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# Trinity manager, police chief positions open

By Tony Farkas  
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TRINITY — Two of the top positions in the city of Trinity administration are now open following Thursday's meeting of the Trinity City Council.

City Manager Tim King has been relieved of his position, and Police Chief Daniel Kee has turned in his resignation, according to Mayor Billy Goodin.

Goodin said that the council has been moving management of city to new style,

and the council did not feel King was living up to expectations.

"With all the controversy going on, we felt it would be best to part ways," he said.

Goodin cited a recent investigation into Kee, which could lead to a potential civil suit; Kee turned in his resignation, which the council also discussed in closed session on Thursday.

Goodin said the city will advertise for the positions, which will then be brought before council. In the meantime, Sgt. Tom Hester is acting chief of the Police

Department, and administrative duties of the city manager will be handled by the mayor.

In other business, the council:

- approved a bid from Duplichain Contractors for reconstruction of the well plant for \$975,404. The bid also would require an additional \$459,800 should it be required to increase the size of the storage tank, and \$55,000 for demolition of the old storage tank;
- approved a bid from McGuire Iron of \$1,588,200 for construction of a new

water tower, which would require an additional \$10,000 to paint the word Trinity on the side;

- approved Trinity Muffler as the firm to do maintenance on city vehicles;
- tabled raising water rates to correct language in an ordinance;
- approved a 7.5 percent increase in solid waste rates, and approved rental of Dumpsters for residents needing short-term rental; and
- approved increases to water and sewer taps to \$1,500 and \$650, respectively.



Trinity County emergency personnel investigate a one-vehicle crash that left two people dead on Monday on FM 356. COURTESY PHOTO

## Two killed in one-vehicle crash

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TRINITY — Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers investigated a fatality crash on Farm-to-Market Road 356 that occurred Monday.

Preliminary reports indicate that at approximately 12:11 p.m., a Chevrolet SUV was traveling east and reportedly for unknown reasons, trav-

eled off the road and overturned.

The driver was pronounced deceased on scene by a Justice of the Peace. Their passenger was transported to Huntsville Memorial Hospital where they were pronounced deceased. Their information is not immediately available pending notification of their next of kin.

This is an ongoing investigation.

## Early voting starts Monday

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While the bulk of the local Trinity County races were decided in the March primary election, there are other races of note to cast ballots for in the November general election.

Former President Donald Trump is facing off with Vice President Kamala Harris; incumbent Sen. Ted Cruz faces a challenge from U.S. Rep. Colin Allred and Libertarian Ted Brown; and U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions is being challenged by Mark Lorenzen.

Early voting begins Monday.

### November general election

#### Early Voting Time and locations:

- Groveton VFD:  
 Trinity City Hall:  
 Oct. 21-25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Oct. 26, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 Oct. 27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 Oct. 28-Nov 1, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 Apple Springs VFD:  
 Oct. 21-25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.  
**Election Day**  
**Nov. 5**  
 All polling locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
 • Groveton High School, 202 N. Main, Groveton  
 • Chita Baptist Church, 10959 FM 355, Trinity  
 • Lakeway Baptist Church, 12748 FM 356,

- Trinity  
 • Glendale Methodist Church, 184 Glendale Church Road, Trinity  
 • TISD Admin Building, West Jefferson, Trinity  
 • Friday Comm. Center, 4198 FM 1280, Groveton  
 • Pennington Comm. Center, 11568 W. FM 358, Pennington  
 • Nogalus Calvary Baptist Church, 4712 FM357, Centralia  
 • Apple Springs VFD, 14755 N. SH 94, Apple Springs  
 • Centerville School, 10327 N. SH 94, Groveton  
 • Risin Sun Cowboy Church, 13984 E. Pegoda Road, Trinity  
 • Groveton Comm. Center, 147 Fair Loop, Groveton  
 • Trinity Pines Baptist Church, 4769 FM 356, Trinity  
 • East Prairie Church of Christ, 138 Nor-sworthy Lane, Groveton  
 • Baldwin Chapel, 288 M.L.K. Jr. Drive, Groveton  
 • Trinity Comm. Center, South Robb, Trinity  
 • Ligon Chapel CME Hall, 565 E. Deason Loop, Apple Springs  
 • Trinity City Hall, 101 West Madison, Trinity  
 • Oaklawn Baptist Church, 4833 N. SH 94, Groveton  
 • River of Life Church, 2390 S. SH 19, Trinity

## easttexasnews.com sports new look

Polk County Publishing Company Inc. is pleased to announce that its new website, easttexasnews.com, is fully operational. It features news from PCPC's four newspapers — Polk County Enterprise, Tyler County Booster, San Jacinto News-Times and Trinity County News-Standard — in addition to features from its quarterly magazine, East Texan. Beginning Oct. 15, however, parts of the site will

be behind a paywall (e-editions, news, opinions, sports). All print and e-edition subscribers will have access to everything at no additional charge. Website readers can pay \$1 per story or subscribe to all stories on the site for \$20 annually. All subscribers will be required to set up a new username and password their first time on the site after the paywall is established. After that, the system will remember them.

## Trinity County enacts burn ban

By Tony Farkas  
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GROVETON — Fires are becoming more frequent, and grass is crackling, so on Thursday the Trinity County Commissioners Court enacted a burn ban throughout the county.

Commissioner Neal Smith said conditions are so dry, the fire department in Trinity is getting two to three calls a day for people burning, and the county needs to put a stop to it.

"All other counties around us are under fire bans, and there's no chance of rain until the end of the month, and I think we need to do this," Smith said.

Commissioner Mike Loftin said the situation is escalating and could soon get out of control.

At its regular meeting on Oct. 8, the county approved its participation in a study to create a Foreign Trade Zone, commissioned through the Texas Forest Country Partnership, for Trinity and the surrounding counties, at a cost of \$1,636.

Loftin said that county residents had expressed concern that an FTZ would lead the county to become something similar to the Colony Ridge community in Liberty County, which is perceived as a haven for illegal immigrants and drugs.

However, a study would give the county more information while not obligating it to any action.

In other business, the court:

- approved renewal of the retiree health care plan;
- approved leasing a commercial scanner for the District Court Clerk for older case files at a cost of \$111.64 per month;
- approved invoices for disaster-related items;
- approved the renewal of a contract for the county victim notification system;
- approved participation in the DETCOG solid waste grant program;
- approved participation in the TxDOT airport RAMP grant program;
- approved an application for a \$180,000 grant for general assistance from the Texas Veterans Commission;
- approved an application for a grant from the TLL Temple Foundation for a rescue boat;
- approved a memorandum of understanding with SAAFE House for services;
- approved the use of the County Clerk's Office as a location for "The Beast of Trinity Texas" movie shoot; and
- approved a \$250 donation from Jane Fester in honor of fallen Deputy Justin Fester.



The Trinity County Commissioners Court, along with SAAFE House Executive Director Tracy Stoudt and Trinity County Coordinator Colleen Garza, proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS



The Trinity County Commissioners Court, along with County Clerk Shasta Bergman and breast cancer survivor and County Auditor Bonnie Kennedy, proclaimed October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS

## Firefighting efforts increase in drier weather

TCNS staff

Dry conditions have increased the volume of fires in the county, leading to at least five fires.

Those conditions prompted the Trinity County Commissioners Court to enact an outdoor burn ban on Thursday.

On Oct. 8, Trinity Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire on Goober Gap Road at approximately 4 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Fire Chief Keith Johnson said firefighters arrived on scene to find two vehicles and a single-wide mobile home engulfed in flames. Fifteen firefighters and an engine and tanker responded as well as Rescue 1, and 356 Fire Department responded with two tankers for water supply.

Johnson said the residents were able to escape the fire, but a pet was found deceased in a back bedroom.

Then in the afternoon of the same day,

the Trinity Fire Department responded to a wildfire on FM 356 at Lake L Road. Two trucks and 10 men responded to the call and quickly extinguished the blaze.

On Wednesday, TVFD responded to three fires on Wednesday afternoon. The first call was a tractor on fire in a wooded area on FM 356 just inside the Polk County line.

Johnson said firefighters assisted 356 Fire Department and Onalaska Fire Department with extinguishing the fire.

Later that day, the department was dispatched to a truck on fire on South Highway 19.

Johnson said firefighters quickly extinguished the fire, but the truck was heavily damaged.

Then, as firefighters were leaving, Johnson said they were dispatched to Trinity Cove for a brush fire; this turned out to be a control burn and firefighters returned to the station. See photos page 8A.



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RIVER & RAINFALL DATA AS OF OCT 15  
 Gauge Height..... 5.6 ft  
 Condition.....Normal Flood Stage  
 Weekly rainfall .....0.00in





# Homecoming week to keep us on our toes

It is hard to believe but I have written 44 articles in the Trinity Newspaper this year, and I have only 13 more weeks left in 2024 to enlighten you.

Several events occurred this weekend, but I was not able to attend them prior to other obligations. Funny how life has a way of interfering with your plans.

This week will be fast, furious, and fun for our teachers and students, as it is Homecoming Week. From Monday through Friday the festivities abound. Each day brings a different theme. Dress the following, but still adhering to the TISD dress code rules: favorite decade, barbecue dad or soccer mom, favorite teacher, coach, or office staff, rhyming words with other students, and wear your Tiger colors on Friday.

I don't know if there was or will be a bonfire or not, because of the burn ban that is in effect in Trinity County.

• On Thursday, there is a grand opening ceremony for The Cottages at River Pointe from 4-6 p.m., located at 1410 S. Robb



**Julia's Tidbits**

By Julia McMichael

Street in Trinity.

You are invited to witness the opening ceremony of their secure memory unit. There will be food, drinks, door prizes, and tours.

This endeavor marks the beginning of a new and exciting journey for the River Pointe Facility and its clients. For more information, please call (936) 594-7521.

• On Thursday, Trinity High School's FBLA presents a Halloween Haunted Run at 7 p.m.

• This weekend there are several events happening around town. We have church events, school events, and civic events so, attend all events that you can to support your community.

One event that is taking place with much anticipation, is Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church's

Annual Fall Festival Fundraiser on Saturday and Sunday. The church is located at 401 Prospect Drive in Trinity.

Bingo games take place on Friday at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The festival takes place on Saturday at 11 a.m. Fun, food, music, arts and crafts vendors, and children's activities start on Saturday at 11 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. outside in the church yard.

This annual festival is to raise money for youth charities and Trinity student scholarships. The public is invited to attend and for more information, please call Iris Alaniz at (713) 253-6221.

• First Methodist Church of Trinity opens their Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, Oct. 19, downtown from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The Pumpkin Patch hours will be Monday through Friday from 3:30-6:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays from 12:30-5 p.m. The Pumpkin Patch closes on Halloween night in time for Treats on the Street.

Yes, Margaret, there will be Treats on the Street this year.

More details in next week's issue.

• Another event on Saturday is the Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church Free Community Fall Festival at the Church, located at 201 N. Robb St. from 3-6 p.m. Free food, games, candy, and bounce houses are available. Costumes are not needed to participate. Just come and have fun.

Following the Free Festival at DWMB, you can attend the Calvary Boys in concert at the Calvary Baptist Church in Trinity, which begins at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 310 Prospect Drive in Trinity, and the public is invited to attend. For more information, please call (936) 594-3611.

• Also on Saturday is the Trinity High School's FBLA (Future Business leader of America) is hosting a Halloween Haunted Run at 7 p.m. at the gravel parking lot at 500 E. Caroline St. The cost to enter the Halloween Haunted Run is \$20, so please come and support our TISD students.

• Oct. 22 is Dinner with Friend at FMC at 4



The newest member of Trinity Lions Club and new President of Trinity Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is Areia Bacon. COURTESY PHOTO

• Oct. 22, hamburger supper at Westwood Shores

• Oct. 26, 2024, Trinity Lions Club Pet Show

• Oct. 26, Trinity Veterans Wall of Honor

• Oct. 31, Treats on the Street

Next issue I will expound on the last two weeks of October and first four weeks of November. See you at some of the events.

# Grand Baby Project comes to Trinity

Trinity Rehabilitation and Healthcare partners with nonprofit to bring comfort, companionship to those living with dementia

Special to the News-Standard

TRINITY — The Grand Baby Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals living with dementia, is thrilled to announce its new partnership with Trinity Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

This collaboration aims to expand the services and therapies offered by TRHC to dementia patients and is more than just an innovative ap-

proach to care; it's a pathway to creating deeper, more meaningful connections with individuals living with dementia.

Founded by Houston native Tonja Moon, The Grand Baby Project was inspired by the profound impact a baby doll had on her grandmother, Ruby, who faced the challenges of dementia with bravery and grace. The therapy dolls provided by The Grand Baby Project offer a nonpharmacologic approach to dementia care,

promoting comfort, companionship, and a sense of purpose for individuals navigating the complexities of this condition.

Research supports the effectiveness of Dementia Doll Therapy as an innovative method to improve the quality of life for those with dementia. By simulating the presence of a companion, these dolls can help alleviate feelings of loneliness and anxiety, while also encouraging positive social interactions and engagement

in daily activities.

This partnership comes on the heels of the tremendous amount of positive press and growth The Grand Baby Project has received. It's not only an opportunity to provide these invaluable therapy dolls but also a celebration of the community's commitment to supporting individuals with dementia and their families. Families can expect an informative and heartwarming experience, with insights into the benefits of doll ther-

apy and activities for their loved ones who want to participate.

"We believe that everyone deserves to feel a sense of purpose, loved and valued, regardless of the challenges they face," Moon said. "TRHC is a testament to the community's dedication to making a difference in the lives of those living with dementia. I am thrilled to bring my grandmother Ruby's legacy to Trinity and beyond."

More information is available at [www.thegrandbabyproject.org](http://www.thegrandbabyproject.org).

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**TRINITY COUNTY WEATHER FORECAST FOR OCTOBER 17-23**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Sunny 74°/46°	Sunny 79°/53°	Sunny 81°/54°	Sunny 83°/55°	Mostly Sunny 85°/61°	Mostly Sunny 87°/62°	Partly Cloudy 86°/63°
Chance of Rain 2%	Chance of Rain 1%	Chance of Rain 4%	Chance of Rain 3%	Chance of Rain 9%	Chance of Rain 13%	Chance of Rain 8%
Wind E 6 mph	Wind ESE 8 mph	Wind E 8 mph	Wind E 7 mph	Wind SE 6 mph	Wind S 5 mph	Wind S 6 mph

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



**LIFE TRIBUTE**

**Allan "Al" Lee Miller (Pete)**

Al Miller died Friday, Oct 11, 2024, at his Trinity home with his family at his side. He was 87 at the time of his death.

Born June 25, 1937, in Duluth, Minn., to Raymond Gilbert and Lillian June Miller. He had two sisters, Donna and Patricia, and a brother, Donald. Al was blessed with seven children — four daughters and three sons.

Al was a true patriot and proudly served in the U.S. Army between 1954-1957. On Jan. 13, 1967, Al married the love of his life, Judy Anderson.

Al was blessed with seven children — four girls and three boys — Tina, Dawn, LeAnn, Bruce, Janet, Pete and Donny.

As an avid golfer and sports fanatic, you could always count on his TV to be tuned in to a game. He and Judy worked together in the food service industry and opened several successful restaurants throughout Texas. Al was someone you could always count on in a time of need; pitching in wherever needed in his community.

Al is survived by his children, Tina Rae, Leigh Ann, Bruce Edward, Janet Lea, Allan Lee Jr., and Donald Raymond, and will be deeply missed by an army of bonus children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Judy Louise, his brother Donald, two sisters, Donna and Patricia, and daughter Dawn.

Allan will lie in state Thursday,



Allan "Al" Lee Miller (Pete)  
June 25, 1937 - Oct. 11, 2024

Oct. 17, from noon until 4 p.m. at the Schneider Funeral Home and Crematory, La Cygne Chapel. Funeral service will be held 11 am Friday, Oct. 18, at the La Cygne Chapel. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to service time at the La Cygne Chapel.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Allan Lee Miller, please visit our flower store. 299

**Garner Haegen Spring**

Funeral services for Garner Haegen Spring, 85, of Apple Springs, were held Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, at Carroway Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Jim Durham and Mike Due officiating. Interment will follow in the New Church Cemetery in Apple Springs.

Mr. Spring was born Aug. 16, 1939, in Apple Springs, Texas to the late Evie Dell (Odom) and Wayne Milledge Spring. He died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024, in Apple Springs, where he was a lifelong resident.

Garner was Vice President Cashier at Citizen State Bank in Corrigan, retiring in 2006 after more than 30 years of service. Garner attended Panola Junior College on a basketball scholarship and then went on to graduate from Stephen F. Austin State University. After retiring he managed the family ranch, North Cedar Creek Ranch in Apple Springs. He was a 50-year mason with the Eastern Star 284 Masonic Lodge AF&AM and was a member of Apple Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lee Spring, of Apple Springs; son, Richard Garner Spring, of Apple Springs; daughter, Scarlett Spring and spouse, Linda Buscemi, of Phoenix; grandchildren, Vernon Haegen Spring of Houston, Rich G. Spring of Nacogdoches, and Marshall Lane Spring of The Woodlands; brother, Gary Lynn Spring, of Marble Falls; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gilbert Spring and Gilmer Spring; and sisters, Glenora Greigg and Gerry Spring.

Pallbearers were Haegen Spring, Rich Spring, Lane Spring, Zack Jones, Garrison Spring and Grant Spring.

Honorary pallbearers were S.E. Denman, Matt Benton, Lance LaRue, Gary



Garner Haegen Spring  
Aug. 16, 1939 - Oct. 6, 2024

Spring Jr., Johnny Zolman, Cory Carlton, Bill Conner, Bill Martin, Anthony Page, Jason Due, Casey Jones and Rusty Spring.

Posthumous honorary pallbearers were Ronnie Tidwell and James H. Smith.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Church Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 42, Apple Springs, TX 75926.

The family welcomed friends and loved ones Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Memories and condolences may be added, and webcasting of the services may be viewed, at [www.carrowayfuneralhome.com](http://www.carrowayfuneralhome.com).

Carroway Funeral Home of Lufkin handled arrangements. 342

**Paul Dean Stringer**

Paul Dean Stringer, 81, of Crockett passed away Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024, in Crockett. Paul was born Dec. 20, 1942, in Crockett to parents, Dallas Cecil Stringer and Naomi Ruth Wolfe Stringer. He was a 1961 graduate of Crockett High School and while attending school, he worked at Pany Woods Drug Store where he decided on a career as a pharmacist. Paul received his master's degree from University of Houston in 1967 as a Registered Pharmacist then opened Paul's Pharmacy in Groveton, working for many years. After his retirement and moving back to Crockett, he continued to fill in for pharmacists in Silsbee and Crockett Brookshires and even worked in Gatesville TDCJ and Lufkin State School. Paul was very involved in the Crockett Fiddler's Festival and also enjoyed reconnecting with his classmates from Crockett. He was a longtime member of the South Loop Church of Christ where he was a song leader, preached occasionally and publish the Church bulletin. Paul was a very pleasant man, enjoyed visiting and was a true friend.

Paul is survived by son, Tim Springer and wife, Katherine, of Crockett; daughter, Elizabeth Middleton of Tatom; granddaughters, Kayla and Mistie Middleton; great-grandson, Elias Middleton; brother, Charles Stringer and wife, Joyce, of Lufkin; and nephews, Michael



Paul Dean Stringer  
Dec. 20, 1942 - Oct. 6, 2024

Stringer and John David Stringer. He was preceded in death by wife, Mary Tidwell Stringer; and a son, Jason Stringer.

No services are scheduled. Online condolence may be left at <http://www.callawayallee.com>. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home, 700 E. Houston Ave. Crockett, TX 75835 257

**SENIOR MENUS**

Oct. 21-25

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:** Tortilla soup, corn, crackers.  
**TUESDAY:** Barbecue baked potatoes or barbecue on a bun, corn on the cob, baked beans.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Tuna sandwich, tomato soup, crackers.  
**THURSDAY:** Chicken spaghetti, carrots, garlic 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:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls.

**TUESDAY:** Hamburgers or chicken sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, ranch style beans, chips.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Chicken strips and gravy, scalloped potatoes, lima beans, rolls.  
**THURSDAY:** Meat and spaghetti, Italian green beans, beets, garlic bread.  
**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 dumplings, baby lima beans, cabbage, cornbread.  
**TUESDAY:** Barbecue on a bun, baked beans, potato salad.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Sausage and potatoes, pinto beans, greens, cornbread.  
**THURSDAY:** Beef tips and noodles, reads carrots, tossed salad.  
**FRIDAY:** Hamburgers or cheeseburgers, French fries.



**10 years ago**  
 Veteran writer, editor Van Thomas dies; Groveton FFA continues with fall projects; County receives approval for Ike 2.2 fund usage; Naked woman leads to arrest of meth dealer; Trinity VFW parking lot project completed. No obituaries for the week.  
**20 years ago**  
 Ex-Students Homecoming set for this weekend, Oct. 15-16; Commissioners

seek grant for expansion of TRWSC; Lions Club pancake breakfast to be held Saturday morning; Courtroom photos needed; Homecoming parade Saturday; Grant survey to be held in city during October. Obituaries for the week: Richard L. McDaniel, 71, of Woodlake; and Patrick Gordon Thompson, 62, of Groveton.

**30 years ago**  
 Forest fire danger passes; Early voting for General Election kicked off Wednesday; Clifton Reynolds added to Hall of Fame; Friday barbecue Saturday; Band director suspended. Obituaries for the week: Lyle Michael Stubbs, 28, of Trinity; Robert E. Lee Brooks, 86, of Glendale; Rolland R. Smith Jr., 77, of Corrigan; Tony Anthony Navarro, 72; and Eugene Milton Scott, 75, of the Kittrell Community.

**ARREST RECORDS**

The following people were arrested by Trinity County law enforcement officials through Oct. 14. All suspects are innocent until convicted in a court of law.  
**• Marshall Mitchell**, 69, driving while intoxicated.  
**• Mitchele Cade Snyder**, 33, no driver's license; operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility.  
**• Justin Brandon Herring**, 37, warrant for sexual abuse of a child (victim

under 14); warrant for indecency with a child.  
**• Milton De Jesus Paredes Menjivar**, 24, driving while license invalid.  
**• Christopher Dale Smith**, 38, warrant for bond violation on a charge of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance; warrant for failure to appear on a charge of possession of a controlled substance; warrant for bond violation on a charge of possession of marijuana.

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# OPINION

## VIEWING IT DIFFERENTLY

Two long-time newspaper editorial writers have agreed to take on the editorial pages, with their views on a variety of subjects. We welcome your comments.

### Time to close the tab of federal largesse

No matter where you come down on FEMA's inability — or more accurately lack of funding — for hurricane relief for the back-to-back disasters on the East Coast, one thing should stand immediately and perfectly clear: our federal government is the worst steward of your tax dollars ever.

That, by the way, includes King George III (you know, the idiot whose taxation policies kicked off the American Revolution).

Whether it's the Biden Administration raiding FEMA coffers to help illegal immigrants, or if Congress just hasn't approved additional funds for disaster relief, our leaders have not done right by the American people.

Billions of dollars are being spent in the Ukraine for no good reason, as countering Russian aggression isn't our battle unless they're invading our nation.

Billions of dollars being spent on wars in the Middle East — going all the way back to Desert Storm — have resulted in precisely nothing. The Taliban still is going strong, ISIS is still kicking up its heels, and every terrorist organization from the PLO to Hamas and Hezbollah is operating pretty much unrestrained, as is evidenced by the ongoing war against Israel.

The campaign promises of student loan forgiveness and first-time homeowner assistance further underscore that our elected officials are approaching the coffers and spending like we elected an entire slate of drunken sailors.

Funds spent on specific special interests, while nominally for U.S. citizens, are given in an attempt to buy votes as well as solve problems that were created by the government's spending habits in the first place. Then, with the amount of funds being sent overseas being added to that total show that there is not now, and hasn't been for a very long time, anything

like fiscal responsibility in Washington, D.C.

A government at any level does not generate any income or anything of substance; it simply moves around funds that it has taken — by threat of force — from taxpayers, and for the most part, those governments, mostly at the state and local levels (at least in Texas) follow spending laws and budgets.

At the national level, though, that kind of financial thinking hasn't been around for decades; for FY 2024, the feds spent \$1.9 trillion more than they have taken in. Given that this has been the case for a very long time, our vaunted leaders have racked up a \$35 trillion debt.

Putting it all together, you have a government that is practicing the exact opposite of fiscal restraint and sending billions across the pond for aid to other peoples and countries, there's nothing left to help the people here that need it — disaster victims and veterans to name but a few.

The icing on this particular type of spending cake is that the money they're blowing through is yours, and there is absolutely no sign of it stopping soon. In fact, every campaign promise, every federal plan proposed or in place, continues to grow, and politicians are looking to us to continue to feed the bottomless pit of federal bank accounts.

The only way this changes is with us at the ballot box, by electing candidates that want fiscal responsibility, that believe that government is not the answer to every problem, that respect private property and individual rights.

Since early voting for the 2024 general election starts Monday. Let's make this a start of reclaiming the country of the people, by the people and FOR the people.

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### Donald Trump's apocalyptic vision for America

So, here's a thought experiment.

It's the 1950s, and Senator Joseph McCarthy is on the television, wagging his finger at the American public, naming "enemies within" our borders. He's telling us that they're lurking in our schools, our workplaces, maybe even next door. McCarthy had a list, or at least he said he did, a list of communists infiltrating every facet of American life. He used fear to divide, to accuse, and to consolidate power. Fast forward seventy years, and here we are again. The names and faces have changed, but the story feels eerily similar.

Donald Trump, in his most recent speeches, has revived this dangerous rhetoric. He's dusted off the old phrase, "enemies within," and is pointing fingers inward, at people who don't look like his supporters, who don't vote the same way, or who challenge his version of reality. This is no longer about political differences or simple disagreement; it's about turning Americans against Americans, and that, my friends, is a recipe for disaster. We've seen it before, and history has made one thing clear: it doesn't end well.

Think about Adolf Hitler in the 1930s. He didn't just take power; he made people terrified of each other. He didn't only blame the Jews for Germany's problems; he portrayed them as a force working against the nation's very survival. He turned neighbors into enemies by repeating the idea that Germany had internal foes, people who wanted to destroy it from the inside. Hitler's rhetoric wasn't just divisive, it was catastrophic. It laid the groundwork for the horrors that followed: the concentration camps, the gas chambers, the unimaginable cruelty. When a leader begins to talk about enemies within, it's time for everyone to sit up and pay attention.

Now, I'm not saying Trump is Hitler. But I am saying that the rhetoric he's using comes from the same dangerous playbook. It's one that thrives on fear, paranoia, and distrust. When Trump talks about "enemies within," he's not just saying there are political opponents or critics. He's saying that these people are dangerous, that they are traitors working to undermine the country. In doing so, he's feeding a monster that's already too big in our society: the idea that people who disagree with us are not just wrong, but evil.

We need to remember what happened during McCarthyism. It wasn't just a series of televised hearings; it was a period of real damage to real lives. Teachers, actors, writers, and everyday people lost their jobs, their reputations, and in some cases, even their lives because of baseless accusations. McCarthy used fear as a weapon, and the wounds it caused took decades to heal. The people who lived through it will tell you it was one of the darkest times in American history, a time when suspicion and accusation were enough to destroy a person.

And here we are, with Trump singing the same tune, wanting us to believe that the biggest threat to America isn't poverty, inequality, or climate change, but rather our own neighbors. Maybe it's someone who disagrees about how we should teach our children. Maybe it's someone who trusts different news sources. Trump wants us to believe these people are out to get us, that they are somehow conspiring against America. This rhetoric is not just dangerous; it's profoundly un-American. The greatness of this country has always been our diversity, not just in culture and background, but in thought and opinion.

Let's also remember how Trump has always framed himself: the outsider who's here to save us from ourselves. In his speeches, he draws a clear line: it's him and his followers on one side, and the traitors on the other. He doesn't want debate; he wants loyalty. He doesn't want a functioning democracy; he wants obedience. This language, this strategy of othering and vilifying opponents, is not

just a political maneuver, it's a red flag. It's a sign that he's not interested in leading a united America, but rather a divided one, where power is maintained by pitting us against each other.

Think about what happens if Trump becomes president again. He's not coming back with humility or a desire to serve. He's coming back with a vendetta. He's already openly discussed retribution, getting even with his perceived enemies. Imagine what that means when a president's enemies are, in his own words, within the country. He's not just talking about rival politicians or elite institutions. He's talking about everyday people who dare to criticize him, journalists who report the facts, and even government employees who do their jobs without pledging loyalty to him personally.

And then there's his recent interview with Fox News' Maria Bartiromo where Trump suggested using the military or the National Guard against the so-called "enemy from within" on Election Day, whom he described as "radical left lunatics" and other internal threats. Let that sink in for a moment. A former president, who wants to be president again, is talking about using the military against American citizens. This is not just hyperbole or tough talk. This is a direct threat to the very fabric of our democracy.

The military is meant to protect us from external threats, not to be wielded against our own people. Using the military in this way would be a terrifying step towards authoritarianism, where dissent is met not with debate or discussion, but with force. It is a blatant attempt to intimidate and silence those who oppose him, and it's a move straight out of the authoritarian playbook.

Imagine a country where the government views dissent as treason. Where protesting, disagreeing, or even thinking differently becomes grounds for punishment. We've seen countries like this. Look at Russia, where dissenters fall out of windows, or are poisoned with nerve agents. Look at North Korea, where entire families disappear because one person speaks out. It's not an exaggeration to say that Trump's rhetoric lays the groundwork for this kind of governance, a system where the leader decides who the enemies are, and the rest of us are expected to fall in line.

But it doesn't have to be this way. The beauty of our democracy is that it's still in our hands. We still get to decide who leads us, and what kind of country we want to be. Do we want to be a country that sees enemies around every corner, or do we want to be a country that comes together to solve our problems? Do we want to be driven by fear, or do we want to be driven by hope? The answer seems obvious, but it's up to us to make it a reality.

When you hear Trump talk about enemies within, remember McCarthy. Remember Hitler. Remember that history teaches us these are the words of leaders who do not want a free society, but rather one where power is unchecked and unchallenged. Trump wants to be president again, but he doesn't want to lead all Americans, only those who will follow him without question. And for those of us who believe in democracy, in freedom of thought, in the right to disagree, that should scare us all.

It's easy to think that the lessons of history don't apply to us, that somehow, we're different, that we're immune to the dangers that other societies faced. But we're not. We're just people, and we're just as vulnerable to fear and division as anyone else. The only way to guard against it is to recognize it for what it is, to call it out, and to stand up against it, before it's too late. Vote!

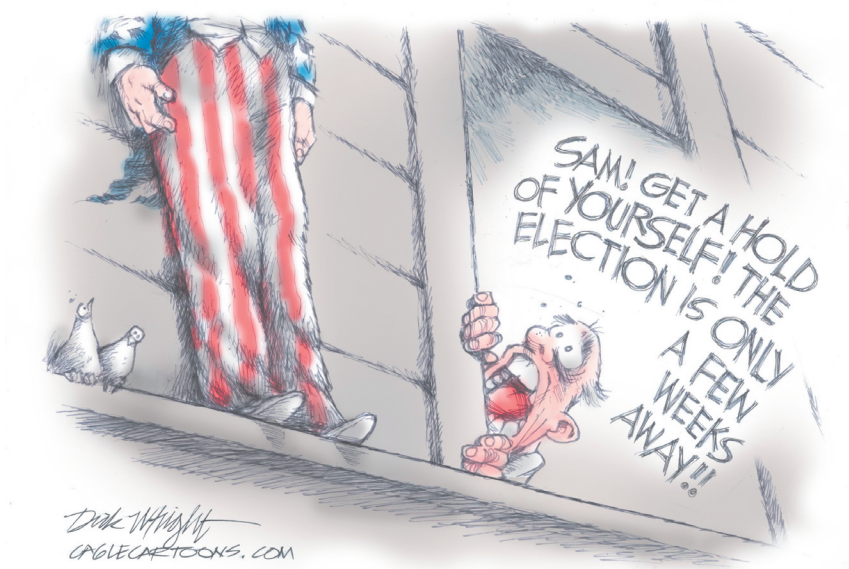
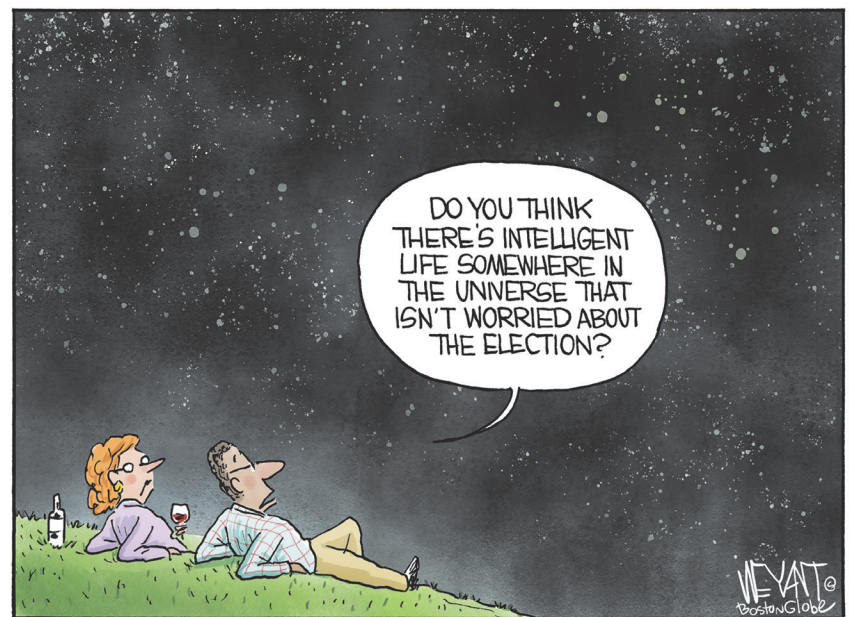
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# The Eyes Have It

The lady of the house was busy cooking supper when the doorbell rang. When she answered the door, she was surprised to find a little neighborhood boy standing there. He had a big, friendly grin on his face, so she greeted him politely and asked what she could do for him.

"I'm collecting aluminum cans, ma'am. I'm trying to raise \$1,000 for our church for mission work. Do you have any aluminum cans that you could give me?"

Suppressing a giggle at the thought, the lady asked him, "Isn't that a mighty big job for such a little boy?"

Proud and confident, the boy replied, "Oh, it's not just me. Joey



**Dan's Divinities**

By Rev. Dr. Dan Darby

is working the other side of the block."

The boy got his cans. He was a young man with a vision, and he was committed to it. He couldn't be denied.

Bartimaeus was a blind beggar. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, a large crowd surrounded Him. When Bartimaeus heard it was Jesus passing by, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have

mercy on me." (Mark 10:47). Many people ordered him to be quiet, but he shouted all the louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me." (Mark 10:49).

By shouting "Son of David," he was proclaiming Jesus to be the Messiah. When Jesus heard this profession of faith, He stopped and gave him the gift of physical sight to accompany his spiritual insight.

When it comes to Christianity, the eyes have it, not the nays. When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the only Son of God who came to save us from our darkness, we gain spiritual insight to receive the gift of victorious living. We often live in darkness, defeat, and isolation, but Jesus calls us to live in light, victory,

and community.

When our spiritual eyes perceive that Jesus loves us, reconciles us to God, gives us a new birth as eternal beings, and adopts us into the family of God, then we can shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." and know that Jesus will help us, heal us, and give us the victory. Others may try to discourage us, but we will shout all the louder with the eyes of faith, and Jesus will save us.

Among the students at a college was a young man on crutches. Although not a handsome fellow, he had a talent for friendliness and optimism. He earned many scholastic honors and had the respect of his classmates. One day, a new student asked

him what had caused him to become so badly crippled.

"Infantile paralysis, due to polio," replied the genial young man.

"With a misfortune like that," exclaimed the other fellow, "how can you face the world so confidently and so happily?"

"Oh," replied the polio victim, "the disease never touched my heart."

This was a young man with a vision for life. He refused to let the expectations of "the many" limit his vision. He had the eyes of faith.

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# Community Field Day observed

I had the pleasure of spending a sunny day as the Honorary Chairman at the second annual Community Field Day hosted by the Baylor University Center for Developmental Disabilities and the National Down Syndrome Society.

Youth and adults with developmental disabilities, along with their families, were invited to come enjoy some fun and education on the importance of maintaining an active lifestyle. We gathered on the field at McLane Stadium to play field games promoting physical engagement and creativity organized in stations by local disability organizations.

There was a wide variety in activities, from cornhole to karaoke. Learning how to prioritize your health is essential for everyone and plays a vital role in fostering well-being within our communities.

I am thankful for the volunteers from our community that helped make this event possible and to the Baylor University Center for Developmental Disabilities and the NDSS for organizing this opportunity.



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

### Alamo Letter Plaque Dedication

I had the honor of participating in the dedication of a new plaque at the Limestone County Courthouse. This plaque features the text of Col. William B. Travis' renowned "Victory or Death" letter penned during the Siege of the Alamo in 1836 and was generously provided by the Alamo Letter Society. I read aloud a copy of the letter delivered to the dedication ceremony by horseback. The text of the letter reads:

"Commandancy of the The Alamo  
Bejar, Feby. 24th. 1836  
To the People of Texas & All  
Americans in the World-

Fellow Citizens & Compatriots-

I am besieged, by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under

Santa Anna - I have sustained a continual Bombardment & cannonade for 24 hours & have not lost a man - The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken - I have answered the demand with a cannon shot, & our flag still waves proudly from the walls - I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism & everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch - The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily & will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible & die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor & that of his country - Victory or Death.

William Barret Travis.  
Lt. Col.comdt.

P. S. The Lord is on our side - When the enemy appeared in sight we had not three bushels of corn - We have since found in deserted houses 80 or 90 bushels and got into the walls 20 or 30 head of Beeves.

"Travis"  
These words continue to inspire Texans today. I commend the Alamo Letter Society for their dedication to educating Texans about the bravery and sacrifice of our forefathers. Thank you to the Limestone County Co-Chairman Lance Phillips and Rosser Newton as well as the Alamo Society Co-Chair Bill McNutt for the installation of this plaque.

If you are in Groesbeck, stop by the courthouse to see Travis's words displayed for our posterity.

**Taylor Pre-Legislative Summit**  
On Wednesday, I was in eastern Williamson County as a guest speaker in the Taylor Pre-Legislative Summit. This event, hosted by the Taylor Chamber of Commerce, was focused on the upcoming Texas legislative session with panels covering issues that Williamson and Milam County are facing.

I joined to share some notes from D.C. on legislative solutions to Central Texas issues. As an area facing rapid growth, Central Texas is looking to legislators to ensure their needs are being met.

I am excited to see the continued development of excellence

in economics and technology in TX-17.

### Joy Club

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of serving as the keynote speaker of the Joy Club luncheon hosted by the senior adult ministry at First Methodist Church Waco. I spoke broadly about some of the issues facing our country and specifically about the future of artificial intelligence.

Prior to becoming a Member of the United States Congress, I worked at Bell Labs and Southwestern Bell, watching technology develop firsthand. These experiences encouraged me to embrace technology, and I am excited to see the continued development of innovative solutions through AI in healthcare, education, navigation, and security.

I'm a strong supporter of embracing new technologies and moving forward into the future, but we must ensure that AI systems are implemented with care. With proper legislative oversight to guarantee safety and accountability, we can harness these innovations to create a brighter, more secure future.

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

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# Early voting begins next week



## Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders  
Texas Press Association

Early voting for the Nov. 5 general election begins Monday, Oct. 21 and ends on Nov. 1. Texas voters will be choosing from a full slate of candidates, from president to U.S. senator to various county positions.

The deadline to register to vote was Oct. 7. Voters are reminded to bring one of seven approved forms of photo IDs to the polls. Among the options are a Texas driver's license, U.S. passport, or handgun license. A complete list of acceptable IDs can be found at [vote.texas.gov](http://vote.texas.gov). Voters can also make sure they are registered by going to that site.

A recent Texas Standard story notes that under a little-known Texas elections law, convicted felons in prison are eligible to register and vote if they are actively appealing their convictions. It is unknown, however, how many of the 134,000 people currently held in state prisons actually register and vote, since the state doesn't track that data.

"Nobody's asking to do this because they have no idea that they can," Jennifer Toon of the Lioness Justice Impacted Women's Alliance, a nonprofit for incarcerated women.

Under state law, a conviction is not considered "final" as long as it is under appeal. Convicted felons who never appealed their case, or who lost their appeal, are not eligible to vote.

Surge in school threats prompts dozens of arrests

At least 40 Texas students were arrested in September in connection with making threats against schools, The Dallas Morning News reported. The surge came after a 14-year-old fatally shot two fellow students and two teachers at Georgia's Apalachee High School. Those arrested face an assortment of charges ranging from generating a false alarm to making terroristic threats, or threatening to use a firearm.

"My concern is these threats are going to desensitize people," said Shane Wallace, director of the Texas Association of School Resource Officers. "It's an abundance every day. The one that's not reported may be the one."

While most of the threats turn out to be non-credible, law enforcement officials are obligated to investigate every threat, some of which turn out to be legitimate. For example, a 12-year-old student was arrested Sept. 10 in Bexar County after allegedly threatening to shoot another student. When his home was searched, deputies seized a pistol, ammunition and body armor. The child was charged with making a terroristic threat.

Dallas ISD Police Chief Albert Martinez said his officers were devoting nearly all of their time dealing with reported threats made by students.

\$50 million allocated for debris removal after storms

Gov. Greg Abbott and other state leaders have approved \$50 million in emergency funding to help communities in Southeast Texas with debris removal after Hurricane Beryl in June and a derecho storm in May, the Houston Chronicle reported.

While Abbott cited a shortage and delay of funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, that agency said it has enough funds to meet recovery needs - even though two more major hurricanes have struck the United States since then.

"FEMA has the necessary resources to

meet the immediate needs associated with Hurricane Helene and other disasters," a statement from the Department of Homeland Security said.

Beryl left behind approximately 4.1 million cubic yards of debris, enough to fill Houston's NRG stadium, the Chronicle reported. That figure only includes storm debris such as broken and scattered vegetation. It does not include debris from damaged homes, buildings and roads.

Comptroller Glen Hegar supported the funding move because it will provide quicker assistance where needed.

"In the aftermath of storms like these, questions about funding can lead to significant delays in recovery efforts and timelines," he said. "These delays can have disastrous long-term ramifications for local and regional economies."

Allred outpaces Cruz in third quarter Democratic challenger U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, raised \$30.3 million during this year's third quarter, far outpacing incumbent U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz in their high-profile matchup, according to The Tribune. Cruz raised \$21 million during the same time period.

The two have collectively raised at least \$132 million since the race began, far outpacing the amount raised in Cruz's successful reelection campaign in 2018, when he beat challenger Beto O'Rourke by less than 3 percentage points.

Polls indicate a tight race, with Allred trailing slightly but within the margin of error.

High court to hear nuclear waste challenge

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a challenge to plans to store nuclear waste in West Texas, according to U.S. News & World Report. That comes after the state appealed a decision by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to grant a license to a private company to store spent nuclear fuel at a dump in Andrews County.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals previously found that the NRC has exceeded its authority under federal law. Abbott has said that Texas "will not become America's nuclear waste dumping ground."

The state of New Mexico is closely watching the case, since it is fighting plans to build a similar facility just across the line from the proposed site in Andrews County. Approximately 100,000 tons of spent fuel, some of dating back to the 1980s, is stockpiled at current and former nuclear plants while the legal battles ensue. A proposal to build a national storage facility at Yucca Mountain in Nevada has been abandoned because of widespread opposition in that state.

Monarch migration not looking promising

Millions of monarch butterflies are making their way through Texas to their winter vacation site in Mexico, but conservationists say the migration this year features far fewer than hoped, [kut.org](http://kut.org) reported. The butterflies started the spring in Mexico with the second-smallest population ever recorded. Poor weather conditions in the upper Midwest, where many of the beautiful creatures spend summers, hurt monarch reproduction before the southern migration.

"It's not looking as promising as we had hoped," said Kristen Baum, director of the nonprofit research group Monarch Watch.

Researchers won't know the full picture until butterfly census takers head to the mountain forests of Central Mexico this winter. That is where the monarchs spend the cooler months.

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](mailto:gborders@texaspress.com).

# Motorists should stay alert as deer season begins

Special to the News-Times

LUFKIN — With deer season nears, the increased activity in wooded areas and along with the cooler weather, the deer population is already on the move. Motorists are urged to stay alert in pre-dawn hours and just after sunset.

Boon season for white-tailed deer in Texas began on Sept. 28 and ends Nov. 1 in East Texas. Opening day for deer hunting in Texas begins Nov. 2 and ends Jan. 5, 2025. Through these weeks, motorists should be on alert for moving deer that cross the roadways.

"The increased traffic and the scent of humans in East Texas rural wooded areas will drive deer to move, which many times means they will cross the roadway," said Rhonda Oaks, public information officer. "We are already seeing evidence of deer hits on East Texas roadways. Motorists should watch the roadway and scan the wood line and shoulders, especially during early morn-

ing and near sunset."

Safety tips that could help motorists avoid a crash include:

- Reduce speed if you see a deer near the edge of the roadway. Deer seldom run alone. If you see one, others could be nearby.
- When driving at night, use high beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. The high beams will better illuminate the eyes of the deer.
- Slow down and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten deer.
- Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near the road but stay in your lane. Many serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid hitting a deer.
- Always wear your seatbelt.

If your vehicle strikes a deer, do not touch the animal. A frightened and wounded deer can hurt you or further injure itself. Move your car off the road, and if possible, call 911. Remain in your vehicle. It is the safest place. Many secondary crashes occur due to pedestrians in the roadway.

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# Houston sworn in as president a month early

David G. Burnet, head of the temporary government, gave into public pressure and unexpectedly resigned on Oct. 22, 1836, to make way for president-elect Sam Houston. At four o'clock that afternoon, the hero of San Jacinto took the oath of office weeks ahead of schedule.

Mirabeau Lamar, Burnet's biased soul mate, later grumbled, "That little month Houston could not wait." But popular impatience rather than the general's ambitious agenda was responsible for the early exit of the lame duck. Texans were in a hurry for Houston to take the reins and get on with the business of running the country.

In truth the clamor gave Burnet a convenient excuse to vacate the hot seat. After holding down the fort during the darkest days of the Revolution, he was ready to put the burden on someone else's shoulders.

The problems facing President Houston were as immense as the majestic land he helped to liberate. Starting out a million dollars in the hole with no cash or credit, he had to create a viable regime that could rule the unruly nation.

A pressing priority was an effective policy toward the Indians, a mixed bag of tribes whose attitudes ranged from incorrigible hostility to inscrutable suspicion. Besides keeping the Indians in check, Texans also had to guard against Mexico making good on its threat to wade the Rio Grande and



## This Week in Texas History

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repossess the rebel province.

Houston's inaugural remarks were chock-full of contagious confidence in speedy annexation. He assured the receptive audience the United States would soon "hail us welcome into the great family of freemen." Therefore, the task was merely to stall for time until Washington opened the door.

Two major miscalculations sank this simplistic strategy. First, Houston overestimated how far out on a political limb Andrew Jackson, his American counterpart and former mentor, was willing to go for the Lone Star cause. Second, he badly misjudged the clout of the New England lobby so zealously committed to locking Texas out of the Union.

Clearly convinced he would be the Republic's first and last chief executive, Houston was in for a rude awakening. In the summer of 1838, when he finally accepted the fact that the motherland wanted nothing to do with Texas, there were but four

months left in his term.

Critics predicted in October 1836 that Houston would surround himself with bootlicking yes-men, who would feed his insatiable ego. To their surprise he shrewdly put together a broad coalition with as many enemies as allies.

A galaxy of able individuals from all points on the political compass were appointed to important positions. By giving every quarrelsome clique a taste of power, Houston made certain all factions had a stake in the success of his administration.

Both candidates swamped in the September election were graciously invited into the cabinet. Cantankerous Henry Smith accepted the treasury post, and Stephen F. Austin, who finished a distant and disappointing third in the balloting, agreed to serve as secretary of state.

For vice-president, however, Houston was stuck with the voters' choice. The second highest spot in the national pecking order belonged to none other than Burnet's buddy, 38-year-old Mirabeau Lamar.

Houston and the glib Georgian did not share the same ticket in the campaign, and once in office they did not share the same vision for the new nation. As committed to permanent sovereignty as his superior was to American adoption, Lamar rejoiced at every pothole the president encountered on the rocky road to annexation.

The one volatile issue that demanded Houston's immediate attention was the prisoner whose presence continued to be a powder keg. As long as Santa Anna remained in custody, the dangerous prospect of mob revenge lurked in the shadows. Those Texans, who mourned the slaughter of friends and relatives in the Goliad and Alamo massacres, longed to spill the Mexican's blood.

In addition, the humbled "Napoleon of the West" had lost any value as a diplomatic pawn. The Velasco treaties he signed after San Jacinto became worthless scraps of paper the moment his replacement repudiated the accords.

Since Andrew Jackson preached the pious necessity of sparing Santa Anna's life, it seemed only fitting that the fate of the famous captive wind up in his hands. Houston cleverly maneuvered his old Tennessee tutor into a corner and forced him to play host to the unwanted exile.

President Houston startled the Texas senate on Nov. 16, 1836, by announcing the sailing of Santa Anna for Washington. One problem down and 100 to go, but most would not be solved so easily.

Read all about the early years of the oil frenzy in "Texas Boomtowns: A History of Blood and Oil" Order your copy for \$24.00 by mailing a check to Bartee Haile, P.O. Box 130011, Spring, TX 77393.

# Language development vital to young children

I love my niece, Sarah, but for a while, when she was very young and stayed with us, I nearly went wild with her chatter. My sister said she was vaccinated with a phonograph needle and that really described Sarah ... she talked all the time, to anyone or to herself.

It wasn't the sort of conversation adults can sometimes just say "huh" and "ah" to and be thought to be attentive. She demanded answers to questions and made observations that required explanation. One result of this early language development is that her vocabulary and speaking ability now are far above average for her age and she is doing beautifully in honor classes in school. She has the ability to reason, to think, and to explain that reasoning so others understand.

Her early language development was no accident. Sarah was born into a family that valued children's questions and conversations as ways for the adults to help them learn vocabulary, develop language skills,



## It Still Matters

By Darby Kethan  
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and explore their environment: they encouraged her in all the ways they could.

Sarah was born to a family that also understood language development: they would have known if she was not developing language skills at appropriate ages, and so would know to get help for her if she wasn't.

The best way children learn to talk is from parents and other adults talking to them. There is just no two ways about it ... parents serve as the model for children to copy in every area. For most parents, in

those early months of parenthood, it isn't too difficult.

I once heard it said that we need to teach all children, all the time, the way we teach them to say "Mama", and those other early words. That is, "forty thousand times, with a smile". That is exactly what we do ... patiently, over and over, we smile and say, "Say, Mama." We never give up and we never get angry, we never say, "Listen, you, I said, say mama, and i meant it."

We pronounce the word the way we want the child to say it, and we don't "baby talk" because children need to hear words correctly to reproduce them. We all have our favorite stories of words mispronounced by children that have become family favorites ... one of mine said "froggy" when he meant "foggy" ... however, most words can be clearly spoken if clearly heard.

Children who are not spoken to clearly and who are not required to speak carefully develop not only lazy speech habits such as not putting the ending "ing"

sound on "going" so it becomes "goin" and substituting "p" for "b" or "do" in words. They also do not develop the ability to distinguish letter sounds which makes learning to read by sounding out letters very difficult.

A good rule of thumb for speech development is the number of words a child says in a sentence should equal or exceed the child's age. A 1-year-old says "car," meaning "I want to in the car"; the 2-year-old says "go car"; 3's say "go in car"; 4's will say "I want to ride," etc.

Another guideline is if your child can be understood outside his immediate family: if only you know what your 3-year-old means, you should ask about it. Don't wait if you think your child needs help.

Early treatment of speech problems, like any others, will probably avoid lots of frustration later. And when your child, like Sarah, drives you up the wall with chatter, if you and others can understand him, count your blessings.



Two vehicles, along with a mobile home, were damaged in a fire on Oct. 8. COURTESY PHOTO



A tractor was heavily damaged after catching fire. COURTESY PHOTO



A pickup truck was lost to a blaze. COURTESY PHOTO

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# TRINITY COUNTY SPORTS

## Lady Tigers JH wins district title

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The Trinity Lady Tigers Junior High School cross country team has won back-to-back district championships after the Wednesday district meet in Anderson.

The team finished in first place, and four runners place made the top 10 — second place, Brooke Jordan; fourth place, Kaci Rose; seventh place, Mackenzie Slimp; and 10th place, Myah Torres.

The Junior High boys finished in third place overall, with Xavier Manzanares taking second place and Ivan Escareno taking fourth.

For the varsity, the boys and girls teams each placed third overall.

Cade Mauldin took first, while John Parrish came in seventh; for the girls, Jasmine Jordan placed third and Karisia Rangel placed sixth.

In the junior varsity races, the Trinity girls placed first while the boys placed third.

Top 10 girls include Jaliya Robertson in second, Aliana Reyes in fifth and Natalie Stansberry in sixth. For the boys,

Both varsity teams will represent Trinity at the Regional Meet in Huntsville on Oct. 22.

• Both Apple Springs and Centerville cross-country runners competed in the UIL 1A

District 27 meet on Oct. 7.

**Meet results**  
**Maverick Ramble 2024**  
**Oct. 5**

**Spring Creek Park, Houston**  
**Trinity girls**

Team results: 9th  
Individual results (time, athlete, place)

5,000-meter run  
23:00.70, Marion Hughes, 53rd

23:48.30, Evelyn Robertson, 62nd

24:55.70, Grace Zebak, 81st  
25:37.80, Ruthie Shrout, 91st

25:38.40, Helena Hinze, 92nd  
29:25.50, Sierra Rostant, 107th

**Trinity Boys**

Team results: 3rd  
Individual results (time, athlete, place)

5,000-meter run  
18:10.00, Ben Antonio, 5th  
18:32.20, Logan Foederer, 9th

19:02.10, Colton Rapp, 16th  
20:42.20, Luke Leibert, 30th  
20:46.80, Hudson Hinze, 33rd

22:19.50, Jack McKeon, 60th  
22:37.30, Logan Becker, 45th

23:55.30, Dalton Millis, 62nd  
26:18.60, Sam Shrout, 79th  
26:46.10, Job Cavanaugh, 83rd

27:35.80, Simeon Hill, 88th

**UIL 1A - District 27 2024**  
**Oct 7, 2024**

**Zavalla Independent School District, Zavalla**

**Apple Springs Results**  
Girls individual results (time, athlete, place)

2-mile run  
15:47.00, Faith Smith, 7th  
17:20.00, Brooke Brister, 13th

Boys individual results (time, athlete, place)

2,400-meter run  
18:33.00, Cason Eddins, 31st  
18:48.00, Bradley Eddins, 33rd

5,000-meter run  
21:53.00, Greyson Hollis, 9th  
23:45.00, Dilyn Baird, 16th  
24:06.00, Joseph Ocasiones, 17th

37:06.00, Tripp Turner, 32nd

**Centerville**  
Girls individual results (time, athlete, place)

2,400-meter run  
13:04.00, Avery Brown, 2nd  
19:05.00, Rebecca Brasuell, 24th

19:28.00, Mayce Maxfield, 26th

2-mile run  
24:30.00, Raylee Bogs, 13th

Boys individual results (time, athlete, place)

2,400-meter run  
12:51.00, Aiden Conner, 9th  
5,000-meter run  
19:48.00, Hardy Brown, 2nd  
25:24.00, Landon Teeters, 19th



The Trinity junior varsity girls cross country runners claimed the District Title at the meet in Anderson on Wednesday. COURTESY PHOTO



The Trinity girls cross country team won third at the recent meet, and will move on to regionals. COURTESY PHOTO

## Area teams fall in gridiron action Trinity falls to Coldspring

TCNS staff

The Groveton Indians were edged out 20-18 in a heartbreaker at Corrigan on Friday.

Head Coach Mike Waldie said Trystin Ard, Armando Bautista, Carter Cox, Ty Torregrossa and Haygen Townsend put in exemplary effort in the

game. **Apple Springs**  
The Eagles dropped their match with Texas Christian 52-40 on Friday.

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**COLDSRING** — On Oct. 8, the Lady Tigers played flat, losing to the Lady Trojans 3-0. Scores were 25-6, 25-4 and 25-10.

**Groveton**

The Lady Indians romped through San Augustine easily, posting a 3-0 win over the Lady Wolves. Scores were 25-13, 25-9 and 25-18.

Kayleigh Albus smashed home 8 kills, followed by Jan-

nett Bautista with 7. Aubrey Alexander served up 6 aces to Albus' 5.

Kady Lee pulled off a pair of blocked shots, and Darbi Parker had 17 digs while Alexander and Caila Antley each had 12. Alexander also had 13 assists.



Paris King sets up for the assist. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Maddie May returns a volley. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Ashara English launches a serve.. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Chrissie Vaughn exerts herself for the dig. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Carolyn Cleveland looks for the point. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



# There's more than venison to a deer hunt

It's deer season. Bow hunters have been in the woods a couple weeks and many ranches with managed land permits allow hunting with all legal weapons. Acorns are on the ground and leaves of sweetgum, elm and hickory are just beginning to turn.

This is my 63rd year hunting deer. I've only missed a couple years thanks to obligations to Uncle Sam and family matters. In retrospect, that is a long, long time to do anything. I'll be 75 years old in a few months and have been blessed with good health. I can still drag a buck back to the where I can load him in a truck, climb a tree stand, albeit much slower and more cautiously than I used to. I still bow hunt but cranked that 70-pound bow down to 55 pounds years ago. Thanks to modern technology the bow I shoot today at this lighter draw weight is faster than some of the 70-pounders I hunted with years ago.

If you are younger than your mid-30s, you will probably scroll through this column and mark it off as the ramblings of an old hunter, but if you've spent a lot of time in the fall woods pursuing deer, you can probably relate. When I was a teenage hunter and throughout my 20s, deer hunting was all about filling a tag and shooting a big buck. Oh, how I wish I could do a take two on some of those hunts back in the day. I would surely slow down and as the saying goes, "take time to smell the roses."

Don't get me wrong;



I still hunt as hard and probably much smarter than I did 50 years ago. My goal is to put two or three deer in the freezer each year, but these days, just being out there in the fall woods is every bit as important as antlers for the wall or meat in the freezer.

The camaraderie with family and friend is a big part of deer hunting and deer camp. Setting around a campfire outside a cozy cabin on a crisp fall evening, telling stories of deer hunts of the distant past as well as that big buck that "Ole Joe" missed on opening day is far better than watching the evening news on TV or even that outdoor show where the hunter seems to bag a monster buck on every episode.

And there are the sights and sound of the woods that might or might not include the sighting or harvest of a buck. How about that giant spider web made by an orb-weaver spider that was glowing silver from dew that you almost walked into on your way back to camp from the morning hunt? Few sights in nature are more amazing. How long did it take that little spider to create such a perfect geometrical structure?

Did you take time to stop and study the irides-

cent colors of that dragonfly perched on the top strand of the barbed wire fence you just crossed? That little bug's life was quickly coming to its end with the cooling weather but its colors would put a rainbow to shame.

What about the color of leaves adorning a stand of hickory trees on a distant ridge on a late afternoon, aglow from the suns slanting final rays of the day? Did you pause a minute to soak in the beauty? I know I never took the time back in my younger days as a hunter. Oh, I'm sure my eyes took in these sights but seriously doubt I stopped to realize or fully appreciate nature's beauty I was being gifted.

How about the smell of wood smoke on a crisp fall day or that pot of steaming coffee bubbling on the camp stove? Or the smell of a big breakfast of fried eggs, bacon and potatoes? Who could start a morning's hunt without first stoking up on a big breakfast?

How about late in the afternoon, just before the end of legal shooting light, did you ever listen to a gray (cat) squirrel make those soft mewling sounds much like a house cat anticipating a big saucer of milk. Just about the time the sun sets, how many times have I heard a distant coyote open up with its mournful howl only to be answered by others of his kin from distant parts of the woods. Are those yotes sounding off in efforts to assemble in a pack or simply alerting others to the section of woods they will be hunting? Owls have a way of tele-



There's a whole lot more than deer to see on a deer hunt, as Luke pauses to admire a giant spider web, adorned by sparkling dew drops in the morning sun. COURTESY PHOTO

graphing there location through the woods. Usually I hear one sound off then another and another. I've often wondered just how far back into the evening woods these night hunting birds are saying "good evening" to each other. Or are they actually communicating to each other? Do they all just begin hooting when the sun sets? There are many things about hunting deer and spending time in the woods that I sort of take for granted without questioning why but the older I get the more I wonder about such things.

After a successful hunt back at camp, is there anything tastier than fresh fried venison back strap? Most deer hunters know that venison is best when aged a few days but tell that to a group of hun-

gry hunters at camp after someone has taken the time to carve off a few tasty venison steaks, season them with salt, pepper and garlic, dust them in flour and expose them to some hot grease in a cast iron skillet over a bed of glowing hardwood coals. This and a pan of cream gravy with a pot of rice on the side is the stuff memorable deer camp meals are made.

We deer hunters have once again made it to the time of year we treasure most. With the opener of rifle season in a few weeks, campfires will be glowing brightly all across this great state, from the Pineywoods to the Panhandle. Here's hoping this time honored tradition goes on forever. I fully intend to be a participant as long as possible and share

my passion for being out there in the wild places.

I better wrap up this week's column now; it's time to check the scope on my old deer rifle and make plans for my first rifle hunt of the season with my friends in Kaufman County. The bucks should be coming to rattling horns in a week or two. The sight of a mature buck slipping through the woods, hoping to sneak in and elope with the doe those two bucks he hears fighting over is something to behold.

As one old hunter once told me around the campfire, "If you have any adrenaline in your body, a buck coming into the horns will get it pumping."

Email outdoors writer Luke Clayton through his website [www.catfishradio.org](http://www.catfishradio.org).

## B.A. Steinhagen

**FAIR.** Water stain; 15 degrees; 0.06 feet below pool. Mayflies are hatching, so expect some topwater bass action. Bass are fair on soft plastics in the cuts, or with frogs over grass. Crappie are fair with jigs in flooded timber. Catfish are fair on jugsline.

## Bob Sandlin

**GOOD.** Water slightly stained; 85 degrees; 0.83 feet below pool. Crappie are excellent in 15-20 feet of water on brush piles with minnows or jigs. Channel catfish are fair in 25 feet of water on baited holes with stink bait. 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 chasing shad and bream. Windy retaining walls will produce marauding bass. Try topwater baits in a fish pattern and streamers in a bream pattern. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. Water clarity is 3-5 feet of visibility. Bass are great under shaded docks with shaky head worms and jigs, and grass edges with bladed jigs, buzzbaits or frogs work well in shallow creek pockets. Topwater walking baits and Alabama rigs are great in the morning and evening. Report by Blake Doughtie, Lake Country Lunkers Lures and Guide Service.

## Caddo

**GOOD.** Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.17 feet below pool. Caddo is fishing good with these cool mornings helping to bring the temperature down. Look for the shad on the main lake and fish with a fluke, frog, trap or spinnerbait. In the river a drop shot, Texas rig or shaky head will still work but a Shad color crank bait will come into play very soon out here. The old Alabama rigs will come into play soon in the river around the cuts and points. The lake will be turning red pretty soon and will be even more of a



majestic time to come visit this beautiful lake that God spoke into existence. Report provided by Vince Richards, Caddo Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

## Conroe

**GOOD.** Water stained; 86 degrees; 0.94 feet below pool. Water temperatures are reaching the mid to upper 80s during the day and water is as clear as Conroe gets. Catfish are doing good on baited holes from 10-30 feet of water on Catfish Bubblegum, worms, liver, and punch bait. Drifting natural baits on wind blown points can produce some nice catches as well. Crappie are poor to fair in 14-21 feet with a few folks able to find some but the population is still low and will be for the next couple years most likely. Bass have been good chasing bait shallow early and moving offshore and under docks as the relentless sun gets higher in the sky. Pitching docks and cranking wind blown points have been working well.

## Fork

**GOOD.** Water Stained; 81 degrees; 1.94 feet below pool. Bass are good early on top waters and frogs and flukes near pond weed. Shaky heads are good around boat houses in 3-8 feet. Carolina rigs are good on road beds and points in 12-17 feet. Deep crankbaits are good over humps and road beds 12-22 feet. Report by Marc Mitchell, Lake Fork Guide Service. Windy banks can provide schooling bass action, so be ready with a small topwater lure or streamer. Dock fishing is providing a variety of fish with small beaded fish imitations. Catfish are shallow around boat houses. Bream are scattered in shal-

low banks. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. The crappie fishing on Lake Fork is improving as the water temperature drop into the 70s. You can find fish all over the lake and any type of structure between 12-58 feet. We are seeing some fish on brush piles, laydowns, bridges and road beds. The best fish are definitely on timber. Focus on the edge of timber and creek channels mostly. We will see more fish hitting deeper timber as the water temps drop to the 60's and 50's over the next few months. Minnows are still a dominant bait, but small hand ties are producing again and soft plastics should also put some good on fish in the boat. The overall bite will get better and better as we head deeper into fall and winter. Catfishing continues to be incredible on Lake Fork. We are seeing lots of catfish around timber in depths from 18-58 feet as they follow bait fish using smelly prepared catfish bait. You can also draw even more fish in with some chum, cattle cubes or sour grains. Report by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky Wiggins Guide Service.

## Houston County

**SLOW.** Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.14 feet below pool. Fishing patterns are consistent, but this should change as the weather begins 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 slightly stained; 90 degrees; 1.00 feet above pool. Water clarity is slightly stained with 2-3 feet of clarity. Bass can be caught on creek channel bends throwing Texas rigged creature baits, senkos, or compact jigs in black and blue. Grass edges are holding a high number of fish and can be caught on 3-4 inch swimbaits, flukes, or bladed jigs. Matted vegetation seems to hold the larger fish in fewer numbers, and can be caught

throwing a ribbit frog or hollow body frog. Report by Blake Doughtie, Lake Country Lunkers Lures and Guide Service. Crappie are starting to migrate to creek channels timber in 6-30 feet of water with jigs. Be cautious of lake turnover as the water begins to cool. This will slow the bite for about two weeks until the water stabilizes. Report by River Bottom Boys Guide Service.

## Livingston

**GOOD.** slightly stained; 89 degrees; 0.95 feet below pool. White bass are great in shallow water in the mornings and late evening in 2-6 feet of water. The midday bite is in 10-20 feet of water with Duck Tracker slabs. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

## Martin Creek

**GOOD.** Water normal stain; 85 degrees; 1.80 feet below pool. Bass are good early and late fishing the hydrilla with pop R's, spinnerbaits and Texas rigged worms. Crappie are good fishing brush piles and timber in 20-25 feet with fish suspended at 15 feet. Minnows and Bobby Garland jigs are working well. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers. Report by Hambone guide service. Reported by Hambone guide service.

## Nacogdoches

**GOOD.** Water stained; 78 degrees; 1.55 feet below pool. Largemouth bass are excellent with 3-5 pound fish being caught on Carolina rig, dropshot and deep crankbaits. Crappie are fair on 1/8 ounce white crappie jig on a split shot. Catfish are slow on live minnows and cut bait. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

## Nacouche

**FAIR.** Water slightly stained; 78 degrees; 0.00 feet full pool. The fish still cannot decide if they need to stay or go from their typical summer haunts. Expect the next two cold fronts to drop temperatures to the mid 70s or cooler triggering the fall turnover. Keep an eye on

the thermocline. Bass will bite squarebill crankbaits in 5 feet, if you find them hugging the bottom in 8-10 feet dragging a Texas-rig Magworm can be effective. Crappie population is good. Catfish are slow. Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services. Largemouth bass are excellent on dropshots, small paddle tail swimbaits in 4-12 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on brush and standing timber in 10-15 feet of water on 1/16 ounce white crappie jigs. Catfish are fair on cut bait and live minnows in the fishing pier area. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

## Pinkston

**FAIR.** slightly stained; 76 degrees. Water clarity is clear. Largemouth bass are good on small paddle tail swimbaits in 4-12 feet of water. Crappie are good on brush piles and standing timber using 1/8 ounce white translucent crappie jig. Catfish are fair on live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

## Raven

**FAIR.** Water light stain; 85 degrees. Crappie are fair on minnows and artificial grubs. Bass are fair on soft plastic artificials. Catfish are fair on worms fished off the bottom. Bluegill are excellent at the boathouse dock on crappie bites and worms.

## Sam Rayburn

**GOOD.** Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; 1.24 feet below pool. Fishing is consistent. Bass are schooling more in the morning so expect more topwater action on grass edges and points. Crappie are fair on standing timber in 27 feet on brush piles with minnows over jigs. Blue and channel catfish are fair in 24-27 feet of water and in the river bends on cut bait and minnows. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. Expect the lake level to continue to drop slowly through the winter. Shallow bass are centered around shoreline brush and hay grass along

with high spots, shallow ditches and creek channel swings. These fish can be caught on Texas rigs, wacky rigs, shallow water crankbaits and topwaters. There is a large population of schooling bass heavily chasing bait balls around main lake ledges in 17-22 feet, main lake drains in 10-17 feet, and main lake and secondary points. Cast a dropshot, Carolina rig, 1/2- 3/4 ounce jig, or deep diving crankbait. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Guide Service.

## Toledo Bend

**FAIR.** Water normal stain; 85 degrees; 4.20 feet below pool. Topwater action is improving in the morning for the first hour at daylight along the edge of grass. Once the sun rises, work a wacky worm and light Texas rig along deep edges of grass and in creek bends in 8-12 feet. Bass are fair in the main lake at 14-20 feet, but most are still small to just keepers, these fish coming on big crankbaits and Carolina rigs. As water continues to cool, the action will improve. Crappie are still slow. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

## Tyler

**GOOD.** Water normal stain; 84 degrees; 1.04 feet below pool. Fishing patterns are holding steady. Crappie are good with minnows on brush in 16-20 feet of water, and off the barge. Catfish are good in 10-16 feet of water stink bait, liver and nightcrawlers. Bream are good on red worms off the barge and throughout the lake. Bass are fair on topwater baits, crankbaits and spinner baits in 4-12 feet of water. Report by The Boulders at Lake Tyler.

## Welsh

**FAIR.** Water stained. 95 degrees. Few reports from anglers.

## Wright Patman

**GOOD.** Water stained; 83 degrees; 3.89 feet above pool. Catfish are good with stink bait. Crappie are good with minnows and jigs.

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# 2025 Texas Fish Art Contest opens for entries

Special to the News-Standard

**ATHENS** — The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center has opened the Texas division of Wildlife Forever's 2025 Fish Art Contest for entries.

The Fish Art Contest, accepting entries until Feb. 28, is part of an international conservation education program designed to foster youth interest in fish, fisheries and fishing.

"The Fish Art Contest does a tremendous job of exposing students across Texas to the wonders of fish and fisheries resources through the nexus of art," said Tom Lang, TFFC director. "We always look forward to this time of year when we are once again amazed by the outstanding work and artistic interpretations of these young Texans."

Participants must submit a completed entry form, and an original illustration of a wild fish found in Texas. Applicants in grades 4-12 are also required to submit a one-page creative writing piece. Once the entrance form is submitted, applicants must mail their artwork to TFFC, 5550 FM 2495, Athens, TX, 75752. The physical artwork must have a landscape orientation between 8X10 inches and 9X12 inches and be postmarked no later than Feb. 28.

The Texas Fish Art Contest's new category this year is the Special Species Award, which will showcase a focused species or set of species each year. One winner will be chosen from all entries and spotlighted at the TFFC. Students must correctly label their artwork and be identifiable as the correct focus species, but do not need to submit additional paperwork for consideration.

For the 2024-2025 contest year, the focus species is Guadalupe bass, the state fish of

Texas. This year's award honors Shirley Watson and her third-grade class at Decatur Elementary School, which, in 1989, realized Texas had no official state fish. They traveled to Austin and testified in front of lawmakers about why a fish found "only in Texas" was the right fish for the job and their efforts paid off. Find out more about the state fish and how the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is working to restore this Texas icon to its native range.

Texas winners are recognized in the Texas Fish Art calendar, win scholarships, are featured in TPWD's Fish Art Contest Flickr album and invited to a family fishing celebration to recognize their achievements.

Additionally, winners will earn automatic entry to Wildlife Forever's national contest. Texas students may choose to enter national specialty awards with fish not found in Texas, however, they will not be eligible for Texas state awards due to the one entry per student limit.

"We have a unique opportunity to celebrate the talents of our Texas students, and the beauty of our diverse fish found in Texas," said Kate Barkalow, Education and Interpretation Coordinator at TFFC. "In doing so, we also recognize the amazing efforts of our teachers and biologists who support them. To complete their piece of art, students research their fish, its habitat and conservation efforts being made to protect the species, forging a connection between the student and fish."

Educators who wish to have their students enter the 2025 contest can find entry forms, rules, guidelines and more online. A lesson plan offers interdisciplinary curriculum including lessons and activities, a species iden-



tification section profiling each state fish, a glossary and student worksheets.

The Fish Art Contest is sponsored by Wildlife Forever, Bass Pro Shops, Rapala, U.S. Forest Service, Wonders of Wildlife, Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, National Fish Habitat Partnership, U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Adventure Keen, International Game and Fish Association, REPYOURWATER and Western Native Trout Initiative.

Located in White Bear Lake, Minn., Wild-

life Forever is a nonprofit multispecies conservation organization dedicated to conserving America's wildlife heritage. Working at the grassroots level, Wildlife Forever has funded conservation projects in all 50 states, committing millions of dollars to "on-the-ground" efforts. Wildlife Forever supports habitat restoration and enhancement, land acquisition, research and management of fish and wildlife populations.

For more information, visit the TFFC Texas Fish Art Contest website and the Texas Fish Art Program Facebook page.

## Committees concerned with procedure, economy

As we near the 2024 Election Day on Nov. 5, I'd like to offer a friendly reminder that the early voting period will begin on Oct. 21 and will end on Nov. 1.

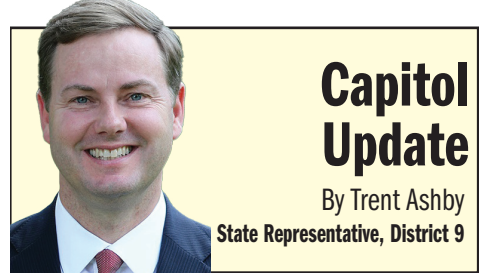
While I always encourage folks to take advantage of the early voting period to avoid Election Day lines, what's most important is that you plan to participate in the process by exercising your right to vote.

For more information about early voting locations, what you'll need to bring with you to the polling locations, or any other questions you may have, please visit [www.vote-texas.gov](http://www.vote-texas.gov).

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

- The House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures has jurisdiction over all matters related to the oversight of businesses and industry in Texas, the regulation of the sale of alcohol, and the Alcoholic Beverage Code.

The Committee also has jurisdiction over the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, the Texas Real Estate Commission, and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.



During the interim, the Committee will monitor the implementation of a number of bills, including House Bill 1859 and 3579. HB 1859 waives certain renewal fees for an air conditioning and refrigeration contractor license and allows students in certification programs to act as air conditioning and refrigeration technicians.

HB 3579 allows the executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to issue an emergency order halting the operation of a massage establishment if law enforcement or TDLR believes human trafficking is occurring at the location.

- The House Committee on International Relations and Economic Development has

jurisdiction over many matters including the relations between Texas and other nations, workforce training, and economic development.

The Committee also has jurisdiction over a number of agencies including the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office and the Texas Workforce Commission.

During the interim, the Committee will monitor the implementation of House Bill 1755 and 4451.

HB 1755 established the Lone Star Workforce Fund and a grant program to support workforce training programs to help fill the demand for a skilled workforce in Texas. Additionally, it will provide Texans with the opportunity to be trained and equipped with the skills necessary to obtain sustaining, full-time employment.

HB 4451 seeks to address current and future workforce needs. The bill requires the Texas Workforce Commission to work with Texas's 28 local workforce development boards to determine the availability of apprenticeships aligned with the industries represented on the high demand occupation list.

Additionally, the Committee will study the early childhood education industry. Specifically, the Committee will evaluate the current state of the industry and review current early childhood policies and evaluate their effectiveness.

The mobile office is still on the road again this month, and our District Director looks forward to seeing you on October 16 at the Houston County Courthouse Annex in Crockett from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and the Trinity County Courthouse in Groveton from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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

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

## Abbott OKs \$50 Million for Hurricane Beryl, derecho debris removal

Special to the News-Standard

**AUSTIN** — Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Speaker Dade Phelan, Comptroller Glenn Hegar, Senate Finance Committee Chair Joan Huffman, and House Appropriations Chair Dr. Greg Bonnen announced the approval of \$50 million to help Texas communities with debris removal across disaster-declared counties impacted by Hurricane Beryl and the Derecho Storm that hit Houston in May 2024.

Working with Hegar, this emergency funding is made available from the General Revenue Account 549, the Waste Management Account, to be used for previous and current debris removal costs and similar activities.

"As Southeast Texas recovers from devastating severe weather this summer, Texas continues working to support local communities as they rebuild and move forward from Hurricane Beryl and the Derecho Storm," Abbott said. "As many across the country experience a lack of and delayed funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Texas is providing \$50 million in emergency funds to assist im-

acted communities in their ongoing efforts to remove debris. I thank my legislative and state partners for helping to quickly make these funds available for our fellow Texans. Working together, Texas will ensure that our communities have the necessary resources to prepare, respond, and recover from severe weather."

"Hurricane Beryl and the Derecho left several counties with extensive debris removal costs, so as Legislative Budget Board Co-Chair, I fully support making funds available to help pay these costs," Patrick said. "In the wake of natural disasters, Texans know best how to help Texans. This money will ease the burden for our neighbors across the affected areas in East and Southeast Texas, and the Houston area."

"The State of Texas is stepping up in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl and the Derecho to provide meaningful support as Houston and other impacted communities, including some within my district in Southeast Texas, continue to recover," said Phelan. "Texans affected by these recent natural disasters face overwhelming challenges as they remove debris from their communities, and this funding will go a long way to help

rebuild their homes and businesses. I want to thank Governor Abbott, Texas emergency management officials, and our local and state partners for their tireless work addressing the needs of those impacted. We stand ready to ensure all affected communities have access to these funds in an expeditious manner."

"In the aftermath of storms like these, questions about funding can lead to significant delays in recovery efforts and timelines," Hegar said. "These delays can have disastrous long-term ramifications for local and regional economies. I am proud to work with Governor Abbott and legislative leadership to ensure these communities have the resources they need to navigate the difficult road to full recovery and get Texans, their families, and their businesses back on their feet."

"The State of Texas is stepping up to provide immediate financial assistance to our communities recovering from Hurricane Beryl and the Derecho Storm," said Huffman, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee. "Our state will continue to maintain a balanced budget and conservative fiscal policies to ensure that we can support our

communities when they need it most."

"As a representative of a coastal community that has faced the devastation of hurricanes firsthand, I know how critical immediate recovery efforts are for local families and businesses," said Dr. Bonnen, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee. "Once again, Texas is stepping up to fill the void left by the federal government's delays, ensuring our citizens get the help they need to rebuild and move forward."

In most cases, cities and counties in impacted areas are responsible for costs associated with debris removal until federal aid is available to reimburse a portion of those expenses. With a lack of available funding at the Federal Emergency Management Agency and delayed reimbursements for eligible expenses, the State of Texas has taken immediate action to provide critical assistance to impacted communities across 122 counties and help alleviate the burden as they continue to rebuild.

The funds announced for debris removal will be administered by Texas Division of Emergency Management with assistance from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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# AREA DIGEST



### Breakfast scheduled

The Trinity County Sheriff's Office, along with the family of fallen Deputy Justin Fester, will host a fundraising breakfast from 7:30-9 a.m. Friday at the Courthouse Annex in Groveton, 223 W. First St.

Funds raised from the breakfast go toward the sheriff's scholarship program.

For information, call (936) 642-1424.

### Inspirational speaker set

First Baptist Church of Groveton will host speaker and Olympic gold medalist Laura Wilkinson at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 30 at the church.

Wilkinson is a member of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, the International Swimming Hall of Fame, and the University of Texas Women's Athletics Hall of Fame.

For information, visit fbc-groveton.com online.

### WCGS Genealogy Event

The Walker County Genealogical Society and Huntsville Public Library will host its annual Genealogy Network of Texas Genealogy Smorgasbord starting at 10:30 a.m.

Friday at the Huntsville Public Library Staggs Community Room.

Five genealogy programs that range from basic genealogy to naturalizations to writing family stories and more are available.

The event is free and open to everyone.

For information, visit the WCGS website at wcgstx.org or the Huntsville Public Library website at myhuntsvillelibrary.com, or call Mary Kokot at (936) 291-5471.

The presentations also are available online at these sites.

### 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 Trin-

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

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

### Band holds fundraiser

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

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

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

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

### Veterans museum hosts events

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

For more info email festival@

heartsmuseum.com or call (936) 295-5959.

### Delivery available

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

Guests also are welcome to enjoy 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.

# A Stand Against Drug Misuse

## East Texas Unites for Red Ribbon Week

Special to the News-Times

Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 23-31, and East Texans are preparing to engage in a campaign that extends far beyond spirited dress-up days and themed school events.

This week is an invaluable opportunity to deliver a powerful, unified message: communities across the nation are committed to fostering a safer environment by preventing drug misuse and raising awareness collectively.

While Red Ribbon Week is often associated with lighthearted activities like wearing mismatched socks or sporting outlandish hairstyles, its true purpose runs far deeper. These engaging activities are merely the opening of a broader conversation — a conversation that leads to greater understanding, education, and proactive change.

It is a crucial opportunity for parents, educators, students, and

community members to connect, communicate, and emphasize the importance of staying drug-free and making health-conscious choices. The significance of these conversations cannot be overstated; they lay the foundation for a resilient, informed community that is prepared to confront the challenges of drug misuse and support one another effectively.

Participation in Red Ribbon Week is about delivering a unified, unwavering message across schools, communities, and states — one that ensures everyone is engaged in this critical dialogue. By organizing coordinated activities and events, East Texans can amplify this message, making it resonate across our region: embracing a drug-free lifestyle is essential, not only for personal wellbeing but for the shared strength and future of our community.

Schools are at the forefront of these efforts, working diligently

to make this week both impactful and memorable for students. Educational programs and themed events are designed to initiate meaningful conversations with young people in a way that is engaging and accessible. While dress-up days may add an element of fun, the discussions these activities prompt are what leave a lasting impression.

Through these conversations, students gain a better understanding of the real consequences of drug use, and they are equipped with the knowledge to make informed decisions. Teachers, school counselors, and guest speakers play a pivotal role in this process, offering factual insights, addressing concerns, and answering the questions young minds may have. It is through this open and ongoing dialogue that young people feel empowered, supported, and ready to make positive choices.

Red Ribbon Week also extends

far beyond the school environment, serving as a broader call to action for the community. It is about fostering a culture of awareness and prevention that reaches every household and neighborhood. Community rallies, workshops, and public awareness events are important platforms for amplifying this message, providing opportunities for residents to engage actively and reinforce the significance of this cause.

The ultimate goal is for families to leave these events not only informed but also empowered — understanding that they are part of a larger, collective effort to curb drug misuse and promote healthier, more fulfilling lifestyles.

The origins of Red Ribbon Week date back to 1985, rooted in the story of DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who sacrificed his life in the fight against drug trafficking. His untimely death ignited a movement that has evolved into

a powerful national symbol of resilience and a collective commitment to a drug-free America. Today, the red ribbon stands not only as a tribute to Camarena's legacy but also as a promise—a pledge to safeguard our families and communities from the perils of drug misuse.

East Texas holds the capacity to unite, support each other, and build a future in which every individual has the opportunity to flourish, free from the adverse effects of mis-used or illicit drugs. By standing strong, renewing our collective commitment, and working towards a safer and healthier community, we can bring this vision to life.

Participating in Red Ribbon Week allows each of us to contribute to spreading this vital message and establishing a foundation for enduring positive change that will benefit our community for generations to come.

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**ACROSS**

1 Mustang Island, e.g.

5 TXism: "she's ringed" (engaged)

6 TXism: "suits \_\_\_ a fare-thee-well"

7 San Antonio private college (abbr.)

8 TXism: "\_\_\_ rat" (toddler)

9 Sinatra of 1963 film "4 for Texas"

14 TXism: "sitting in high cotton"

15 TX J. King Fisher is buried in Uvalde's \_\_\_ Cemetery

17 TX Clint Black's "\_\_\_ Man"

19 Coleman paper: Chronicle & Democrat-\_\_\_

22 SMU's James Cronin won 1980 Nobel Prize in this

27 TXism: "feeling his \_\_\_" (frisky)

28 actor Jack of "JFK"

29 historic B&B in New Braunfels: "\_\_\_ Mansion Inn"

30 "Baby Boomers" are \_\_\_ babies of WWII

32 Dallas actress Darnell (init.)

33 \_\_\_ Blancas (The White Islands)

36 TXism: "skinny as a \_\_\_"

37 Texas-based "Steak and \_\_\_" eateries

38 square dance move

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39 TX Audie Murphy film: "Ride \_\_\_ Trail"

41 Yoko \_\_\_

42 once housed at Carswell AFB: B-52 \_\_\_ fortress

45 oil-producing org.

46 ex-Ranger pitcher Robb

47 TXism: "wouldn't \_\_\_ a flea" (tame dog)

48 once an FM in Taylor, TX

49 WWII atomic bomb plane (2 wds.)

52 conjecture

53 state buildings: \_\_\_-smoking

54 two singers

55 Texas-sized phone company

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1 TX Perot was a salesman for \_\_\_

2 TXism: "take a look \_\_\_"

3 taco veggie

4 TXism: "got \_\_\_ of Rights" (rich)

8 barbecue favorite: beef short \_\_\_

9 TXism: "\_\_\_ of the box"

10 Texas singer, Orbison (init.)

11 TXism: "got \_\_\_ itchy trigger finger"

12 TXism: "\_\_\_ gift horse in the mouth"

13 Mesquite FM radio

14 TX George Jones' "The \_\_\_"

15 dogs or cats

16 top edge of Palo Duro Canyon

18 where some Texans ski in New Mexico

20 amass sports cards

21 TXism: "fizzled out"

22 former U.S. Senator, Gramm (init.)

23 Astro or Ranger "four bagger" (abbr.)

24 Brynner of "The Magnificent Seven"

25 TX Gene Tierney 1951 film: "The Mating \_\_\_"

26 TXism: "plumb loco"

28 lion's "casa"

31 home of Baylor University

34 winning general at San Jacinto (init.)

35 Rio Grande's first name: Rio de \_\_\_ Palmas

37 what frat guys tap at a party (2 wds.)

40 Grand Ole \_\_\_

43 TXism: "top \_\_\_ on the ladder" (best)

44 TXism: "scarce as grass \_\_\_ hog trough"

50 TXism: "likely \_\_\_" (probable)

51 this TX Gale was "My Little Margie" (init.)



### ANIMAL CONTROL DONATION

On Oct. 8, Republican Women of Trinity County donated to Trinity County Pet Fixers, a non-profit organization, to help in their mission to provide vouchers for spaying and neutering of both low income family pets and unwanted cats and dogs. Pictured are Barbara Chamberlin, RWTC President; Debbie Wilson, President of Pet Fixers, and Sally Harrington, RWTC VP of Membership. COURTESY PHOTO

**Last Puzzle Solution**

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## BITE by BITE

Conquering My Culinary  
Bucket List One Dish at a Time

By Emily Banks Wooten

“BUT SINCE YOU’RE ASKING ME,  
I’LL TELL YOU MY OPINION:  
ALL CORNBREAD IS AUTHENTIC,  
AS LONG AS IT’S GOOD, HOT,  
AND MADE WITH LOVE  
AND FRESH INGREDIENTS.”  
– JEREMY JACKSON



# RETURNING TO AN OLD, FORGOTTEN FAVORITE ...

It’s funny sometimes how there will be a dish that you love and make fairly often and then time passes, you discover new dishes and some of your old faves are relegated to the past, albeit unintentionally. Then something happens and you think of it and you’re like, wow, how could I have forgotten about that.

That happened to me not long ago when a friend of mine referred to a dish that I used to make fairly regularly, and she commented on how much a mutual friend of ours always loved it. It was a dish I’d completely forgotten about.

The dish to which I refer is Mexican Cornbread. My grandmother and one of her sisters used to make it all the time and it became a family staple. It’s basically cornbread that has a layer of browned ground beef and onions in the center of it, with a can of cream style corn,

a good helping of shredded cheddar cheese and chopped jalapenos in it as well.

Ever since my friend mentioned it, I’ve had a hankering to make it. And now that we’re empty-nesters, it seemed the perfect time. Daughter doesn’t care for cornbread or hushpuppies or basically anything with cornmeal, so to appease her, I basically quit making anything that had cornmeal as a main ingredient.

The dish is pretty much a meal in and of itself, but in an attempt to be a little more civilized, I decided to pair it with a side. I made a simple salad and a homemade vinaigrette. Then I looked over and saw some yukon gold potatoes that weren’t long for this world so I decided to cut them into wedges and roast them as an additional side.

For the salad, I just bought a premixed bag of a baby spinach and spring green combo and

tossed in some halved grape tomatoes for color. I then whisked together a vinaigrette with extra virgin olive oil, white wine vinegar, minced garlic, chopped shallots, freshly chopped chives, thyme and dill and some salt and pepper.

As for the potatoes, I cut them into wedges and mixed them in a bowl with some extra virgin olive oil, garlic powder, dried oregano, dried thyme and salt and pepper and roasted them on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet for about 25 minutes in a 450-degree oven, turning about halfway through the cooking time.

It all came together easily and made a nice combo. Hubby liked it all and said that we definitely need to add the Mexican Cornbread to the rotation. Sounds good to me. And when the weather finally cools off, it sure will be good alongside a big bowl of chili. ■

“I USED TO ALWAYS HAVE A PRETTY HIGH,  
LITTLE CLEAR VOICE, BUT AS I GOT OLDER,  
I GOT A LITTLE CORNBREAD IN IT.”  
– WILSON PICKETT



“YOU’VE GOT TO CONTINUE TO GROW,  
OR YOU’RE JUST LIKE LAST NIGHT’S  
CORNBREAD - STALE AND DRY.”  
– LORETTA LYNN

## MEXICAN CORNBREAD

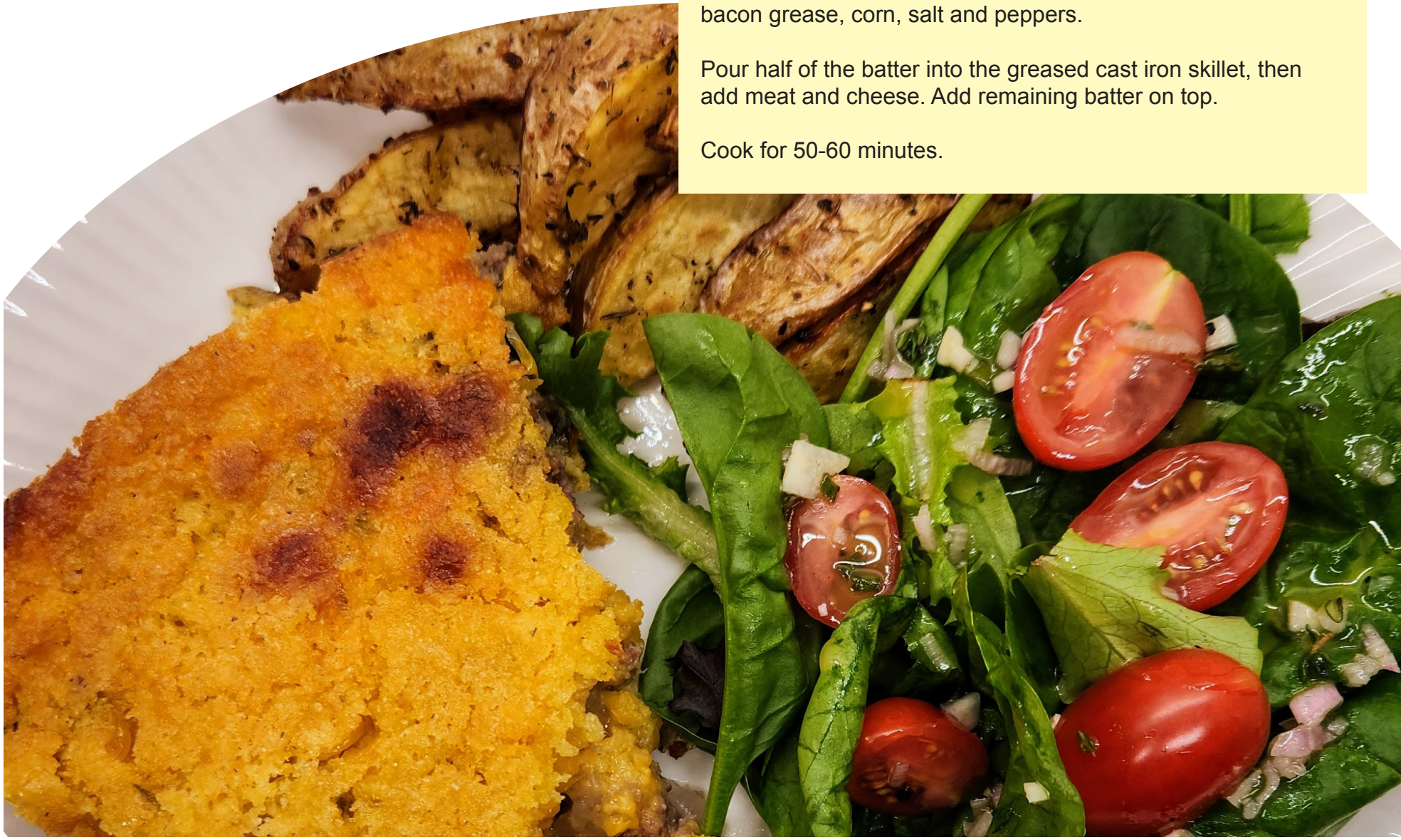
1½ pound ground beef  
1 large onion, chopped  
½ pound grated cheddar cheese  
1 cup yellow cornmeal  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
2 cups buttermilk  
¼ cup bacon grease  
1 can cream style corn  
½ teaspoon salt  
6 jalapeno peppers, drained and chopped fine (You may use fresh or pickled. I prefer pickled for this and used about a ¼ cup, chopped.)  
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. As the oven preheats, place the ¼ cup of bacon grease in a cast iron skillet in the oven to melt. Once melted, remove and set aside.

Brown ground beef with onion in a different skillet and drain.

In a mixing bowl, combine cornmeal, baking soda, buttermilk, bacon grease, corn, salt and peppers.

Pour half of the batter into the greased cast iron skillet, then add meat and cheese. Add remaining batter on top.

Cook for 50-60 minutes.





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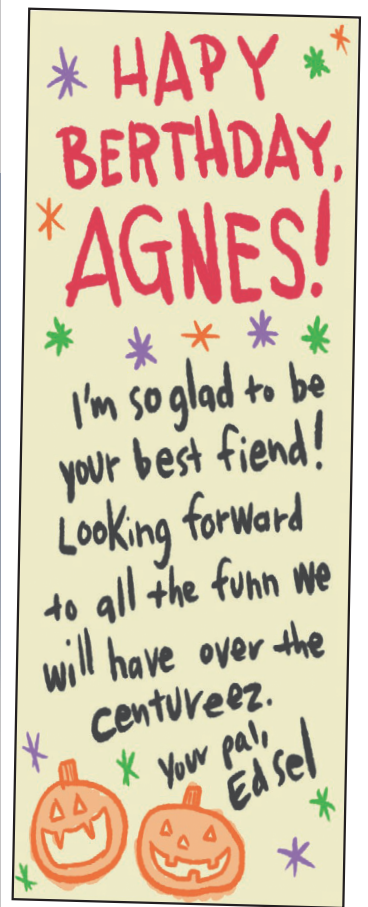
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## Kid Scoop Together

### What a Card!

Agnes and Edsel share the same birthday: October 31. They made birthday cards for one another. But both cards have some spelling errors. Can you circle their mistakes? Rewrite the messages on another sheet of paper.



Standards Link: Language Arts: Spell grade-level words correctly.

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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **DILEMMA**  
The noun **dilemma** means a difficult choice.

My dilemma was choosing to go to the movies with Amy or the park with Kevin.

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

### Write On!

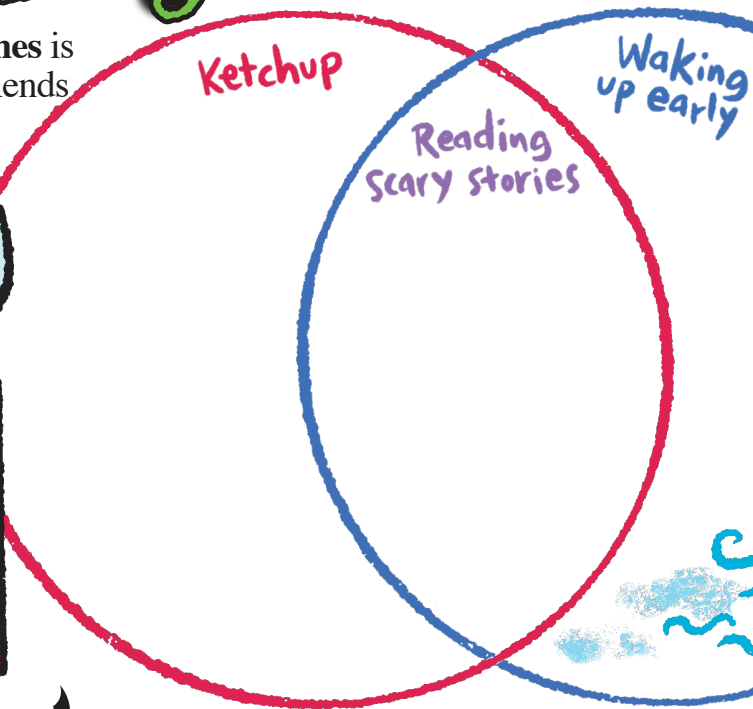
#### Halloween Riddles

Write down some of your favorite Halloween jokes and riddles and mail them to a friend.

# Frightfully Good Friends

How many bats can you find on this page?

Edsel is a vampire. Agnes is a ghost. They're best friends at Ghoulish Night School.



The two friends have a lot of things in common, but they also have some differences. Do the math to complete this Venn diagram to discover what they have in common. If the answer is between 1 and 9, that's something Agnes likes. If the answer is between 10 and 15, that's something Edsel likes. If the answer is 16 or above, both like it.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Waking up early = 1 + 1       | Old music boxes = 4 + 3 |
| Reading scary stories = 8 + 8 | Rocking chairs = 10 - 5 |
| Ketchup = 5 + 5               | Mirrors = 2 + 6         |
| Creaky doors = 4 + 2          | Dark clothing = 20 - 5  |
| Surprising people = 9 + 10    | Moonlight = 15 + 10     |
| Garlic = 12 - 4               | Sleeping late = 7 + 3   |
| Dusty attics = 11 + 11        | Playing piano = 11 - 2  |
| Dark corners = 23 - 4         | Sunsets = 7 + 1         |
| Singing in basements = 20 - 2 | Foggy nights = 7 + 9    |

### Extra! Extra! Scary Search

Look through the newspaper to circle:

- Three words that rhyme with the word **GHOST**
- Three words that rhyme with the word **SCREAM**
- Three words that rhyme with the word **FRIGHT**

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify rhyming words.

## Play Problems

Sometimes friends disagree. Agnes wants to play casket-ball at recess. But Edsel wants to dig in the sandbox. Use the code to see how they settled this dilemma.

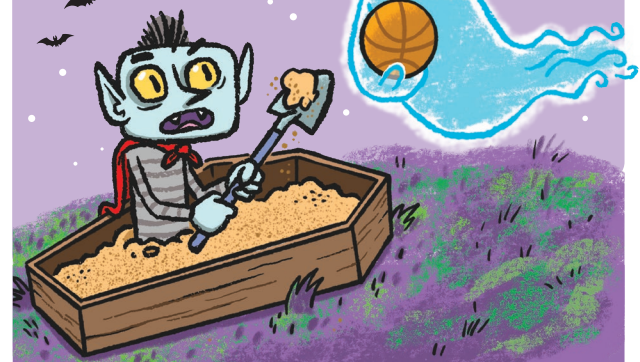
After flipping a coin, they agreed to



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| ■ = D | ■ = P |
| ■ = G | ■ = R |
| ■ = I | ■ = T |
| ■ = L | ■ = W |
| ■ = M | ■ = Y |



Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written instructions.

## Hide and Shriek

Agnes hid some things in the cemetery for Edsel to find. He needs your help to find these items:

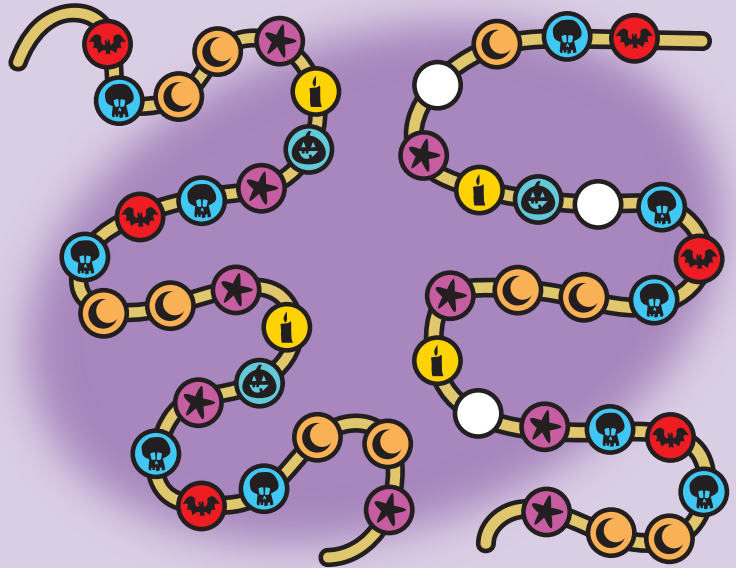
- BASEBALL
- SHOE
- TOOTHBRUSH
- PAINTBRUSH
- PENCIL
- MITTEN



Standards Link: Use observation skills.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Edsel and Agnes are making friendship bracelets. Draw the missing beads that will make them exactly the same pattern.



Standards Link: Complete patterns.

## Double Double Word Search

- BALL
- CREAKY
- DARK
- DIG
- DUSTY
- FOGGY
- GARLIC
- GHOST
- HIDE
- LATE
- MUSIC
- MOONLIGHT
- SCARY
- SUNSETS
- VENN

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



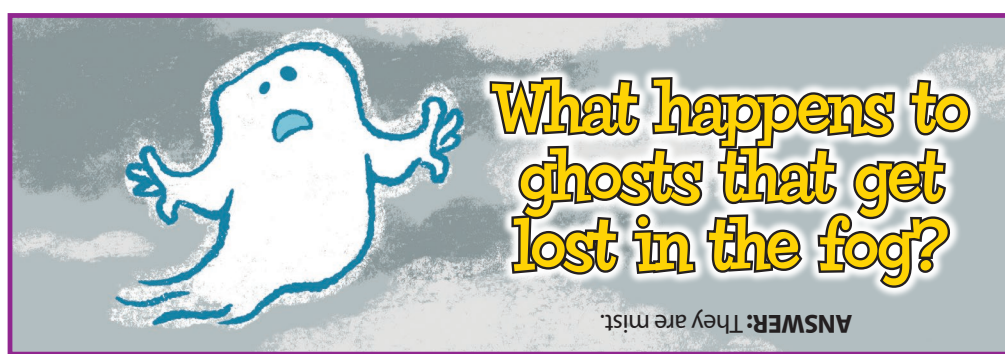
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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### Funny Facts

Find two comic strips in the newspaper to compare. Make a Venn diagram that shows things they have in common and things that are different.

Standards Link: Use Venn diagrams to show similarities and differences.





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## Sheriff sale scheduled for Nov. 5

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TRINITY By virtue of Tax Warrants issued out of the 411 th DISTRICT COURT of Trinity County, Texas in the following cases on the 10th day of September, 2024, by the Clerk thereof, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th DAY OF November, 2024, at the Official entrance of the Court-house of the Trinity County, in the City of Groveton, Texas, the following described property, to wit: Cause No: 5214 TRINITY/GROVETON CONSOLIDATED TAX OFFICE AND TRINITY COUNTY vs. LAURA CORNISH, ET AL TRACT 1: Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12, Block 33, in The Town of Glendale, Deed Recorded in Volume 49, Page 530, Deed Records of Trinity County, Texas, and also being described on the Tax Rolls and Records of Trinity County as Lots 7-12 & 20, Block 33. Pid #15333 TRACT 2: Being 0.249 Acre, Lots 4-6, Block 27, in The Town of Glendale, Deed Recorded in Volume 49, Page 530, Deed Records of Trinity County, Texas. PID #15332 Cause No: 5645 TRINITY-COUNTY, ET AL vs. DENNIS DURDIN, ET AL Lots Forty-Five (45) and Forty-Six (46), Lakeview Addition Deed Recorded in Volume 454 Page 741, The Deed Records of Trinity County, Texas PID#16505 Cause No: 5646 TRINITY COUNTY, ET AL vs. LAWRENCE ALLEN, ET AL Lot 2, Block 24-A, Westwood Shores Subdivision, Section 1, Deed recorded in Volume 740, Page 599 Deed Records, of Trinity County, Texas. PID #18280 Cause No: 5647 TRINITY/GROVETON TAX OFFICE vs. GORDON ADKINS TRACT 1: Lot 3, Block 13, Section 1, Westwood Shores Subdivision, Deed, Recorded in Volume 594, Page 91, Deed Records Trinity County, Texas PID#17629 TRACT 2: Lot 4, Block 1, Section 10, Westwood Shores Subdivision, Deed Recorded in Volume 480, Page 473, Deed Records of Trinity County, Texas PID#29178 Cause No: 5648 TRINITY/GROVETON TAX OFFICE vs. GAY BARROW, ET AL Lot 33, Block 75, Section 7, Westwood Shores Subdivision Deed Recorded in Volume 304, Page 199, Deed Records of Trinity County, Texas. PID# 28240 Cause No: 5649 TRINITY/GROVETON TAX OFFICE vs. EMILIA ROSA BASS, ET AL Lot 27, Block 30, Section 2, Westwood Shores Subdivision Deed Recorded in Volume 760, Page 814, Deed Records Trinity County, Texas PID #27666 Cause No: 5650 TRINITY COUNTY, ET AL vs. CHARLES W. STERLING, ET AL 2.00 Acres, Lot 16, Section 1, White Rock Acres Subdivision, Part of The Joel Clapp Survey, Abstract

130, Deed Recorded in Volume 636, Page 864, Deed Records of Trinity County, Texas. PID #27054 Cause No: 5652 TRINITY COUNTY, ET AL Vs. OWNERS OF VARIOUS PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN TRINITY COUNTY, TEXAS TRACT 1: Lot 32, Block 2, Section 12 Westwood Shores Deed, Recorded Volume 626, Page 25 Deed Records of Trinity County Texas. PID #28331 (BILLIE HARRELL) TRACT 2: Lot 6, Block 8, Section 1 Westwood Shores Subdivision, Deed Recorded, in Volume 655, Page 33, Deed Records Trinity County, Texas. PID #27655 (KAMMY EVANS) TRACT 3: Lot 1, Block 15, Section 1, Westwood Shores Subdivision, Deed Recorded in, Volume 279, Page 533, Deed Records Trinity County, Texas. PID #27861 (RENA WALTON ESTATE) TRACT 4: Lot 3, Block 1, Section 1, Westwood Shores Subdivision Deed Recorded in Volume 304, Page 280, Deed Records Trinity County, Texas. PID#28204 (C A MCCULLOUGH) TRACT 5: Lot 11, Block 13, Section 11 Westwood Shores Subdivision, Deed Recorded in Volume 495, Page 175, and indeed Recorded in Volume 616, Page 124 Deed Records Trinity County, Texas, PID#28380 (GEORGE YOWELL) TRACT 6: 1.42 acres More or Less, John Johnson A-23 Deed Recorded in Volume 168, Page 89, and in Volume 383, Page 75, Deed Records Trinity County, Texas. PID #25315 (GERALD SIMMONS) TRACT 7: Lot 23, Block 6, Section 9, Westwood Shores Subdivision, Deed Recorded in Volume 485, Page 665, Deed Records of Trinity County, Texas. PID #29310 (WILLIAM VALVERDE) TRACT 8: Being 4.72 Acres, more or less, in the M.V. Cruz Survey A-15, Deed Recorded Volume 168, Page 89, and in Volume 383, Page 75, Deed Records Trinity County, Texas. PID# 25314 (GERALD SIMMONS) TRACT 9: Lot 12, Block 1, Section 10 Westwood Shores Subdivision, Deed Recorded in Volume 374, Page 568, Deed Records Trinity County, Texas. PID#27681 (ANNA JENNY OCASIO) TRACT 10: Lot 1, Block 5, Section 12, Westwood Shores Subdivision, Deed Recorded in Volume 483, Page 824, Deed Records of Trinity County, Texas. PID#28111 (RONALD TEMPLETON) Levied on the 30th day of September 2024, as the property of those persons listed above to satisfy taxes, penalties, interest, and all costs of seizure and sale against those persons listed in said Warrant and any other unknown owners in favor of the Taxing Unit listed in said Tax Warrants. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND ON THE 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024. Woody Wallace Sheriff, Trinity County, Texas By Deputy

## Claim of ownership of certificate of title

I, Latanya Germaine Cochran, a natural living person, states that I am familiar with the facts recited, I state that I am the party named in said Certificate of Live Birth, and I am the same party as one of the owners named in Certificate of Title, I woman, verify under penalty of perjury under the laws

of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct; Executed on this second day of October 2024 By: Cochran, Latanya Germaine, Not in individual capacity, without the United States, Held in Trust, All Rights Under Reserve. Publication dates 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/22

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO RECONCILE FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER COSTS

On September 30, 2024, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("Entergy Texas") filed an Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") to reconcile its eligible fuel and purchased power costs incurred during the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2024 ("Reconciliation Period"). This filing was made pursuant to Section 36.203 of the Texas Utilities Code and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 25.236. The Commission has assigned Docket No. 57134 to the Application.

In its Application, Entergy Texas seeks to reconcile approximately \$1.61 billion of fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the Reconciliation Period to generate and purchase electric energy for its retail customers. In this reconciliation proceeding ETI seeks Commission review of Entergy Texas' eligible fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the Reconciliation Period and a determination they were reasonable and necessary to serve retail customers.

Entergy Texas's under-recovery balance for the Reconciliation Period totals approximately \$30.0 million, which includes interest expense on the under-recovered amounts. Entergy Texas does not seek to implement a fuel-related refund or surcharge of its eligible fuel costs in this case. Entergy Texas proposes to roll any ending fuel balance resulting from this proceeding forward to serve as the beginning balance for the next reconciliation period.

All customers and classes of customers receiving retail electric service from Entergy Texas whose electric service rates include charges pursuant to Rate Schedule FF (fixed fuel factor) will be affected by the Application. This Application has no effect on Entergy Texas' non-fuel rates.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Entergy Texas at Attn: Customer Service—Fuel Reconciliation, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call 1-866-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this petition is available for inspection at the address listed above or by email at [tcr@entergy.com](mailto:tcr@entergy.com).

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989. A deadline for intervention will be established for this proceeding. All communications should refer to Docket No. 57134.

## Estate of Judy Ann Friday

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Judy Ann Friday, Deceased, were issued on 10/3/2024, in Cause No. 5743, pending in the County Court of Trinity County, Texas, to: Sara N. Newman. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered

are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Respectfully submitted, By: Colton Hay, Texas Bar I.D. 24096614, The Hay Law Firm, PLLC, PO Box 979, Groveton, TX 75845, 936-642-1725, email: [colton.hay@thehaylawfirm.com](mailto:colton.hay@thehaylawfirm.com), Attorney For The Estate.

## City of Groveton to apply for DRRP

CITY OF GROVETON PUBLIC NOTICE DISASTER RECOVERY REALLOCATION PROGRAM (DRRP) ADMINISTRATION/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES The City of Groveton plans to apply for the upcoming Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program (DRRP) of the Texas General Land Office (GLO). These services are being solicited to assist the City in its application and administration of the DRRP contract, if awarded, to support the following eligible activities in the City of Groveton. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified Professional Administrator or Service Provider (individual/firm) to prepare the application and/or administer the awarded contract. Please submit your proposal of services and a

statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below: City of Groveton Ralph Bennett, Mayor 115 W. Front Street Groveton, Texas 75845 Proposals shall be received by the City no later than 12:00 pm on the Monday, October 28, 2024. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals. The City of Groveton is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

## NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On October 7, 2024, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI") filed an application for a Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission" or "PUC"). The application was assigned PUC Docket No. 57162. The proposed TCRF is requested in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act § 36.209 and 16 TAC § 25.239. A TCRF allows a utility to recover its reasonable and necessary costs that have occurred since the end of the test year in the utility's last base rate case for transmission infrastructure improvement and changes in wholesale transmission charges to the electric utility under a tariff approved by a federal regulatory authority. In its requested amendment, ETI is seeking recovery of costs for transmission capital investments it incurred from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. ETI also seeks to recover approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through rates.

The proposed TCRF as amended would result in total TCRF retail revenues of approximately \$9.7 million on an annual basis, which would be a 0.79% increase in ETI's annualized non-fuel revenue requirement as compared to revenues approved in Docket No. 53719, ETI's most recent base rate case, and a 0.50% increase in ETI's overall annualized revenue requirement including fuel costs as compared to such revenues. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

The effective date of the proposed rate change would be the date that a Commission order adopting the proposed TCRF is issued. ETI has requested that, if no hearing is requested, the Commission adopt an order approving the proposed TCRF at or before its currently scheduled open meeting on December 19, 2024. All customers in ETI's Texas retail rate classes are affected by this request.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this filing may contact ETI at Entergy Texas, Inc., Attn: Customer Service—2024 TCRF Case, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, email [tcr@entergy.com](mailto:tcr@entergy.com), or call 1-866-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed above. The Commission has assigned Docket No. 57162 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136.

The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the commission. Therefore, ETI has requested that the deadline be November 21, 2024 and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at: [https://ftp.puc.texas.gov/public/puct-info/industry/filings/E-Filing\\_Instructions.pdf](https://ftp.puc.texas.gov/public/puct-info/industry/filings/E-Filing_Instructions.pdf). Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: [centralrecords@puc.texas.gov](mailto:centralrecords@puc.texas.gov). For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or [helpdesk@puc.texas.gov](mailto:helpdesk@puc.texas.gov). You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

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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)

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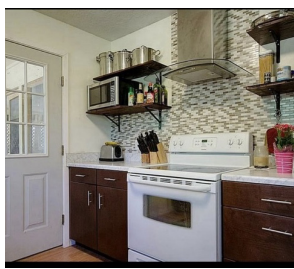
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