



# Jail issues to go before voters in 2025

By Tony Farkas  
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GROVETON — It will cost county taxpayers \$100,000 to begin the process for a jail bond election, which will be held sometime in 2025.

At the Aug. 13 Trinity County Commissioners Court meeting, County Judge Danny Martin said during budget discussions the county needs to budget the funds to hire consultants.

Martin said that the plan is to issue \$16 million in construction bonds, and he has found a company that will buy those at 3.5 percent for 20 years. He also said that if that passes, then the county will then put forth another bond

measure for operation costs.

Should the bonds be approved by the voters, the county plans a 60-bed jail to house men and women prisoners, with the hope of renting out empty beds to surrounding counties, Martin said. It would take 2 ½ to 3 years to build.

Commissioner Neal Smith said he had concerns about placement, as the city of Groveton did not have the water or sewer capacity to add such a facility.

All the gathered information was to be presented to the county's jail committee for its review.

In other business, the county:

- discussed additional funds requested by

the county's fire departments for more funding to be included in the budget for the next fiscal year;

- appointed Mark Jones as acting Precinct 3 Constable to replace Carl Casey, who retired for health reasons. Jones was to assume the title in January, having defeated Casey in the March primary;
- approved personnel actions forms;
- approved budget amendments;
- declared office equipment and vehicles as surplus;
- hired GLS for engineering services to update the county's subdivision regulations;
- tabled approval of a maintenance agreement for the county HVAC systems as costs

were deemed too high;

- tabled bid awards for road materials purchase and delivery to seek additional bids;
- approved the purchase of 22 portable radios for the Sheriff's Office at a cost of \$92,000, to be paid by capital outlay funds and SB 22 grant funds;
- approved just over \$23,000 in disaster-related expenditures;
- approved adding a cancellation fee to the list of Sheriff's Office and Constable fees for service;
- approved county road and bridge fees for FY 2025; and
- approved a \$450 fee for removal of trees in the Westwood Shores subdivision.



## NEW CONSTABLE IN TOWN

County Commissioner Neal Smith (left) administers the oath of office to Mark Jones, who was appointed as constable for Precinct 3 at the Aug. 13 County Commissioners Court meeting. Jones was appointed to finish the term of Carl Casey, who retired because of health reasons. COURTESY PHOTO

## County shifts gears on recording meetings

TCNS staff

GROVETON — The Trinity County Commissioners Court will broadcast all future meetings live after trying to move all recording devices away from the dais.

At its meeting on Aug. 13, the court approved a policy change that moved any recording equipment, such as phones, cameras and recorders, to a distance of 15 feet away from the podium, a change from the previous 5 feet.

County Attorney Colton Hay said the change was in response to events at recent meetings, which became disruptive to court proceedings. He also said he felt uncomfortable and distracted with cameras being so close to him during meetings.

However, it was pointed out to the commissioners that the acoustics of the commissioners' courtroom were terrible, and the HVAC system causes problems with people hearing any discussions.

While the county approved the change, Hay said that as of Wednesday, commission meetings will be livestreamed, and there will be a new Facebook page and Youtube channel specifically for county information and meeting video.

He also said that eventually, he would like to see that information linked from the county website in order to make meetings accessible so more people can get involved.

Go to <https://youtube.com/@trinitycountytexas-y9j?si=zLsvRL8KDHm5AtSl> to register and view the broadcasts.

# Two injured in crashes

TCNS staff

TRINITY COUNTY — Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers investigated a one-vehicle crash on state Highway 19, south of Lovelady at Tantabogue Creek, that occurred Monday.

The investigation indicates that at approximately 3:57 a.m., a 2019 Peterbilt truck tractor semi-trailer was traveling south. Reports indicate the Peterbilt traveled off the road, rolled over on its side, and caught fire.

The driver of the Peterbilt truck tractor, 72-year-old Robert Oates of Trinity, was transported to Trinity Memorial Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

Trinity Volunteer Fire Department responded to the crash. Fire Chief Keith Johnson said the truck was carrying 9,000 gallons of jet fuel, and the department responded with two engines, two tankers and a rescue unit.

Lovelady Fire Department also responded with an engine, tanker and brush truck, and the Texas Forest Service used a plow to create a containment line around the woods fire, which was allowed to burn itself out so as not to contaminate the creek.

On Saturday, troopers investigated a two-vehicle crash on Farm-to-Market Road 356 south of Trinity.

The preliminary crash investigation indicates that at approximately 6:15 p.m., a 2016 Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling north, while a 2014 Kia Rio was traveling south. It is reported that the Harley Davidson failed to the yield right-of-way while turning left and turned into the path of the Kia.

The driver of the Harley Davidson, 55-year-old Steven Wolfe of Trinity, was transported HCA Conroe for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the Kia, 27-year-old Alexander Garcia of Huntsville, and one passenger, 24-year-old Stephanie Mathis of Huntsville, were not injured.



A tractor trailer carrying jet fuel rolled over on Highway 19 on Monday morning, catching fire and setting the surrounding trees on fire. Crews from Lovelady, Trinity and the Texas Forest Service battled the blaze, and the wreck left a Trinity resident injured. COURTESY PHOTO



## MASON DONATION

Joe Werner Masonic Lodge 553 of Trinity donated 75 pair of underwear to the Trinity ISD school nurse for the children. James Moffett and Rich Scott of the lodge presented the donation to the school. COURTESY PHOTO

## Homeowners, renters still eligible for hurricane aid

Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — Since May, FEMA has approved two major disaster declarations for Texans impacted by the Spring severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding, and Hurricane Beryl that followed in early July.

As Texans work to recover, nearly 700,000 individuals and families have been approved for disaster assistance following the Spring storms and Hurricane Beryl surpassing \$844 million across both disasters.

While the deadline to apply for federal assistance for the Spring storms has ended, there is still time for Texans who may need assistance following Hurricane Beryl.

It's been nearly six weeks since the disaster declaration for Beryl, and FEMA has worked with the State to expedite Serious Needs Assistance to help more than 602,000 Texans thus far for a total of more than \$451 million in financial assistance.

FEMA specialists continue working in the 22 counties impacted by the hurricane to help people apply

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RIVER & RAINFALL DATA AS OF AUG 20  
Gauge Height..... 7.74 ft  
Condition..... Normal Flood Stage  
Weekly rainfall..... 0.00 in



# Fundraising a passion for motorcycle group

This weekend I spent going back and forth to the Conroe Hospital with my husband who was doing tests because of shortness of breath. The result is a blockage that for now will be treated with medicine.



**Julia's Tidbits**

By Julia McMichael

Passing through Trinity on Saturday on the way to Conroe was the Circle of Brothers event that was held on South Robb Street, and I wished I was there. I could hear the music from their club house, and almost smell the food.

What a great group of people that host so many fundraising events to help the people of Trinity County. They donate to the Elf Station every year and to individuals who suffer health tragedies or financial ruin from events caused by Mother Nature. (Kudos)

• On Friday, 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.

• 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.

• A new "save the date" is Sept. 13-14 for "Lovestock" at Stesti Beer Garden in Lovelady. This is a musical festival for local musicians. Contact Ana at (832) 452-8575 for more information and sponsorships.

Another new date is Sept. 20, the annual 42 Domino Tournament at Joseph's Restaurant from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. hosted by Trinity Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call me at (936) 537-8171.

• Repeat of September dates: Sept. 2, Labor Day Sept. 19- 21, TCFA Fair Sept. 20, TISD Fair Holiday Sept. 22, Knights of Columbus 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. New details of Oct. Events are as follows:

On Oct. 12 at 4 p.m. is the Brick Street Harmony Quartet (part of the Sweet Adelines of Nacogdoches) in concert at the First Presbyterian Church, 405 N. Elm St., in Trinity. There will be receptions following the concert, and the public is invited to attend.

Trinity County Veterans, Wall of Honor Society 17th Annual Fundraiser is being held on Oct. 26 at Scheelbillies, at 5665 FM 356 in Trinity, from noon-6 p.m.

You do need to be present to win any of the 12 raffle prizes listed below:

1. Canik TD9SF 9 mm blue pistol
  2. \$250 Brookshire Brothers gift card
  3. \$250 pack of Lotto scratch-offs
  4. Blackstone Tailgater 1550 grill and griddle
  5. \$100 Harbor Freight gift card
  6. \$250 cash donated by Shannon Greer
  - 7-10. \$300 cash (donated in memory of friends and veterans)
  11. \$500 cash donated by Personal Touch Cleaning
  12. \$500 Lotto scratch-offs donated by DC Construction
- In addition to the raffle drawings there will be a live auction



New Lions Club member Jessica Parish (left) poses with Misty Roark and Dr. Garry Reece, president of Trinity Lions Club. COURTESY PHOTO

provided by A M Pros (Liz and David Drake). Music and food are provided. Catfish plates are \$10 each and pulled pork sandwiches are \$5 each.

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

• Don't forget the grief support group at the Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church meets every Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. through Oct. 29.

• More new events.

AED/Stop the Bleed Training will be held on Sept. 26, from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Martin Senior Citizen Center, 400 Walker St., in Trinity.

To register for this training, call (936) 594-2625. The training is free, and certification is available for a small fee. Training is provided by the Trinity County Sheriff's Department.

• VFW Post 6899 is hosting a dance and bake sale Sept. 6-7. The bake sale will provide baked goods by Lanora Ainsworth on Friday and Saturday, and an extra game of bingo will be held Friday at noon. Doors open at 10 a.m. The dance at noon, and the band is Shadow Road. The VFW Post is located at 400 Caroline St. in Trinity. Call Marilyn for more information at (281) 782-8309.

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### TRINITY COUNTY WEATHER FORECAST FOR AUGUST 22-28

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny 95°/73° Chance of Rain 6% Wind E 4 mph	Mostly Sunny 96°/72° Chance of Rain 9% Wind SE 5 mph	Mostly Sunny 95°/71° Chance of Rain 7% Wind ESE 6 mph	Mostly Sunny 95°/72° Chance of Rain 7% Wind E 6 mph	Mostly Sunny 93°/73° Chance of Rain 24% Wind E 6 mph	PM Thunderstorms 92°/73° Chance of Rain 35% Wind E 6 mph	Partly Cloudy 93°/73° Chance of Rain 24% Wind ENE 5mph

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



## Looking Back

By Marlena Stubblefield  
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### 10 years ago

Trucks, Fair Housing policy on commissioner's agenda; Groveton schools receive top accountability rating from TEA; McNulty celebrates 104 years; Escape attempt ends to two-vehicle wreck. Obituaries for the week: Robert Larry Cook, 59, of Woodlake; Michael O. Kee, 48, of Groveton; and Charles F. McClain, 78, of

Groveton.

### 20 years ago

GHS Board to hold public hearing; Roy Osborn, Marines now in Iraq; 422 fans, 17 A/C collected for elderly; Indians roll over Garrison-travel to Hemphill for scrimmage. Obituaries for the week: Audrey Yvonne Fry, 46, of Apple Springs; Pearl Willena Ammons, 72, of Crockett; Otha Bruman Maines Jr., 50, of Trinity; Billy Ray Merryman, 71, of Kennard; Alberta Holcombe, 87, of Lufkin; Christopher Charles Kennedy, 28, of Romayor; and Preston White, 92, of Groveton.

### 30 years ago

McKinley, Carr face off at TCAD; Fire chief injured Saturday in fire; Trinity business robbed; City joins TCAD debate. Obituaries for the week: Benjamin Lynn Burke, 33, of Centralia; and John Henry Norsworthy, 71, of Pennington.

## SENIOR MENUS

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Aug. 26-30

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:** Beef stroganoff, corn, cornbread.

**TUESDAY:** Barbecue baked potatoes, baked beans, broccoli, California blend vegetables.

**WEDNESDAY:** Hamburgers with all the trimmings, baked beans, French fries.

**THURSDAY:** Chicken spaghetti, carrots, garlic bread.

**FRIDAY:** Fried fish or chicken tenders, baked beans, corn on the cob, deviled eggs, garlic bread.

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

**MONDAY:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, lima beans, rolls.

**TUESDAY:** Hamburgers or cheeseburgers,

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:** Chicken spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, garlic toast.

**TUESDAY:** Barbecue on a bun, potato salad, baked beans.

**WEDNESDAY:** Tortilla soup, Spanish rice, chips and salsa.

**THURSDAY:** Baked chicken, potatoes, okra and tomatoes, rolls.

**FRIDAY:** Lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, garlic toast.

## ARREST RECORDS

The following people were arrested by Trinity County law enforcement officials through Aug. 19. All suspects are innocent until convicted in a court of law.

• **Steven Brent Nobles**, 49, warrants for two counts of failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements.

• **Weldon Warren**, 35, warrant for deferred adjudication on an original charge of criminal mischief.

• **Omar Rashad Adkins**, 45, warrants for two counts of probation violation on a conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

• **Ashton Kane Rodriguez**, 23, warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

• **Jarod Brandon Volking**, 42, driving while license invalid with previous convictions.

• **Haven Wayne Costlow**, 19, possession of tobacco by a minor; minor in possession of alcohol.

• **Carmen Largent Vann**, 53, warrant for failure to appear on a charge of possession of controlled substance.

• **James Eric Cleveland**, 42, assault causing bodily injury.

• **Martha Weinzell Burton**, 50, possession of a controlled substance; public intoxication.

• **Ryan Joseph Harmon**, 18, possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **Gloria Danielle Smith**, 33, warrant for failure to appear on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **Lazarus Abesol Crockett**, 33, warrants for two counts of arson.

• **Daniel Wayne McKnight**, 47, warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

• **Stephanie Arnell Robbins**, 51, warrants for two counts of failure to appear on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

## LIFE TRIBUTES

### Gerald Wesley Bloomfield

June 18, 1927-Aug. 18, 2024

Funeral services for Gerald Wesley Bloomfield, 97, of Livingston, will be held Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024, at 11 a.m., at Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston. Interment will follow at Carlisle Cemetery in the Carlisle Community in Polk County. Visitation will be held Thursday, Aug. 22, from 10-11 a.m., before the service begins, at Cochran Funeral Home in Livingston.

Mr. Bloomfield was born June 18, 1927, and passed away Aug. 18, 2024, in Humble. He is preceded in death by his parents, Fred Leroy Bloomfield and Ivy Ila (Baker) Bloomfield; and brothers, Donald Ray Bloomfield and Arvel Bloomfield.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Sue Bloomfield; sons and daughters-in-law, Glenn and Dahni Bloomfield, and Gary and Alejandrina Bloomfield; grandchildren, Shelby, Ann Marie, and Brian; along with numerous other relatives and friends.



Gerald Wesley Bloomfield

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at [www.cochranfh.com](http://www.cochranfh.com). 163

### James Smith

Nov. 14, 1939-Aug. 19, 2024

Funeral services for James Harold Smith, 84, of Apple Springs, will be held Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024, at 2 p.m. in Carroway Funeral Home Chapel with Mike Due officiating. Interment will follow at Bennett Cemetery in Apple Springs.

Mr. Smith was born Nov. 14, 1939, in Lufkin, to the late Anna B. (Jones) and Weaver Harold Smith, and died Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, at his residence. He was a retired college instructor of diesel mechanics and lifelong rancher.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Sue (Witt) Smith, of Apple Springs; son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Tiana Smith, of Lufkin; daughters and son-in-law, Sharon and Andy Delgado, of Nacogdoches, and Shandi Porterfield, of Lufkin; grandchildren and spouses, Rachel and Dean Dilbeck, Hannah Smith, Travis Cain, Lauren Leon, Joel and Brooke Calloway, Andrew and Gabby Calloway, Shara and Geoff Will, and Colson Porterfield; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Pallbearers will be Joel Calloway, Andrew Calloway, Travis Cain, Michael Beard, Geoff Will, and Dean Dilbeck.

Honorary pallbearers will be Phil Witt, Roy Lynn Madden, Dave Saunders, Joe Mack Deason, John Thannisch, Andy Jarvis, and Garner Spring.



James Smith

The family extends special thanks to Visiting Angels and Hospice in the Pines for their care of Mr. Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Apple Springs Baptist Church, P.O. Box 22, Apple Springs, TX 75926.

The family will welcome friends and loved ones from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memories and condolences may be added at [www.carrowayfuneralhome.com](http://www.carrowayfuneralhome.com).

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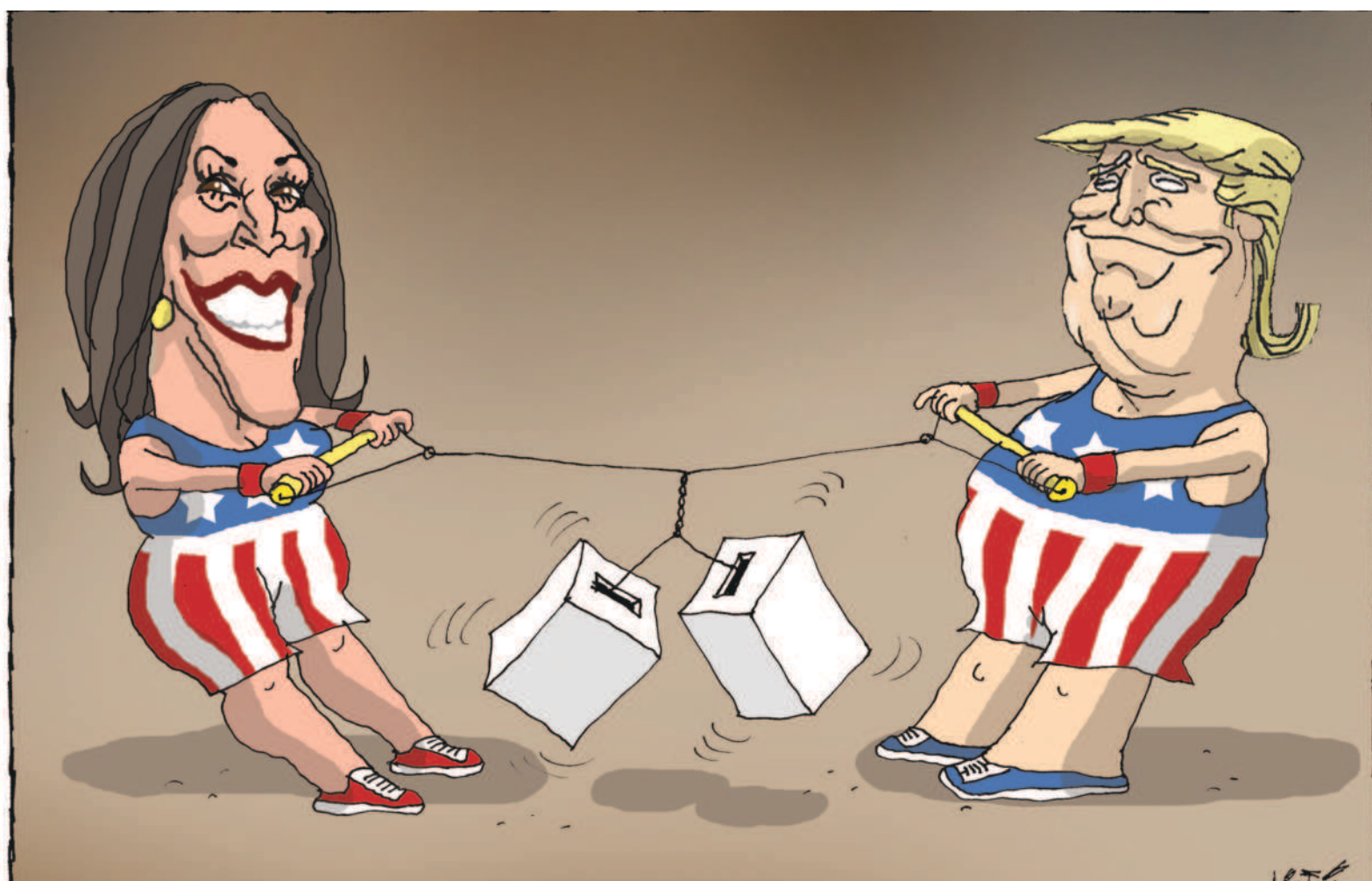


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## We'll fix those pesky high prices for you (that we created): Feds

It's pretty much a given that everyone is upset about the rising costs of everything, particularly food.

For me, the only bright spot in that was that I found that the Kroger version of zero sugar soda was much tastier than Coke's, but it's still doggone pricey.

While many have gone with off-brand stuff to try to save a buck, hopefully to feed a family without skipping a car payment, it's still galling that the prices continue to climb.

Since it's an election year, and since we don't have any idea how to solve our other problems, we'll make promises to take on those evil grocery store chains, since the only reason that prices are high is that stores are price gouging.

Umm, yeah. The Democrats' emergency backup candidate is being faced with ridicule and scorn for proposing to hold price hikes to a



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minimum. In my research into this, though, it turns out that this kind of reaction will accomplish exactly the opposite of what is intended, since it doesn't solve the underlying causes of high prices.

According to numerous news outlets, including those normally in the tank for the left, this kind of reaction has been tried in many other countries, and in every case, it has failed miserably. It also has another side effect, in that it will first kill off the mom-and-pop stores, then some of the smaller stores, which then lead to food shortages and Soviet-style bread lines.

It's a pretty much accepted that the cause of high prices stems from the increased cost of production, and in particular, transportation costs, which have increased because the ridiculous policies of the current administration have caused the price of gasoline to almost double.

The government's policy of printing more money to jumpstart the economy has played into the rising price of everything, too.

Yet no way, no how will you hear the government, with or without the Steve Urkel voice, saying, "Did I do that?"

While this might have some mass appeal, it's only because the real reasons haven't been made too public, even with the negative reception by the mainstream propagandists.

Even better, since all of those same economic pressures have made home ownership extremely difficult, the replacement candidate is telling folks she has a plan

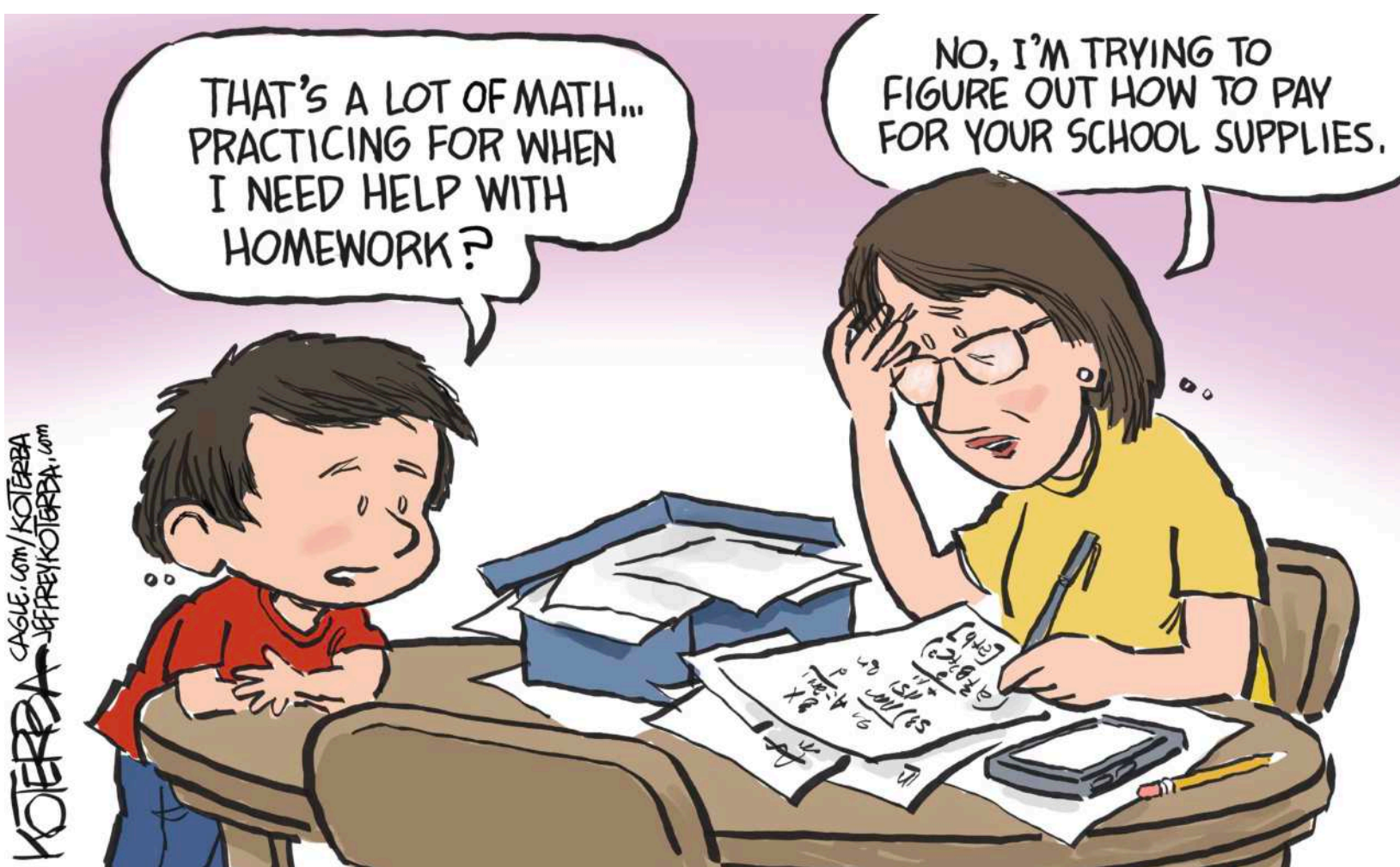
to provide first-time homebuyers \$25,000 in magic federal money.

Many economists and people of financial knowledge have claimed that this will simply make the homes more expensive, since sellers will obviously add \$25,000 to the price, and that will put the home-seeking public in the same boat.

But more to that point, where is all of this money coming from? The country has a trillion-dollar deficit and is more than \$35 trillion in debt, and the best plan is to spend even more money?

I cannot understand why the default setting of our current government to only double down on policies that are at the core disastrous. Better to remove bad policy than to press forward with worse ideas in the guise of fixes.

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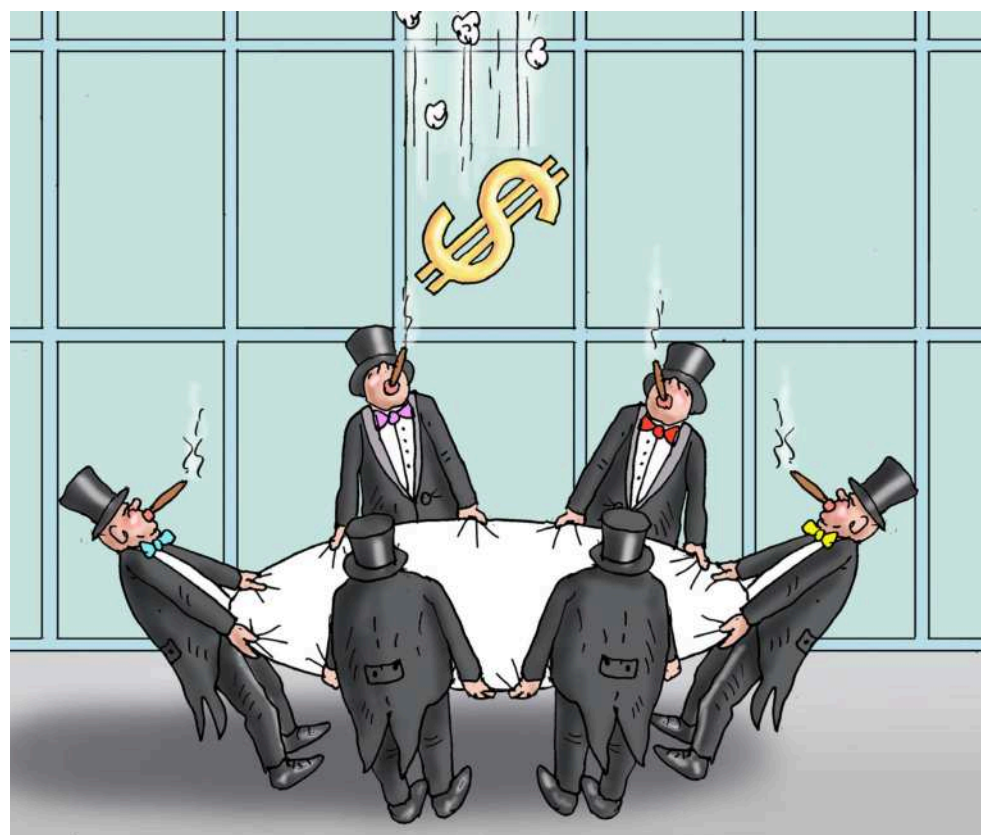
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# Heat-related deaths in Texas likely undercounted

As Texans endure the dog days of summer, experts say deaths related to heat in Texas and nationwide are likely undercounted, the Texas Standard reported.

With climate change causing warmer days and nights, last year was the hottest on record in Texas. Though this summer has not been quite as brutal, those working outside are still at considerable risk.

In 2023, 365 people in Texas died directly from heat, and heat was named a contributing factor in another 197 deaths. Accounting for heat's role in a death is challenging, however.

"The health impacts (of heat) are a little bit more subtle," said cardiologist Sameed Khatana, assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. "They can be delayed. And trying to tease apart whether a death or an adverse health effect occurred due to the temperature is quite challenging."

Heat has been called "the most dangerous phenomenon that workers face," according to the Texas Standard story.

## Overcrowding, understaffing force jails to move inmates

Jails both large and small are struggling to properly house incarcerated people, and millions in tax dollars are being spent to transport inmates to other jails, sometimes in other states, The Texas Tribune reported.

The number of Texas inmates housed outside the county where they were arrested more than doubled from 2019 to 2024, from 2,078 to 4,358. In June 2024, 41 percent of Texas county jails housed inmates elsewhere, according to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

"Counties are having to think outside the box," said Ricky Armstrong, assistant director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.



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By Gary Borders  
Texas Press Association

"We know there are some counties housing people out of state. It's not something we recommend or encourage, but we see that as a necessary evil."

Among the factors increasing the number of inmates held elsewhere: a law limiting who can be released from jail while awaiting trial; an overburdened mental health system; and a difficulty in finding jailers.

While law enforcement officials advocate for increased jail space to ease the problem, civil rights advocates and defense attorneys say the state should invest more in mental health services and alternatives to jail.

"We are addicted to carceral solutions," Krish Gundu, co-founder of the Texas Jail Project, which advocates for people in Texas county jails, told The Tribune. "If we really cared about not having these people in jails, you'd look at why they are ending up in jail and solve the problem at the root."

## Paxton threatens to sue over State Fair gun policy

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton says he will sue the City of Dallas if it does not change a new gun policy. The city plans to ban licensed gun holders from bringing weapons to the State Fair of Texas unless they are active police officers or qualified retired officers. The Dallas Morning News reported

the fair announced the change after a shooting last year wounded three people.

A letter from the AG's office to the city of Dallas said the new policy violates state law, which says cities and other entities cannot ban handguns on government property unless there is a legal exception, such as for schools.

More than 70 Texas lawmakers issued a letter last week urging the fair to rescind its new policy, saying "gun-free zones are a magnet for crime because they present less of a threat to those who seek to do evil," The News reported.

Meanwhile, the Houston Chronicle reported Paxton will work at a food bank as part of a plea deal he made in March with prosecutors to close the securities fraud case against him. He is required to complete 100 hours of community service and pay about \$300,000 in restitution to the victims.

## A cooler and wetter July for most of the state

The drought situation in Texas continues to ease, thanks in part to a wetter and cooler July, according to Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. At the end of July, 20 percent of the state was in drought, down five percentage points from the end of June. That is the lowest extent of drought since October 2021.

"Precipitation varied considerably, with large areas of Central and East Texas getting twice their normal rainfall, while parts of West Texas and the Panhandle got less than 25 percent of normal," Wentzel wrote.

The return of the La Niña weather system is likely to bring warmer and drier temperatures to the state this winter, according to Wentzel. Much of the drought area that remains in Texas is in the Big Bend area, as well

as in the Hill Country west of San Antonio.

## TWDB adopts the first state flood plan

The state now has its first comprehensive statewide assessment of flood risk after the water development board voted to adopt the 2024 State Flood Plan.

"Adopting the first-ever state flood plan is a monumental achievement for Texas," said TWDB Chairwoman Brooke Paup.

The plan presents about 4,600 plans and projects from 15 regional flood planning entities. Approximately one in every six people in Texas lives or works in known flood hazard areas.

TWDB will produce a new state flood plan every five years.

## Fraudulent banking website reported

The Texas Department of Banking is warning consumers to be aware of a fraudulent banking website purporting to offer online and in-person banking services. A fake bank calling itself "All Finance Bank of Texas," claiming to be located in Houston, and a website, allfinanbnktx.us, are not known to be associated with a known bank.

"No bank doing business under the name All Finance Bank of Texas has been authorized to provide banking services in Texas, nor is any bank by that name supervised by the Department of Banking, the FDIC, the Federal Reserve, or other U.S. regulatory authorities," TDB said in a news release.

Anyone with information or questions about the purported bank are urged to call TDB at 877-276-5554.

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# Homecoming big, bold, and neon

## Ex-students turn to nostalgia to recognize the 1984 Groveton Indian State Champs

**Special to the News-Standard**

GROVETON — The Groveton Ex-Students Association will host the “big” homecoming on Sept. 27 this year with a tribute to the 1984 state championship Indian football team.

**GHS Homecoming 2024 Schedule**  
 Sept. 27  
 8 a.m. — Meet and Greet, High School (Old Gym); Registration: Chairman Betty Ken-

dy Whittlesey; refreshments: Debbie Bailey Wilson and Maria Plotts. Cookbooks will be available for purchase.

Noon — Lunch, Elementary Cafeteria or a downtown location of your choice

1 p.m. — Pep Rally, High School Gym  
 3 p.m. — Biennial Business Meeting-Old Gym

4 p.m. — Class reunions 1960-64, First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
 7:30 p.m. — Groveton Indians vs. Frankston

Indians, John W. Reynolds Football Field  
 Half-time Crowning of our 2024 Homecoming Queen, Band Sweetheart and Beau After game Street Dance, Downtown Sept. 28

8:30 a.m. — Parade Lineup at Football Field parking lot, Tim Coker, Chair

9:15 a.m. — Parade entry judging (Cash prizes for first, second and third places)

10 a.m. — Parade Begins; route will be through downtown

11 a.m. — Parade will disburse at the football field via North Kenley Street

2:30 p.m. — Hall of Fame Reception, Old Gym; induction of honorees and announcement of parade winners

5 p.m. — Class reunions 1970-74 at Riata on Main Street

Class reunions can be planned for that weekend; call Kathleen at (936) 642-1473. The Riata on Main has also been reserved as a gathering place.

# Methamphetamine use in East Texas: An ongoing battle

**Special to the News-Standard**

John, a resident of East Texas, struggled with methamphetamine addiction for several years. His life took a downward spiral as his addiction deepened, leading to severe health problems, strained family relationships, and legal troubles.

John vividly remembers the physical toll and the mental struggles he endured.

Methamphetamine use remains a significant public health challenge in East Texas. This highly addictive stimulant poses a severe risk to individuals and communities alike. A look into the current state of methamphetamine use within our region reveals how crucial to understand its impact, the signs of abuse, and the resources available for those in need.

Despite these challenges, John's turning point came when he was referred to the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council's treatment program. Initially hesitant, John gradually committed to the comprehensive treatment plan, which included detoxification, individual and group counseling sessions, and ongoing support. The compassionate and professional staff at ADAC played a crucial role in

his recovery, providing the necessary resources and support to help him rebuild his life.

Through the program, John reconnected with his family, repaired broken relationships, and found stable employment. Today, John is a strong advocate for addiction recovery, often sharing his story to inspire others struggling with similar issues. His journey underscores the importance of recognizing the signs of methamphetamine abuse early and seeking help from trusted organizations like ADAC.

The rise of fentanyl-laced methamphetamine has added another layer of danger. As Kim Bartel explains, “Due to the fentanyl, there is an increased risk of not only overdose but of severe side-effects.” This makes it even more crucial to be vigilant and proactive in addressing this issue.

Methamphetamine, commonly known as meth, crystal, or ice, has seen a resurgence in East Texas over the past decade. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, methamphetamine is one of the most reported drugs in substance abuse treatment admissions.

In East Texas, this increase is alarming due to the drug's potent addictive properties and the severe physical and psychological effects

it has on users.

Bartel, the Region Five Prevention Resource Center Program Manager, notes, “We've seen an increase in fentanyl-laced methamphetamine coming up from Mexico,” further complicating the issue. He went on to note that, “fentanyl contamination of other drugs has pushed East Texas to have the highest overdose per capita in Texas.”

Methamphetamine use not only affects the individuals who use it but also has far-reaching consequences for families, communities, and the broader society. The drug is linked to a range of issues, including severe health problems, such as chronic dental issues, skin sores, weight loss, and increased risk of infectious diseases.

Mental health issues are also prevalent, with users often experiencing anxiety, paranoia, hallucinations, and violent behavior. Crime rates are notably affected by methamphetamine use, with a rise in both property crimes and violent offenses. Furthermore, the economic costs to the community are substantial, encompassing healthcare expenses, law enforcement efforts, and lost productivity.

Early detection of methamphetamine abuse can significantly improve recovery out-

comes. Common physical signs include rapid weight loss, dental issues (often referred to as “meth mouth”), skin sores, and hyperactivity. Behavioral signs to watch for include erratic behavior, paranoia, hallucinations, and social isolation.

For those struggling with methamphetamine use, immediate help is available. Community support is robust, with local organizations like the Alcohol & Drug Awareness Council (ADAC) providing resources, support groups, and educational programs to assist individuals and families affected by methamphetamine use.

Methamphetamine use remains a critical issue in East Texas, impacting the health and safety of individuals and communities. By understanding the scope of the problem, recognizing the signs of abuse, and knowing where to find help, we can work together to combat this epidemic. Remember, recovery is possible, and support is available.

For more information and resources, please visit the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council's website at <http://www.adacdet.org> or contact our office directly at 1-800-445-8562. Let us work together to build a healthier, drug-free East Texas.

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for assistance. They have visited more than 95,000 homes and 1,189 public locations. FEMA has operated 33 Disaster Recovery Centers visited by more than 30,000 residents. More than 900 families with 17,000 members have stayed in hotels temporarily at FEMA expense because they could not return to their homes.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$162.5 million in low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organi-

zations, and businesses.

There is still time to apply for assistance. Homeowners and renters in Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties with uninsured losses from Hurricane Beryl who have not yet applied may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

Homeowners and renters have several options to apply for FEMA assistance:

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- Download the FEMA App for mobile devices.

- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center. To find a center location near you go to [fema.gov/drc](http://fema.gov/drc).

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations and businesses of any size. Applicants may apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at [SBA.gov/disaster](http://SBA.gov/disaster) or by calling 800-659-2955. SBA representatives

are available to provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants at the Disaster Recovery Centers throughout the affected area. Business Recovery Centers are operating at University of Houston Downtown, Marilyn Davies College of Business, Trini Mendenhall Community Center in Houston and East Montgomery County Improvement District in Montgomery County.

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

For more information, visit [fema.gov/disaster/4798](http://fema.gov/disaster/4798). Follow FEMA Region 6 on social media at [x.com/FEMARegion6](https://x.com/FEMARegion6) and on Facebook at [@femaregion6](https://www.facebook.com/femaregion6).

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**BITE by BITE**  
 Conquering My Culinary  
 Bucket List One Dish at a Time  
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“Traveling in the company of those we love is home in motion.” – Leigh Hunt

# Relaxing with family in a beautiful setting

Known for its trout and bass, beautiful Broken Bow Lake is filled with cool clear water from the Mountain Fork River.

Earlier this summer, we marked off the first full week of August on our calendars for a family vacation. Unlike most of our trips where we have numerous things planned to see and do, this one was different. We didn't plan a thing. We simply wanted to get away, rest, relax and spend quality time with our daughter who is about to head off for college.

Having discussed multiple options, we ultimately chose to rent a cabin in Broken Bow, Okla. We didn't realize until we got there that the cabin was actually located in Hochatown. Hochatown and Broken Bow are both charming little towns located in McCurtain County in the southeastern corner of Oklahoma, in the foothills of the Ouachita Mountains. The area is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts with its nearby Broken Bow Lake.

Hochatown is the second to hold the name after the first was flooded by the damming of the Mountain Fork River to create Broken Bow Lake. The lake was constructed in 1968 and filled and opened in 1970. Located along the Mountain Fork River, the lake is about eight miles north of the town of Broken Bow.

The land that would become Hochatown was owned by the Choctaw tribe, with 12 families moving into the area in the 1880s. Like Broken Bow, Hochatown grew around the Choctaw Lumber and Coal Company, gaining a post office in 1894 and becoming a bustling little town by 1900.

During the 1920s and 1930s, prime lumber supply dwindled and the lumber company moved to other

local areas. Meanwhile, the community became noted for its moonshine production. The town's heyday soon passed, however. The post office shut down in 1963 and the last family left the site in 1966. The cemetery and town church were moved to higher ground while all the other buildings were destroyed and the area is now underwater. Today, the local economy is primarily supported by the influx of tourism around the lake and numerous parks.

Our cabin was comfortable and charming and located near Beavers Bend State Park. We spent several days exploring the park, as well as Broken Bow Lake and the Mountain Fork River. The entire area was absolutely beautiful.

Construction of the park began in 1935 by enrollees of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) through FDR's "New Deal" program. Donations from local citizens were instrumental in the purchase of 1,200 acres of land for the park. Beavers Bend State Park is one of seven state parks in Oklahoma that were constructed by CCC enrollees.

Located within Beavers Bend State Park is the Forest Heritage Center, a museum and learning center "designed to explore humanity's continuing relationship with the forest." The center welcomes visitors to the heart of the Ouachita National Forest. The center was educational and fascinating with its various displays showcasing the integral impact of the timber industry throughout the area.

An unexpected surprise for us was the center's temporary exhibit of the famous Smokey Bear paintings in celebration of Smokey's 80th birthday. The historic paintings, created by Artist Rudy Wendelin between 1977 and 1995, depict Smokey's iconic image and message, "Only YOU can prevent wildfires."

In addition to sightseeing and relaxing, we also enjoyed some good food at Buffalo Grill, Hochatown Saloon, Hochatown Swamp Booger Mercantile and one of our favorites, Grateful Head Pizza Oven & Tap Room.

Inspired by the love and fellowship of DeadHeads – fans and followers of the band the Grateful Dead – two brothers wanted to share the experience of all the joy and fun of a live Dead show. Their dream was found in the bones of an old abandoned school house in the Ouachita Mountains where they sell "hippie-inspired pizza pies and cold draws of draft beer" and their slogan is "Make pizza not war."

We wouldn't have even known about Grateful Head had it not been for our friend Gary Davis who was there earlier this year with some of his BMX racing friends and enjoyed it and recommended it.

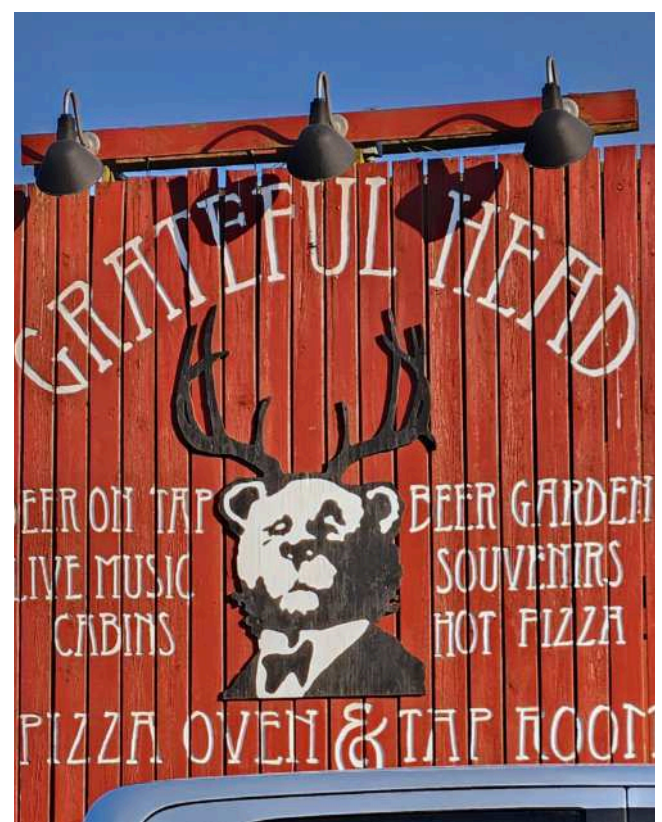
Our week relaxing went by all too quickly, but we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and saw some beautiful country we'd never seen before. In fact, now that we're familiar with the area, Hubby and I are already talking about returning, perhaps later this fall after we get Daughter settled in at college. It's not a bad drive either – just a short four and half hours from Livingston. ■

“What’s your favorite place?’ ‘I don’t have a favorite place, I have my favorite people. and, whenever I’m with my favorite people, it becomes my favorite place.”  
 – Unknown

“Travel is rich with learning opportunities, and the ultimate souvenir is a broader perspective.”  
 – Rick Steves



This year marks the 80th birthday of Smokey Bear.



Grateful Head Pizza Oven & Tap Room is the perfect place for pizza and cold beer.



Brisket nachos at Buffalo Grill.



Hubby prepared “surf and turf” at the cabin one evening.



The classic burger and fries at Hochatown Saloon.



We selected the “Dire Wolf” (Old World Italian sausage, pepperoni, bacon, hamburger, Canadian bacon & Genoa salami) with jalapenos.



# TRINITY COUNTY SPORTS

## The quest for a breakout season begins

By Scott Womack  
TCNS correspondent

**TRINITY** — With the 2024 Texas High School Football Season rapidly approaching, the Trinity Tigers are preparing to take the field under the Friday Night Lights

On Friday, the Tigers hosted the Top 10-ranked Lovelady Lions in the first of two organized scrimmages prior to the beginning of non-district play.

In what is basically considered a full-speed practice, with each team getting a set amount of offensive and defensive plays followed by one quarter of live football, the Lions and Tigers embraced the opportunity to compete

against a different team.

The Lions took their first set of offensive plays first and attacked quickly completing a 75-yard pass for a quick score. The Lions remained on offense and took 9 plays to march down the field, but on a fourth-down play, the Tiger defense caused a fumble out of bounds. Due to the rules of scrimmage play, the Lions retained possession and scored on the final play of their offensive reps taking a two score lead.

The Tiger offense started sluggish, but a 57-yard run by quarterback Turbo Maxey set the Tigers up at the Lion 20-yard line, after a 3-yard loss on the following play, Maxey found Aden Dubose in the end zone for a

23-yard touchdown pass.

The Lions and Tigers second team offenses were unable to score on their allotted plays and on the final set of 8 plays for each team the Lions were able to combine long pass plays and running plays to add another score to their tally. The Tiger offense was unable to sustain a drive to score on their eight plays.

With the controlled portion of the scrimmage concluded, the teams played one 12-minute timed quarter in game-like conditions, with the exception of special teams play. The Tigers took the ball first and were unable to make a first down so a simulated 30-yard punt gave the Lions the ball at their 42-yard line. A 41-yard run set the Lions up

at the Tiger 18-yard line and 4 plays later were able to punch the ball into the end zone from the 1-yard line.

Neither team was able to effectively move the ball during the remainder of the quarter and the Lions left the scrimmage with a 4-touchdown-to-1 advantage over the Tigers.

The Tiger coaching staff commended the team on its effort and showed where improvements have been made and what areas are still in need of work. The Tigers will travel to Centerville Thursday night to scrimmage the Centerville Tigers in the final intersquad practice before hosting Hull-Daisetta on Aug. 30 at Tiger Stadium.



Tiger Head Coach Shawn Stout talks with a junior varsity player after a tough play during Friday's scrimmage against the Lovelady Lions. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



The Tiger defensive line wraps up a Lovelady Lion running back.. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



A Trinity defensive back wraps up a Lovelady receiver to stop a large gain. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



The Trinity Tiger quarterback runs past a Lovelady defender. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



The Trinity running back gets trapped at the line of scrimmage. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



Trinity's quarterback grabs a wide snap from the center to start the play. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



From Head Coach Shawn Stout's viewpoint, the Tiger defense did several things well against the No. 9 team in the state. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



Trinity and Lovelady line up for the next play in Friday's scrimmage.. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS

## Boys lost twice, girls win in season opener

TCNS staff

**CENTERVILLE** — The Centerville Junior High Bulldogs tipped off the 2024 basketball sea-

son last week against the Big Sandy-Dallardsville Wildcats.

The Boys A team lost 44-20. Drew Larsen led the team with 14 points, followed by Trinity Ner-

ren with 3 points and Tanner Kellum with 3 points.

The Boys B Team lost 30-5. Cash Noack led with 3 points, and Brayson Nerren and Rylan Proctor each contributed 1 point.

Meanwhile, the Girls A Team defeated Big Sandy 31-15. Avery Brown put on a scoring class with 28 points, while Laura Rogers hit the remaining 3 points.

## Lady Indians take first in own tournament

TCNS staff

**GROVETON** — The Groveton Lady Indians went 4-1 in their early season tournament to claim first place, while the junior varsity took third place.

The varsity girls won over Crockett 2-0, over Leggett 2-0, over Colmesneil 2-0 and

over an unnamed opponent 2-1. The team lost to Hudson 2-0.

On Aug. 13, the Lady Indians downed Kennard 3-0, with scores of 25-13, 25-19 and 25-19.

**Apple Springs**

The Lady Eagles traveled to Palestine this past weekend to play some very tough

opponents.

While the team did not come out with a win in its 6 matches, Head Coach Denise Browning said the girls played incredibly competitively.

"We are such a young team with five freshman and no seniors on our varsity squad," she said. "We are focused now on

running the system correctly and learning to play as a team. I am so incredibly proud of their hard work, teamwork, and their commitment to getting better."

**Trinity**

The Lady Tigers were downed 3-0 — 25-7, 25-12 and 25-7 — by Corrigan-Camden.

# Texas stars shine bright in Texas

The Paris 2024 Summer Olympics wrapped up recently, and the United States once again stole the show. American athletes racked up 40 gold medals and 126 total medals, leaving second-place China trailing behind by 35 medals.

But behind the stars and stripes, one state made a name for itself on the global stage: Texas.

In a stunning display of superior athleticism and grit, Texas athletes brought home a staggering 41 medals, including 16 gold, 14 silver, and 11 bronze. If Texas were its own country, it would have ranked eighth in the world in terms of medals accumulated, outshining many established sports nations and cementing its reputation as a global sports powerhouse.



This achievement is no fluke. With our state's vast size, diverse population, and deep-rooted sports culture, Texas has become a breeding ground for the world's most decorated athletes in everything from swimming and track to gymnastics and basketball.

Simone Biles, a Houstonian and world-renowned gymnast, captivated audiences in Paris this year as she made a remarkable Olympic comeback. The crowd erupted in applause as she entered the arena for one of the most technically challenging events in gymnastics: the vault.

The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) also had a stellar showing, with current and former student-athletes winning 16 medals in Paris, including six gold, seven silver, and three bronze.

If UT Austin had competed as its own country, it would have ranked 16th in total medals and tied for 14th in golds. Other NCAA Division I schools in Texas also earned an impressive number of medals, with Texas A&M athletes winning five, the University of Houston earning two, and Baylor University and Texas Christian University each claiming one.

The achievements of these schools highlight the incredible talent and competitive spirit that defines Texas athletics. The 2024 Paris Olympics will go down in history as a defining moment for sports in Texas. The Lone Star State's impressive medal haul is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and competitive spirit of our athletes.

But more than that, Texas' Olympic success reflects a deep-rooted sporting culture that values and produces excellence at every level. As our state continues to produce world-class athletes, its influence on the global stage is bound to grow as the legacy of the 2024 Olympics inspires future generations of Texans to dream big and achieve greatness.

As our state continues to produce world-class athletes, its influence on the global stage is bound to grow as the legacy of the 2024 Olympics inspires future generations of Texans to dream big and achieve greatness. Texas has proven that it's not just a state, but a formidable force in the world of sports — a force that will continue to shape athletics at the Olympic level for generations to come.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence, and Judiciary committees.

# State works to keep your kids learning

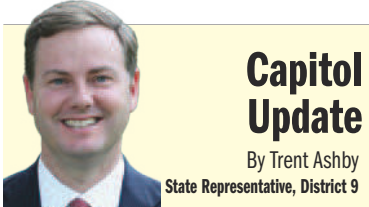
With the start of the new school year, I want to wish our students continued success as they embark on another year of learning, opportunity, and lifelong memories.

As students pour into the hallways and classrooms of schools across the state, I also want to acknowledge and sincerely thank the teachers, faculty, and administrators who have worked tirelessly to prepare for the new school year. These men and women play such a critical role in shaping our children's future, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their dedicated service.

With that, we'll dive back into our examination of House interim charges.

### Public Education

The House Committee on Public Education has jurisdiction over bills regarding public school systems, state programming of elementary and secondary education, and proposals to create or change school districts.



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The Committee also oversees state agencies such as the Texas Education Agency, the Texas representatives to the Education Commission of the States, the State Board for Educator Certification, and others.

Over the interim, the Committee will monitor the implementation of House Bill 1605, Senate Bill 2124, and House Bill 2209. HB 1605 completely reformed how the Texas Education Agency and public schools acquire educational materials to ensure our schoolchildren have access to high-quality, appropriate materials in the classroom.

SB 2124 requires middle schools to develop an advanced mathematics program for their students to prepare students to enroll in Algebra I in 8th grade so that a larger number of students can complete advanced math courses in high school.

HB 2209 established the Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership (R-PEP) program, which allows rural school districts to form collaborative partnerships with colleges, universities, or businesses to expand opportunities for students to access college and career pathways.

Additionally, the Committee will evaluate if Texas can increase educational opportunities in Texas to ensure that students and families have increased options to attend a high-quality school, regardless of circumstance.

The Committee will also examine the impact on student outcomes as a result of the increasing number of newly hired Texas teachers who are not certified by the State Board for Educator Certification and will make recommendations to enhance opportunities for uncertified teachers to become certified, as well as strengthen parental rights and notifications.

Finally, the Committee will evaluate opportunities to improve students' early literacy and numeracy outcomes in Pre-Kindergarten through the third grade. It will study best practices for identifying students requiring reading and math intervention and providing evidence-based intervention strategies. The Committee will recommend changes and evaluate investments to increase the number of students achieving reading and math proficiency by the end of third grade.

The mobile office is still on the road this month, and our District Director looks forward to seeing you on Aug. 21 at the Houston County Courthouse Annex in Crockett from 9-11 a.m. and the Trinity County Courthouse in Groveton from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can help you in any way. My district office may be reached at (936) 634-2762 and my Capitol office may be reached at (512) 463-0508. Additionally, I welcome you to follow along on my Official Facebook Page, where I will be posting regular updates on what's happening in your State Capitol and sharing information that could be useful to you and your family: <https://www.facebook.com/RepTrentAshby/>.

Trent Ashby represents District 9, which includes Trinity County, in the Texas Legislature.

# Find your prey with a newly renamed app

### Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department launched an updated version of the official mobile app used by hunters and anglers across the state for harvest reporting, electronic onsite registration, digital license display, and more.

Formerly named My Texas Hunt Harvest, the mobile app will have an updated look and a new name, Texas Hunt & Fish, but will have all the same great features users are familiar with from the previous version of the app.

With the Texas Hunt & Fish mobile app hunters and anglers can satisfy mandatory reporting requirements for wild turkey, white-tailed deer and alligator gar harvest, as well as complete electronic on-site registration for most public hunting sites accessed when using the Annual Public Hunt (APH) Permit. Fully digital license holders must use the Texas Hunt & Fish app to execute digital tags for deer, turkey, oversized red drum and spotted seatrout.

One of the newest features, launched during the 2023-24 hunting season, is the app's ability to show Chronic Wasting Disease zones relative to the hunter's location if they have the location services turned on.

A full list of features includes:

- Online and offline functionality – use the app regardless of data service once it has been installed and your account is connected
- Connect and display your hunting and fishing license (note that paper license holders must still carry physical tags when pursuing tagged species)
- Perform mandatory hunt harvest reporting for wild turkey, white-tailed deer, and alligator gar

Digitally tag harvested game and fish (requires purchase of an appropriate digital hunting and/or fishing license)

- Track and view your harvest history
- Perform electronic onsite registration (eOSR) for many public hunt areas
- Download maps of many public hunt areas for use with or without data service
- View CWD Zone boundaries and, with location service enabled, determine your position in relation to the nearest zone

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Users not wishing to use the app can complete mandatory harvest reporting online.

Users that already have the old version of the app downloaded on their devices will need to update to the new version starting on Aug. 15 to get all the latest features and to ensure proper app functionality.

Get the free Texas Hunt & Fish app in Apple and Google Play stores (links to download also available at [tpwd.texas.gov/thf](http://tpwd.texas.gov/thf)).

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# AREA DIGEST



### Fair meeting set

The Trinity County Fair & Livestock Show Board will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Farm Bureau Meeting Room, 123 S. Devine St.

All interested parties are welcome to attend.

### Author to speak

The Republican Women of Trinity County are hosting an evening with Nick Adams, an author of works on patriotism and founder of Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness.

The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at River of Life Church, 2390 Highway 19 South, in Trinity. There is no charge.

For information, contact Barbara Chamberlin, RWTC president, at (936) 222-2590, or by email at republicanwomen-trinityco@gmail.com.

### Fair donations needed

The 2024 Trinity Community Fair and Livestock Show is coming up Sept. 19-21 at the Trinity Community Center and Sale Barn.

The theme for the TCFA Fair this year is "Hats Off to 75 Years"

These kids work hard to raise

their animals, and the Trinity Youth Livestock Show and Auction is very important to them. Please help by donating to the Trinity Buyer's Group.

Donations can be sent to Trinity Buyer's Group, P.O. Box 1362, Trinity, TX 75862. For information, call George or Theresa Gallagher at (936) 661-5707.

### 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.

### 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 et-conservationexpo@gmail.com.

### Open gym night

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

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

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

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

### GOP Ladies meet

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

Meetings are held at the Trinity County Community Center at 2693 US Hwy 297, Groveton. For more information, contact

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

### Church program set

Calvary Baptist Church in Trinity invites children from 3 years old through the fifth grade to join in a fun-filled AWANA program that runs every Wednesday night from 6-8 p.m.

For information, contact the church at (936) 594-3611.

### Band holds fundraiser

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

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

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

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

### Veterans museum hosts events

HEARTS Veterans Museum hosts HAM radio class/testing

at the Walker County Storm Shelter on the second Saturday of every month from 9-11 a.m.

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

### Delivery available

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

Guests also are welcome to enjoy mahjongo 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.

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

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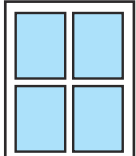
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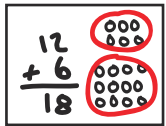
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### What's an entrepreneur?

An **entrepreneur** (on-trah-preh-nyur) is a person who sees a way to earn some money by solving a particular problem.

For example, lots of kids have learned that thirsty people on hot days will pay for a cold glass of lemonade.

### Entrepreneurial Thinking

Can you see the job opportunity in each of these pictures? Look at each picture. What problems do you see here? What kind of help might they be willing to pay for?

**Standards Link:** Economics: Students know that entrepreneurs are people who use resources to produce innovative goods and services they hope people will buy.

### Who wants to make money?

One way to make money is to get a job. But that is not possible for everyone. Often times kids can't get jobs because they are too young.

But that hasn't stopped kids around the world from finding clever ways of earning some cash. Some kids, like Jason, turn doing something they love into a way of earning money.

Look at each of the following pictures. Write down ways a business you could start might be able to help.

**PROBLEM:** Litter around the neighborhood.

**SOLUTION:**

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**PROBLEM:** Neighbor who works all day has new kitten.

**SOLUTION:**

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**PROBLEM:** Weather heat wave.

98°	101°	104°	106°	103°	99°	95°
SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

**SOLUTION:**

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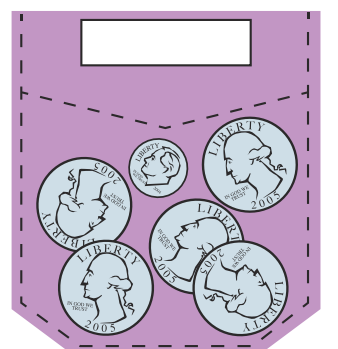
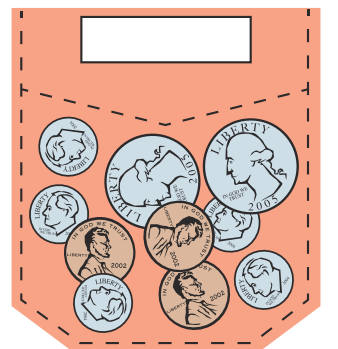
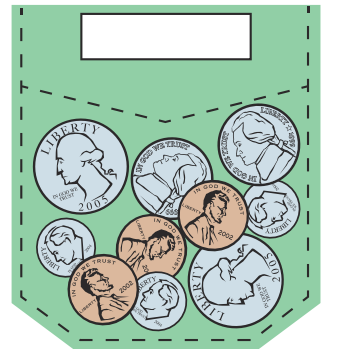
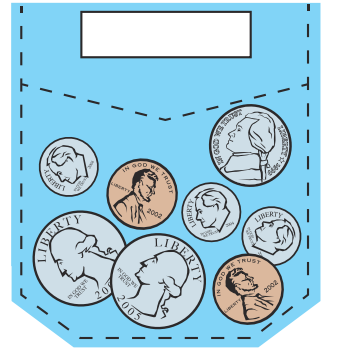
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**Extra! Extra!**

### Business Search

Look through the newspaper and make a list of all the businesses mentioned. Group these businesses into groups such as restaurants, stores, manufacturers, etc. Put each list into alphabetical order.

**Standards Link:** Research: Organize information from research into categories.



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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word: OPPORTUNITY**

The noun **opportunity** means a chance, especially one that offers some kind of reward.

Taylor got the **opportunity** to see his name in print when his essay was published in the newspaper.

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

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to reveal the answer to this riddle.

**What has a mouth but doesn't eat, a bank with no money and a bed but never sleeps?**

22    26    5    27    9    26

13 + 9 = A    33 + 6 = G    15 + 11 = R  
24 - 6 = D    28 + 4 = H    18 + 7 = S  
17 - 8 = E    16 - 11 = I    34 - 7 = V



**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Addition and subtraction to 40.

### Double Double Word Search

- PARTICULAR
- LEMONADE
- SOLUTION
- BUSINESS
- THINKING
- PROBLEM
- IDEAS
- START
- OFTEN
- JOBS
- CASH
- HELP
- MAKE
- BANK

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

R A L U C I T R A P  
G B E M E L B O R P  
N U N T D H E L P R  
I S T R A T S E P M  
K I I M N B R A A O  
N N D E O N A K C F  
I E E J M N E N E T  
H S A U E R S Y K E  
T S S O L U T I O N

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Round It

Look through the newspaper for five prices under \$100. Round each one to the nearest dollar. Then look for five prices over \$100 and round them to the nearest dollar. Have a parent or friend check your work.

**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Round to the nearest dollar.

#### Why is an empty piggy bank always the same?

**ANSWER:** There's never any change in it.

#### Write On!

#### What's the Difference?

What is the difference between a "want" and a "need"? Give an example of each.

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# Town Hall in Houston County

Last Tuesday, I visited Latexo in Houston County for a town hall. This event was also an opportunity to recognize the Latexo UIL math team on winning their 12th consecutive state championship.

Coach Cravens and the students at Latexo represent the best of our community. I enjoyed getting to speak to constituents and engage in discussion about current events impacting our country, from localities to the federal level.

Thank you to everyone who came, town halls are an essential part of driving the change you want to see.

## Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce

On Wednesday morning, I joined the Lufkin/Angelina County



**In Session**  
By Pete Sessions  
US Representative, District 17

Chamber of Commerce as a guest speaker for their Governmental Affairs Program. This is a quarterly program hosted by the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce for their chamber "investors."

This was a great opportunity for me to hear firsthand about the challenges and successes of local businesses. Through the dedication of community stakeholders working together to do their jobs well, we can ensure that our communities

remain prosperous.

## Texas Farm Bureau lunches

Throughout the week, I had the pleasure of sitting to lunch with members of the Texas Farm Bureau in East Texas and Central Texas. Keeping an open line of conversation between lawmakers and the agriculture community is crucial for developing legislation that is supportive of our producers.

We discussed the importance of passing the 2024 Farm Bill for funding the agricultural sphere.

## Leadership at SFASU

Stephen F. Austin State University has welcomed a new president to oversee their top-notch academic and athletic programs, Dr. Weaver.

I got to meet President Weaver and discuss his plans for continued

growth in enrollment and excellence in academics at SFASU. I am confident that the vibrant community of SFASU will thrive under the leadership of President Weaver.

Axe 'em, Jacks!

## Military Officers Association of America

Thursday night, I had the opportunity to address the Heart of Texas Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. The MOAA is the nation's largest association of uniformed service members and their spouses.

Their mission of advocating for the military community through providing scholarships to children of uniformed servicemembers and supporting veterans in crisis is admirable. It was an honor to spend

time with members of the MOAA. **Save the Date: Service Academy Forum**

This September, my office will be hosting the 2024 Central Texas U.S. Service Academy Forum. This is a great opportunity for students, parents, and educators to come and learn about the admissions process to all five U.S. Service Academies.

The forum will include time to meet with congressional and academy representatives, an academy admissions panel, and congressional panel. There will also be opportunities to hear about the admissions process from parents, the Academy Board, and cadets/midshipmen.

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

## State to keep hot foods coming

Special to the News-Standard

**AUSTIN** — Gov. Greg Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission received federal approval extending the time that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients impacted by Hurricane Beryl can purchase hot foods and ready-to-eat meals with their benefits until Sept. 15.

Bowie, Cass, Fayette, Morris, Panola, Red River, and Washington counties were also added to the list of counties approved in July for hot foods.

"As Texas continues to help communities recover and rebuild from Hurricane Beryl, it is critical that SNAP recipients have access to hot foods and ready-to-eat meals," Abbott said. "This extension and the addition of seven new counties will allow impacted Texans to have access to fresh, quality hot foods to feed themselves and their families. I thank the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for working tirelessly with our federal partners to provide healthy foods for our fellow Texans."

"By extending the waiver for hot food and adding additional counties, we're making sure that those still recovering from the storm have what they need," said Molly Regan, HHSC Deputy Executive Commissioner of Access and Eligibility Services. "We're grateful to be able to offer this for Texans in need."

Federal approval allows SNAP recipients to purchase hot foods with their Lone Star Cards at participating retailers through September 15. SNAP recipients initially had until Aug. 14 to make those purchases. Hot foods include rotisserie chicken, grocery store deli items, and other food that is hot at the point of sale.

No action is required by SNAP recipients to receive this additional benefit.

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

## Keep your money in your own hands

Special to the News-Standard

**AUSTIN** — The Texas Financial Crimes Intelligence Center and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation have released a new public service announcement with helpful tips for avoiding possible credit card skimmers in gas pumps.

The video on TDLR's YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/M1bhD-P722LU>) discusses how thieves sometimes attach credit card skimmers on gas pumps to steal payment card information from customers when they purchase fuel.

Most skimmers have been placed deep inside the cabinet and it won't be obvious that something's wrong, but there are still some things consumers can check for before using a credit card at a gas station:

- Look at the pump and cabinet — does it look damaged, or like it's been tampered with?
- Wiggle the card slot — is it loose?
- Look at the keypad — is it loose or does it look like something has been placed on top of it?

Additional ways consumers can protect themselves:

- Always use a credit card, not a debit card, if they're not going to pay cash — this protects the PIN and prevents access to a bank account
- Set card usage or transaction alerts for bank and credit card accounts. Most major banks offer apps that allow real-time monitoring of accounts.
- Regularly monitor credit card and bank statements for fraudulent charges or suspicious transactions
- When possible, don't swipe the credit card — use tap to pay or use a trusted payment app on a mobile phone to pay for fuel

Whether a credit card skimmer is found by a consumer, a service technician or a merchant, the merchant is responsible for immediately notifying law enforcement and disabling all dispensers where skimmers have been located until law enforcement or TDLR investigators can remove the device. Merchants also are required by state law to notify TDLR within 24 hours.

Merchants and consumers should report skimmers via the TDLR website: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/Skimmers>.

The FCIC, which coordinates law enforcement investigations into organized financial fraud, was the first statewide unit of its kind in the United States and operates as a partnership between TDLR and the Smith County District Attorney's Office. TDLR regulates motor fuel metering and quality and collects consumer complaints and merchant reports related to credit card skimmers. The Smith County DA aggressively investigates and prosecutes criminals engaging in organized financial crimes such as fraud related to gasoline pump skimmers.

## Legal Notices

### City of Trinity accepting bids for water system improvement

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS The CITY OF TRINITY will receive bids for WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS - Site 18 Rockdale Booster GLO MIT 22-082-021-D447 until 3:30 PM on September 19, 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: • 30,000 gallon ground storage tank • Two centrifugal booster pumps • CMU Pump Building • Chloramination system with FRP enclosure • Fencing • Piping • Generator • Associated WorkBid/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](http://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 22, 2024

### GROVETON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that bids for used school vehicles will be received by the Groveton Independent School District until Thursday, September 5, 2024 until 12:00 p.m., at which time bids will be opened in the Groveton ISD administration office. Bids will be accepted on each individual vehicle, all vehicles are being sold as is, and the minimum bid of each vehicle is set at \$500.00. Groveton Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to waive any informality in the bidding. For additional details, please contact the district superintendent's office in person between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm, or call (936)-642-1473. Bids are being requested on the following:

Vehicle Description	Year	Brand	Fuel Type	VIN #
School Bus	2002	Thomas	Diesel	4UZAAXBW-83CK91227
School Bus	1999	Thomas	Diesel	4UZ6CFAA2Y-CG07232
School Bus	2013	International	Diesel	4DRU-AAN3EB482144
School Bus	2001	International	Diesel	1HVBRA-BL72B918311
School Bus	2008	International	Diesel	4DRBUSK-N49B133214
School Bus	2009	International	Diesel	4DRBUSK-N7AB242013
School Bus	1996	Thomas	Diesel	1HVBBA-BL9VH398697
School Bus	2006	Thomas	Diesel	4UZAAXDCX-7CW64910
AG Truck (Dually)	2004	Ford	Diesel	1FTWW-32P84EC14618

By order of the Groveton Independent School District Superintendent  
Jim Dillard  
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## Estate of Martha Huff Montgomery

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARTHA HUFF MONTGOMERY, Deceased, were issued on August 14, 2024, in Cause No. P-2024-5713, pending in the County Court of TRINITY County, Texas, to: LESLIE MOORE. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Joe E. Griffith, Jr. Attorney at Law 514 EAST HOUSTON AVENUE CROCKETT, TX 75835 DATED the 14th day of August, 2024. /s/ Joe E. Griffith, Jr. Joe E. Griffith, Jr. Attorney for LESLIE MOORE State Bar No.: 00784179 514 EAST HOUSTON AVENUE CROCKETT, TX 75835 Telephone: (936) 544-2065 Facsimile: (936) 544-5649 Email: jodyg@griffithandgriffithpc.com

## Estate of David Wayne McCarty

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of David Wayne McCarty, Deceased, were issued on August 14, 2024, in Cause No. 5729, pending in County Court of Trinity County, Texas, to: Vickie Lynne McCarty. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. VICKIE LYNNE McCARTY ESTATE OF DAVID WAYNE McCARTY, DECEASED c/o JOE SCOTT EVANS THE EVANS LAW FIRM, PLLC P.O. DRAWER 310 GROVETON, TEXAS 75845 DATED the 14th day of August, 2024. Respectfully submitted, THE EVANS LAW FIRM, PLLC Lawyers P.O. Drawer 310 Groveton, Texas 75845 936/642-1818 Fax: 936/642-2438 BY:/s/ Joe Scott Evans State Bar No. 06723300 evanslawyer@gmail.com Lawyer for Independent Executrix

## 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.

## Estate of Darwin Lynn Brown

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Darwin Lynn Brown, Deceased, were issued on August 14, 2024, in Cause No. 5724, pending in County Court of Trinity County, Texas, to: Cherryl Ann Brown. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. CHERRYL ANN BROWN ESTATE OF DARWIN LYNN BROWN, DECEASED c/o JOE SCOTT EVANS THE EVANS LAW FIRM, PLLC P.O. DRAWER 310 GROVETON, TEXAS 75845 DATED the 14th day of August, 2024. Respectfully submitted, THE EVANS LAW FIRM, PLLC Lawyers P.O. Drawer 310 Groveton, Texas 75845 936/642-1818 Fax: 936/642-2438 BY:/s/ Joe Scott Evans State Bar No. 06723300 evanslawyer@gmail.com Lawyer for Independent Executrix

## Estate of Kenneth Wayne Vines

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Kenneth Wayne Vines, Deceased, were issued on 8/14/2024, in Cause No. 5733, pending in the County Court of Trinity County, Texas, to: Roberta Anne Vines. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Respectfully submitted, By: Colton Hay, Texas Bar I.D. 2409664, The Hay Law Firm, PLLC., PO Box 979, Groveton, TX 75845, 936-642-1725, email:colton.hay@thehaylawfirm.com, Attorney For The Estate.

## Land title 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/4bamIwY>

## GISD accepting bids for landscaping

GROVETON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for landscaping services will be received by the Groveton Independent School District until Thursday, September 5, 2024, until 12:00 p.m., at which time bids will be opened in the Groveton ISD administration office. Groveton Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids are being requested for landscaping services for all Groveton ISD property except for the athletic playing surfaces. Services are to include mowing, weed eating, edging, and removal of grass or debris from all school property. For additional details or a walk-through of the areas to be serviced, contact the district superintendent's office in person between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm, or call (936)-642-1473. By order of the Groveton Independent School District Superintendent Jim Dillard Groveton Independent School District 207 North Main Street Groveton, TX 75845 (936)-642-1473 Ext 8001

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## 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

## City of Trinity accepting bids for Water System Improvements

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## 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

## 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

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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.

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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

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