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Commissioner pushes for operator pay raise

By Tony Farkas editor@trinityconews.com

GROVETON — While Trinity County Commissioners say money is tight due to inflation and the costs of dealing with this year's weather disasters, Commissioner Tommy Park feels that unless they can find more money, the county could lose the operators and supervisors in the four Road and Bridge departments to neighboring counties.

The matter was brought up during a special budget meeting on Sept. 3.

Park said that during budget discussions in

the previous year, they discussed operator pay raises, and since the budget hasn't been finalized, there should be some consideration for the folks that operate the road equipment.

"My guys can go over to Polk County and make more money," he said. "They make roughly \$18 per hour, give or take, and can go across the county line and make \$40 an hour. Can we give them a little incentive to stay?"

Commissioner Steven Truss said the workers also do so much more than drive halfmillion-dollar machines all day - they do maintenance, change tires, drive multiple machines, do so much more, and you can't just go out and find people to replace that kind of experience.

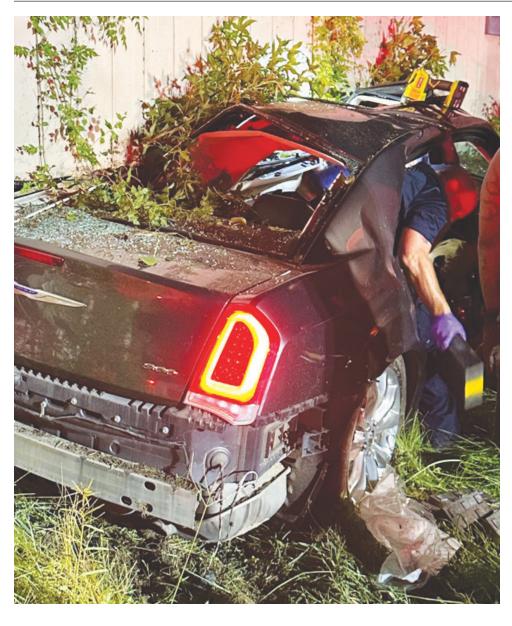
Part of the issue is that the recently adopted pay scales the county uses have several people maxed out or at lower levels. Park suggested that the scales be adjusted for both operators and supervisors; County Auditor Bonnie Kennedy said she will amend the figures and present a new budget for commissioners to look at.

In related budget matters, Commissioner Neal Smith expressed concern about the budgets for the four Justice of the Peace offices. He said that every year he looks at the JP budgets, which should be even; however, the office budgets vary as much as \$6,000.

JP Richard Steptoe explained there are certain differences in things like jury trials and education, and that his precinct is the only one with a standalone building.

Kenned will adjust the budget to be more equal, including making the funds for education equal at \$3,500.

Other items discussed were allocations for the Groveton Library, which would be set at \$2,000; and the county's fire departments will each see a 25 percent increase in their allotments, which comes to \$17,280.





Firefighters had to use extrication tools after the driver lost control of a vehicle which then collided A Trinity firefighter assisted Centerpoint in sealing a gas leak that developed at a job site. COURTESY

Two wrecks, 1 gas leak, and 400 sammiches: VFD weekend

TCNS staff

TRINITY — Trinity Firefighters were kept busy this past weekend responding to two auto accidents and a gas leak, and later stepped up to hold a barbecue fundraiser.

Fire Chief Keith Johnson said that on Saturday afternoon, firefighters responded to a two vehicle accident on Highway 94 at Saron Cemetery Road. Department personnel performed traffic control while Ventura EMS transported two people with minor injuries and Texas State Troopers conducted the accident investigation.

The DPS preliminary crash investigation indicates that at approximately 2:50 p.m., a 2016 Nis-

san Altima was traveling southwest, followed by a 2021 Ford Escape. It is reported that the Nissan slowed down and came to a stop to yield to oncoming traffic prior to making the left turn onto Glendale Loop and was rear-ended by the Ford.

The driver of the Nissan, 47-year-old Dunte McAlister of Nacogdoches, and one passenger, 54-year-old Sheila Dobbins, was transported to MidCoast Medical Center Trinity for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the Ford, 23-year-old Edwin Guevara of Huntsville, was not injured. His passenger, 28-year-old Adrian Ramirez, was transported to MidCoast Medical Center Trinity for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

Johnson said that later Saturday night, firefighters respond to a one-car accident on FM 356 and Lakewood Subdivision. A vehicle lost control and ran into a mobile home, trapping the driver.

Sheriff Woody Wallace said that Anthony Laroy Callahan Jr., 32, was involved in a domestic dispute; the wife ran off and was chased. During the chase, Callahan lost control of the vehicle and ran into the mobile home.

Trinity Fire responded with an engine and rescue and used the Jaws of Life to remove the driver, who was not immediately identified, from the vehicle

Ventura EMS transported the driver to the helipad at MidCoast Medical Trinity and PHI Air Medical transported to Conroe Medical Center.

Trinity County Sheriff's Office is investigating the accident; Wallace said Tuesday that Callahan was arrested on several felony charges in connection with the accident.

On Sunday, Trinity volunteers held a barbecue fundraiser at the station, serving more than 400 sandwiches. While firefighters were cleaning up afterwards, they were called to a report of a gas leak at Caroline and Cemetery streets. A contractor was cleaning up a fire damaged building and broke a natural gas line.

Centerpoint Entergy was contacted, and with assistance from Firefighter Bubba Blair, plugged the leak.



MORE SHOWS, MORE AWARDS

Casaray Ranch, a Trinity County breeder of red Brahmans based near Groveton, won several awards at the Aug. 31 Sugar Classic Open Show held in New Iberian, La. The Aged Senior Champion Red Female was awarded to Casaray Yara, and the Reserve Senior Champion Red Bull went to Casaray. COURTESY PHOTO

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Still robust after 75 years

TCNS staff

TRINITY — For three quarters of a century, the Trinity Community Fair has been thrilling the town's residents with crafts, animals, carnivals and parades.

That tradition continues next week with the Hats Off to 75 Years fair, set for Sept. 19-21 at the Trinity Community Center on South Robb St.

Entertainment includes Sheila Ann on Friday, and Johnny Riley, Micah Cheatham and Caleb Young on Saturday, as well as the traditional livestock shows, a community pep rally, the crowning of the fair queen and a parade.

Of course, the carnival will be there, running Sept. 19 from 6-10 p.m., from 1-5 p.m., and 6-10 p.m., Sept. 20, and from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and 5-10 p.m., Sept. 21.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Livestock Barn

12-4 p.m., Outside vendors with trailer move-in 6-8 p.m., Livestock exhibitor stall set-up and unloading of tack

Thursday, Sept. 19

10 a.m., begin commercial/exhibitor set-up, Exhibit Hall and Fairgrounds

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Your pooch could be the prince/princess of pets

Monday was the end of an era for me. So many memorial events, places and people passed and were born during this period. With the demise of James Earl Jones — I need to say only two words: "Darth Vader" — who lived to be 93 years old, I am truly sad. His career and voice were unbelievable.

The Trinity Lions Club is hosting their first Pet Show on Oct. 26 at the Trinity Community Center from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. PETS, or the Pet Expo and Talent Show, is a fundraiser and project to serve the community promoted by the Trinity Lions Club President, Dr. Garry Reece, the Trinity Pet Clinic, and its members.

The fundraiser is to benefit the Martin Senior Citizen Center and the charities of the Trinity Lions Club. Entry fee to attend the show, PETS, is a can of food. This will be a fun filled day with photos, games, contests, and raffles.



All activities will take place in the Trinity Community Center along with vendors, and exhibitors. There will be security, and rest (poop) areas for your pets. All animals must be vaccinated (Texas Law) which means all puppies under 3 months old will be excluded from this event.

Pet Registration starts at 10 am and animal behavior to enter show will be determined at this time. Set up starts at 8 am on Saturday morning in the Center for vendor booths and exhibitors. Displays and contests will start at 10 a.m. also.

These dog contests are planned: matching dog and owner, best dog vocalist, bestdressed canine, fastest tail wag and best K9 Halloween costume. All events will take place in the Trinity Community Center, except for the food and drink vendor booths that will be located outside the building.

• It is hard to believe the 75th Trinity Community Fair is next week. The Trinity County News-Standard has the schedule, times, and animal events for you on the front page, so I will not elaborate here.

For the last five years, the Trinity Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has sponsored a 42 Domino Tournament at Joseph's Restaurant to commemorate the Trinity Community Fair. The older players outgrew the Annex Room at the Trinity Community Center, and the parking at Joseph's is easier here for this event.

The registration for the 42 Domino Tournament starts at 9 a.m. and the cost is \$15 for each player. The games start at 10 a.m. At noon they break for lunch and start again at 1 p.m. and play until 3 p.m.

Cash prizes and certificates are presented to the top two partners for first-, second- and third-place winners. Our new host for the tournament this year is Kelly Hartsfield, who has overseen this event for the last two years and was mentored by Daisy Holland.

• Speaking of games, how about the Trinity Tigers and their first two wins of the 2024-2025 Football Season. Way to go, Tigers!

• September dates:

Sept. 13-14, Stesti Beer Garden Music Festival

Sept. 19, TPCC 42 Tournament at Ioseph's

Sept. 19- 21, TCFA Fair

Sept. 20, TISD Fair Holiday Sept. 22, Knights of Colum-

bus blood drive

Sept. 24, FMC Dinner with Friends

Sept. 27, Westwood Shores Subdivision Sale

Sept. 29, First Methodist Church Concert. The Southern Plainsmen Quartet will perform Gospel Music at 11 a.m. at the First Methodist Church of Trinity located at 131 N. Elm St. in Trinity.

• 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. 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

Oct. 31, Treats on the Street See you at the fair next week.

Assistance for 17 counties available

Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN - Gov. Greg Abbott announced that the federal government has amended the Hurricane Beryl Major Disaster Declaration to include 17 additional Texas counties that are now eligible for reimbursement for permanent work through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance program.

"FEMA's approval of 17 coun-

ties that were impacted by Hurricane Beryl is an important step forward to help our communities rebuild and recover," said Governor Abbott. "Texas continues to work closely with local and federal partners to rebuild any state or local infrastructure that was damaged during this devastating hurricane. I thank the Texas Division of Emergency Management and local emergency management personnel for their ongoing, tireless efforts to help their

fellow Texans in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl."

FEMA approved its Public Assistance program for permanent work in 17 counties, including repairs to public roads and bridges, water control facilities, public buildings and utilities, as well as parks and recreation facilities.

The 17 counties include: Angelina, Calhoun, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Jackson, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler,

Walker, Waller, Washington. Texas may request additional counties for federal assistance based on completion of damage assessments in impacted communities.

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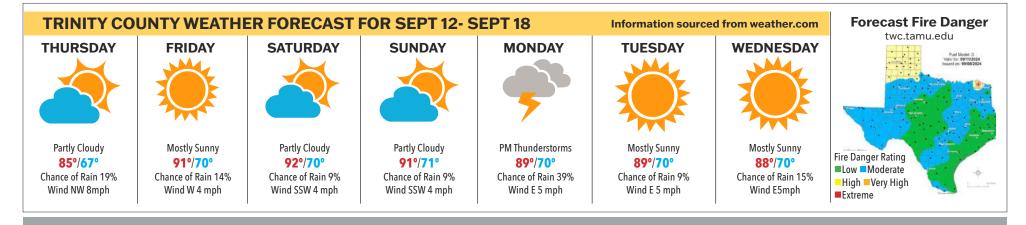


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LIFE TRIBUTES

Betty Brown

Betty Lou (Jordan) Brown passed away peacefully at her home in Trinity on Sept. 2, 2024. She was surrounded by her family and friends. She was born Feb. 1, 1943, in Trinity, to Arthur Leslie Jordan and Almeda Lahoma (Bryan) Jordan.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, the Rev. A. Leroy Brown; sister, Bobbie Jean (Jordan) Smith; and brother-in-law, William D. (Bill) Smith.

Betty Lou is survived by her son, Bryan Jordan; daughter, Bethany (Jordan) Loving, and husband, Shane; and grandchildren, Brooke Jordan, Carter Jordan, Lauren Loving, and Shelby Loving. Numerous extended family and friends also survive.

She was a lifelong resident of Trinity and a Trinity High School graduate, class of 1961.

Betty Lou was a devoted Christian, a lifelong member of Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church, as well as one of the founding members of the Chapel in the Pines in Westwood Shores. For many years she organized the Christmas Basket Program for those needing extra assistance during the holidays. She also donated her time to the Good Samaritan House. Betty Lou was a gifted pianist, starting at the age of 3 and continued to play for the church throughout her life. She was a Master Gardener and a member of the Texas Thyme Unit of The Herb Society of America. In her leisure time she enjoyed being outdoors and working in her garden. More than anything she loved spending time with her family, especially her precious grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by those she leaves behind



Feb. 1, 1943-Sept. 2, 2024

to cherish her memory and protect her legacy. Visitation will be held Friday, Sept. 13, from

6-8 p.m. at Waller-Thornton Funeral Home in Trinity. Funeral service will be Saturday, Sept. 14, at 11 a.m. at Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Glendale Cemetery. 310



10 years ago

Sheriff Wallace makes emotional plea to Commissioners Court; Lions to host annual chicken fried steak supper fundraiser Sept. 19; Groveton Police Department to host National Night Out event; Crockett Regional Detention center closed temporarily; Exotic Caracal Cat thrives in East Texas; Courthouse Centennial event Saturday. Obituaries for the week: Sidney McAdams Jr., 86, of Groveton; Linda Jean Miller, 64, of Groveton; and Jimmie Franklin Yarbrough, 81, of Apple Springs.

20 years ago

Early voting ballots for Nov. 2 General Election now available; City passes "Sexually Oriented businesses' Ordinance; GISD earns highest rating; Driskell to speak at meeting; Apple Springs Elementary held "Spellathon." No obituaries for the week.

30 years ago

County revenue woes debated—again; Country Crusade comes to Lovelady; Council approves budget, lowers speed limits; GVFD benefit barbecue. Obituaries for the week: Myrna Lorene Barns, 56, of Bullard; Bertie Lee Freeman, 83, of LaPorte: Juanita M. Shaw, 71, of Trinity; George (Bud) McCoy, 80, of Apple Springs; Herman Muckleroy, 88, of Trinity; Hazel Blunt Roberts, 80, of Trinity; and Leola Starns Johnson, 86, of Trinity.







SENIOR MENUS

SENIOR MENUS Sept. 16-20

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All meals are \$6.

A limited fruit and salad bar is available, and drinks include lemonade, tea, water or

coffee. Dessert is served with all meals. **MONDAY:** Chicken salad, pea salad, peaches, crackers.

TUESDAY: Barbecue baked potatoes or barbecue on a bun, baked beans, broccoli. **WEDNESDAY:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls.

THURSDAY: Pork roast, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, bread.

FRIDAY: Fried catfish or chicken tenders, dirty rice, baked beans, deviled eggs.

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

MONDAY: Spaghetti and meatballs, green peas, corn, garlic bread.

TUESDAY: Hamburgers or cheeseburgers,

ARREST RECORDS

The following people were arrested by Trinity County law enforcement officials through Sept. 9. All suspects are innocent until convicted in a court of law.

• Brian Scott Simmons, 35, public intoxication.

Weldon Warren, 35, probation violation on a conviction for criminal mischief.
Brandon Rexroat, 38, false statement

to a peace officer.

Randy Lee Fuller, 43, third or subsequent offense of driving while intoxicated.
 Shawn Michael Alford, 34, warrant for

failure to appear on a charge of forgery.Robert Leroy Girard, 49, warrant for

failure to register as a sex offender.

baked beans, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken and dumplings, cabbage, mixed vegetables, cornbread.

THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cheese sauce, rolls.

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

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MONDAY: Chicken strips, mixed vegetables, potatoes, rolls.

TÚESDAY: Salisbury steak, fried okra, blackeye peas, cornbread.

WEDNESDAY: Enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice.

THURSDAY: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, rolls.

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

• Edward Flores III, 61, warrants for two counts of failure to comply with a sex of-fender's duty to register.

• Karl Michael Engle, 66, injury to a child, elderly individual or disabled individual.

• **Timothy Jonathan Kikly**, 51, assault causing bodily injury on a family member.

• Wesley Dwayne Kornele, 35, interference with public duties; assault causing bodily injury; assault on a peace officer.

• Walker Price, 64, criminal trespassing; resisting arrest.

• John Wesley Collins, 37, two counts of possession of a controlled substance; un-lawful carrying of a weapon.



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OPINION

We've come a long way to go backwards

There was a phrase, now lost to antiquity and inconvenience, that President John F. Kennedy said during his inauguration speech in 1961 that galvanized a country into action:

"Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country."

To me, that meant that both the people and the federal government were pulling in the same direction to not only make the country a better place, but also to secure the rights we all enjoy. It also meant that it wasn't the government's place to pander to every whim and perceived need.

It also presupposes that we all understood that the government was focused on the interests of the people at large, and did not create divisions that were then pitted against each other to fight for scraps from the boss's table.

Sure, there were racial tensions, pulled together — as a country —



to defeat that nonsense. Three years later, the Civil Rights Act was passed, which shows what a country united can do.

Since that time, it's been a slow, inexorable reversal of that sentiment, culminating in what Sen. Bernie Sanders claimed Emergency Backup Candidate Kamala Harris doing saying and doing whatever she has to in order to win.

Regardless of a \$34 trillion debt and a country that has operated without a budget since the Clinton administration, regardless of the lim-Constitution, candidates are promis-

ing the people, in ever-shrinking interest groups, the kitchen sink, with the sole intention of maintaining power.

Want EV mandates? We gotcha. Don't want EV mandates? Sure ing up one quilt of citizenry? thing! Think fracking is terrible, no good and awful? We'll ban it! Or not, if you really think that we shouldn't. Want cheap labor to pick your crops? OK, the border is open. And so on.

Any group that comes forward to make claims on the government, either for actual items and funds or for protection and recognition, will get that, essentially getting the country to do for them instead of doing for the country.

No longer is there a sense of pride in the country — the immigration debacle is evidence of that. Politicians claim that we are a nation of immigrants, and that we should provide amnesty for anyone that crosses was done legally or not.

Even if this were true, though, once here, and once made a citizen, shouldn't that actually make us a country of citizens? All people, cut from so many different cloths, mak-

And if that's the case, shouldn't elections be about moving the whole country forward, not just certain aspects of it? Shouldn't candidates speak to the betterment of our nation, not about what giveaways that will keep power in the right hands?

Our Founding Fathers wanted people to be in charge and wanted those people to respect individual rights while the government kept us safe. It never was about what the country can do for us, because Washington, D.C., is not the North Pole, and Uncle Sam isn't Uncle Santa.

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When it's time to take a hard look at our public officials and decide which ones to re-elect - or reject — we need information.

A major source of that information is the government itself. Access to public records and meetings is essential for us to know the facts and speak out about how government is run, during election season or any time.

Among the tools at our disposal are the Texas Public Information Act, the Texas Open Meetings Act and the federal Freedom of Information Act along with transparency provisions in other Texas laws and the state constitution.

As strong as these tools are, we must be vigilant about keeping them sharp.

Our information laws at times require legislative updates to reflect how records are created, stored and used in the modern world. For example, providing easy-to-find online information and searchable-sortable spreadsheet data when it exists, instead of old-fashioned copies, should be the norm. Unfortunately, not all governments do this voluntarily.

Just as important is the need to overcome barriers some govern-



ments intentionally use to block information access. Loopholes in the laws must closed. Enforcement should be fine-tuned.

The nonprofit Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas will explore these transparency issues and protection of First Amendment rights at its annual conference Friday, Sept. 13, in Austin. Conference registration is available to all who are interested.

The FOI Foundation also hosts regional training sessions to help Texans learn to use the Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act. The next seminar is Oct. 16 in Edinburg in the Rio Grande Valley.

Open records and meetings allow us to go beyond government officials' spoken words or spin and let us see how decisions are truly made and how governing is carried out.

How is taxpayer money spent? Are contractors who are building roads and bridges meeting deadlines and ensuring safety? Do school districts, cities and counties effectively manage programs and budgets?

Government information belongs to the people, and in almost all cases it needs to flow freely, without delay.

The "public's right to know does not depend on the whims of officials, elected or non-elected," former Texas Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who held office when the state's open records law was enacted in 1973, once explained at an FOI Foundation gathering.

"Winning an election or getting a government job doesn't make anybody smarter than they were before, or less subject to the law. In fact, public officials not only have to obey the law like everybody else, they have an even higher duty," he said.

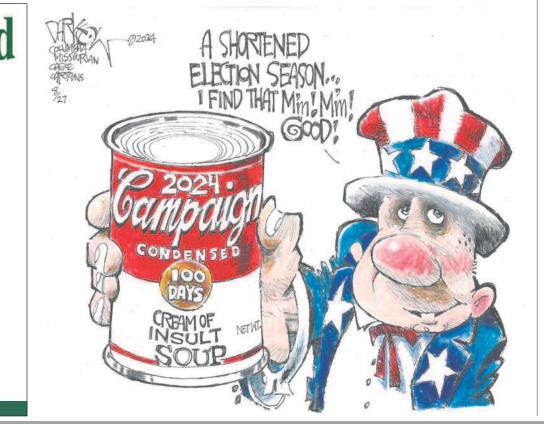
The Texas Public Information Act presumes documents are open unless there's an exception in the law to releasing the record. Even then, in most instances a governmental entity must ask the Texas attorney general's office for permission to withhold it. That's a safeguard that provides oversight and can deter the entity from acting in bad faith toward a requestor.

The Open Meetings Act, meanwhile, makes the meetings of many governmental bodies open to everyone unless there's a specific exception allowing a closed session, such as deliberation on a pending real estate transaction or personnel matter. But no action can be taken behind closed doors; the public has a right to know about and observe the body's decision-making.

These major transparency laws place power in the hands of the people. That's something we should treasure and use.

Making this state and nation a better place is our responsibility as Texans and Americans. Demanding change when necessary — and soaking up all the information we can along the way — helps get the iob done.

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I was totally devastated. My dream had died.

My dream began when I was about 14 and felt called to be a pastor. All through high school I had devoted myself to growing in Christ and working to prepare for the ministry. I went to a Christian college, got a Bible degree, and married a Christian young lady. I went to seminary and earned my Master of Theology degree. I pushed through all the hoops of achieving ordination in the United Methodist Church.

These hurdles were considerable because the church representatives had to agree that I possessed the gifts and talents for ministry.

I began pastoring churches full-time in 1980. I had some successes early on, but things did not end well for me at my churches, and they asked for new pastors. After being in my career for only 10 years, I began wondering in earnest if I was in the right profession.

I entered an extended time of prayer and fasting, asking the Lord for discernment. After considerable questioning, I concluded that I truly was called to be a pastor. Then, I wondered if I was in the wrong Christian denomination. I began researching the the-



ology, methodology, government, and practices of other denominations and of churches called "nondenominational," hoping to perhaps find a better fit for me.

But in the end, I realized that in terms of belief and practice, I really was a United Methodist.

While I had decided to remain in the United Methodist ministry, I knew I was not in good shape emotionally, nor was my wife, who bore her own battle scars from the ministry. I called my district superintendent, who was my immediate superior.

In United Methodism, pastors are not called by churches but appointed by a bishop with the consultation of the district superintendents. I told her that I could not pastor another little East Texas church at this time and asked her if she could find something else for me to do for a while like being a campus minister or an associate pastor of a large church. I needed

a change, and time to heal.

When she called me back in a few weeks, she said she had another appointment to offer me. I asked if it was to be the pastor of another little East Texas church. She answered, "Yes." I did not even ask the name of the church nor where it was located, but I knew this could be disastrous for me and my marriage, so I told her I would not take the appointment.

She replied that if I did not take the appointment I would be placed on "involuntary leave of absence." That is Methodist language for "You will be fired." Understanding all the ramifications of that, I took and deep breath and said, "So be it."

As I sat in my church office after our conversation, I wept. I would soon be out of the ministry. I would no longer be the pastor of a church. My dream had become a nightmare. I would have no parsonage to live in, and no way to support my wife and four little children. We would be homeless. I had no idea what I would or could do vocationally since I had no other work experience or training. I was lower than I ever had been in my life. Grief swept over me. All I could do was weep.

Have you ever experienced a

time when you felt all was lost and hopeless? The writer of one of the Old Testament books said, "Next, I saw under the sun something else that was pointless: There are people who are utterly alone, with no companions. . ." (Ecclesiastes 4:7). Grief is a lonely thing. It comes when there is the death of a companion, the loss of something precious, or the destruction of a life dream. You feel alone with no hope for tomorrow. The darkness is palatable.

As I sat in my office crying and praying, the Lord spoke to me and said to me in my heart, "Call L.C. Orrick." L.C. was a Methodist pastor some 20 or 30 years older than me.

Early in my ministry, he had asked me to be his associate pastor, but I had declined, wanting to do my own thing. I now called L.C. and explained the situation. He told me that he did not have a position open at that time. I responded that I had not called expecting a job offer, nor did I expect him to do anything, I was just doing what I felt the Lord had told me to do.

He instructed me to remain in my office near the phone and he would call me back. About a half hour later, he called and told me to expect a call from Buddy Miller, a pastor friend of his whom I did not know. Buddy called me and invited me to go down for an interview. In a few months, I became Buddy's associate pastor. We spent seven years in that church. It was a time not only of busy ministry, but a time of healing for my soul, my family, and my dream.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 says, "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their hard work. If either should fall, one can pick up the other. But how miserable are those who fall and don't have a companion to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they can stay warm. But how can anyone stay warm alone? Also, one can be overpowered, but two together can put up resistance. A three-ply cord doesn't easily snap."

When you hit rock bottom, turn to the Lord, and He will help you. He will heal your soul and give you a reborn vision for your life. Turn, also, to Christian people who can help you and guide you. Find a counselor, a friend, and a support group. God will use them to bring a new tomorrow to your life.

You are not alone.

Dr. Dan Darby is a retired United Methodist pastor.





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Richard & Jane Gonzales, Pastors594-2423

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Sunday School	10 AM
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New Texas laws now in effect

It took some time, but a set of new laws and rules passed by the Texas Legislature in 2023 went into effect on Sept. 1, the Houston Chronicle reported. Prominent among these are the SCOPE Act, or Securing Children Online Through Parental Empowerment Act, which tightens restrictions for online users younger than 18.

Under the SCOPE Act, users must register their age on social media and other websites. Minors are prohibited from making purchases from those sites, which are also required to filter and block certain material. Examples include content that promotes suicide or bullying, as well as trafficking and other forms of exploitation.

Violators could be fined up to \$10,000 per incident.

One of the bill's co-authors defended its intent.

"Testimony from parents and children in committee gave graphic examples underscoring how desperately we need to better protect kids online," state Rep. Shelby Slawson, R-Granbury, wrote. "The SCOPE Act will do just that."

Others don't agree. The nonprofit Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression sued the state on Aug. 16, challenging the government restrictions.

"While these efforts to protect young people are well-intentioned, they lack perspective," the lawsuit states.

Another measure that took effect Sept. 1 updates qualifications for family violence shelters that provide lodging and care for domestic abuse victims in order to receive state funding. Criteria now includes providing direct services, establishing a referral service for victims, and having been in operation at least a year.

Eliminating property taxes would require massive funding

Eliminating the state's property taxes is high on the wish list of some Republican lawmakers. They received a reality check last week when state



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budget officials said doing so would require the state to produce \$81 billion each year to cover the costs of public schools, as well as the revenue now received by cities, counties and special taxing districts through property taxes.

The Texas Tribune reported that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick directed the Legislative Budget Board to tally the costs of replacing property tax revenue, which funds teacher salaries, law enforcement and many other government functions. Eliminating the tax likely would require a massive increase in sales tax rates – something that appears highly unlikely.

State Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, is Patrick's chief lieutenant on property taxes. He noted \$81.5 billion is "a huge amount of money to be able to replicate."

Lawmakers have worked to lower property tax bills the past few sessions by raising the homestead exemption and limiting how much school districts and local governments can collect. But without a state income tax, lawmakers are limited in how to completely replace property taxes with another form of revenue.

Perry joins Phelan's team as adviser

Former Gov. Rick Perry has joined House Speaker Dade Phelan's office as a senior adviser, the Texas Standard reported. The embattled speaker, who survived a tough runoff race, now faces at least three Republican challengers to his speakership

"[Gov. Perry] understands every facet of the legislative process, and that will be a tremendous asset as we work to strengthen our state's economy, improve education and ensure every member's voice is heard in the Texas House this session," Phelan said in a statement.

Phelan has been under fire for backing an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to impeach Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and for being perceived as not conservative enough by some of his Republican colleagues.

Perry will serve as a volunteer adviser until the 89th Legislature begins in January.

Schools hiring more uncertified teachers

Critical teaching shortages in Texas are compelling school districts to hire more teachers who have not received formal classroom training, The Texas Tribune reported.

The number of uncertified teachers in the state's public schools has risen dramatically since the COVID-19 pandemic, which prompted many longtime educators to leave the profession for various reasons – health concerns, lack of resources, and feeling burned out. As a result, uncertified teachers, many of whom work in rural school districts, accounted for about 38 percent of newly hired instructors last year.

Since 2015, school districts under the District of Innovation law have been able to hire people with different professional experience who then would work on getting certified through alternative certification programs. The last legislative session ended with no significant base funding increases, leaving many school districts with budget shortfalls, and making it even harder to fill teacher vacancies.

"When you have a state where their coffers are full and local school districts where their coffers are empty, or in the process of being empty, you're going to have to have some state help to make sure that we're funding these types of programs," said Mark Henry, who served as Cy-Fair ISD's superintendent for more than a decade.

According to the Texas Education Agency, the attrition rate among Texas teachers has increased since the start of the pandemic from 9 percent to 12 percent. Texas ranks 30th in the nation for average teacher pay — \$8,828 less than the national average, according to the National Education Association.

Paxton suing Bexar County over mail voter plan

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is suing Bexar County over its plan to mail voter registration forms to unregistered residents en masse, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The Bexar County Commissioners Court approved the voter registration plan last week, defying Paxton's warning that he would take them to court.

Paxton's suit argues that mail applications could entice felons and other ineligible people to register to vote. Commissioner Justin Rodriguez defended the plan.

"From our perspective, this was never a Democrat or Republican endeavor," Rodriguez told the Statesman. "It was making sure we used the resources within the elections office to be innovative, to be proactive when it came to registering voters, and we felt pretty strongly that we're doing everything (as it is) allowed by the Elections Code."

Paxton has warned repeatedly of potential voter fraud in November's general election. However, he has not provided evidence of widespread voter fraud in Texas, the Statesman reported.

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



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Hurricane Beryl survivors can apply for a SBA Loan

Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — FEMA partners with other agencies to help meet the needs of disaster survivors. The U.S. Small Business Administration offers low-interest disaster loans in a declared major disaster area.

As a matter of fact, 80 percent of SBA loans are approved homeowners and renters. Low-interest federal disaster loans are available to businesses and residents impacted by Hurricane Beryl.

Residents and businesses 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 are eligible to apply.

SBA is the largest source of funds to help private property owners pay for disaster losses not covered by insurance or other programs. The program may cover deductibles and increased cost of compliance. Survivors should not wait for an insurance settlement before submitting an SBA loan application.

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

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building. SBA may also be able to help homeowners and renters with up to \$100,000 to replace important personal property, including automobiles damaged or destroyed in the disaster.

Applicants may apply online and can find additional disaster assistance information at SBA.gov/ disaster.

The deadline to apply for assistance for property damage is October 10, 2024. The deadline to apply for economic injury is April 14, 2025. If your application is approved, you are not obligated to accept an SBA loan.

SBA representatives are also available to provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants at FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers. Disaster Recovery Centers operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday. To find a center location near you, go to fema.gov/drc.

All centers are accessible to people with disabilities or access and functional needs and are equipped with assistive technology.

Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. There is no cost to apply for an SBA disaster loan.

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4-6 p.m., livestock and shop project check-in, Livestock Barn

4-8 p.m., receiving non-commercial exhibits, Exhibit Hall

Friday, Sept. 20

8-9:30 a.m., receive non-commercial exhibits, Exhibit Hall

8 a.m., Swine Judging, Livestock Barn 9 a.m., Fryer (Rabbit) Judging, Livestock Barn

10 a.m., Lamb Judging, Livestock Barn (Exhibit Hall closed immediately fol-

lowing the lamb contest) 10 a.m., Judging inside exhibits, shop project judging, livestock area

Noon, Community Pep Rally, front stage Noon-9 p.m., Exhibit Hall open to the public

1 p.m., Goat Judging, Livestock Barn

2 p.m., Steer Judging, Livestock Barn 3 p.m., Heifer Judging, Livestock Barn

6 p.m., Little Miss September contest, Pavilion

7-11 p.m., Sheila Ann Band, front stage Saturday, Sept. 23

8 a.m., Exhibit Hall opens

10 a.m., Grand Parade, North Highway 19

11 a.m.-3 p.m., Johnny Riley, front stage Noon, 2024 Fair Queen Coronation, parade awards to follow, Pavilion

3-7 p.m., Micah Chetham, front stage

4:30-6 p.m., Buyer's Reception, Exhibit Hall Annex Room

5:45 p.m., Drawing and awards, Livestock Barn

6 p.m., Youth Livestock Auction, Livestock Barn

8-11 p.m., Caleb Young, sponsored by Wischnewsky Dodge and Stubbs Feed, Pavilion

9 p.m., exhibitor pick-up, Exhibit Hall

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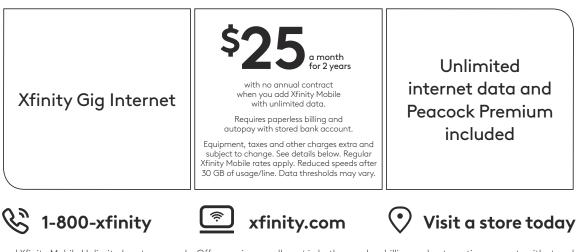


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Hawaii field hearing he the fires and long-term recovery.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce, I am committed to ensuring the government works for all Americans.

Last week, I was in Hawaii on official business to hold a hearing entitled "Assessing the Federal Government's Response to the 2023 Maui Wildfires." This was to oversee federal recovery efforts in Lahaina, Hawaii, following last August's devastating wildfires that claimed 102 lives.

This hearing was an opportunity for me and other Members of Congress to hear from federal agencies as well as state and local leaders to identify issues and further improve recovery efforts. At the hearing, we discussed challenges and successes in response to



Some key takeaways revealed that building trust with the local community has been essential for recovery and while temporary housing is an essential priority, there have been unintended consequences in the community.

For example, while temporary housing solutions are crucial, their implementation can cause strain on existing resources. Moving forward, the government will continue to address uncertainty in recovery resources.

I speak for the entire Oversight Committee when I say that we are committed to ensuring effective government response and working closely with local stakeholders to enhance recovery efforts and support the community's resilience.

Happy college football season College football has finally

kicked off. I always enjoy cheering for the teams of Texas' 17th Congressional District. Game days are more than sports events, they are opportunities for us to unite, celebrate, and create memories. So, whether you are saying "Sic 'em, Bears," "Axe 'em, Jacks," or "Eat 'em up, Bearkats," I hope you can make it out to a game this season. District work month wrap-up

This week wrapped up the August district work period and Members of Congress will be heading back to Washington next week for legislative business. The focus in Congress is clear: passing a Continuing Resolution to keep the government running past Sept. 30.

However, there's an important debate unfolding over the inclusion of the SAVE Act in this funding measure. The SAVE Act, which I co-sponsored, requires proof of U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections.

It is unclear how this will play out, but if we decide to pass the SAVE Act attached to the CR, the House will effectively dare the Senate to remove the bill and telegraph their lack of commitment to securing elections for American citizens only. As for my part, I will keep pushing to ensure the federal government doesn't overreach and we act in a fiscally responsible manner.

Moreover, the month of September bodes lots of committee work for me, in both the Oversight and Accountability Committee and Financial Services Committee. Other important topics that will be hitting the floor include deterring China and border security. I will be sure to keep you informed as Congress returns back to Washington.

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



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NOTICE OF HEARING TO ADOPT BUDGET

Trinity County will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, at 162 West First Street, Trinity County Courthouse, Groveton, Texas, on the adoption of the FY 2025 County Budget.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$505,049 which is a 7.29 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$101,406.

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TRINITY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

ELECTED OFFICIALS PROPOSED SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATION

In accordance with Vernon's Civil Statutes-Local Government Code, Chapter 152, Section 152.013(a), the Trinity County Commissioners' Court meeting in Regular Session on September 24, 2024, is proposing to adopt the following schedule for Trinity County Elected Officials salaries, expenses and/or allowances which have been included in the proposed FY 2025 Budget.

Official	Position

Annual Salary

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Trinity Quarterback Terian Maxie looks to break free from Groveton's Gunner Wilson. PHOTO BY Tiger Jammele Johnson slow-walks his way into the end zone. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS TONY FARKAS





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Groveton's Ramello Wolfe (No. 6) stays ahead of Trinity's Landon Groveton's Gunner Wilson escapes a Trinity defender.. PHOTO BY Trinity's Jammale Johnson stiffarms his way past the Groveton his way to a touchdown PHOTO BY T line o



Indians mauled by Tigers in Clash of Trinity County

By Scott Womack TCNS correspondent

GROVETON — With bragging rights on the line, the Tigers took the short trip down 94 Friday night to renew their long-time rivalry with the Indians. Both teams were well-prepared and excited to make an impact on the game, and the final score -33-32 - showed how important it was.

The Indians received the opening kickoff, and with a combination of running and passing, took just 1:28 to take an early 8-0 lead over the Tigers. Not to be outdone, the Tigers took just 1:17 off the clock to find the end zone on a 30-yard run by Jammele Johnson, but a failed extra point attempt gave the Indians an 8-0 lead.

The second quarter opened with the Indians driving the ball deep into Tiger territory, but a fumble on the Tiger 18-yard line ended the drive. The Tigers took over and drove the ball to the Indian 36-yard

line where a fumble gave the ball back to the Indians. On the third play for the Indians, Chance Barron intercepted the ball and returned it to the Indian 28-yard line. Four plays later, Johnson again found the end zone with a 5-yard run. A failed 2-point attempt gave the Tigers a 12-8 lead.

The Indians took their next drive to the Tiger 30-yard line, and again the Tigers forced an Indian fumble. The Indians forced a punt and with the aid of Tiger penalties were able to retake the lead 16-12 with just 39 seconds left before halftime. The Tigers took possession on their own 24-yard line and after a 4-yard run on first down, Turbo Maxie was able to complete a pass to Ayden DeBose who took the ball down the Tiger sideline for a 72-yard touchdown as time expired in the first half.

With the successful 2-point attempt, the Tigers took a 20-16 lead into the locker room.

The third quarter opened with the Tigers in possession and John-

son was able to break free again for a 59-yard run for the score, and after the extra point kick, the Tigers extended their lead to 27-16. The Tigers stopped the Indians on downs and took over at their own 45-yard line, taking 9 plays capped off by a 24-yard Maxie-Johnson pass for a touchdown. After the failed extra point try the Tigers took a 33-16 lead with 5:40 remaining in the third quarter.

The Indians next possession ended with a Maxie interception, with a defensive hold and a bad snap on a punt, set the Indians up deep in Tiger territory at the 22-yard line. The Indians capitalized on the good field possession and cut into the Tiger lead with a 6-play scoring drive, adding the 2-point attempt, the Tigers lead 33-24.

The Tigers fumbled on their next possession and the Indians opened the 4th quarter marching down the field, but the Tigers were able to force an incompletion on 4th down ending the Indians drive at the Tiger 7-yard line. The Indians were able to force a punt and taking over at the 50-yard line, the Indians marched down the field and were able to tighten the score with a touchdown and 2-point conversion giving the Tigers a 1-point lead 33-32.

The Tigers fumbled the ball at the Indian 40-yard line giving the Indians a final opportunity to take the lead, but the opening play of the Indian drive the Tigers forced a fumble and with the recovery, the Tigers were able to run out the clock and seal the victory over the Indians.

The Tigers ended the evening with 258 rushing yards and 172 passing yards, 4 forced turnovers and a 2-0 record to start the season. The Indians rushed for 215 yards and passed for 61 yards with 3 forced turnovers and an 0-2 record.

The Indians will travel to Lovelady on Friday night to challenge the Lions, while the Tigers will have the week off as they prepare to host Colmesneil on September 20th at Tiger Stadium.

Apple Springs

Head Coach Cody Moree said it was a tough night for the Eagles, who were hammered by Penelope 80-42.

For Apple Springs, Freshman Nate Sanders went 25 for 38 in the air for 342 yards and 4 TDs.

Freshman Peyton Williams caught 12 of 14 passes for 162 yards and 1 TD; Junior Zeth Dugat caught 8 of 12 for 129 yards for 2 TDs; Freshman Blaize McSwain caught 3 passes for 40 yards and 1 TD; and Freshman Kane Dugat caught 2 for 36 yards and 1 TD

Leading tacklers were Junior Bradyn Kaufman with 12 solo and 5 assists; Freshman Peyton Williams had 6 solo and 5 assists; and Freshman Joseph Ocasiones had 2 solo and 7 assists.

Sophomore Nathan Smith had one fumble recovery and one onside kick recovery, and Freshman Peyton Williams had a 36-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.



The Centerville Lady Bulldogs won first place in their home tournament over the weekend. COURTESY PHOTO

Centerville girls dominate home tournament

TCNS staff

CENTERVILLE — At the Centerville tournament last week, the Lady Bulldogs pulled off a first place win by running through the brackets.

Centerville eighth-grader Avery Brown earned tournament MVP honors after scoring 26, 35 and 32 points in the three games, the highest scorer in the entire tournament. Eighthgraders Olivia Teeters and Aiden Conner earned first-team all-tournament player awards for their outstanding play throughout the tournament.

Girls team results: Centerville-1st place, Leggett 2nd place, Wells 3rd place and Ken-

nard 4th place.

Boys team results Wells 1st place, Leggett 2nd place, Kennard 3rd place and Centerville 4th place

On Tuesday, Centerville traveled to Slocum, where the boys lost two games, and the girls won one.

The boys A team lost 62-16. Tanner Kellum scored 6 points, Daniel Brister 6 points and Drew Larsen 4. The boys B team lost 32-5. John Corley scored 3 points and Cash Noack scored 2.

The girls' team won 28-14. Avery Brown scored 14 points, Laura Rogers 9 points, Rebecca Brasuell 2 points and Olivia Teeters 2 points.



Groveton girls 11th, Trinity 22nd at UIL preview meet

TCNS staff

HUNTSVILLE — The Trinity and Groveton Cross Country teams participated at the UIL Region 3 preview at Sam Houston State University, and each team posted outstanding individual achievements.

Trinity Senior Cade Mauldin led the way, securing a fourth-place finish out of 208 runners in the Varsity Boys 1A-4A division. Freshman Jasmine Jordan also excelled, finishing 63rd out of 163 runners.

Among the 51 girls' teams in attendance, the Lady Tigers, comprised of Jasmine Jordan, Karissa Rangel, Alexa Manzaneras-Cerda, Alianna Reyes, and Natalie Stansberry, placed 22nd overall.

The Groveton Varsity boys cross country placed 13th in the meet on Saturday division 1A-4A. Indian Varsity, JV, and JH boys cross country will compete in the Red Devil Invitational in Huntington on Saturday.

Region III Preview Meet 2024 Sep 7 Kate Barr Ross Memorial Park, Huntsville Trinity Results Team Results: 22nd Girls Individual results (time, athlete, place) 2-mile run

14:41.10, Jasmine Jordan, 63rd 15:25.60, Karissia Rangle, 94th 17:25.90, Alexa Manzaneras, 147th 18:05.20, Aliana Reyes, 160th 18:08.30, Natalie Stansberry, 163rd Boys Results 5,000-meter run 16:55.50, Cade Mauldin, 4th 20:55.50, Austin Beasley, 119th 28:33.20, Horacio Silva, 134th

Groveton Results

2-mile run 13:08.00, Janette Bautista, 7th 15:01.00, Kayleigh Albus, 74th 15:13.90, Laney Peterson, 86th 16:23.80, Madison Hobbs, 126th 16:46.40, Anahi Hernandez, 133rd 17:07.50, Marie Gonzalez, 142nd Bovs Results 5,000-meter run 19:38.30, Gabriel Constante, 73rd 19:52.30, Austin Williams, 81st 19:55.10, Jay Smith, 82nd 20:11.40, Jack Sullivan, 95th 20:16.30, Landon Conley, 98th 21:02.30, Hunter Bowling, 123rd 22:16.60, Luis Chavez, 156th 23:11.60, Jesus Maldonado, 172nd 24:58.30, Dylan Newman, 198th

Lady Indians post 2 wins

TCNS staff

The Groveton volleyball squad won both week's outings on the court, downing Onalaska 3-1 on Friday and Crockett 3-0 on Sept. 3. Against Onalaska, the scores were 19-25, 25-

8, 25-11 and 25-12. Aubrey Alexander led with 11 kills, followed by Caila Antley and Kayleigh Albus with 9. Alinda Veng served up 4 aces.

Aubrey Alexander had 29 digs and 19 assists, and Alinda Veng had 21 digs and 16 as-

sists.

Against Crockett, the scores were 25-6, 25-8 and 25-6. Jannett Bautista had 9 kills, while Kayleigh Albus had 8. Alinda Veng and Jannett Bautista each had 5 aces.

Darbi Parker had 8 digs, and Alinda Veng had 8 assists.

Apple Springs

The Lady Eagles were downed by the Burkeville Lady Mustangs 3-1 on Sept. 3. Scores were 25-13, 18-25, 13-25, 12-25.



Trinity's Cade Mauldin runs his way to a fourth-place finish in the UIL Region 3 cross country meet on Saturday. COURTESY PHOTO



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Deer hunting then and now

The boy, about 10 years old, occupied the front seat of the school bus, wide eved and wishing the driver would put the petal to the metal so he could make it home quicker, he had big plans for the evening. But the driver, also owner of the local country grocery, knew the roads well in very rural Red River County in northeast Texas.

This was way back in 1960 and potholes and occasional deep sand drifts was the norm and he had many years of safely transporting kids to and from school under his belt; slow and steady was his mantra.

After a bumpy 15-minute ride that seemed an eternity to the youngster, the bus came to a stop at the boy's front gate and he hopped off and made a mad dash up the gravel drive and grabbed a cold sweet potato his mother left on the stove for a quick snack — the boy loved sweet potatoes and he could eat one on the run while he rushed to water his little flock of laying hens and feed his horse a coffee can full of Horse and Mule feed.

He was on a mission: it was Nov. 16 and the opener of deer season. A few days before the boy and his Dad loaded up in the old '50 International pickup and drove into town to the court house where he purchased his deer permit, as the license was called back in the day.

The youngster didn't own a deer rifle but for the past couple years; he had been shooting squirrel, rabbit and quail when he caught one on the ground with the bolt action .410 shotgun his uncle had given him. He had recently purchased five rifled slugs for his little shotgun and sighted it in by shooting center of a 5-gallon bucket



placed in front of the dam of the half acre pond on the small farm.

He was only about 25 yards from the bucket for his sight in session, but he figured that was far enough, since he would be hunting a thick patch of woods behind the house, and surely the big buck he hoped for would offer a good close shot. The boy's optimism and confidence was soaring on that day long ago, but his experience hunting deer was sorely lacking. He had only seen a few wild deer in his short lifetime but he had a burning desire to learn more about them. Spirits were very high on that crisp fall afternoon 65 years ago.

Deer were precious few back in those days. Oh, there were some experienced deer hunters in the county, mostly World War II veterans that set up a tent camp each year and always managed to put a buck or two on the meat pole. The boy remembers their camp well and the day his brother-in-law took him there for a midday visit.

As they pulled up in their hunting car, a '56 Crown Victoria Ford sedan, the boy saw two giant bucks field dressed and hanging from the meat pole. The hunters were preparing lunch at camp and invited their guest to join them. The boy still remembers dining on that meal of chicken fried venison backstrap and boiled potatoes with plenty of

butter.

To this day, this visit to a sure 'nuff deer camp is engrained in the now 75-year-old hunter's brain. He remembers every detail with minute focus, everything from the smell of the cook fire to the red and black Woolrich jackets worn by all the hunters. In the boy's eyes, these guys held the keys of knowledge to something that he just had to learn about and become proficient doing. The boy wanted desperately to learn everything there is to know about deer and deer hunting.

Those early back-40 hunts were the training ground for a lifetime of pursuing whitetail deer. Nary a deer was spotted on those hunts, but that did little to diminish the boy's desire to hunt. It was several years before the young hunter had the opportunity to harvest a deer on his uncle's 80 acres not far from home. He remembers vividly hearing that young spike buck snort back in the brush.

The boy didn't know it at the time, but the inquisitive little buck that walked into the sights of his Mar-lin .30-.30 had winded him and in the thick cover, came in close in efforts to locate the origin of the foreign odor his sensitive nostrils had detected. At about 40 yards, the broadside shot was easy even for the young hunter that had become pretty proficient with iron sights but this was his first time to ever draw a bead on a big game animal.

Luckily the shot happened fast, and he didn't have time to get nervous, that happened after he walked up to his harvested buck. To him the little buck was a monster and as he began the field dressing chore, he had to stop to let his nerves and his knife



A 11-point buck in perfect view is a sight many young hunters hope to see. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON hand settle down. The

buck was young and tasty and supplied many meals for the boy and his family. This is some of the first venison the family had eaten, and he remembers his mother being surprised at how tender the backstrap steaks were. This occurred way back in '65 and was the first of many, many deer put on the meat pole through the years.

About this time the boy began spending a week each fall with Poppa Dinkins, actually no blood kin but a dear family friend that owned a big ranch and woodland in south east Texas. The boy's family would drop him off at the bus station in Dallas with his rifle in a case and he would make the long bus ride down to south Texas. Looking back the boy, now a veteran of many years in the deer woods, could only imagine what might happen if someone entering a public place with a rifle these days. Back then it seemed as natural as carrying a suitcase and only prompted questions from other hunters as to where

the boy was heading to hunt.

Poppa was 86 years old back in 1965 when the boy first began visiting and hunting with him. The boy did the math and learned that Poppa was born back in 1879 when things were really wild in south Texas. He had 37 whitetail buck mounts adorning the walls of his old ranch house and the boy spent a great deal of time in the evenings studying them closely.

In retrospect, none of the bucks were giants, most probably scored about 130 BC inches, but at that stage of the boy's deer hunting career, they were giants. Poppa had shot most of them with the old 10-gauge double Damascus barrel shotgun that hung over the fireplace.

Poppa was a slightly built man but tough as nails. Just before he turned 90, he was gored by a buck in a chute as his ranch foreman was attempting to doctor a wound. The buck had become entangled in a wire fence and had some bad cuts to which they were applying antibiotic. Poppa survived the wound to the stomach and lived another 6 years. The boy came to spend his week each fall with the veteran outdoorsman and rancher for the remainder of his long life.

The boy is now a very veteran hunter with about 65 opening days under his belt. His love for hunting has fueled his career as an outdoors writer. Filling his freezer with prime venison is no longer the challenge it was back in the old days. Deer are more than plentiful in his home state of Texas and across the majority of their range.

With several hunts in the plans beginning with the opener of bow season and through the end of February on managed ranches, meat for the freezer and possibly antlers for the wall is almost a given. May the tradition and lifestyle go on forever.

Listen to Luke's weekly radio show "Catfish Radio with Luke Clayton and Friends" on many radio stations and anywhere podcasts are found.

B.A. Steinhagen

FAIR. Water stain; 85 degrees; 0.35 feet below pool. Water is being released into the lake from Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Mavflies are hatching, so



flukes. Mid range bite is good 5-7 feet most of the day around bream beds in 3-5 feet with squarebill crankbaits and shaky heads. Offshore bite picks up from noon to 3 n m

gins to cool. Sunfish are good. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Bass are slow midday, with the best bite in the morning.

Lake O' the Pines GOOD Water stained 90 degrees; 0.34 feet below pool. Solid summer pattern is holding steady for the bass. Bass are good with schooling activity starting to pick up. Follow the shad to find the bass. There is still some bass in the bushes along the banks pitching Texas rigged worms and jigs, or wacky rigs. Bass are good on brush piles on points on the south end of the lake in 15-25 feet of water with deep running crankbaits, jigs, wacky worms and Texas rigs. The north end of the lake is producing catches in the grass and bushes. Report by Mike Stroman, R & R Marine. Livingston

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 87 degrees; 1.00 foot below pool. Keep an eye on the thermocline because this tells you the exact depth to present your offering Even over deen water, do not go below this line. The jerkbait Jr. Plus-1 got the most bass bites over the weekend. If you find them hugging the bottom in 8-10 feet, dragging a Texas rig Mag-worm can be effective. Crappie population is good. Catfish are slow. Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services. Largemouth bass are excellent on Carolina rigs and small paddle tail swimbaits in 8-12 feet of water. Fish might be suspended over 20 feet of water but they are 8-10 feet below the surface. Crappie are excellent with numbers around standing timber. Fish are 10-13 inches stacked up in large groups. Catfish are fair on cut bait and live minnows, especially near the pier. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service. Pinkston

GOOD. slightly stained;

88 degrees. Largemouth

bass are excellent with fish

varying from 2-5 pounds.

Bass are in timber sus-

pended over 20 feet about

8 feet below the surface us-

ing big swimbaits, small 5

inch white swimbaits, and

dropshots. Crappie are

fair with fish scattered and

very few on brush piles

with crappie jigs or live

minnows. Catfish are poor

with cut bait. Report by

Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX

Raven

degrees. There is some rain

and cooler temperatures

in the forecast to help im-

prove the bite. Crappie are

fair on minnows and arti-

ficial grubs. Bass are fair

on soft plastic artificials.

Catfish are fair on worms

fished off the bottom.

Bluegill are excellent at the

boathouse dock on crappie

Sam Rayburn

degrees; 0.05 feet above

pool. Bass are fair in shal-

low water over grass with

FAIR. Water stained; 85

bites and worms.

FAIR. Water stained; 83

Guide Service.

topwaters, or on secondary points Carolina rigs and dropshots. Crappie are fair on brush piles with the best bite on minnows over jigs. Blue and channel catfish are fair in 20-27 feet

expect some topwater bass action. Bass are fair on soft plastics in the cuts, or with frogs over grass. Crappie are fair with jigs in flooded timber. Catfish are fair on juglines.

Bob Sandlin

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 85 degrees; 0.38 feet below pool. Channel catfish are fair in 25 feet of water on baited holes with stink bait. Crappie are fair in 20 feet of water on brush piles. White bass are fair at night in the lights with a white spinnerbaits. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service. Black bass are feeding early on shad patterns around grass and retaining walls. Main lake points are good for bass using clouser type patterns. Bream are plentiful with wooly buggers and small worm patterns. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. Bass are good on points in 18-22 feet of water using deep water baits like deep diving crankbaits, dropshots and Texas rigs. Night fishing has the best bite and is an escape from the heat and recreational boaters. Sand bass and black bass schooling together near the dam, and bridges. Report by Mike Stroman, R & R Marine.



80 degrees; 0.04 feet above pool. The water level is higher than it was a year ago after all the rainfall we have received this year, but the water level is low so navigate with caution. Fishing with a frog, buzz bait or pop R early is working well. À fluke, Texas rig or drop shot is working well along the grass edges. There are some schooling fish all over the lake right now. The lilies are blooming and the lotus are really growing tall so along with the fishing the lake is really beautiful and a wonderful time to come see this majestic lake that God spoke into existence. Report provided by Vince Richards, Caddo Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

Conroe

GOOD. Water stained; 88 degrees; 0.37 feet below pool. Catfish have been good on baited holes on ledges and on structure. Lots of tiny ones mixed in with better keepers and that should be expected for the next couple weeks until the water cools. Hybrids have been schooling up on flats and ridges from 10-25 feet. Bass have been up shallow early and offshore structures on and docks later in the day. On occasion some can be found schooling on shad. Report by Brad Doyle with Bradley's Guide Service. Crappie are hit-or-miss in 13-21 feet of water. Hair jigs have been better than plastics. Always wear your life jacket & stay hydrated in this heat. Report by Mike Cason, Fishical Therapy.

Fork

GOOD. Water Stained; 81 degrees; 1.40 feet below pool. Early morning bass bite has been pretty good around weeds, grass, chatterbaits, swimbaits and

Carolina rigs and big shaky heads best with big worms in 15-20 feet. Humps, points and road beds are good. Deep crankbaits are fair over humps in 18-25 feet. Report by Marc Mitchell, Lake Fork Guide Service. Bass are feeding in 10-12 feet where the thermocline is not present. Look for schooling bass in the open water and creeks as shad hatch is in full swing. Also, check out the brush piles as big bass are using them to feed on crappie. Bream are excellent in the shallows, wooly buggers and small poppers should bring a strike. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. The Lake Fork crappie fishing continues to be hot even though the temperatures are dropping each week. The big white crappie have been showing out on timber in 18-28 feet. There has also been a great bite for white crappie on brush piles in 14-22 feet. We are still not seeing the black crappie stacking up as the water cools down, but it should not be long. Minnows are still the dominant bait by far on Lake Fork, but we are seeing the jig bite get better each week going into fall. Catfish are moving deeper and in huge numbers. Seeing tons of fish around timber along creek channels in 18-28 feet. They are following the shad as they migrate towards deeper water where they will spend the winter. You can just target them around timber with any catfish bait of choice or bait the area well with cattle cubes or sour grain to really tear them up. Report by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky Wiggins Guide Service.

Houston County

SLOW. Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.15 feet below pool. Fishing patterns are consistent, but this should change as the weather be-

GOOD. slightly stained; 89 degrees; 0.34 feet below pool. Catching a lot of white bass in 8-12 feet of water with white and chartreuse slabs. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

Martin Creek

GOOD. Water normal stain; 92 degrees; 0.97 feet below pool. Bass are slow with larger bass coming off of deep brush piles with glide baits and 8XD crankbaits. Crappie are good with minnows fishing brush and standing timber in 25-30 feet. Catfish are good with large fish being caught in 20-25 feet of water on standing timber using live bait. Report given by Hambone guide service.

Nacogdoches

GOOD. Water stained; 87 degrees; 0.88 feet below pool. Largemouth bass are good on standing timber and hard spots with a Carolina rig or deep crankbait in 15-20 feet of water. The size of bass are 2-4 pounds on average. Crappie are fair in brush with 1/8 ounce white or chartreuse crappie jigs. Catfish are poor on cut bait and live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

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of water on cut bait and minnows. Several catches of blue catfish up to 10 pounds. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service.

Toledo Bend

FAIR. Water normal stain; 89 degrees; 3.57 feet below pool. Anglers can almost feel a touch of fall in the air first thing in the morning, unfortunately the fish have not felt this yet. Bass are slow with little to no early action, but the deep bite is finally seeing some action in 14-20 feet of water. Some reports of 12-18 fish caught up to 4 pounds, some some 8 pounders in the mix. The best baits have been Texas and Carolina rigged worms or big crankbaits. Expect the bass bite to improve as the cooler fall weather settles in. Crappie bite has been just fair. A few good size catches, but just not the numbers. These fish are coming on deep timber and brush piles with live bait. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

Tyler

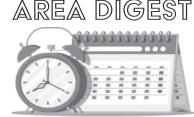
SLOW. Water normal stain; 88 degrees; 0.54 feet below pool. Fishing continues to be slow for all species. Night fishing is best for catfish and crappie in the lights. Crappie are slow using minnows on brush in 16-25 feet of water. Catfish are slow in 16 feet of water shrimp, and liver. Bream are slow on red worms off the barge and throughout the lake. Bass are slow in 10-12 feet of water with topwaters, spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Report by The Boulders at Lake Tyler.

Welsh

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

Wright Patman

GOOD. Water stained; 83 degrees; 0.37 feet above pool. The lake level is high and water is being released



Farm Bureau to meet

Trinity County Farm Bureau will have its annual meeting at 6 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Friday Community Center.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. A meal will be served and door prizes given away.

For information or to RSVP, call (936) 642-1231.

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.

Fall celebration to be held

Celebration Women's Ministry's Fall Celebration will be held at First Methodist Church in Trinity at 6 p.m. Sept. 10.

The speaker will be Betty Carswell Webb, a local songwriter, author, and speaker who is also well-known out of state. She presents gospel messages in a practical and powerful manner, and her testimony has helped women of all ages to get past the darkest moments in their lives. Her book, "Overshadowed by Jesus," will be available.

The McConnells will entertain with special gospel music. Women of all ages and denominations are invited. A light meal will be served.

For information, call Yvonne Hastings at (936) 828-7582.

Conservation expo set

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

Topics include forestry, pond management, wildlife management, pasture restoration, native planting and youth activities, among others.

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

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

For information, email etconservationexpo@gmail.com.

Exercise class offered

First Methodist Church of Groveton is hosting chair yoga every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

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 repub-

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

Church program set

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

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

Band holds fundraiser

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

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

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

Contact roaringtigerband@ trinityisd.net for more information or to obtain a registration document. Veterans museum hosts events

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

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

Delivery available

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

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

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

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

Helping hands

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

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

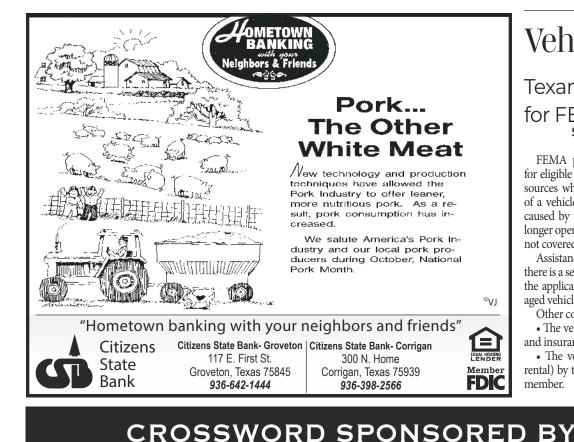
Soup kitchen available

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

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

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

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



Vehicle repair, replacement available Texans impacted by Hurricane Beryl may be eligible

for FEMA assistance to repair or replace a vehicle.

Special to the News-Standard

FEMA provides financial help after a disaster for eligible expenses not paid by insurance or other sources which may include repair or replacement of a vehicle. The vehicle's damage must have been caused by the disaster and the vehicle must be no longer operable or safe to drive. Cosmetic repairs are not covered.

Assistance is usually limited to one vehicle. If there is a second functional vehicle in the household, the applicant must certify in writing that the damaged vehicle is essential for the household's daily use. Other conditions for assistance include:

• The vehicle must comply with state registration

and insurance requirements.

• The vehicle must be owned or leased (not a rental) by the applicant, co-applicant, or household member.

• The damaged vehicle must be an approved vehicle type such as a car, truck, SUV or van.

To find out if you are eligible, you can apply to FEMA in several ways:

Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov

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, captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

• Visit any Disaster Recovery Center. For locations and hours, go online to fema.gov/drc.

If you would rather not receive future communications from Federal Emergency Management Agency, let us know by clicking here.

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Office of External Affairs 500 C Street, S.W, Washington, DC 20472 United States

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Georgia-Pacific modifies lumber operations

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CAMDEN — Georgia-Pacific announced recently it is modifying lumber operations at two of its lumber facilities located in Camden and Prosperity, S.C.

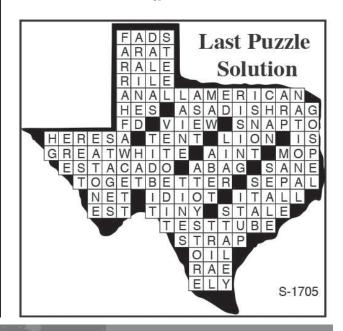
Over the next couple of months, these sites will be discontinuing lumber production from logs while maintaining plywood core sawing operations. The modification will not have an impact on Georgia-Pacific's plywood facilities located within the same complexes as these lumber operations.

"Georgia-Pacific has an excellent workforce at both Camden and Prosperity Lumber, and our employees should be commended for maintaining competitive facilities for many years," said Fritz Mason, Georgia-Pacific Lumber President. "However, in the past year we have experienced historically challenging market conditions. As a result, the decision was made to modify our current operations at these two facilities."

"Our goal is to effectively run the current lumber operations at Camden and Prosperity to give us time to adequately address employee transfers and potential relocations," said Mason. "After the allotted run time, the sites will only saw plywood cores."

As one of the largest manufacturers of building products in North America, Georgia-Pacific operates production facilities in over 30 communities across the United States and Canada.

Based in Atlanta, Georgia-Pacific and its subsidiaries are among the world's leading manufacturers and marketers of bath tissue, paper towels and napkins, tableware, paper-based packaging, cellulose, specialty fibers and building products. The company operates more than 150 facilities and employs approximately 30,000 people directly and creates more than 80,000 jobs indirectly. For more information, visit: gp.com/ about-us. For news, visit: news.gp.com



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City of Trinity receiving bids

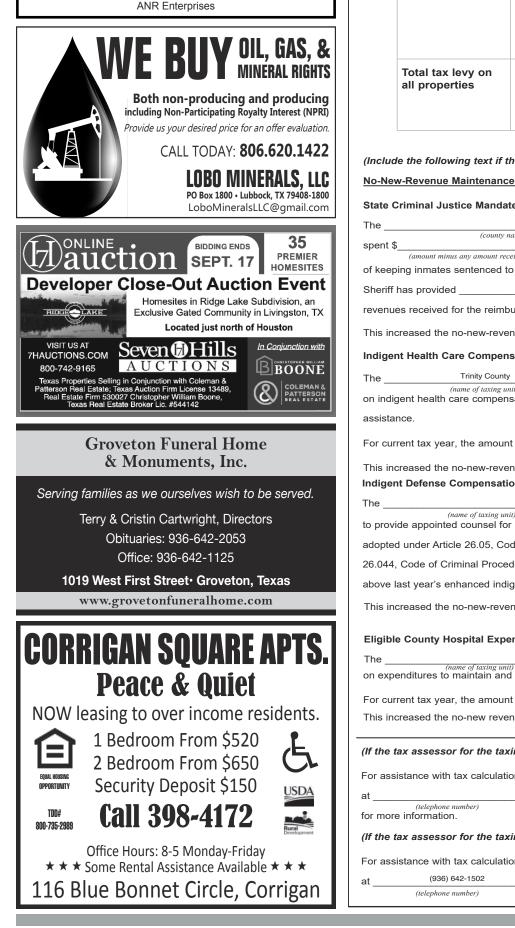
ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS The CITY OF TRINITY will receive bids for WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS - Site 18 Rockdale Booster GLO MIT 22-082-021-D447 until 3:30 PM on September 19, 2024 at City of Trinity City Hall Council Room, 101 West Madison Street, Trinity, Texas 75862. At said time and place, 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 Work Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at GLS, 1609 South Chestnut, Suite 202, Lufkin, TX 75901 Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file and may be reviewed at GLS, 1609 S. Chestnut, Suite 202, Lufkin, Texas 75901 (936) 637-4900. Bid/Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at www.civcastusa.com. A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the CITY OF TRINITY or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond, Payment Bond and Maintenance Bond each in the amount of the contract. The award will be made on the basis of the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. The project will be financed with assistance

from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin. Section 3, Minority Business Enterprises, and Women Business Enterprises, and Historically Underutilized Business firms are encouraged to submit bids. The CITY OF TRINITY reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by CITY OF TRINITY for a period not to exceed 75 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award. Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for all contracts and subcontracts. All contractors/subcontractors whose System for Award Management (SAM.gov) registration is not active or that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project. CITY OF TRIN-ITY Billy Goodin, Mayor August 22, 2024



Thursday, September 12, 2024 | TRINITY COUNTY NEWS-STANDARD | 5B Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §26.06(b-2). NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **ON TAX INCREASE** This notice only applies to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality with a population of less than 30,000, regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit. PROPOSED TAX RATE 0.5390 per \$100 \$ 0.5111 per \$100 NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE 0.5565 _____ per \$100 VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the _____ 2024 of property tax revenue for <u>Trinity County</u> from the same properties in both the <u>2023</u> tax year and the <u>2024</u> tax year. (current tax year) the yoter-approval tax rate is the higher the same in the Trinity County _____ tax year that will raise the same amount The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that <u>Trinity County</u> may adopt without holding (name of taxing unit) an election to seek voter approval of the rate. The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Trinity County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year. 09/24/2024 09:00 AM (meeting place) The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, <u>Trinity County</u> _____ is not required (name of taxing unit) to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the ______ Trinity County (name of office responsible for administering the election) Trinity County ___at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above. (name of taxing unit) YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS: Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100 (List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.) FOR the proposal: Neal Smith, Tommy Park, Mike Loftin, Steven Truss, Danny Martin None AGAINST the proposal: None PRESENT and not voting: None ABSENT: Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property. 6 The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state. Trinity County The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by ____ last year (name of taxing unit) to the taxes proposed to the be imposed on the average residence homestead by ______ this year. 2022 2024 Change

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Announcements

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

HABITAT FOR Humanity located at 321 N. Beatty, Livingston. Tuesday-Friday 9am-3pm Saturday 9am-1pm. (35-tfn-nc-PCE)

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

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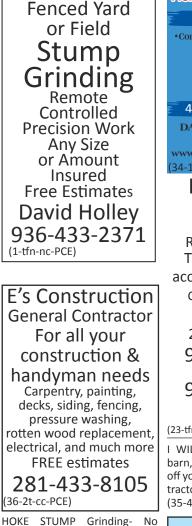
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The Pine Forest Baptist Church is seeking a dedicated and detailoriented Financial Secretary. Criminal background check, drug test and adequate credit score required for further consideration.

Responsibilities include managing church finances, preparing reports, and maintaining accurate financial records. Requirements: - Previous financial/accounting, strong organizational skills, Proficiency LAND FOR SALE, 6.8 Acres, 5 in accounting software, and a commitment to confidentiality and integrity

This is a part-time position (16 Hours). To apply, please send your resume and references to , the pfbc@eastex.net or stop by Jayco JayFlight SLX 8 264BH. Tues – Thurs 9 am-5 pm - 10537 US HWY 190 W, Livingston, TX 77351 For more information, contact 936-646-4803 (37-2-cc-PCE)

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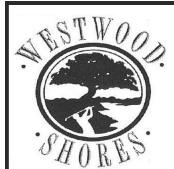
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Woodville, TX is accepting applications for a mechanic. Apply in person, 1116 S. Magnolia. (46-tfn-b-TCB)

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Employment/Medical





drug test required. Call 936-646-4803 or stop by for more information.



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THE CITY of Groveton is hiring for the Utilities Clerk position

Quickbooks and Microsoft Office Suite experience preferred. Applications may be picked up at Groveton City Hall, located at 115 W. Front St., Groveton, Texas. Please submit application and resume by 5:00 pm, Friday, September 30, 2024. Please call (936)642-1122 with any questions. The City of Groveton is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer. (37-2t-b-TCNS)

Nursery Worker

DAVID NORTON TIRE CENTER, Part-time nursery worker wanted for Pine Forest Baptist Church 10537 US HWY 190 W Livingston Tx. Sunday AM & PM services and Wednesday PM services. Background check and

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LAND FOR SALE, 20 Acres, parcel# 001-03387-000 on Charcoal Rd, Searcy County, Arkansas. 20 Acres, parcel #001-03388-000 on Charcoal Rd, Searcy County, Arkansas. Call 409-201-5472 or 832-285-7641. (37-4t-cc-TCB)



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