



County tweaks pay scales, fields questions

By Tony Farkas
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GROVETON — The Trinity County Commissioners Court continued its work for the next fiscal year's budget and fielded questions regarding donated funds not being listed on public documents.

David Drake questioned why only half of the donated fund categories received by the Sheriff's Office are shown on the budget while the others are not.

Drake said programs such as Pig Bash, Don't Meth with Me, No Shave November, K-9 donations and those for the scholarship fund are not included and have not been for five years.

His report, filed during the county's Sept. 10 meeting, questions why the Sheriff's Office hasn't been investigated for soliciting donations as well as the legality of issuing checks from the separate donation accounts.

While the Court did not respond, at County Judge Danny Martin's request, Drake later met with County Attorney Colton Hay and County Auditor Bonnie Kennedy to go over the budget particulars.

The budget changes made for the meeting included pay changes for Road and Bridge Department operators and supervisors.

While Kennedy originally was asked to adjust the pay scales two steps for these employees, she also changed the pay scale from a 15-year cap to a 20-

year cap, which will allow the supervisors additional years to receive raises.

The court will hold a public hearing Sept. 24 on the proposed budget.

- In other business, the county:
- proclaimed September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month;
 - approved public posting of new subdivision regulations, following Hays' review;
 - approved personnel action forms;
 - approved payment of disaster-related purchases;
 - approved a donation to the Groveton Public Library of \$2,000, to be paid from the county's Capital Credit funds; and
 - approved the purchase of a cell phone dialer for the courthouse fire alarm system.



The Trinity County Commissioners Court proclaims September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



On Nigton Day, Dr. Cassie Williams (right) returned home with a purse, a gift that was not only inspirational but was a testament to the power of community. The woman who gave it to her, Ruth Williams, joins the event. COURTESY PHOTOS

Home again, home again

By Tony Farkas
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NIGTON — The hopes, dreams and power of community were and still are carried in the purse of Dr. Cassie Williams.

They returned to the tiny East Texas town recently during the Nigton Homecoming. Dr. Williams was born and raised in Nigton; around her 15th birthday, she received a gift from her Bible School teacher, Ruth Williams (no relation).

It was a simple black purse, but it had more meaning to the young woman.

"She was my Bible School teacher, but saw something in me," Dr. Williams said. "I was so inspired and emotional that someone believed in me enough to give a gift like that. It was my first purse."

She said that growing up, she had to be tough, and she also competed in sports, and was thought of as a tomboy.

"When I got that purse, I embraced that," Dr. Williams said. "She taught me things about being a lady and valuing myself."

Dr. Williams left East Texas in 1989 to "join the navy and see the world," and for a better life for herself and her family. The purse traveled with her everywhere and is still in use; it still holds all the letters that the doctor's husband wrote to each other, and it's still going strong.

After leaving the Navy, Dr. Williams completed her doctorate in psychology with biblical emphasis.

"I don't know how much that purse cost, but that was a small investment that paid

big dividends," she said. "Any time I have a moment where the world bears down on me, when I feel not wanted, I can go back and look at that purse and remember someone valued me enough, saw something in me that I did not."

Latoya Walker-Hernandez of the Nigton Historical Development Project, the daughter of Ruth Williams, said the purse is a testament to the power of community, and Dr. Williams agreed.

"This is just a small example of what a community means," Dr. Williams said. "When I was growing up, we watched out for each other. We took food to people that needed it; we shared food from our gardens with people. That spoke volumes to me, and I really miss it. It's definitely a treasure."

Coming home for the event, Dr. Williams brought the purse and showed it to Ruth Williams.

"I thought she had forgotten it, or that she figured it was thrown out," Dr. Williams said. "I showed it to Ruth Vise Williams, and she remember; I showed her she invested in me and sowed seeds in fertile ground."

Walker-Hernandez said the purse is a symbol — an example of people coming home, looking to the past while planning for the future. Dr. Williams said she came back in for Nigton Day.

"Nigton is still here, and the seeds planted have grown," Dr. Williams said. "It's a small Texas town with a big heart."

"I'll keep this purse and pass it on to my children when that time comes," she said.



Community members hold a ribbon cutting for the Nigton Multipurpose Building. COURTESY PHOTOS

Tax rate dips for Groveton homeowners

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GROVETON — While the Groveton School Board of Trustees dropped the overall property tax rate for district property owners, it still will see a bit more income based on property valuations.

At its Aug. 29 meeting, the trustees approved the compressed tax rate, which will be .6669 per \$100 valuation. The 2023-24 fiscal year tax rate was .6759.

Superintendent Jim Dillard said this year's budget is business as usual; there are, however, earmarked funds for the baseball/softball field renovation project.

Overall, the maintenance and operation budget for the district is set at \$11,869,282, and the budget for food service is \$644,198.

In related matters, the trustees approved the tax rolls for the counties of Trinity and Houston, as well as updated salary schedules. The trustees increased pay scales for employees.

- In other business, the trustees:
- held a public hearing on policy updates;
 - approved updates to the handbook for educating students with dyslexia;
 - approved the purchase of a 72-passenger school bus from Rush Truck Center for \$137,000; and
 - discussed the district's FIRST financial rating. GISD received a perfect score of 100 and was given a superior rating.



CORONATION
Apple Springs freshman Katie Davis was crowned the 2024 Homecoming Queen during the Apple Springs homecoming game on Friday. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS

Changes in ordinances welcomed, with conditions

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TRINITY — Updates to city ordinances were approved by the Trinity City Council, with an admonition from Council Member Clegg DeWalt that updating ordinances was futile if they are not enforced.

The council approved changes at Thursday's meeting to an ordinance declaring certain places conducive to the breeding of flies and mosquitoes as health hazards and requiring the city Health Officer to notify the property owners to have the problem abated.

Currently, the city's Health Officer is Dr. Lawrence Kwan, and the notices will be issued by city enforcement officer Linda Nolen.

The council also OK'd a new ordinance to help control public health nuisances, with penalties of violators being prosecuted through the municipal court system.

The ordinance also sets fines for failure to clean up areas after notices have been filed.

A change also was made to the city ordinance regarding the accumulation of trash, providing for fines for offenders.

- In other business, the council:
- approved the current tax roll from the Trinity County Appraisal District;

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RIVER & RAINFALL DATA AS OF SEPT 16
Gauge Height..... 5.10 ft
Condition..... Normal Flood Stage
Weekly rainfall..... 0.14 in



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 Thursday-Saturday at the Trinity Community Center on South Robb Street.

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
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 following 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 Cheatham, 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

It's fair time again, and the weekend will be busy

When you read this issue the Trinity Community Fair Association will be celebrating their 75th anniversary at the Trinity Community Center on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The Schedule has been announced on Facebook but the most important item that the parents and students want to know is how much the rides cost and when do they start.

Carnival Wrist Bands are \$25 each person. The sessions start Thursday at 6 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. Friday times are 1 p.m.-5 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday the wrist bands are good from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and the last session is from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m.

There used to be suicide rides on Wednesday, but I do not know if they still sponsor this



Julia's Tidbits

By Julia McMichael

event. However, at noon on Friday, the Trinity High School football team, cheerleaders and drill team will perform a pep rally at the Trinity Community Center. The public is invited to attend and show the Tigers' support.

Then on Friday, the Little Miss September contest will take place at 6 p.m. at the Pavilion. This event is sponsored by River Pointe Rehabilitation Health Care Center.

The parade starts at 10 a.m.

Saturday morning and starts from Pine Valley Street. The route proceeds to the Trinity Community Center South on Highway 19 South.

The Buyers Reception starts at 5:30 p.m. and the auction of animal projects begins at 7 p.m. Professional music starts at 8 p.m., and the inside exhibit hall closes at 9 p.m. to guests.

For more information, call Tally Jo Stout at (936) 645-6994 for music and entertainment times.

Across the street from the Trinity Community Center on Friday morning the fifth annual 42 Domino Tournament will start at 10 a.m. to celebrate the 75th Annual Fair at Joseph's Place, sponsored by the Trinity Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. For Information call (936) 537-8171.

The few remaining events for

September are listed below, but I do have some new events to add and announce for October.

Sept. 21, Circle of Brothers Steak Night

Sept. 22, Knights of Columbus 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. 5, Community Clean-up Date

Oct. 8, TISD Scholarship Info Night

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
Watch this space for the next Texas A&M AgriLife Extension course.

So, forgive me if you do not see your event this time, but the October events will be the priority for elaboration in the next issue.

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TRINITY COUNTY WEATHER FORECAST FOR SEPT 19- SEPT 25 Information sourced from weather.com

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny 94°/73° Chance of Rain 9% Wind S 4mph	Sunny 96°/72° Chance of Rain 8% Wind SSE 5 mph	Mostly Sunny 94°/71° Chance of Rain 8% Wind SSE 6 mph	Mostly Sunny 93°/72° Chance of Rain 913% Wind SSE 6 mph	Partly Cloudy 92°/72° Chance of Rain 8% Wind S 5 mph	Mostly Sunny 90°/70° Chance of Rain 24% Wind ENE 6 mph	AM Showers 87°/68° Chance of Rain 33% Wind NNE 6mph

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Fire Danger Rating
 Low Moderate
 High Very High
 Extreme



Looking Back

By Marlena Stubblefield
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10 years ago on September 18, 2014:
Trinity County courthouse celebrates century mark; meeting to be held for Trinity County fair; ETMC clinic welcomes Groveton native; Junior high cheerleaders, Pep Squad cheer on Indians at Groveton vs. Colmesneil game; Centerville host Grandparents on Grandpar-

ents Day. Obituary for the week: David "Buddy" Eugene Williams, Sr., 71 of Trinity.

20 years ago on September 16, 2004:
Commissioner's vote to pay ex-deputy sheriff for past vacation time not taken; City committee to be formed; County Public Hearing set on tax increase; Indians lose to 'Dogs 27-21 in close game-To play Warren here Friday. Obituary for the week: Bernice Jones, 90 of Lufkin.

30 years ago on September 22, 1994:
City Council holds rate hearing; No property tax increase to GISD taxpayers; Trinity Fair Opens Friday; Hospital District stays with Appraisal District. Obituaries for the week: Vernon Beard, 74 of Groveton and Roy Reese, 69 of Crosby.

Countdown continues to library grand opening



Groveton Library

By Cathy Czajkowski

Hello everyone: This is your librarian, and I have great news. We are close to re-opening. We don't have an exact target date but as soon as I know the date you will get that information.

We finally have the goal in sight. Your librarian has been working diligently to get your library open and available for service. The building has been purchased, the shelves have been installed and the books will be transferred from storage in the next week. The Sheriff's Office has been so gracious to lend us their workers to help with moving shelves, furniture and books. Your librarian absolutely could not have made this move without them. When you see them, please thank them for the help.

The Trinity County Commissioner's Court voted to give the library \$ 2,000 and your librarian was so humbled to receive their vote of confidence for our library. Please thank the Trinity County Judge and the Commissioners when you see them.

We only have 3 obstacles to overcome, and our City Council is working towards that goal. Our obstacles are modifications to the existing restroom, adding handicap

ramps and getting a new sign. If there is any person or group who could help with this, please contact your librarian or City Council members.

On Monday we will start putting the books in order on the shelves. There will be many small chores that your librarian will need help to complete. There have been so many interested people in the past few months. If you are still interested in donating your time to help with these chores, contact your librarian at (936) 642-2483 between 1 and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no answering machine so please call back if you get no answer because that will mean that I did not hear the phone.

As soon as the library officially opens there will be plans to start a reading program for children on the Fridays that school is out. Your librarian wants to have many programs to offer, and we will start with our Children's Reading Program. Your librarian really missed our children and can't wait to see everyone again.

We are still collecting pennies, and they will be used to buy supplies and materials for the future children's programs. So please save your pennies and I will gladly accept them for our children.

Our new location will be 125 W. First Street.

Our mailing address will be P.O. Box 399.

Our phone number is (936) 642-2483. Cathy M. Czajkowski is Librarian for Groveton Public Library.

SENIOR MENUS

Sept. 23-27

Menus Subject to Change

• **Martin Senior Center** | 936-594-2625

All meals are \$6.

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

MONDAY: Goulash, green beans, creamed corn, cornbread.

TUESDAY: Barbecue baked potatoes or barbecue on a bun, baked beans, corn on the cob.

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, rolls.

THURSDAY: Baked chicken, sweet potatoes, cabbage, cornbread.

FRIDAY: Fried catfish or chicken tenders, California blend vegetables, baked beans, deviled eggs.

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

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

MONDAY: Chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, sweet peas, cornbread.

TUESDAY: Hamburgers or cheeseburgers, ranch style beans, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles.

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

THURSDAY: Chicken and dumplings, mixed vegetables, turnip greens, spinach, cornbread.

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

• **Apple Springs Senior Citizens Inc.** | 936-831-2671

Meals served with dessert and fruit and a choice of drink.

MONDAY: Chicken and rice, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls.

TUESDAY: Meatloaf, greens, corn, cornbread.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, broccoli.

THURSDAY: Beef stroganoff, reads carrots, tossed salad.

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

ARREST RECORDS

The following people were arrested by Trinity County law enforcement officials through Sept. 16. All suspects are innocent until convicted in a court of law.

• **Jeffrey Ray Pigford**, 36, driving while license invalid.

• **Walter Javier Cruz**, 20, no driver's license.

• **Darrel Charles Slack**, 61, third or subsequent offense of driving while intoxicated; failure to appear on a charge of open container; failure to appear on a charge of displaying a fictitious license plate.

• **Jerry Lynn Webb**, 54, deadly conduct.

• **Gunnar Chase Farr**, 24, two counts of assault causing bodily injury on a family member; criminal mischief; public intoxication.

• **Jason Germaine Mark**, 48, warrant for theft of property.

• **Gwendolyn Rene O'Hern**, 58, warrant for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance; warrant for parole violation on a

conviction for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance; warrant for failure to appear on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **Karl Michael Engle**, 66, violation of bond or protective order.

• **Anthony Laroy Callahan Jr.**, 32, warrant for motion to revoke probation on a conviction for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; warrant for assault causing bodily injury family member with previous convictions; warrant for unlawful restraint; warrant for deadly conduct; warrant for reckless driving.

• **Dequincy Keshawn Williams**, 21, warrant for failure to appear on a charge of theft.

• **James Heath David**, 42, warrant for failure to appear on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **Brandon Mycorri Scott**, 20, no driver's license.

• **Chelsea Lou Diaz**, 31, public intoxica-

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• authorized a \$1,500 donation to the Pet Fixer's Program;

• approved a resolution establishing inter-

est and sinking funds for all city debt, and one for deposit requirements to retire debt;

• approved a bid from Raymond Vann for administration services for a Tx-CDBG grant; and

• approved the holiday schedule for the coming fiscal year.

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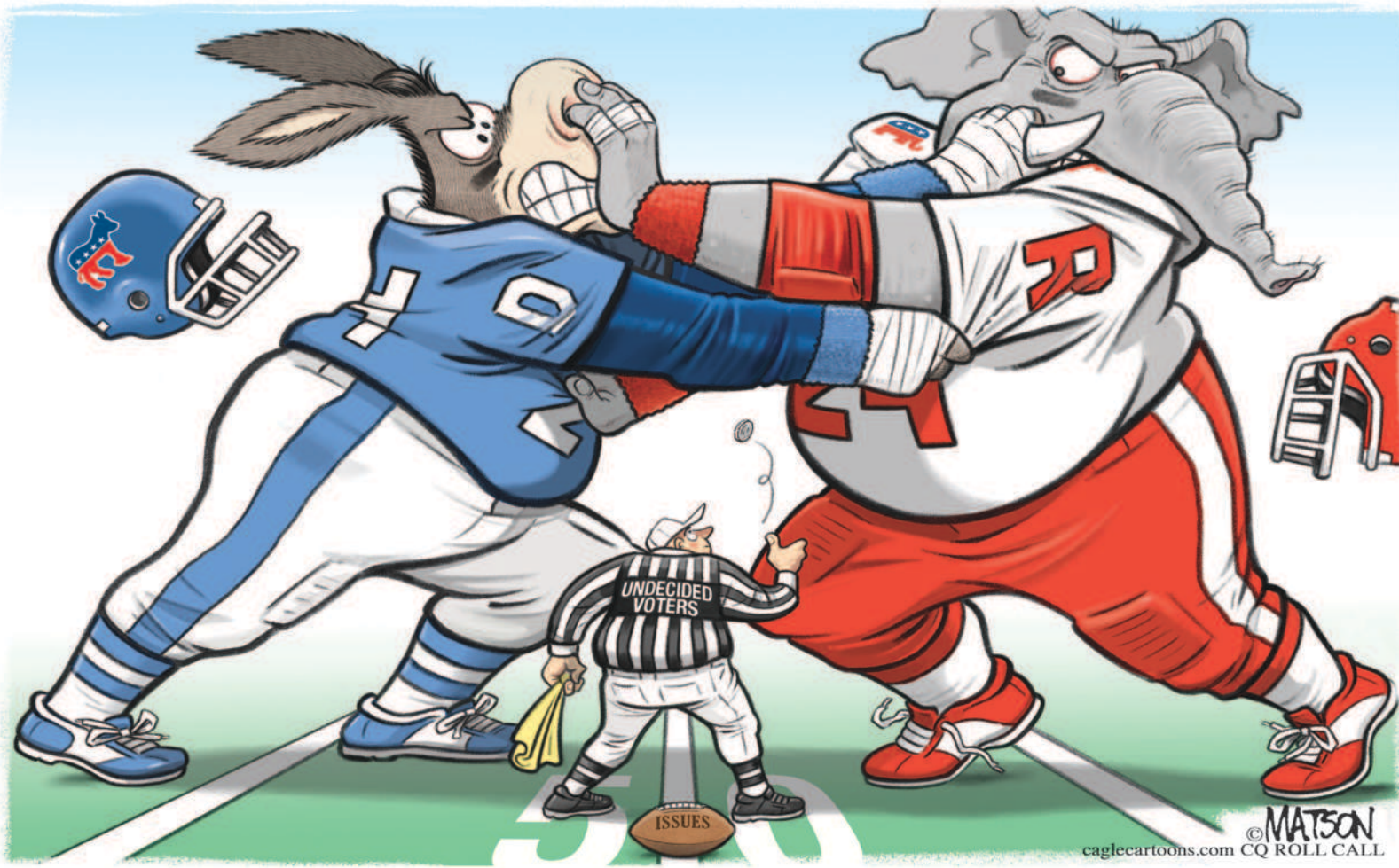
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OPINION



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While you were concerned about that, there's this

Most weeks, I scroll through so many different feeds looking for that one thing that jumps out at me, screaming to be discussed and analyzed.

In many cases, it's politics on a state and federal level, and this time, it's connected to that, but in a more ridiculous way.

Ridiculous should be expected, since this is an election season, and all manner of weirdness will be brought to light to ensure free and fair elections for the proper candidate, because nothing says I can fix a country's problems by claiming the other candidate is a blithering, nonsensical idiot.

For instance, President Donald Trump has proclaimed that the Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, are noshing on Fido and Fluffy. There's been chorus after chorus from every talking head about just how silly that sounds.

Conservative media outlets are



My Two Common Sense

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having a hay-day (misspelling intentional) over the very bizarre accent shifts Vice President Kamala Harris uses in her campaign speeches, most notably in the South.

Both Taylor Swift and Brittany Mahomes are getting heat from both the public and each other (probably) over their positions on their respective favorite candidates.

It's all just smoke and mirrors, though, because this version of bread and circuses is designed to deflect attention from the fact that the country is in pretty dire straits, and neither candidate will be able to

right the ship of state. Trump wants to cut government and regulations but will have to fight the extremely overprotective and entrenched bureaucracy, as well as the legislative branch of government; Harris just wants to make much more government, as well as much more — very much more — debt by giving away more money and other things to non-citizens while mugging the actual citizens of the country. Especially the rich, but that always goes without saying.

It's increasing hard to find information that's worthwhile out there; the internet is the worst, being a miasma of half-truths, talking points and conspiracy theories, and the national media outlets have become less about reporting news and more about reading press releases that fit their narrative (after that, they interview each other and supposed experts and feel they've saved the nation from certain disaster).

This pattern has been dialed up to 11 because of the election, because we want to keep Trump out because he's the devil or something and keep Harris out because she's dumber than a box of hammer handles or something.

As bad as that all is, there is information out there that can help you find your answers, because regardless of the kabuki theater of painful insights, you should be well-informed before voting. The ballot box is the only real way we have to affect change, and it's up to us to keep our government from sinking even further than it has.

Remember, early voting starts in a month — Oct. 21 — and hyperbole notwithstanding, it's an important one.

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Undecided Voters ...

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WHAT WE NEED

Evangelist Billy Graham said, "There is a God-sized hole in every heart." It is true that at the center of our being, our greatest need is for fellowship and unity with God. We have a desire to feel good about God and know that we are loved by God.

In response to our need, Jesus died on the cross for us that we might know that God loves and cares for us. God wants us to be His children. He values us and cherishes us. Believe it or not, we are "the apple of His eye."

Jesus said to his disciples, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:4-5).

Jesus has chosen us to be branches that exist as part of Him, the vine. To live life well, we need Him every day. Without Him, we will experience loneliness and frustration in



life; we will be lost and not experience fruitful lives. But with Him, our lives will be abundant and fruitful.

Having God in your life, however, is not enough. You also must have other people. 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."

I use this passage in pre-marital counseling, telling couples that husbands and wives need

each other, and that with each other they can accomplish great things in life as they work together as partners. I also tell them that if God is at the center of their relationship, then they will be like a three-ply cord that is not easily broken.

If they are working together to do God's will and abide in His presence, their goals in life will align and they will be working for the same thing. They won't operate from selfish ambitions but will work together to accomplish God's plan for their lives. They will be strong in life because of their partnership with each other and with God.

Many people, of course, are single, but single or married, we all need the love, support, and partnership of others. You might say that in addition to there being a God-sized hole in every heart, there is also a community-sized hole in every heart. It is part of our human nature. We need other people.

Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among

them." When we come to a sense of community with other people, we feel complete, hopeful, and full of faith in God. We have hope for tomorrow.

When Moses asked God His name at Mt. Horeb, God replied that His name is "I am." He clarified that by saying, "I am the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14 & 15). Thus, God defined Himself as being the God who exists in relationship.

God is the One who is in relationship with the descendants of Abraham, including those who believe in Jesus. He is the One who is in relationship with all the creatures of Heaven and earth, and all that he has made. We are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). We were created to be in relationship with God and to other people.

One of our deepest needs is to be in unity and fellowship with the Church, the relational Bride of Christ. We must have the support of other Christians and worship God with them on

a regular basis. Others need our gifts and talents to build them up and help them grow spiritually. They need our companionship and support, just like we need theirs.

Our deepest needs in life are for a healthy relationship with God and for existing in community with people around us. Both of those needs can be met through our fellowship with the Church, participating in worship and investing our lives in others with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Dr. Dan Darby is a retired United Methodist pastor.



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Border Patrol faulted in Uvalde school shooting

A 200-page report from the Department of Homeland Security faulted U.S. Border Patrol agents who rushed to the Uvalde school shooting in 2022, concluding they "failed to establish command and had inadequate training" in one of the deadliest classroom attacks, The Dallas Morning News reported.

A lone shooter killed 19 students and two teachers inside a classroom during a 70-minute standoff before a tactical team led by the Border Patrol went inside and killed him.

"The failure of arriving law enforcement personnel to establish identifiable incident management or command and control protocols led to a disorganized response to the Robb Elementary School shooting," the report stated. "No law enforcement official ever clearly established command at the school during the incident, leading to delays, inaction, and potentially further loss of life."

Two Uvalde school officers have been indicted for allegedly failing to act promptly and have pleaded not guilty. The victims' families have filed a \$500 million federal lawsuit against those who responded to the shooting.

Vehicle inspections end in 2025

Texas car safety inspections will no longer be required in 2025, after HB 3297 passed the Legislature in 2023. The Austin American-Statesman reported inspections end Jan. 1, though drivers living in and near major Texas cities will still be required to take their vehicles in for emission tests.

Although actual inspection is ending, all noncommercial vehicles in Texas still will be charged a \$7.50 inspection fee when the vehicle is registered with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Counties requiring emission tests to comply with federal clean-air requirements are Brazo-



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ria, Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ellis, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Johnson, Kaufman, Montgomery, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, Travis and Williamson. Costs range from \$11.50 to \$35.50, depending on what tests are required.

Diesel vehicles and motorcycles are exempt from emissions testing.

Deer disease threatens state's breeding industry

Texas deer breeders say their livelihoods are threatened by steps being taken by the state to limit chronic wasting disease, The Texas Tribune reported.

The easily transmissible disease has been detected in Texas since 2012. As of August, 387 cases have been reported this year in 31 of the state's 254 counties. This includes cases in 34 captive breeding facilities. The disease gradually erodes a deer's neurological functions. It is not known to infect humans.

"This disease is literally eating holes in the deer's brain," Kip Adams, a wildlife biologist with the National Deer Association, said.

Breeders in areas where CWD has been reported can't sell or transport their deer outside the state-declared containment zone. Breeders have complained that having a facility inside a containment zone has hurt business. Breeders who have a deer with CWD are required to either euthanize their remaining deer herd or

perform additional testing in order to segregate deer who test negative.

PUC secures refunds, credits

The Public Utility Commission has secured refunds and bill credits totaling \$502,982 for Texas electric, water and telecommunications customers for fiscal year 2024, which ended Aug. 31. Nearly 13,000 complaints were filed by consumers during the fiscal year.

"Protecting consumers is the first commitment listed in our agency's mission statement, and our staff works every day to make sure Texas utility consumers are treated fairly and receive high quality service," Chris Burch, with the PUC, said.

The bulk of refunds and credits were for electric customers.

Customers who believe they were unfairly charged can file a complaint at puc.texas.gov/consumer/complaint.

Bitcoin plant expansion faces backlash in North Texas

A proposal to build a new 300-megawatt power plant next to two existing neighborhoods in Granbury drew about 150 angry residents to a public meeting hosted by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality last week.

Marathon Digital, a Florida-based cryptocurrency company, operates a 300-megawatt bitcoin mine on property owned by Constellation Energy, according to the San Antonio Express-News. Residents have complained about the constant noise coming from thousands of fans used to cool the banks of computers processing bitcoin transactions.

Constellation hopes to erect eight new turbines powered by natural gas to generate additional electricity and has applied for air permits to release nearly 800,000 added tons of carbon dioxide each year. Residents near the plant ob-

jected.

"It's not right. Y'all moved in on top of us. We didn't move in on y'all," said Nick Browning, who lives about 800 feet from the property.

Texas leads the nation in bitcoin mining, which is an electronic payment system that forgoes use of banks and credit card companies and requires vast amounts of computing power. TCEQ officials have not decided whether to grant a permit for a new plant. Constellation says the new plant would only operate about 40 percent of the year and "would be prohibited from directly serving industrial load," such as bitcoin. However, opponents say the new plant would allow existing plants to be used for more bitcoin mining than being done now.

Texting scams target TxTag customers

Toll customers in Texas are being targeted by scammers claiming the customer has a balance due or past due, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. The agency is working to have fraudulent websites taken down.

While TxTag does communicate with customers via email, text and phone, it does not send text messages concerning final payment reminders or past-due balances. Customers can report messages they believe to be fraudulent by calling 1-88-468-9824 or going online to TxTag.org.

"TxTag takes customer account security and verification very seriously," the news release said. All customers are required to confirm their account information and verify their identity upon contacting TxTag.

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Zeth Dugat looks to round the corner on a running play. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



Joseph Ocasiones looks to escape the grasp of an SBUM defender. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



Zeth Dugat (No. 1) edges across the end zone for Apple Springs' first score of Friday night against Second Baptist University-Model High School. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



Zeth Dugat gets wrapped up by two defenders after a reception. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



Peyton Williams (No. 6) and an SBUM defender go up for an errant pass. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS

Eagles tripped up in homecoming outing

TCNS staff

APPLE SPRINGS — The Apple Springs Eagles couldn't find the answer to the running and passing game of Second Baptist University-Model High School,

falling 46-36 on Homecoming night.

Still, the offense put up some good stats, with Zeth Dugat leading the charge with 8 carries for 111 yards and 2 TDs. Nate Sanders was 21 of 42 in the air for 230

yards and 3 TDs.

Peyton Williams caught 7 of 14 passes for 88 yards and 2 TDs; Joseph Ocasiones went 5 of 5 for 56 yards and Kayden Roden went 2 of 3 for 27 yards and a TD.

On defense, Bradyn Kaufman

had 12 tackles, caused 1 turnover, 1 fumble recovery while scoring 1 TD. Also, Noah Thompson had 17 tackles, Drake Pierce had 15 tackles and Colton Brasuell had 12 tackles.

Groveton

The score of the Groveton-Lovelady game on Friday reflected the night, which was said by Head Coach Michael Waldie to have gone poorly.

The Indians had 6 turnovers in their 59-0 loss to the Lions.



Lauren Lankford sets up the next Apple Springs hit. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



Lady Eagle Savannah McClennan returns a Goodrich serve. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



Lauren Lankford sets up for a shot. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS

Apple Springs comes up just short of 5-game win

TCNS staff

APPLE SPRINGS — The Lady Eagles made a full game of it, but in the end fell to Goodrich 3-2.

The scores were 17-25, 27-25, 23-25, 25-16 and 11-15.

On Sept. 10, we went to Leggett and won in 3 — 25-16, 25-13 and 25-13.

Groveton

The Lady Indians beat New Waverly in three on Friday night — 26-24, 25-20 and 25-16.

Jannett Bautista had the hot hand, garnering 11 kills on the night. Bautista and Kayleigh Albus served 4 aces.

Bautista also managed 20 digs, while Darbi Parker and Aubrey Alexander had 16 apiece. Alexander had 13 assists as well.

Groveton lost to Richards on Sept. 10. Scores were not immediately available.



Katie Davis stretches for the dig. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



Jade Aycok returns a serve. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS

Bulldogs winners all around

TCNS staff

CENTERVILLE — The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs hosted New Summerfield on Sept. 10, with all three teams coming away winners.

Head Coach Geoff Hollis said both boys teams earned their first wins of the year, and the Centerville girls moved to 6-1 on the season.

In the Boys A game, Centerville downed New Summerfield 36-14.

Aiden Conner scored 10 points in the outing, followed by Tanner Kellum and Hunter

Anderson each with 8, Trinity Nerren with 6 and Daniel Brister with 4.

In the Boys B game, Centerville won 20-5.

Cash Noack scored 12 points, John Corley had 5 points and Brayson Nerren 3.

In the Girls game, the Lady Bulldogs won 45-9.

Avery Brown led the team with 24 points, followed by Rebecca Brasuell with 10, Laura Rogers, Olivia Teeters, Mayce Maxfield, Bayleigh Forrest and Lillianna Brown each with 2, and Emilie Davis with 1.



RUNNING AND PLACE

On Wednesday, The Trinity Tigers boys and girls cross country teams participated in the Rattler Invitational in Navasota and continued to demonstrate impressive performance. In the varsity boys race, Senior Cade Mauldin led the way, finishing first with a time of 16:37. The Varsity Boys team, consisting of Cade Mauldin, Austin Beasley, Alejandro Zavala, Cristian Lopez, and Daniel Sanchez, secured seventh place as a team. Jasmine Jordan achieved a new personal best in the Varsity Girls race, finishing ninth overall with a time of 13:38 and earning a medal. The Varsity Girls team, comprising Jasmine Jordan, Karissia Rangel, Elizabeth Amaro, Alexa Manzaneras-Cerda, Marisol Lopez, Abril Puento, Aliana Reyes, and Natalie Stansberry, also finished seventh overall as a team. COURTESY PHOTO



Apple Springs' Brooke Brister goes for the kill shot. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



Abrie McWhorter sets up a kill shot. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



Lauren Lankford looks to the next score. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS

Frog gigging fast becoming a lost art

If there were a frog gigging tournament series back in the 60s, my dad, Fred Clayton of Red River County, would have been the Bill Dance of the gigging world. I remember vividly standing behind him on a remote pond bank shining that big four cell silver flashlight into the eyes of a hapless bullfrog.

Dad with gigging pole in hand, poised like a great blue heron, ever so slowly eased the gig within striking range of what would soon become the centerpiece of some of the best eating in freshwater.

So many folks today have never eaten fresh frog legs dusted with flour and deep fried in hot lard until they were a golden brown and fork tender. I've eaten frog legs at some very fine seafood restaurants, but while the frozen legs they prepare are tasty, they are no comparison to those freshly caught and cooked.

There are several methods of procuring your fresh frog legs from the wild but the most popular is gigging or spearing them with a gig mounted on a lightweight but strong pole. There are two basic type gigs used; the grab gig which cocks open and is spring loaded, and the prong gig comprised of three or four sharp points.

My dad used the grab gig, and this is the only method I knew about until I was well into my teens. The position of the gig when striking the frog is very important. The trick is to strike the frog in the back so that the sides of the gig clamp tightly together and holds the frog. It's possible to catch the frog by the head but not nearly as efficient as a good body catch.



A bit of knowledge of frog anatomy is necessary regardless of the type of gig one uses. When shining frogs at night, which is by far the best time to go after them, only their eyes and top of head are visible above waterline but after a bit of practice, it's easy to determine when the critter's body position underwater by the angle of the head. This sounds a bit technical I know but it really isn't — a bit of practice and most beginner froggers quickly become proficient.

The prong gig is basically a spear with several very sharp prongs. The body position of the frog is still important when plunging the spear, but not as important as with a grab gig. Most gigging is done very close to the bank or sometimes on the bank close to the water. The trick with a prong gig is to pin the frog to the ground before attempting to remove him from the gig.

When gigging in water much more than a foot deep, the grab gig is obviously more efficient; the tension of the spring-loaded jaws usually grip the frog tightly and he seldom gets away. Keeping the light focused on the frog is key to getting within gigging range. I remember my dad instructing me to "keep that light on the frog, boy." On the occasion when I moved the light from the frog to the ground, I was quickly

reminded of the task at hand.

There was very little deviation from the way I was trained to gig frogs. Ol' dad had a system that worked, and he stuck to it.

When I grew up and moved away from home, I carried my love of gigging and eating frogs with me. When I moved to the suburbs as a young man with a growing family, I found the ponds close to town loaded with uneducated frogs. My new friends were often reluctant to go out with me for an evening gig, but they usually got caught up in the excitement and once I fed them some of the fruits of our harvest, they became serious froggers.

I later learned there was more than one way to put frogs in the croaker sack. While in my early 20s, one of my neighbors was from Arkansas and he grew up catching and eating frogs, just like me but using a far different method. He used a boat paddle instead of a gig.

When he first told me about his system, I thought he was joking but after our first outing, I learned there was more than one way to put frogs in the skillet. We used a jon boat and after shining a frog, paddled quietly within a few feet, raised the boat paddle and came down, hard on Mr. Froggie. Just as my friend had said, the frog simply sprawled out the water surface and was promptly put in the bag.

I later learned that frogs have a weakness for a Texas rigged worm slowly twitching in front of their nose. My long-time friend, the late Bob Hood (who enjoyed a long career writing about the outdoors) and I were fishing a 10-acre pond near



Fresh frog legs fried to perfection cannot be compared to the frozen, farm raised variety served in most restaurants. COURTESY PHOTO

the Trinity River in Texas many years ago.

Bass fishing was great on Texas rigged worms and Bob spotted a bullfrog setting within inches of the water.

"Want some frog legs to go with our fish dinner, Luke?" Bob asked. He tossed the worm up on the bank a few feet about the frog and as soon as the soft plastic was within pouncing distance, the jumbo size frog made a leap, landing square on the worm and engulfed it. Bob was then solidly hooked to a critter that made catching a bass seem boring.

That frog jumped up on the bank then back into the water and made a couple of dives. My buddy soon had him in the boat and for the next couple hours, we both abandoned our quest for large-mouth and proceeded to boat several big bullfrogs which were later the cen-

terpiece for a frog leg/bass dinner fit for a couple of kings.

Don't think for a moment that only the legs of a bullfrog are edible. My dad always skinned the frogs from the head down and removed the back. The flavor of the meat is exactly the same as the legs, there is no dark meat on any part of a frog, and it's all delicate white meat.

On one evening outing dad and I had a banner night our croaker sack was half full of frogs. My dad placed the bag in an ice cooler but forgot to close the lid. The cooler was put in our little outbuilding/tool shed with a dirt floor. The plan was to get some sleep and skin the frogs in the morning.

The next day when we opened the door to the shed to retrieve our frogs and begin butchering them, the sack was on the floor, empty and

there was not a sign of a frog anywhere. The little shed was tight but did have a dirt floor. To this day, we wondered what might have stolen our frogs. There was no sign of a raccoon or other critter entering the building. Later we decided it had to be a snake or snakes that made away with what was to be a huge frog leg feed that evening.

In recent years, I have used my .25 caliber PCP air rifle to shoot frogs I spotted on the bank, but avoid shooting them in the water for safety reasons. I'm sure if my dad was around to read this, he would probably be reminding me gigging is the only accepted method of harvesting a frog dinner and ... "to keep that light on the frog."

Listen to weekly podcast "Catfish Radio with Luke Clayton and Friends" wherever podcasts are found.



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Missing Words

Work with a family member to replace the missing words in the below article.

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NEW YEARS
BUCKLE LAWS

The First Seat Belt

The first lap belt that resembles the modern seat belt was a _____ strap used on a U.S. Army airplane in 1910. For the next 25 _____, seat belts were used mostly in airplanes.

In the 1940s, studies showed that injuries in _____ accidents were less when a seat belt was worn. Even so, many people did not choose to _____ up.

The government started passing _____ requiring automakers to put seat belts in all _____ cars. By the 1970s, seat belts were used commonly.

A car accident happens almost every minute. Do you think it is a good idea to buckle up?

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS
This week's word: **HAZARD**
The noun **hazard** means danger or risk.

Watch out for **hazards** in play areas.

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

Safe on the Playground!

Kabir and Aisha want kids in their neighborhood to be safe. They are going to take a look at their local playground, the Hometown Playground, to see if it is a safe place to play.

Yikes! They've found many ways in which their playground is not safe. Use the Hazard Hunt checklist to find the hazards in their playground.



How many things on this page can you find that start with the letter S?

Standards Link: Identify initial graphemes and phonemes.

Standards Link: Follow multiple step directions; recognize safe features of recreational activities; connect information in texts to life experiences.

Hazard Hunt Checklist

Circle each hazard you find on the Hometown Playground.

- Trash on the ground
- Things you could trip over
- Broken parts
- Missing parts
- Splintered wood
- Chipped or peeling paint
- Holes or cracks in plastic
- Sharp corners or edges
- Nails or bolts sticking out
- Open S-hooks or chain links

Dress Safely on Playgrounds

Mateo and Riley are not dressed for playground safety. Use the code to find out what they should not be wearing.

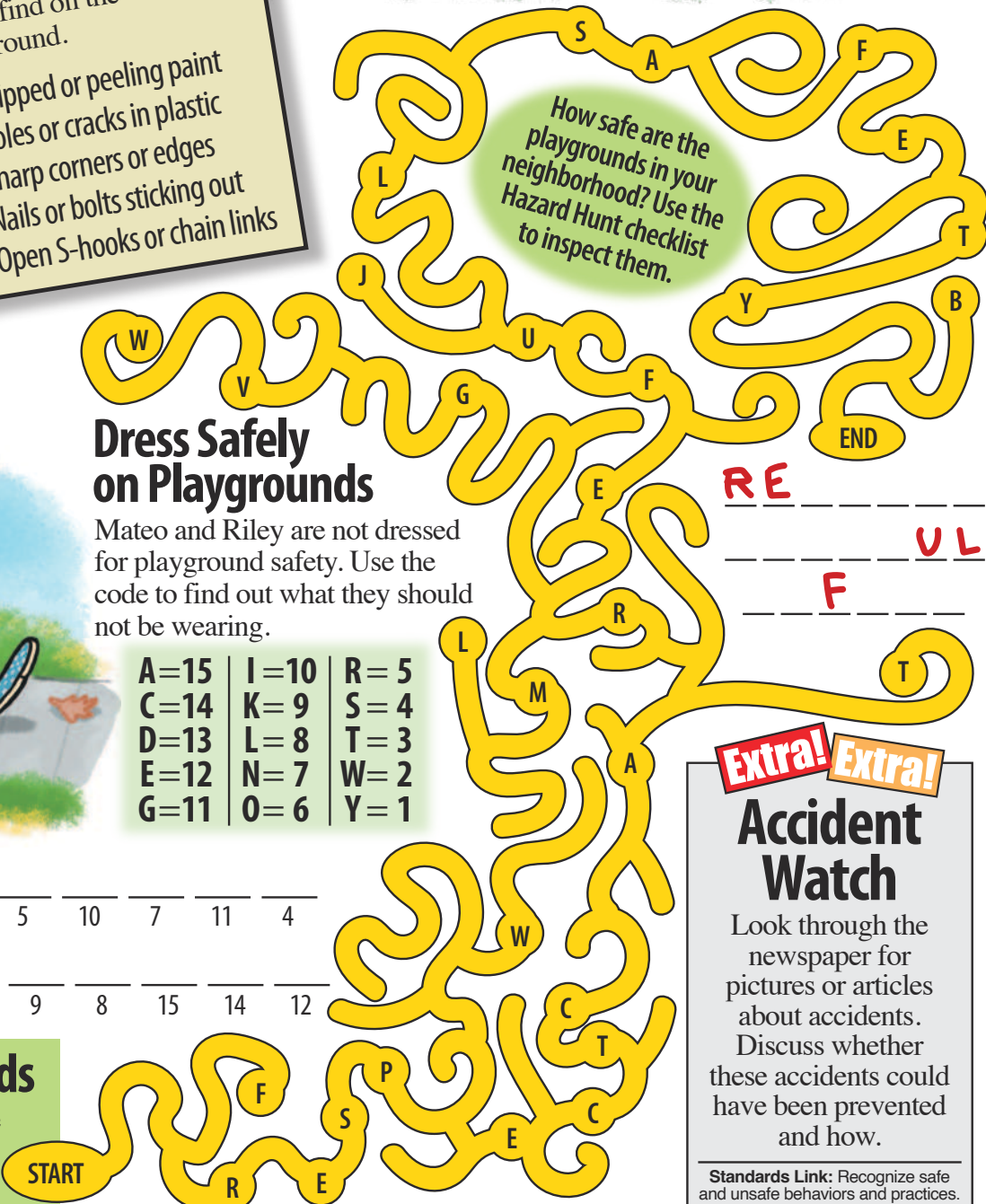
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D=13	L=8	T=3
E=12	N=7	W=2
G=11	O=6	Y=1



13 5 15 2 4 3 5 10 7 11 4
15 7 13 7 12 14 9 8 15 14 12

Playground Safety Words

Find three important words along the correct path through this maze that are the keys to a great playground.



Extra! Extra! Accident Watch

Look through the newspaper for pictures or articles about accidents. Discuss whether these accidents could have been prevented and how.

Standards Link: Recognize safe and unsafe behaviors and practices.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What's something you should wear every time you play outside?



Circle every third letter to reveal the answer!

T Y S J F U Y T N V W S E L
C I B R H R E V C E P A N

S

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- BOLTS
- CHAIN
- DRESS
- HAZARD
- INSPECT
- KIDS
- PAINT
- PARTS
- PATH
- PLAYGROUND
- SAFETY
- SHARP
- TRIP
- WEAR
- WOOD

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

W O O D N I A H C E
D N U O R G Y A L P
P A T H O K T Z H D
F E J C S I E A S R
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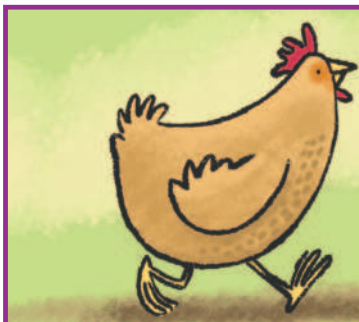
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Safety Poem

Look through the newspaper for words or pictures that represent or describe a person who helps keep you safe. Use these words to write a safety poem.

Standards Link: Linking health and safe behavior to genre; poetry.



Why did the chicken cross the playground?

ANSWER: To get to the other slide.

Write On!

Safe on the Playground

What are three safety rules students should follow on the playground?



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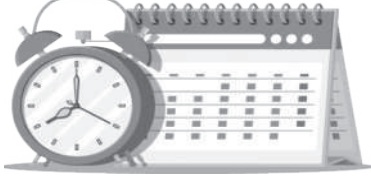
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AREA DIGEST



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 TCEA 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.

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.

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

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

For more information, please

call (936) 642-1421.

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

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

Church program set
Calvary Baptist Church in 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.

Resume help offered
The Nigton Historical Development Project is hosting Texas Workforce Solutions from 9-11 a.m. Monday at the Nigton Multipurpose Building.

The meeting will help interested job seekers with finding work, building resumes, and even training for new opportunities.

For information, email nigton-hdp@yahoo.com.

Lavender & Lace fundraiser
The Republican Women of Trinity County will host a Lavender & Lace luncheon, silent auction & style show from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Trinity Community Center, 806 S. Robb St., in Trinity.

Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased prior to the event.

For information, contact Michele Newhouse at (281) 620-9154 or Kirby Danene Mackey at (832) 691-6878.

Homecoming big, bold, and neon

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

Special to the News-Standard

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

GHS Homecoming 2024 Schedule Sept. 27

8 a.m. — Meet and Greet, High School (Old Gym); Registration:

Chairman Betty Kennedy Whitteley; refreshments: Debbie Bailey Wilson and Maria Plotts. Cookbooks will be available for purchase.

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

1 p.m. — Pep Rally, High School Gym

3 p.m. — Biennial Business Meeting-Old Gym

4 p.m. — Class reunions 1960-64, First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. — Groveton Indians vs. Frankston Indians, John W. Reynolds Football Field

Half-time Crowning of our 2024 Homecoming Queen, Band Sweetheart and Beau

After game Street Dance, Downtown

Sept. 28
8:30 a.m. — Parade Lineup at Football Field parking lot, Tim Coker, Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- Texas grid inventory: ___ watts
- TXism: "I'm all ___" (attentive)
- 9/11 perpetrators ___ terrorists
- TXism: "___ hill for a stepper"
- in the past
- prohibit
- TX Hunter's "Since ___ You Baby"
- appropriate TX Dan Blocker tree farm?
- TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ of it"
- spinning toy: whir ___
- TXism: "can't ___ old dog new tricks"
- TXism: "hen fruit"
- Castroville is "The Little ___ of Texas"
- TXism: "eatin' hay is ___ good for" (poor horse)
- in Henderson County on U.S. 175
- TX George Foreman victory (abbr.)
- easily ignited
- TX Willie's "On the ___ Again"
- TXism: "___ over but the shouting"
- Texas prisoners
- voided a marriage
- vision or graph beginning
- Juan de ___ named El Paso

DOWN

- TXism: "gave ___ song and dance"
- TXism: "bend your ___" (talk)
- U.S. Rep. Kay from Fort Worth
- TXism: "loud ___ bare floor"
- Fort Worth's ___ Carter Museum"
- TXism: "___ of the box" (beginning)
- TXism: "cash ___ the barrel head"
- TX Tarzan Ely (init.)
- TXism: "my stomach is ___ a knot" (nervous)
- Texas perennial
- "with a nicknack pattywack, give the ___ bone"
- TXism: "big fish ___ pond" (important person)
- TXism: "when ___ fly" (never)
- weed whackers
- of long standing (hyphenated word)
- chills & fever
- "_-dah!" (fanfare)
- Santa's helper
- TX Collin Raye's "___ Can Be"
- Mass music?
- TXism: "let bygones ___ bygones"
- Texas moonwalker, Bean
- TXism: "___ a hand" (help)
- ___ Braunfels, TX
- TX "Big Bopper's" Chantilly Lace had "___ in her walk"
- "Texas" is an outdoor ___ in Palo Duro Canyon
- money dispenser (abbr.)

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- two ___ in a pod" (alike)
- ID card, e.g. (abbr.)
- character Dobbs in Texas-based "Lonesome Dove"
- in Anderson: Fanthorp ___ Historical Site
- Texas-born Steve Martin album: "___ Crazy Guy"
- disease microbe
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FEMA assistance applications cut off Oct. 10

Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — Texans who sustained losses from Hurricane Beryl have less than one month remaining to apply for federal assistance.

The deadline is Oct. 10. Since the disaster declaration in July, FEMA has helped nearly 673,700 Texas households with \$704.7 million in financial assistance. FEMA specialists have been working in 22 counties helping people apply for assistance.

FEMA crews have visited 174,203 homes and 9,285 public locations. More than 45,000 residents have visited the 42 Disaster Recovery Centers located within the state. More than 26,100 families have stayed in hotels temporarily at the expense of the State and FEMA because they could not return to their homes.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$247.8 million in low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations, and businesses affected by Beryl.

Homeowners and renters in Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties with uninsured losses from Hurricane Beryl may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

Texans have several options for how to apply for FEMA assistance. Homeowners and renters can:

- 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 (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

• Visit a Disaster Recovery Center. To find the center location nearest you go to fema.gov/drc. Disaster Recovery Centers operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday.

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

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations and businesses of any size. Applicants may apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at SBA.gov/disaster or by calling 800-659-2955. SBA representatives are available to provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants at the Disaster Recovery Centers throughout the affected area. Business Recovery Centers are operating at University of Houston Downtown Marilyn Davies College of Business, Trini Mendenhall Community Center in Houston and East Montgomery County Improvement District in Montgomery County.

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

TxDOT campaign offers hitch, towing safety tips

Initiative promotes safety tips to prevent trailer-related crashes and save lives

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AUSTIN — Whether it's taking a boat on a lake or operating a business, millions of Texans hitch a trailer to their vehicle every year. Knowing how to safely attach or tow a trailer can save lives. That's why TxDOT is urging drivers to learn how to properly attach a trailer and drive safely, once it's attached.

Wife and mother of three Kelly Hall of Tyler was tragically killed on March 8, 2021, when a food trailer became unhitched from the truck that was towing it and struck her vehicle.

To help avoid crashes like these, TxDOT is sharing these safety tips:

Choosing the correct equipment:

- Check your vehicle's tow rating in the owner's manual to confirm it can tow the trailer's weight when fully loaded.
- Ensure your hitch ball is the correct size and capacity for the coupler, trailer and load. Hitch balls and couplers are stamped with their size and maximum weight capacities. Improper ball size or capacity could cause the trailer to detach from the tow vehicle.
- Check the tires' pressure on the tow vehicle and trailer, including spare tires. Your vehicle's tires may require a higher pressure while towing. Check the vehicle owner's manual.

Tips for safely hitching a trailer:

- Verify each part of the hitch system is in

good condition.

- Ask a friend or coworker to help you line up the vehicle and trailer.
 - Determine the appropriate rise or drop of the ball mount. The trailer should ride parallel to the ground when being towed to ensure stability. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to properly attach the coupler to the ball mount and install a safety pin. Double-check that the hitch is secured properly before towing.
 - Always use safety chains. They are required by law and are your first line of defense if the trailer detaches. Make sure the safety chains are properly crisscrossed and connected. Check that the trailer lights, running lights and brake lights are working.
 - Properly distribute and balance your trailer load weight and secure all cargo.
- Tips for driving safely when towing a trailer:
- Slow down, stay alert and leave plenty of stopping distance. It will take longer to stop with a trailer than with a vehicle alone.
 - Watch for trailer sway. If you see the trailer swinging back and forth, remove your foot from the gas and gently apply the trailer brakes until the swaying stops.
 - Take extra care when turning or changing lanes.
- TxDOT's Be Safe. Drive Smart. campaign will spread these messages across the state to help raise awareness of trailer safety and how to attach and tow a trailer.

Legal Notices

Public sale of equipment on Sept. 26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Please be advised that Equify Financial, LLC will conduct a Public Sale of the following Equipment at 10:00AM (CST) on September 26th, 2024, at 310 Enterprise St 78045 Laredo TX. 2023 Dry Van Trailer VIN: UUYVS2533P3818850. 2023 Dry Van Trail-

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Estate of Leander Vaughan Cannon

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Person and Estate of Leander Vaughan Cannon, An Incapacitated Person, were issued on August 29, 2024, in Cause No. P-2024-5704, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Trinity County, Texas, to: Lea Richard Cannon. All persons having claims against this Estate are hereby required to present them

to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law at the address shown below. The name where claims may be sent is Kimberly A. Hegwood, whose address is P.O. Box 58867, Webster, Texas 77598, Telephone: (281) 218-0880, Fax: (218) 938-1785, /s/ Kimberly A. Hegwood, Texas, Bar Number: 00798248 DATED the 10th day of September 2024.

Estate of Steven David Church

CITATION IN PROBATE THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF STEVEN DAVID CHURCH, DECEASED. On September 5, 2024, Karla Kierman filed an Application to Determine Heirship and for Letters of Independent Administration. This proceeding is styled the Estate of Steven David Church, Deceased, and is numbered P-2024-5747 in the County Court of Trinity County, Texas. The Court will hear the applications at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of ten (10) days, exclusive of the date of publication, from the date this citation is published, or at such later time as may be set by the Court, at the Trinity County Courthouse in Groveton, Texas. All persons interested in said estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for the hearing by filing a written contest or answer to the applications should they

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