

Hello Everyone,

The holiday season is behind us and we have actually had a spattering of winter through the month of January. I feel that we have more winter to come as Easter is still a ways out. I enjoy seeing folks getting ready for spring by breaking up their garden spots and preparing the beds for seeds and plants. Now let's talk about what is happening around Trinity County...

TXDOT Update... Starting off with the US 287 project in Groveton. As you can tell it is about to wind down. I know there are still concerns about the flooding issue at B&B and that was a topic of discussion last Friday with the district engineer. TXDOT is aware of the continuing problem and is working with local jurisdictions to get it resolved. There are several other projects slated for Trinity County in the future as the money comes in to fund them.

85th Texas Legislative Session... For those of you that might not be aware, the Texas Legislature started a new session on January 10th. I was in Austin last week visiting with our House Representative Trent Ashby and our Senator Robert Nichols as well as other Representatives and Senators. They informed me that things are going to be leaner than they have in the past as projected revenue for the State of Texas is anticipated to be down from what it was last session. I will keep you informed of any issues coming out of the legislature that will directly affect us.

Black History Month... The month of February is recognized as Black History Month, an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history... since 1976, every U.S. president has officially made this designation. I would encourage each of you to take time to read up on past African American leaders who have had a great impact in making this country what it is today.

Speaking of great African American leaders, I leave with a quote from Frederick Douglass, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

Until next time, God Bless!
Trinity County Judge
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