. As with any career, personality and people skills play a big part but when someone hires a fishing guide, catching fish is usually at the top of the list. Learning new fish catching skills is often important as well. I've fished with guides that were natural entertainers — some could have been stand-up comedians — but others were introspective thinkers that let their skills do their talking.

Veteran guides learn to read their clients quickly. When guiding experienced fishermen, it's important for a guide not to over instruct with too much emphasis put on basic fishing skills. A seasoned guide can quickly appraise a client's skill level. On the other hand, a novice fisherman can benefit greatly by learning the basics from a veteran guide with the patience to teach.

I've learned to read the guide's personality quickly through the years and enjoy spending time on

the water with someone that is a funny showboater just as much as the quiet but proficient guy or gal.

Getting started as a guide is a challenging endeavor that should only be undertaken by someone with a true passion for both catching fish and the skills to do so on a very regular basis. Prospective guides also must enjoy meeting new people and bonding quickly with new clients they are about to spend a few hours with making memories and hopefully, catching fish.

This past week, I spent a morning catching catfish with a young man that I began writing about several years ago when he first began his guiding career on Lake Ray Hubbard, Brandon Sargent. Brandon cut his fishing roots in Florida fishing saltwater, but he took to freshwater fishing quickly, and learned the patterns of the white bass and hybrid stripers on Ray Hubbard.

"A good understanding of the bottom structure on a lake is key to consistently catching open water schooling species such as the white bass," Brandon said. "Triangulation with structures on land was the only way to get close to a known piece of fish holding structure back in the day. Anglers would get close to humps, ridges or submerged trees by lining up water towers and other structures on land and then turning on their flasher (old sonar units) or paper graph to get pinpoint the structure. Today's Navionics maps with GPS makes finding topography below the surface easy. With today's technology, an entire lake is mapped out for you and finding a particular piece of bottom structure is as simple as the touch of a button."

For the past few months Brandon has spent time learning about catching catfish on Ray Hubbard. Many of his clients are only interested in catching crappies, white bass and hybrids, but he began getting requests for catfish trips.

In true Brandon fashion, the guide began quizzing experienced catfish anglers, and spending a



Guide Brandon Sargent with two of the many tasty channel catfish he and Luke landed at Lake Ray Hubbard last week. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

great deal of his off time experimenting with the different techniques. When he called early last week and informed me he was on a couple of very dependable channel catfish patterns, I was all in and joined him early the next morning on the dock of Sapphire Bay Marina, where he headquarters. We had the option of fishing deeper water and catching bigger catfish or go for the nonstop action of a shallow water bite he had discovered. I love catching and eating catfish in the one-to-two-pound range, especially when they are in shallow water and I can catch them under a cork.

Brandon had baited an area with cattle range cubes a few yards out from a shoreline lined with rocks placed there as protection from erosion. The water was 4 feet deep with several dead trees along the shoreline; a perfect spot for catching channel catfish.

With the boat positioned about 25 yards from the rock lined shoreline, we baited No. 6 treble hooks with the guide's homemade bait that had no rank smell

like most cheese-based baits. I'm not sure what secret ingredients Brandon uses but the bait looked more like dense bread dough with a pleasant smell than catfish bait.

When I first baited the treble hook, I noted it formed a dense ball and looked like it would stay on the hook well, but I was a bit dubious; this didn't smell at all like the dough type or punch baits I am accustomed to using.

We were using spinning rigs, with the baits set about 3 feet below the cork floaters which kept them just above bottom. Our trip occurred last Thursday and there was an approaching front with scattered thunderstorms approaching from our north. The cloud cover and gentle breeze made it feel almost like fall.

Catching was just as predicted. Toss the bait out and watch the cork closely the instant it hit the water, within a few seconds one of the aggressive little catfish would make the cork disappear. Keeping a close eye on the sky and radar on the cell phone, we enjoyed about 1.5 hours of nonstop action

and limits of what I consider to be some of the tastiest fish in fresh water.

Just in the nick of time ahead of the approaching squall, we made it back to the marina where we filleted our catch. Brandon's dock is well appointed with cleaning table, couch, freezer, cooking equipment, etc. We were both hungry, so we fired up an electric hot plate, heated some cooking oil in a skillet and soon had a big skillet of very fresh catfish fillets sizzling.

Brandon has now added catfish to the species he guides for. He's now studying the patterns of the lake's plentiful big blue catfish and I expect him to have these fish patterned by fall and cooler weather when the big blue bite gets really good.

If you are interested in a fishing trip with Brandon, he can be reached at 469-989-1010 or at www.texasleadslingers.com.

Check out Lukes weekly outdoor radio show which is now a weekly podcast wherever podcasts are found, "Catfish Radio with Luke Clayton and Friends."

B.A. Steinhagen

FAIR. Water stain; 85 degrees; 1.34 feet below pool. Water is being released into the lake from Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Mayflies are hatching, so expect some topwater bass action. Bass are fair on soft plastics in the cuts, or with frogs over grass. Crappie are fair with jigs in flooded timber. Catfish are fair on jugs.

Bob Sandlin

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 93 degrees; 0.22 feet above pool. Summer fishing patterns are holding steady. Big blue catfish up to 30 pounds are in 20-35 feet of water with cut bait. Channel catfish are fair in 15-20 feet of water on baited holes with stink bait. Crappie are good in 30 feet of water, or suspended in 15 feet of water with minnows. White bass are good at night in the lights with a white spinnerbaits. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service. Black bass are feeding early on shad patterns around grass and retaining walls. Main lake points are good for bass using clouser type patterns. Bream are plentiful with wooly buggers and small worm patterns. 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. Sand bass and black bass schooling together near the dam, and bridges. Report by Mike Stroman, R & R Marine.

Caddo

FAIR. Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.50 feet above pool. Caddo is starting to finally look like her normal summer self with the water levels coming down after all the flooding this year. Starting to see more and more lily pads and the grass is thicker in places. Bass are schooling, so keep an eye and ear open on the main lake. Look for the birds to show you where the shad, because bass will be feeding. Fluke, buzz bait, topwater plugs and small rattle traps or spinnerbaits will all work for the schooling fish. In the river a Texas rig, drop shot or shaky head worm will all get bit all day long over the grass and pad lines, and fishing the cuts. This is a great time to come see and fish this beautiful lake that God spoke into existence. Report provided by Vince Richards, Caddo Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

Conroe

GOOD. Water stained; 90 degrees; 0.02 feet above pool.



Thermocline is around 30 feet of water. Catfish are good on baited holes and around structure. Crappie fair to poor on minnows on structure 10-20 feet. Largemouth bass are good up shallow early and on offshore structures and docks by mid morning. Report by Brad Doyle, Bradley's Guide Service. Hybrids and white bass are schooling in 18-26 feet biting live shad or large minnows, or trolling with a deep diver with a pet spoon as a trailer. Some are scattered but also finding schools. Many are jigging spoons too aggressively, getting more hits with a calmer jigging motion, white or chartreuse slabs from MT Pockets has been working well.

Fork

GOOD. Water Stained; 81 degrees; 0.42 feet below pool. Bass are fair in the morning on swimbaits, frogs, and chatterbaits around grass and weeds in 2-4 feet. Offshore bite is best with Carolina rigs in 18-24 feet in big worms and flukes. Crankbaits are still working over deep water humps ms points in 22-27 feet. Shad patterns and chartreuse and blue backs XD 6 and XD 8 best. Report by Marc Mitchell, Lake Fork Guide Service. August brings in hot temperatures. Bass are feeding in 10-12 feet where the thermocline is not present. Look for schooling bass in the open water and creeks as shad hatch is in full swing. Also, check out the brush piles as big bass are using them to feed on crappie. Bream are excellent in the shallows, wooly buggers and small poppers should bring a strike. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. The crappie fishing on Lake Fork continues to be excellent as we get deeper into the summer pattern. Fish are still stacked up on brush, trees and some lay downs. Best depths are 14-28 feet with a few fish a little shallower and a little deeper. The bite has been somewhat finicky lately. Minnows are a good choice to help overcome the slower bite. You can still catch fish on smaller hand tied baits or soft plastics. I've also noticed that rotating spots or finding new spots with less pressured fish has been important. The catfishing on Lake Fork is excellent like it seems to

always be for eater sized channel cats. There are still tons of fish under roosting trees in 14-22 feet of water on the north ends of the lake. Bait a hole with cattle cubes or sour grains to get those fish concentrated. Then use any catfish bait of choice to load the boat. Report by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky Wiggins Guide Service.

Houston County

SLOW. Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.10 feet above pool. Fishing patterns are consistent. 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; 0.21 feet above pool. Solid summer pattern is holding steady for the bass. Bass are good with schooling activity starting to pick up. Follow the shad to find the bass. There is still some bass 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

GREAT. Slightly stained; 88 degrees; 0.10 feet above pool. White bass are good and moving quickly in 2-16 feet of water. Shallow early morning and then moving to flats late morning hitting white and chartreuse Duck Tracker slabs. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

Martin Creek

GOOD. Water stained; 94 degrees; 0.30 feet below pool. Bass are good early and late off points and at the edge of the hydrilla on plum worms and under spin swimbaits. Larger bass are on deep brush using deep diving crankbaits. Crappie are excellent, concentrated schools are suspended on brush and standing timber in 25-30 feet of water. Shad colored jigs and minnows are best. Catfish remain good in 15-25 feet on live bait and night-crawlers. Report by Hambone guide service Report by Hambone Guide Service.

Nacogdoches

EXCELLENT. Water stained; 90 degrees; 0.33 feet below pool. Largemouth bass are excellent on small swimbaits using forward facing sonar in 8-16 feet of water, or off the bottom in creek channel swings with Carolina rigs, or deep diving crankbaits. Crappie are excellent over brush piles and standing timber with

light weight chartreuse and natural colored crappie jigs. Catfish are slow on cut bait and live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Nacogdoches

GOOD. Water stained; 89 degrees; 0.50 feet above full pool. The water temperature increased quickly over the last week. Continue to keep an eye on the thermocline because this tells you the exact depth to present your offering. Even over deep water, do not go below this line. Numbers of bass can be caught in the 8-10 feet zone with swing-heads, weightless flukes, and jerkbaits, with the Texas-rig stick-bait landing the most catches. When you find schooling bass, chunk an underspin, or a "spook" style topwater. Crappie population is good. Catfish are slow. Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services. Largemouth bass are excellent on deep diving crankbaits, small swimbaits and Carolina rigs 10-15 feet of water. Crappie are excellent cruising around the timber lines with some brush piles with live minnows or natural colored crappie jigs. Catfish are fair on cut bait and live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Pinkston

GOOD. Slightly stained; 90 degrees. Largemouth bass are excellent on dropshots and small swimbaits in 10-18 feet of water, or with deep diving crankbaits on points and edges. Lots of 3-5 pound catches. Water visibility has cleared to about 3.5 feet of visibility. Catfish are good on live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Raven

FAIR. Water stained; 83 degrees. We are expecting beautiful, sunny conditions all week with 100 degrees of heat! Anglers are advised to try their luck in the early morning or late afternoon to escape the heat. Water level continues to be high and the water murky. Navigate with caution watching for floating debris. Crappie are fair on minnows and artificial grubs. Bass are fair on soft plastic artificials. Catfish are fair on worms fished off the bottom. Bluegill are excellent at the boathouse dock on crappie bites and worms.

Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water stained; 89 degrees; 5.35 feet above pool. No water is being released, stoned in the creeks. Bass are slow in shallow water with many smaller fish being caught on frogs, and spinnerbaits. Deeper bass bite is fair with Carolina rigs. Crappie are slow in the morning, but

improve midday. Catfish are all over the lake in 20 feet of water and in 12 feet of water in the creek channels. White bass are on points in the south end of the lake near the dam. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. Bass are feeling the heat as well. Lake level is fluctuating due to recent rains. Bass are biting on finesse baits, dropshot or jighead minnow or Carolina rig. Mid lake to north lake is the most productive areas. Lots of fish schooling on main lake flats and ledges. Falling water creates current so fish congregate and now that the lake is risen again the fish are scattered. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Fishing.

Toledo Bend

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 91 degrees; 1.63 feet below pool. Fishing patterns are consistent. Lake is stained in some of the main creeks, but still clear out on the main lake. Crappie fishing is slow with a few catches on deep brush and lighted boat docks at night using live bait. Bass are fair with very few bites on topwater now that all the clouds are gone, best bite still has been from 8-14 feet on Texas and Carolina rig worm and mid-running crankbait. There are few small fish being caught out deeper in 18-25 feet on drop shot and spoons, these fish are small and most are Kentucky bass. With no moon and poor weather the night fishing has slowed down this past week, but a big Texas rigged worm at night in 14-20 feet is hard to beat, especially with the hot daytime temperatures. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

Tyler

GOOD. Water normal stain; 85 degrees; 0.06 feet above pool. Summer fishing patterns are holding steady. Night fishing is good for catfish and crappie in the lights. Crappie are good using minnows and jigs on brush in 16 feet of water. Catfish are fair in 12-16 feet of water shrimp, and liver. Bream are good on red worms off the barge and throughout the lake. Bass are fair biting off the barge with topwater and crankbaits. Carp are slow on dough baits. Report by The Boulders at Lake Tyler.

Welsh

FAIR. Water stained. 106 degrees. Few reports from anglers.

Wright Patman

GOOD. Water stained; 83 degrees; 1.50 feet above pool. The lake level is high and water is being released. Be sure to check ramp status before heading out.



BITE by BITE

Conquering My Culinary
Bucket List One Dish at a Time
By Emily Banks Wooten

“A well-made salad must have a certain uniformity; it should make perfect sense for those ingredients to share a bowl.”

– Yotam Ottolenghi

Big, beautiful

SALADS

The perfect summertime meal



There's nothing better for a summer supper than a big salad and there are so many benefits. First off, as they basically require no cooking, you don't have to heat up your kitchen. Secondly, they're a great way to clean out the fridge. Thirdly and best of all, you can eat as much as you want to without feeling guilty, because chances are, the components of the salad are healthy and good for you.

Many times over the years, I've had what we call “Build your Own Big Salad Night,” where I put a big bowl of greens on the counter with many smaller bowls filled with toppings surrounding it and everyone can build their own big salad to their individual liking. The toppings can be anything you and your family like. Over time, our toppings have included tomatoes, sliced boiled eggs, bell pepper, avocado, green onions, mushrooms, olives, banana peppers, dried cranberries, sunflower seeds, dried onions, cheese, cucumbers, jalapenos, bacon. You can use anything your heart desires. And the beauty of “build your own big salad,” is that if there are ingredients you don't like, then you don't have to use them. For example, Hubby and Daughter don't care for mushrooms or olives, but I do, so they go on my salad but not on theirs.

And while it's hard to beat a clean-out-the-fridge, individualized big salad, there's something just as special as a carefully thought out, beautifully com-

posed salad such as the “Mexican Cabbage Salsa/Slaw” and “Grinder Salad” I shared with you in the May 19, 2024 issue. And today I'm sharing with you two more that I've discovered. I found them on the internet and both caught my eye because of the amazingly colorful beauty of them.

The first one, called “Avocado Salad with Tomatoes & Herbs,” I found in an article by Jan Valdez called “60 Easy Summer Salad Recipes to Make All Season,” that was published June 4. To view the entire article, go to thekitchn.com. As I said, the beautiful picture is what drew me to it.

Same with the second one, called “Summer Chipotle Chicken Cobb Salad with 5-Ingredient Cilantro Vinaigrette.” I found it at pinchofyum.com and again, the picture was so beautiful it made my mouth water.

I made the first one for lunch one day and Hubby and I enjoyed it with some leftover pot roast. But the second one ... oh my gosh. This dish is, without a doubt, one of the best things I've ever eaten. Hubby and Daughter loved it too, with him proclaiming, “This needs to go in the rotation.” Between you and me, I'd already planned on adding it to the rotation. It's so good and so easy and is really the perfect summertime meal. I hope you'll try one or both of these. Enjoy!■



Avocado Salad with Tomatoes & Herbs

2 medium avocados, peeled, pitted, and chopped
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
½ medium English cucumber, chopped
½ small red onion, thinly sliced
¼ cup coarsely chopped fresh herbs, such as cilantro, basil, parsley, dill, or tarragon
Juice from 1 large lemon
2 tablespoons olive oil
¼ teaspoon kosher salt

From thekitchn.com

¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Place the avocado, tomatoes, cucumber, onion, and herbs in a large bowl. Squeeze the lemon juice over top, drizzle with oil, and sprinkle with the salt and pepper. Gently toss to combine.

My notes:

I used 3 avocados and next time, will likely use 4. I didn't chop the cucumber but instead quartered it and then sliced it very thinly. For the fresh herbs, I used cilantro, basil, parsley and dill.

Summer Chipotle Chicken Cobb Salad

From pinchofyum.com

For the Chipotle Chicken:
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 chipotle chiles in adobo, finely chopped
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon cumin
½ teaspoon oregano
½ teaspoon black pepper
½ teaspoon salt
3-4 chicken breasts or thighs

For the Summer Cobb Salad:
3-4 cups greens (spring greens or fresh spinach)
4 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled
8-10 strawberries, quartered
2 ears corn on the cob, kernels removed
1-2 ripe avocados, sliced
Salt and pepper

Prep the chicken: Combine the oil, chipotles, garlic powder, cumin, oregano, black pepper, and salt in a bowl. Place the chicken in the bowl and toss to coat the chicken in the marinade. Place in the fridge and let it marinate while you prep your other ingredients.

Prep salad: Prep all your salad ingredients (cook the bacon, slice the strawberries, cut the corn off the cob, etc.).

Grill the chicken: Heat an outdoor grill (or grill pan) to about 400 degrees. Place chicken on the grill and grill for 5-6 minutes per side, until cooked through. Remove the chicken from the grill and let it rest for 10 minutes. Slice against the grain.

Salad: Arrange the greens on a large platter and top with the bacon, strawberries, corn, avocado, and grilled chicken. Season with salt and pepper. Toss with the cilantro vinaigrette and serve.

My notes:

I used chicken cutlets that I grilled stove top on a grill pan. I used 5 strips of bacon, 11 strawberries and 3 avocados. I have a gas stove so I turned on one of the burners and roasted the ears of corn over the open flame before removing the kernels.

“Many people eat salad dutifully because they feel it is good for them, but more enlightened types eat it happily because it is good.”

– Laurie Colwin

“A salad is not a meal, it is a style.”

– Fran Lebowitz

5-Ingredient Cilantro Vinaigrette

From pinchofyum.com

1 huge bunch of fresh cilantro (2 cups packed)
½ cup olive oil
2 tablespoons white vinegar
1 clove garlic
1 teaspoon kosher salt
½ teaspoon red pepper flakes

¼ to ½ cup water, if needed

Blend everything up for about a minute until smooth. Add the water if you need more volume in the blender to make it run smoothly. Season to taste.

Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

Puzzle answers, recipes, videos and more at www.kidscoop.com

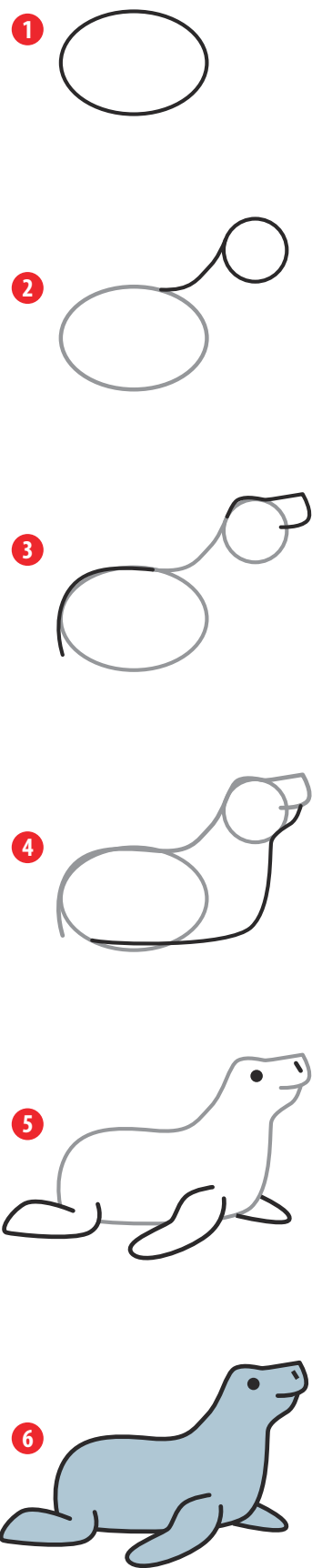
© 2024 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 40, No. 37

Kid Scoop Together:

Let's Draw!

Read these facts about Hawaiian monk seals. Then draw one in 4 easy steps!

- BODY SHAPE:** Their bodies are long and *fusiform*, or torpedo-shaped, which helps them swim quickly and smoothly.
- FLIPPERS:** They have short flippers to help them swim and spin quickly.



The Monk Seals of Hawaii

Endangered Marine Mammal

Swimming in the warm, clear waters of Hawaii is a cute animal with large eyes. It's called the monk seal.

Unfortunately, the Hawaiian monk seal is one of the most endangered marine mammals in the world.

Hawaiians call the seal 'Ilio holo i ka uaua.

Circle every other letter to find out what 'Ilio holo i ka uaua means.

DA**O**L**G**Z**T**N**H**V**A**P**T**O**R**W**U**C
N**J**S**T**I**A**N**M**R**I**O**A**U**K**G**I**
H**R**W**I**A**J**T**L**E**U**R**Y**

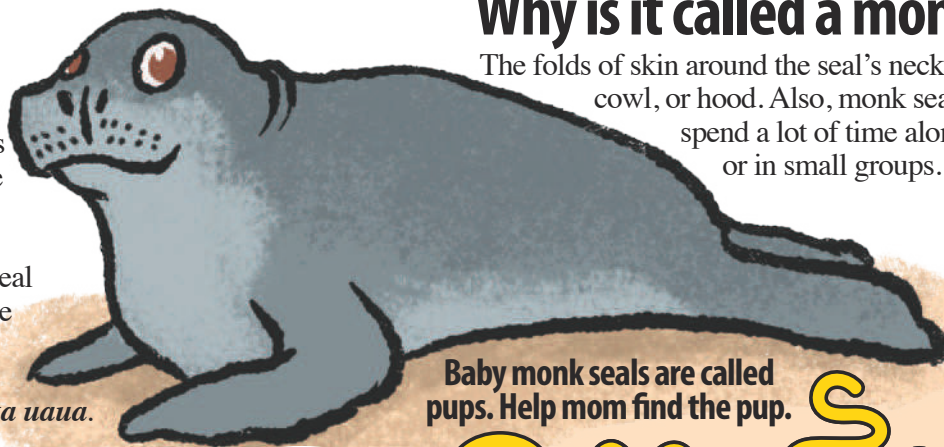
DO _____

ER _____

The Good News

When people realized that the number of Hawaiian monk seals was getting smaller, they started taking actions to protect them. In 2022, the Hawaiian monk seal population was estimated to be between 1,512 and 1,743. This was the first time in over 20 years that the population surpassed 1,570.

Standards Link: Understand people impact other living things.



Why is it called a monk seal?

The folds of skin around the seal's neck look like a cowl, or hood. Also, monk seals spend a lot of time alone, or in small groups.



Baby monk seals are called pups. Help mom find the pup.

SIZE: 7.5 feet length

WEIGHT: 500 to 600 pounds

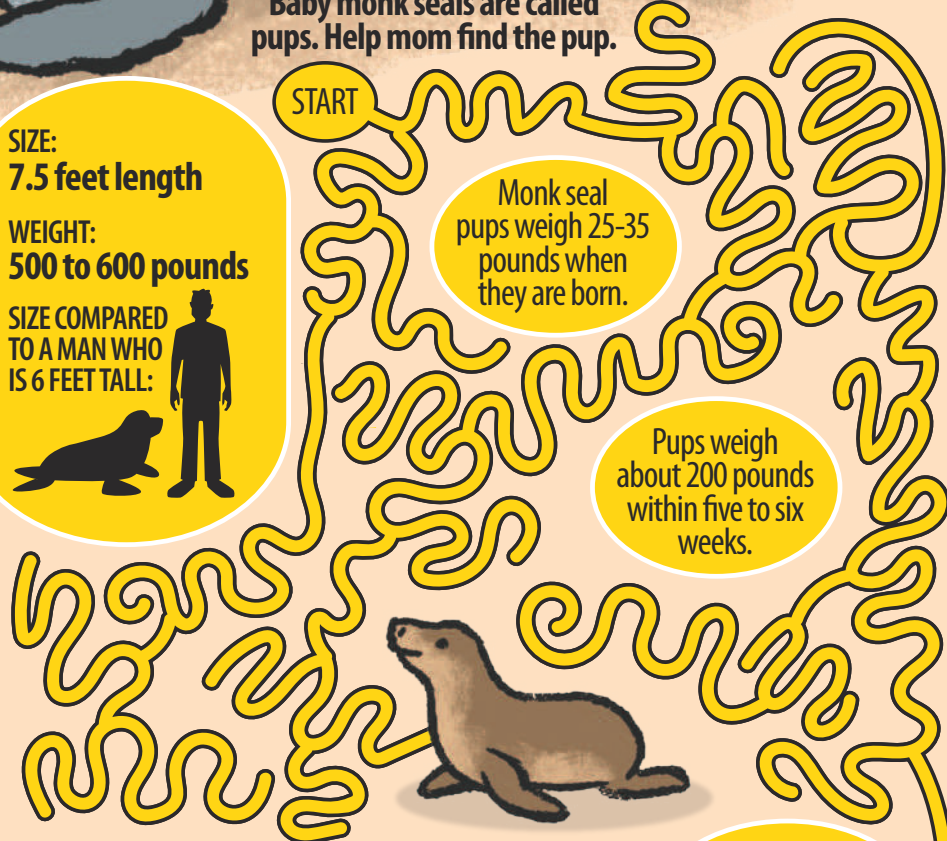
SIZE COMPARED TO A MAN WHO IS 6 FEET TALL:



START

Monk seal pups weigh 25-35 pounds when they are born.

Pups weigh about 200 pounds within five to six weeks.



Deep Divers

Monk seals can hold their breath for up to 20 minutes as they forage in the coral reef. They can dive deep under the sea to more than 1,800 feet!



How many fish can you find in the coral reef?

Monk seal nostrils are small vertical slits. They close when they dive.

Extra! Extra! The Adjective Hunt

The word **marine** is an adjective, which describes the noun that comes after it in a sentence. Select one page of the newspaper and circle 10 adjectives. Underline the nouns that they each describe.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives in use.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Monk seals are **generalist** feeders and eat different kinds of marine animals. Circle the animals that you think a monk seal will eat. Then, check your answers by doing the math. The items that add up to even numbers are what monk seals will eat.

crab 7 + 4 + 1 =	fish 5 + 3 + 2 =	seagulls 3 + 4 + 2 =	octopus 2 + 2 + 2 =
urchins 4 + 8 + 4 =	eels 8 + 3 + 3 =	corn dogs 5 + 5 + 7 =	shrimp 6 + 8 + 2 =

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that some animals are generalist feeders.

Double Double Word Search

BABY
BREATH
CORAL
CUTE
EYES
FIRST
HAWAII
HOLD
HOOD
MAMMAL
MONK
REEF
SEALS
UNDER
YEARS

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

U N E T B P D L O H
N S R Y U C O V H T
D L E B K N O M A B
E Y E A R S H R W C
R O N B L A M M A M
E Q F I R S T Z I L
E Y P W V H S J I A
F U E T U C X O Y J
L N H S H T A E R B

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FREE DOWNLOAD: KID SCOOP TEACHER ACTIVITY PACK!

With hundreds of topics, every **Kid Scoop** printable activity pack features six-to-seven pages of high-interest extra learning activities for home and school! Get your free sample today at:

kidscoop.com/activity-pages/

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **MARINE**

The word **marine** is an adjective that means living in the sea.

The monk seal is a **marine** mammal.

Try to use the word **marine** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Animal Athletes

Look through the newspaper to find four sports. For each one, select an animal that would excel at this sport. Write a story about your four animal athletes.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write stories that have a beginning, middle and end.

What kind of music do seals try to avoid?

ANSWER: Orca-straw music!

Write On!

Animal Family

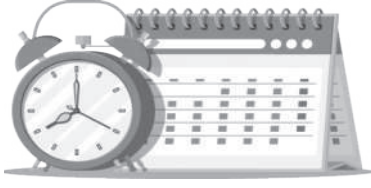
If you were an animal, which would you be and why? Which animals would be in the rest of your family?

Brad Elrod

Attorney At Law

130 S. Charlton St., Woodville, TX 75979
409.283.8288 | elrodlawtx.com

AREA DIGEST



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.

Vets hold raffle

Trinity County Veterans Wall of Honor Society is holding its annual fundraiser, and tickets for the raffle are available.

The 17th annual fundraiser will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Oct. 26 at Scheelbillies Saloon, 5665 FM 356, in Trinity.

Costs for the raffle tickets are \$1, or six tickets for \$5, and the drawing will be held at the event, which includes food and a live auction.

Raffle prizes include a 9 mm pistol, lottery tickets, gift cards and cash, and 12 numbers will be drawn.

For information or to purchase raffle tickets, call Bill Reeves at (936) 661-7107, Trish Meigs at (713) 589-8731 or Craig Hatton at (832) 992-6352.

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 republicanwomentrinityco@gmail.com, message our Facebook page or text (281) 467-8626.

Church program set

Calvary Baptist Church in Trin-

ity 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 mahjogg 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.

CROSSWORD SPONSORED BY Consumers's LP Gas & Appliance Co.

TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
Copyright 2024 by Orbison Bros.

ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "up and ___ juice" (coffee)
- 5 the first Texas ___ phone was in Galveston in 1878
- 6 TX Strait's "All My Live in Texas"
- 7 Texans Houston and Bass
- 8 TX saying: "___ riot, one Ranger"
- 9 "Honeysuckle Rose" actress Irving
- 12 TX Hagman film: "Getting Away From ___"
- 17 ___ Wells, TX
- 19 TX Ann Miller film: "Sugar ___"
- 21 "entrance" south of the border
- 22 Pancho Villa: Doroteo ___
- 23 TXism: "that dog could ___ a panhandler"
- 28 San ___ TX
- 29 TXism: "hen fruit"
- 30 fisherman
- 31 glossy fabric
- 35 "___ con Dios"
- 36 TX Perot started Electronic ___ company
- 42 George W. before he was president
- 44 TXism: "you're buying oats for ___ horse"
- 46 race at annual Bar-B-Q in Brady, TX: "___ Gallop"

DOWN

- 1 TXism for "fell" (3 wds.)
- 2 J. Frank Dobie book: "A ___ England"
- 3 inclement weather
- 4 TXism: "a ___ of"
- 9 Bedouin, e.g.
- 10 TXism: "___ rooster" (angry)
- 11 TX group "Little Joe ___ Familia"
- 12 ex-TCU BB coach Moe
- 13 sturdy cattle breed
- 14 TXism: "___ of bones" (skinny)
- 15 "L" of former Dallas company LTV
- 16 TXism: "on my last ___" (tired)
- 18 stat for Astro Justin Verlander
- 20 TXism: "___ humid my upper lip is midewing"
- 23 ex-Oiler coach ___ "Bum" Phillips
- 24 org. of countries to maintain peace (abbr.)
- 25 Texas ___ Corp. failed to build the Texas "bullet train"
- 26 1st woman president of TWU: Mary Evelyn ___ Huey
- 27 "Winnie the Pooh" donkey
- 32 TXism: "guilty ___ sin"
- 33 Heisman QB from Texas, Detmer
- 34 TXism: "the tail ___ wagging the dog"
- 36 lineal assoc. about Texas Republic
- 37 TX Charley Pride's "Kiss An ___ Good Morning"
- 38 this Pat wrote "On Any Given Sunday"
- 39 TX Debbie Reynolds' first hubby, Fisher
- 40 ___ detector
- 41 cut with a saw
- 43 "Mingo" on "Daniel Boone" (init.)
- 45 TXism: "that'll ___ nicely"
- 47 machine pedal
- 48 saloons
- 55 TX-born critic Rex

Consumers's LP Gas & Appliance Co.
9884 FM 1617 + TRINITY, TX 75862 + (936) 594-2156

Melder Real Estate
936-642-0030 • 936-293-0030
153 E. Front Street • Groveton, Texas 75845
Phil Hathorn, Realtor
philhathorn@windstream.net • www.melderrealestate.com

- 9 acres, Hwy. 94/Bill Jones Rd, corner acreage with county road and paved frontage, new survey, utilities available, great location.
 - Home near Lake Livingston, off FM 356, recently remodeled, 4/2, water view, boat ramp, subdivision.
 - 2/2 Home in White Rock Estates off FM 356 near Lake Livingston. Lots of storage for all of your toys and walking distance to the lake.
 - 3/2, DWMH on 2 acres and barn, in the Helmic community on Sullivan Rd.
 - Church Building, located on hwy. 287 S. in Groveton one acre, can be remodeled for home or business.
 - 3.49 Wooded Acres, FM 233, public water and electrical available.
 - Recently remodeled home on 2 acres in Pennington, office building, storage building, 2 car garage.
- Member of HAR, TAR, NAR, HOUSTON MLS

Last Puzzle Solution

LARK
UFOS
FEES
KNBT
ICU
NECK
KI
TVSTAR
HATEME
TEXAS
WARCAMP
SSE
SCLEROSIS
KEAN
COASTAL
CAMP
NEUTRON
OA
PALATAL
EDITION
GOTITFROM
ONEA
ARE
NANCI
TWIN
BITA
LUCKILY
RAILS
ATA
FIR
ENS

S-1701-A

PRINTING

Invitations
Business Cards
Business Forms
Envelopes | Banners
Stamps | Stickers
Brochures

Nominate your favorite businesses and services for Best of Trinity County.

Go to easttexasnews.com
Nominations end August 31.
Come back to vote September 1-30.

BEST of TRINITY COUNTY 2024

Sponsored by the Trinity County News-Standard Readers Choice Awards

Pandemic relief funds for schools about to end



Capitol Highlights
By Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

Texas public schools received more than \$19 billion in pandemic relief funds over the last four years, but that pipeline of cash will largely end on Sept. 30, The Texas Tribune reported.

That means many Texas schools already struggling with budget deficits will begin the school year with even more serious deficits, especially since the Texas Legislature has not increased base per-student pay since 2019 — a year before the pandemic began.

Congress passed the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief package in 2020 to help schools deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused enrollment declines, teachers exiting the profession and falling test scores. That funding is about to end, with essentially nothing to take its place for many school districts already at the maximum allowed property tax rate.

"It's not about making up ESSER, because we all knew that was one-time funding," said La Joya ISD Superintendent Marcey Sorensen. "I just would ask, without getting political whatsoever, that everybody just look in the mirror and say, OK, if we really haven't provided additional funding since 2019, maybe it's time that we just give school districts a little bit more of what they need, knowing that kids have different needs now."

A recent survey conducted by the Texas Association of School Business Officials concluded that out of 313 school districts across the state, nearly 80 percent reported deficit budgets or a lack of resources as one of their top challenges.

Abbott orders hospitals to report immigrant care data

All Texas hospitals enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program have been ordered by Gov. Greg Abbott to report costs incurred by treating undocumented immigrants, the Austin American-Statesman reported. In a news release outlining his executive order, Abbott blamed the Biden administration's border security policies for health care costs related to those immigrants.

"Texans should not have to shoulder the burden of financially supporting medical care for illegal immigrants," Abbott said.

Some Democratic lawmakers criticized the order.

State Rep. Gene Wu, D-Austin, posted on X: "Texas has the HIGHEST uninsured healthcare in the nation. Texas has the WORST mental health care in the nation. Texas has one of the worst (mortality) and infant mortality rates in America. But these are the Republicans priorities."

Five more counties added to disaster list

In the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl, five more Texas counties have been added to the federal disaster list, the governor's office announced.

The counties of Austin, Bowie, Shelby, Trinity and Waller have been added to the list, which already included Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker and Wharton counties.

Texans can apply for FEMA disaster assistance online at disasterassistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362.

Carbon monoxide poisonings spike in wake of storm

Carbon monoxide poisonings rose dramatically in the wake of Hurricane Beryl, with about 400 people ending up in Texas emergency rooms since the storm struck on July 8, the Texas Standard reported. That is the highest number reported since the 2021 winter storm, the Texas Standard reported. Two people died of CO poisoning in Harris County.

CO poisonings caused by widespread power outages are growing more common as climate change causes more extreme weather events, according to scientists.

"Whether you want to blame it on this, that or the other, I don't care. The world is changing. The climate is changing," said Dr. David Persse, Houston's chief medical officer.

School about to start; watch for the kiddoes

With school about to start, drivers are urged to stay alert and exercise caution in school zones, the Texas Department of Public Transportation advised. School zones can be chaotic, and 748 crashes were reported inside them last year. In addition, 2,523 collisions involving school buses occurred in Texas last year, killing 11 people and injuring 63.

TxDOT has launched its "Be Safe. Drive Smart Back-to-School" campaign in hopes of reducing crashes. The most common causes of crashes are preventable, such as speeding, distracted driving and failure to yield the right of way. Among the tips offered by TxDOT:

- Be aware. Traffic patterns around schools may have changed since last school year.

- Stay alert and put your phone away. Using a handheld electronic device while driving in an active school zone is against the law.

- Stop and yield the right of way to a pedestrian, bicyclist, or other vulnerable road user in a crosswalk. The Lisa Torrey Smith Act of 2021 enhanced the penalties for failing to follow the law and protect people in crosswalks. Seriously injuring someone who is lawfully in a crosswalk is now a state jail felony.

- Obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines increase in school zones.

- Know where to go. Drop off and pick up your kids in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street.

- Be on the lookout. Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.

- Watch for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles.

Yup, it's hot in Texas

Exactly how hot is it in the Lone Star State as a heat dome covers much of Texas during these dog days of August? According to the Statesman, our state has the fourth-highest average temperature so far this year, coming in at 65.8 degrees. That might not seem all that hot, but keep in mind it includes temps recorded in January averaged in with that summer heat.

Topping the list of hottest states is Florida, followed by Hawaii and Louisiana, according to data compiled by The Blogler. After Texas comes Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama. Surprisingly, Arizona — even with triple-digit temperatures recorded regularly around Phoenix — is tied for ninth place.

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: gbor-ders@texaspress.com.

SHELTER PET & GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED PIANIST

Amazing stories start in shelters and rescues. Adopt today to start yours.

KEYBOARD CAT 8M+ YouTube Views

Start A Story. Adopt theshelterpetproject.org



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Apple Springs ISD will hold a public meeting at 06:00 PM (CT) 08/27/2024 in Apple Springs ISD Board Room, 9120 FM 2501 Apple Springs, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ <u>0.6669</u> / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ <u>0.0000</u> / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>0</u> % increase or <u>0.96</u> % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>0</u> % increase or <u>0</u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>0</u> % increase or <u>0.96</u> % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>150,637,496</u>	\$ <u>169,079,140</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>1,548,441</u>	\$ <u>1,400,461</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>61,792,877</u>	\$ <u>71,124,049</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>1,267,936</u>	\$ <u>1,134,441</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ <u>0.7139</u>	\$ <u>0.0000</u> *	\$ <u>0.7139</u>	\$ <u>2,205</u>	\$ <u>11,942</u>
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ <u>0.6787</u>	\$ <u>0.0000</u> *	\$ <u>0.6787</u>	\$ <u>2,351</u>	\$ <u>11,795</u>
Proposed Rate	\$ <u>0.6669</u>	\$ <u>0.0000</u> *	\$ <u>0.6669</u>	\$ <u>2,300</u>	\$ <u>11,847</u>

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ <u>137,221</u>	\$ <u>174,851</u>
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ <u>46,405</u>	\$ <u>58,585</u>
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ <u>0.7139</u>	\$ <u>0.6669</u>
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ <u>331</u>	\$ <u>390</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ <u>59</u>

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 0.6669. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 0.6669.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>1,041,838</u>
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>0</u>

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

DID YOU KNOW EMBERS FROM AN UNATTENDED BACKYARD BONFIRE CAN SPARK A WILDFIRE? SPARK A CHANGE, NOT A WILDFIRE.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Centerville ISD will hold a public meeting at 07:00 PM (CT) 08/29/2024 in Centerville ISD Board Room, 10327 North State Highway 94

Groveton, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ <u>0.7552</u> / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ <u>0.0000</u> / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>1.5</u> % increase	or	<u>0</u> % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>0</u> % increase	or	<u>0</u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>1.5</u> % increase	or	<u>0</u> % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>159,127,952</u>	\$ <u>173,125,928</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>1,553,655</u>	\$ <u>1,483,956</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>42,082,831</u>	\$ <u>49,970,782</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>1,190,070</u>	\$ <u>1,379,996</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
 ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ <u>0.7575</u>	\$ <u>0.0000</u> *	\$ <u>0.7575</u>	\$ <u>2,169</u>	\$ <u>14,859</u>
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ <u>0.7575</u>	\$ <u>0.0000</u> *	\$ <u>0.7575</u>	\$ <u>2,505</u>	\$ <u>14,523</u>
Proposed Rate	\$ <u>0.7552</u>	\$ <u>0.0000</u> *	\$ <u>0.7552</u>	\$ <u>2,494</u>	\$ <u>14,586</u>

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ <u>120,044</u>	\$ <u>156,744</u>
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ <u>32,446</u>	\$ <u>46,041</u>
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ <u>0.7575</u>	\$ <u>0.7552</u>
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ <u>245</u>	\$ <u>347</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ <u>101</u>

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 0.7552. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 0.7552.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>2,509,878</u>
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>0</u>

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

BACKUP POWER. PEACE OF MIND.

Get a Standard Warranty of **7 YEARS** \$849 Value

Call 1-888-925-0261

Be prepared before the next power outage.

It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Receive a free 5-year warranty with qualifying purchase* - valued at \$535.

Call 855-704-8579 to schedule your free quote!

*Terms and Conditions apply. **GENERAC**

inogen

INOGEN® PORTABLE OXYGEN CONCENTRATORS

Call us toll-free at **1-866-747-9983**

30-DAY RISK-FREE TRIAL

WE BUY OIL, GAS, & MINERAL RIGHTS

Both non-producing and producing including Non-Participating Royalty Interest (NPRI)

Provide us your desired price for an offer evaluation.

CALL TODAY: **806.620.1422**

LOBO MINERALS, LLC
 PO Box 1800 • Lubbock, TX 79408-1800
 LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com

Groveton Funeral Home & Monuments, Inc.

Serving families as we ourselves wish to be served.

Terry & Cristin Cartwright, Directors

Obituaries: 936-642-2053
 Office: 936-642-1125

1019 West First Street • Groveton, Texas

www.grovetonfuneralhome.com

DING DONG THE ROACH IS DEAD

BROKEN ARROW PEST CONTROL, LLC

Pests | Termites | Lawn

Since 1976 **936-646-3600**

CORRIGAN SQUARE APTS.

Peace & Quiet

NOW leasing to over income residents.

1 Bedroom From \$520
 2 Bedroom From \$650
 Security Deposit \$150

Call **398-4172**

Office Hours: 8-5 Monday-Friday
 ★ ★ ★ Some Rental Assistance Available ★ ★ ★

116 Blue Bonnet Circle, Corrigan

Everyone loves options!

NEW! CSCU FLEX DRIVE

With Flex Drive you get lower monthly payments than traditional financing without all the restrictions and hidden costs of leasing. Plus, you'll enjoy all the flexibility and benefits of vehicle ownership.

Explore your options at cscutx.com/flexdrive and apply today!

Text or Call **936-295-3980**

Huntsville, TX:
 250 FM 2821 Rd. W
 2526 Montgomery RD

COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT UNION
CSCUTX.COM

NCUA Federally insured by the NCUA

All Loans Subject to Credit Approval. Membership Eligibility Required. Other terms and conditions may apply.

Abbott announces SBA assistance

Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott announced Friday that the U.S. Small Business Administration has approved his request for a rural area disaster declaration for the severe storms and flooding that took place from April 26-June 5.

"This SBA disaster declaration will help Texans access the crucial financial assistance they need to continue to recover from severe storms and flooding that impacted Texas earlier this year," said Governor Abbott. "Low-interest loans will be made available to qualifying Texans so they can restore their homes and businesses from storm or flooding damages. I thank the Texas Division of Emergency Management for working tirelessly to ensure impacted communities have the resources and assistance they need to move forward."

The SBA has granted access to its Home Disaster Loans, Business Physical Disaster Loans, and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, which will provide low-interest loans to qualifying homeowners, renters, and businesses in affected communities following the severe storms and flooding that occurred from April 26-June 5.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information, and download applications at sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Governor Abbott continues to take action to provide all available resources to help support local communities from the impacts of severe weather, including:

- Readying state emergency response resources on April 25 ahead of wildfire and severe weather threats.
- Issuing a disaster declaration on April 30 for counties affected by recent storms and deploying additional state emergency response resources in anticipation of severe weather and flooding. The Governor first amended his disaster declaration on May 2, updated it further on May 7, amended it again on May 15, added additional counties on May 20, made additional updates on May 26, added five counties on May 30, amended the declaration on June 5, and made an update on June 13.
- Increasing the readiness level of the State Emergency Operations Center to help support local officials with requests for state assistance.
- Holding a briefing on May 6 with local and state officials from impacted areas and providing an update on the state's robust response efforts in support of local communities.
- Requesting a Federal Disaster Declaration on May 15 for Texas communities impacted by severe storms.
- Securing partial approval of a Federal Disaster Declaration on May 17 for areas of the state affected by severe weather.
- Requesting additional counties be added to the Federal Disaster Declaration on May 19 for Texas communities impacted by severe storms.
- Providing an update on the state's response and recovery efforts in impacted communities.
- Securing additional approvals for Texas counties in the Federal Disaster Declaration.
- Ensuring additional impacted Texas counties were included in the Federal Disaster Declaration.
- Securing additional approvals in the Federal Disaster Declaration for Texas communities impacted by severe weather and flooding.
- Obtaining approvals for more counties on the Federal Disaster Declaration for impacted communities.
- Ensuring additional communities impacted by severe weather were added to the Federal Disaster Declaration.
- Acquiring approval for additional affected counties to be added to the Federal Disaster Declaration

Fall voter education campaign kicks off

Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — Texas Secretary of State Jane Nelson kicked-off her fall voter education campaign by speaking today at the 42nd Annual Election Law Seminar in Austin. This event is hosted by the Secretary of State's office and brings together more than 500 county election officials from across the state as they prepare for the Nov. 5 general election.

"My goal is to make sure every qualified Texan who wants to vote has all the information they need to cast a ballot," Secretary Nelson said. "That's why we are reaching out to Texans this fall to make sure they are prepared for Election Day."

The campaign includes paid advertising, events, and media outreach. Secretary Nelson's kickoff focused on encouraging election officials and providing them with resources for them to also educate voters in their counties.

"Election Administrators are critical to the success of our elections," Secretary Nelson said. "We sincerely appreciate their service and support as they work to ensure our election process runs smoothly for all eligible voters."

Secretary Nelson spoke to officials about the importance of preparation. At the conference in Austin, officials attended election law training and refresher sessions on conducting safe and secure elections. They also learned how to solve issues that might come up, including how to work with partners such as law enforcement, media and legal teams.

Secretary Nelson's voter education tour is designed to make sure Texans know where to go for official voting information, including vote-by-mail requirements and the acceptable forms of photo ID voters can present at the polls.

For official information, please visit VoteTexas.gov or call 1-800-252-VOTE.

We asked our readers, "What EXTRAordinary results have you gotten from the Classifieds?" They answered. "I found my best friend thanks to the Trinity County News-Standard Classifieds."

Don't miss out on any of the extras. Turn to the Classifieds to find your next job, car, house, apartment, boat, guitar, pet or anything else you want to buy, sell or offer.

TRINITY COUNTY News-Standard

134 E. First St. | Groveton, Tx | 936-642-1726

POLK COUNTY PUBLISHING COMPANY
PRINT Shop

936.327.4357
100 E. CALHOUN | LIVINGSTON, TEXAS

LETTERHEADS BUSINESS CARDS
RUBBERSTAMPS BOOKLETS brochures
MENUS Envelopes POSTERS VENDOR GIFTS DOOR HANGERS
NCR FORMS INVITATIONS SIGNS CALENDARS LABELS
NOTEPADS FOLDERS POSTCARDS
CUSTOMER APPRECIATION FLYERS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Groveton ISD will hold a public meeting at 06:30 PM (CT) 08/29/2024 in Groveton ISD Board Room, 207 N. Main St Groveton

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$	0.6669	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$	0.0000	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	\$	0.0000	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0	% increase	or	0	% (decrease)
Debt service	0	% increase	or	0	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0	% increase	or	0	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 739,544,424	\$ 807,649,592
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 14,515,608	\$ 16,479,708
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 419,619,399	\$ 465,735,560
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 12,193,962	\$ 14,815,771

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 0.6759	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.6759	\$ 3,947	\$ 9,427
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.6832	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.6832	\$ 4,225	\$ 9,150
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.6669	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.6669	\$ 4,226	\$ 9,169

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 132,597	\$ 153,667
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 40,179	\$ 50,632
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 0.6759	\$ 0.6669
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 271	\$ 337
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 66

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 0.6669. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 0.6669.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,416,074
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Heat Related Deaths ARE Preventable
LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK

The temperature in your car can quickly become deadly!
Outside Temperature 80°

Inside 99°	Time Elapsed: 10 Minutes
Inside 109°	Time Elapsed: 20 Minutes
Inside 114°	Time Elapsed: 30 Minutes
Inside 123°	Time Elapsed: 60 Minutes

weather.gov/heat nhtsa.gov

Legal Notice

City of Trinity will receive bids for water system improvements

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS The CITY OF TRINITY will receive bids for WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS - Site 1 Well Plant GLO MIT 22-082-021-D447 until 3:30 PM on September 12, 2024 at City of Trinity City Hall Council Room, 101 West Madison Street, Trinity, Texas 75862. At said time and place, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows: • Construct 100,000 gallon ground storage tank (150,000 gallon alternate) Two 50 hp can pumps • Construct aerator tower and relocate aerator Phosphate-based corrosion inhibitor system Conversion to chloramination Plant piping Demolition • Associated work

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at GLS, 1609 South Chestnut, Suite 202, Lufkin, TX 75901 Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file and may be reviewed at GLS, 1609 S. Chestnut, Suite 202, Lufkin, Texas 75901 (936) 637-4900. Bid/Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at www.civcastusa.com. A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the CITY OF TRINITY or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond, Payment Bond and Maintenance Bond each in the amount of the contract. The award will be made on the basis of the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. The project will be financed with assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin. Section 3, Minority Business Enterprises, and Women Business Enterprises, and Historically Underutilized Business firms are encouraged to submit bids. The CITY OF TRINITY reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by CITY OF TRINITY for a period not to exceed 75 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award. Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for all contracts and subcontracts. All contractors/subcontractors whose System for Award Management (SAM.gov) registration is not active or that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project. CITY OF TRINITY Billy Goodin, Mayor August 15, 2024

ETxN
easttexasnews.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Trinity ISD will hold a public meeting at 05:30 PM (CT) 08/27/2024 in Trinity ISD Board Room, 101 West Jefferson Trinity, TX

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 0.7049 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$ 0.1817 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	6.06	% increase	or	0	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.4	% increase	or	0	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	6.04	% increase	or	0	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 879,391,014	\$ 940,572,038
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 24,399,785	\$ 18,418,520
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 584,255,562	\$ 634,349,282
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 19,276,868	\$ 16,497,250

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
 ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 13,800,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 0.7318	\$ 0.1817 *	\$ 0.9135	\$ 4,503	\$ 9,071
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.7650	\$ 0.1874 *	\$ 0.9525	\$ 4,734	\$ 8,862
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.7049	\$ 0.1817 *	\$ 0.8866	\$ 4,544	\$ 9,089

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 144,503	\$ 156,127
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 55,910	\$ 65,486
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 0.9135	\$ 0.8866
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 510	\$ 580
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 69

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 0.8866. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 0.8866.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 5,533,425
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 598,291

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Legal Notices

TISD accepting bids for truck

Trinity ISD is accepting sealed bids for a 2024 Crew Cab 4X4 with the following specifications: Customer Preferred Package 6.7L 16 Cummins HO Turbo Diesel Eng 6 Speed auto Aisin HD Trans Cloth 40/20/40 Prem Bench Seat Remote Start System 50 gal fuel tank Dual rear wheels Mopar front and rear rubber floor Mopar spray bedliner 5th wheel/gooseneck towing package Protection group Sealed bids must be received no later than Aug 27, 2024 by 4:00 pm. Please send bids to the below address: Trinity ISD Administration Building Attn: John Kaufman, Superintendent PO Box 752 Trinity, TX 75862 Trinity ISD reserves the right to reject any/all bids. Selected dealership will be notified

TISD continues CEP

The Trinity ISD announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals. For additional information please contact the following person: Trinity ISD Attention: Gillian Campbell Director of Special Services and Federal Programs PO Box 752 Trinity, TX 75862 936-594-3569 gcampbell@trinityisd.net In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audio-tape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Land title for 1041 Shore Shadow Drive

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/4bam1WY>

Child announcement

For the record, I, Monique Alexis Richardson, and my partner, Victor Van Rocker, do hereby proclaim and announce that we have created a child whose name shall be Aaliyah Summer Rocker and we claim our new creation as our true legitimate natural-born daughter, heir, and dependent. We jointly agree to emancipate her when she becomes of the age of majority. We further declare that she is of American National status, and not a ward of the state, nor a stateless person, U.S. citizen, resident, or any artificial person classification. Our child is subject only to the divine creator of the universe. By: Monique Alexis Richardson and Victor Van Rocker, All Rights Reserved

Claim of ownership

Affidavit Claim of Ownership of Certificate of Title I, Brian Anthony Paige, 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 the Certificate of Title; I, man; verify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the forgoing is true and correct; Executed on this the fifteenth day of August, 2024 By: Paige, Brian Anthony, Not in Individual Capacity, Without the United States, Held in Trust. All rights under reserve Publication dates: 8/15-8/22, 8/22-8/29, 8/29-9/5-9/5-9/12.



Trinity County
News-Standard

Legal Notices

GISD notification of Nondiscrimination

Career and Technical Education Annual Public Notification of Nondiscrimination Groveton Independent School District offers career and technical education programs in Hospitality and Tourism, Human Services, Architecture and Construction, Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics, and Business, Marketing, and Finance. Admission to these programs is based on interest and aptitude, age appropriateness, and available class space. It is the policy of Groveton ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. It is the policy of Groveton ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Groveton ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator at rhuff@grovetonisd.net, 936-642-1473, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator at rhuff@grovetonisd.net, 936-642-1473. Rebecca Huff, Title IX/Section 504 Coordinator, PO Box 728, Groveton, TX 75845

Sheriff's sale September 3

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TRINITY By virtue of Tax Warrant issued out of the 411 th District Court of Trinity County, Texas in Cause No. 5643 on the 2nd day of August, 2024 by the Clerk thereof, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of September, 2024 at the Official Door of the Trinity County Courthouse, in Groveton, Texas, the properties described below: CAUSE NO 5643 STYLING Trinity County, et al vs. Owners of Various Properties Located Within Trinity County, Texas LEGAL DESCRIPTION Tract 1. Lot 2, Blk 2, Sec. 13, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 736, Pg. 253. R22930 Tract 2. Lot 8, Blk 9, Sec. 11, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 840, Pg. 546. R24324 Tract 3. Lot 3, Blk 2, Sec. 13, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 719, Pg. 592. R28365 Tract 4. Lot 1, Blk 10, Sec. 9, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 539, Pg. 807. R29097 Tract 5. Lot 4, Blk 10, Sec. 9, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 632, Pg. 156. R17169 Tract 6. Lot 2, Blk 8, Sec. 9, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 702, Pg. 620. R25724 Tract 7. Lot 7, Blk 14, Sec. 9, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 709, Pg. 42. R22508 Tract 8. Lot 29, Blk 12, Sec. 1, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 735, Pg. 767. R12186 Tract 9.

Lot 36, Blk 1, Sec. 9, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 636, Pg. 465. R12381 Tract 10. Lot 38, Blk 1, Sec. 9, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 655, Pg. 206. R21727 Tract 11. Lot 4, Blk 13, Sec. 11, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 738, Pg. 324. R22974 Tract 12. Lot 9, Blk 5, Sec. 9, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 637, Pg. 21. R24983 Tract 13. Lot 6, Blk 14, Sec. 9, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 741, Pg. 584. R24358 Tract 14. Lot 3, Blk 6, Sec. 12, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 862, Pg. 828. R28357 Tract 15. Lot 3, Blk 9, Sec. 9, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 768, Pg. 93. R19009 Tract 16. Lot 36, Blk 20, Sec. 9, Westwood Shores Subdn, described in Vol. 738, Pg. 320. R27119 ALL BIDDERS MUST NOW DISPLAY PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 34.015 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE. LEVIED ON the 2nd day of August, 2024, as the property of those persons listed above to satisfy taxes, penalties, and interest and all costs of seizure and sale against those persons listed in said Warrant and any other unknown owners in favor of the Taxing Units listed in said Tax Warrants. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS THE 2nd DAY OF AUGUST, 2024. WOODY WALLACE Woody Wallace, Sheriff, Trinity County, Texas



Trinity Independent School District

"Community Committed to Learning"

101 West Jefferson Trinity, TX 75862

936-594-3569

Career and Technical Education Annual Public Notification of Nondiscrimination

Trinity Independent School District offers career and technical education programs in Animal Science, Plant Science, Applied Agriculture Engineering, Carpentry, Digital Communications, Graphic Design and Multimedia Arts, Business Management, Health Informatics, Health Diagnostics, Health Therapeutic, Culinary Arts, and Advanced Manufacturing and Machinery Mechanics. Admission to these programs is based on admission standards.

It is the policy of Trinity Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Trinity Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Trinity Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator Dr. John Kaufman at jkaufman@trinityisd.net, or 936-594-3569, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator Dr. Audrey Young at ayoung@trinityisd.net or 936-594-3569 x 1053.

Trinity Independent School District
101 West Jefferson
Trinity, Tx 75862

Revised 2024

Career and Technical Education Annual Public Notification of Nondiscrimination

FORMULARIO DE MUESTRA

(Notificación Pública de No Discriminación en Programas de Educación Técnica y Vocacional)

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Trinity ofrece programas de educación técnica y vocacional en Ciencia Animal, Ciencia Vegetal, Ingeniería Agrícola Aplicada, Carpintería, Comunicaciones Digitales, Diseño Gráfico y Artes Multimedia, Gestión Empresarial, Informática de la Salud, Diagnóstico de Salud, Terapéutica de la Salud, Artes Culinarias y Mecánica de Maquinaria y Fabricación Avanzada. La admisión a estos programas se basa en estándares de admisión.

Es norma de Distrito Escolar Independiente de Trinity no discriminar en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales y brinda igualdad de acceso a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Es norma de Distrito Escolar Independiente de Trinity no discriminar en sus procedimientos de empleo por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, la ley de Discriminación por Edad, de 1975, según enmienda; y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Trinity tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para obtener información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos de quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, Dr. John Kaufman, en jkaufman@trinityisd.net, o al 936-594-3569, y/o con el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Dr. Audrey Young, en ayoung@trinityisd.net o al 936- 594-3569 x 1053.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Trinity
101 Oeste de Jefferson
Trinidad, Texas 75862

Revised 2024

CLASSIFIEDS

We've Got You Covered in 4 Counties!
Trinity | Polk | San Jacinto | Tyler

Policy	Auctions & Sales	Work Wanted	Work Wanted	Work Wanted	Employment
--------	------------------	-------------	-------------	-------------	------------

PLEASE CHECK your ad the first day it appears. We will correct any error as quickly as possible. However, we cannot be responsible for errors beyond the first day of publication day.

It is the intent and goal of this newspaper to have each advertiser who wishes to place an advertisement in the newspaper comply with Fair Housing laws. Any advertisement, which is perceived to contain language contrary to these laws, will be rejected or changed to remove the offending statement.

TO PLACE your classified ad in the Trinity County News-Standard call (936) 642-1726, for the Tyler County Booster call (409) 283-2516.

Announcements

POLK COUNTY SPCA urges everyone to do their part to control the pet population in Polk County. Have your pets spayed and neutered to avoid dealing with unwanted puppies and kittens. To adopt a pet, come by SPCA at 802 South Houston, corner of Mary St. and Hwy. 146 or call (936) 755-3020. (1-tfn-nc-PCE)

Kids Free Clothing Exchange is a non-profit organization providing free, gently used clothing for children ages 0-18 years of age living in Polk and the other 6 surrounding counties of Lake Livingston. Donations of new and gently used clothing are appreciated. We are in Onalaska, Hwy 190 at 3186. Open Friday and Saturday, 10-3. Kfceonalaskatx.com (49-tfn-nc-PCE)

DEER HUNTERS WANTED, have camp with power and water, Tyler County, privately owned camp. Call 409-356-5767, leave message. (33-4t-cc-TCB)

CHRISTINE'S PLACE Resale Shop accepts donations and is open M-F, 501 W. Bluff in Woodville. 409-331-9939. www.westrengthenthefamilies.org. (1-tfn-nc-TCB)

Call or Come by Today
Livingston
Senior Citizens
Country Store
1310 North Houston
Open 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Weekdays
Open during noon hour
Come by for
bargains anytime
(1-tfn-nc-PCE)

CHARLIE'S TREASURES BIG SALE, Friday & Saturday, August 16 & 17, 10-4, 2922 Hwy 69 N, Doucette, Texas. Mexican pottery, metal art, cast iron, magalite, pyrex. 281-520-7678. (33-1t-p-TCB)

A BOOKSTORE FOR CHARITY is located inside the Tyler County Booster newspaper office located at 205 W. Bluff in Woodville. All books are 25 cents each, or fill a bag for \$2. All proceeds benefit Tyler County non profits. Come shop with us for a good cause. (2-tfn-nc-TCB)

Free

FREE - Coats for Kids is no longer open on a regular schedule, but if you are in need of a coat for your child, you can contact FBC Office at 409-283-2588 and leave a phone number where you can be reached. Someone will then contact you and arrange to meet you at the House of Hope to help you get a coat. (4-3t-nc-TCB)

Work Wanted

HARD WORKING TYLER COUNTY WOMAN, Landscaping, fence line clearing, painting, clean out flower beds, any outdoor jobs. Christal-409-224-5293. (31-tfn-p-TCB)

Fenced Yard or Field Stump Grinding Remote Controlled Precision Work Any Size or Amount Insured Free Estimates David Holley 936-433-2371 (1-tfn-nc-PCE)

Home Repair Specialist
Can repair any type of siding, piers, decks, stairs, ramps, and hurricane and weather damages. Can install windows, doors, ceiling fans, and flooring. Can build pergolas and room additions.
No job too big or too small
Call 903-330-9011 (ask for Jerry)
(32-4t-cc-PCE)

HOKE STUMP Grinding- No job too large or too small. Call (936)295-6089 or (936) 581-3781. Trinity, TX. (11-tfn-b-TCNS)

Vickery Dirt
Dirt, Clay, Sand
Free Delivery
Rock, Dozer Work, Land Clearing, Tractor Work, Driveways, House Pads
www.vickerydirt.com
936-329-4159

Vickery Propane Tanks & Service 936-327-HEAT (50-tfn-b-PCE)

LLOYD'S REMODELING located in Tyler County (Serving all areas) Add-ons, decks, metal roofs, cabinets, piers, docks, and boat houses. No job too small. Call 409-429-6164. (1-tfn-b-TCB)

TLC
Toole's Lawn Care & Landscaping
*Drainage
*Retaining Walls
*Residential *Commercial
Year round full service maintenance- design, build & install flower beds, hydroseeding.
Fully Insured
Tree Removal, Irrigation
Livingston, TX
936-646-2661
(1-tfn-b-PCE)

Lester Bros. Tree Service
Trimming, Top Removal, Haul Off, Tractor Work. Now accepting credit cards.
Call for Free Estimate
Insured
25 yrs experience
936-223-9265
or
936-365-4955
Livingston, TX
(23-tfn-b-PCE)

I WILL clean out your garage, barn, old building and/or haul off your old junk like cars, trucks, tractors, etc. (936)328-1679. (31-4t-pd-PCE)

S & L Tree Service
Tree removal, clean up, stump grinding
New bucket truck
Fully insured
Serving the local and surrounding areas
Call Richard
832-401-4081
(2-tfn-b-PCE)

We ♥ our readers
Trinity County News-Standard

AMTEK
House Leveling
Leveling-
Water leveling-
Beams- Pylons
Concrete Blocks
Roof Covers- Decks- Floors
Senior Citizen Discount
For your protection
Insured since 1980
Lake Livingston area
936-328-1434
(1-tfn-b-PCE)

Vickery Lawn Service
*Stump Grinding
*Land Mulching
*Land Clearing
*Tractor Work
*Driveways
Fully Insured
936-329-1653
Livingston, TX
(1-tfn-b-PCE)

Plumas House Leveling w/Water Level & Concrete
20 Yrs Exp, Senior Citizen Discount
Insured
936-433-6304
if no answer call for apt
Livingston, TX
936-513-0783
(1-tfn-b-PCE)

Cleaning Services

S & S Cleaning and Maintenance



Residential Commercial Construction
936-714-6226
(32-tfn-b-PCE)

Employment

INDIVIDUAL NEEDED for general yard work and maintenance, no mowing, part-time. Call (936)327-5109. (33-1t-cc-PCE)

Actively seeking a dynamic individual from the Trinity area to fill a part-time sales position. The position offers a base pay plus commission, and bonuses. The ideal candidate should be enthusiastic, highly motivated, and well acquainted with the local community. If you're interested in joining our team, please email your resume to ashley@polkcountypublishing.com. (5-tfn-nc-TCNS)

Now Hiring!
Looking for honest, hard working, outgoing, self motivated individuals with a good attitude looking to build a career in the fast food industry. Looking for a Team Leader with one year experience and an assistant with 2-3 years experience. Must have good references, Livingston, TX.
Apply at www.burgerworkshr.com (1-tfn-b-PCE)

1st Quality Hospice Woodville, TX
Homemaker for Hospice needed, full or part-time
409-331-9909
(33-2t-b-TCB)

For Sale

FOR SALE Set of 4 20" rims and low profile tires. Fits 2016 Buick Regal or comparable. \$300 for all. 409-594-7408. (2-tfn-nc-TCB)

1987 INVADER MERC Cruiser, 120 Alpha HP, 16' ski and fish boat w/trailer. Mint condition. Contact Mike at (480)747-5944. (32-2t-cc-SJNT)

SQUARE BALES of sprayed, fertilized Jiggs hay in a barn, Livingston, (281)830-2810. (30-6t-cc-PCE)

FOR SALE 17 ft boat with trailer. 85 HP Yamaha motor. 936-967-2373 (32-2t-cc-PCE)

Rentals

1-BEDROOM HOME available for rent in Leggett, DIRECTV/ water/trash pick-up included \$600/month plus deposit Call (832)277-3737. (49-tfn-cc-PCE)

2-BEDROOM home with lake view in Indian Hills, Livingston, large yard, \$810/month. For info call (409)256-8365 (31-6t-cc-PCE)

MOBILE HOMES For Rent in Colmesneil. Contact 409-200-1970 for more information. (27-8t-pp-TCB)

BRICK HOUSE in quiet neighborhood. 3/2/2, central AC, fireplace, office, big garage, 148 Cardinal, Livingston. No pets. No smoking. \$1,400/month (936)329-2213. (28-tfn-cc-PCE)

Darling 1+1 fully furnished cottage. Washer/Dryer, WIFI, all utilities included. \$1050 / month plus deposit. Short or long term lease. 956-279-8071 (33-4-cc-PCE)

Pets & Supplies

THREE MONTH old kittens, vaccinated and dewormed. Free to good home(s). (936)327-0014. (32-tfn-nc-PCE)

Storage

ENCLOSED BOAT STORAGE. Also climate & self storage. White Rock Storage. 6216 FM 356 Trinity (936)594-9283 or (713)249-1033. (25-tfn-b-TCNS)

Legal Notices

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

The **CITY OF TRINITY** will receive bids for **WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – Site 2 Elevated Storage Tank GLO MIT 22-082-021-D447** until **3:00 PM on September 12, 2024** at **City of Trinity City Hall Council Room, 101 West Madison Street, Trinity, Texas 75862**. At said time and place, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:

- 150,000 gallon multi-column elevated storage tank
- Site fencing
- Site piping
- Associated work

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at GLS, 1609 South Chestnut, Suite 202, Lufkin, TX 75901

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file and may be reviewed at GLS, 1609 S. Chestnut, Suite 202, Lufkin, Texas 75901 (936) 637-4900.

Bid/Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at www.civcastusa.com.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the **CITY OF TRINITY** or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond, Payment Bond and Maintenance Bond each in the amount of the contract. The award will be made on the basis of the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

The project will be financed with assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin. Section 3, Minority Business Enterprises, and Women Business Enterprises, and Historically Underutilized Business firms are encouraged to submit bids.

The **CITY OF TRINITY** reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by **CITY OF TRINITY** for a period not to exceed 75 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for all contracts and subcontracts.

All contractors/subcontractors whose System for Award Management (SAM.gov) registration is not active or that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

CITY OF TRINITY Billy Goodin, Mayor August 15, 2024

TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL



OPEN POSITIONS

- Dietary Cook-PRN**
- Environmental Services Technician-PRN**
- LVN-Med Surg. Nights-FT**
- Pharmacy Technician-FT**
- RN ED Nights-FT**
- Vocational Nursing School Instructor @ Woodville-PRN**
- Clinic Receptionist-Coder-FT**

Equal Opportunity Employer. To inquire about positions at the hospital, check the employment section of our website at: www.tchospital.us
Human Resources Department: (409) 283-6590 • 1100 West Bluff • Woodville