
ERATH COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES
Since 1961 Erath County, Texas TRTA District 15

Next meeting ...



Join us on **Tuesday, January 4, at 2:00 P.M.** when our program will be given by Jeff Sanford on the topic of Economic Development in Stephenville. We will meet **via Zoom** ... from the comfort of your own home! Link will open at 1:45.



We hope that by keeping our meetings on Zoom this Fall, more of our members have been able to participate than might have been possible with the continued concern for Covid. Hopefully, this gave our folks enough time to get a booster shot as well as a flu shot. However, with the recent drastic increase in Covid cases locally, some are still concerned with meeting in-person. So, we will meet again via Zoom on January 4. Maybe it will be better in another month or two. Better safe than sorry!

Volunteer Hours for 2021...

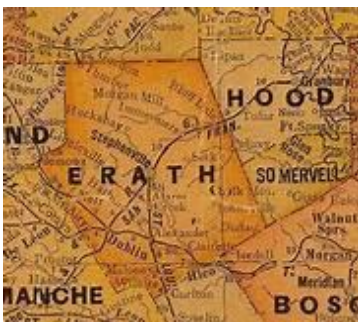
Count your community service hours and be ready to report them to Mary Waters since her report to the state office is due soon. Don't forget all the ways you have contributed to help your family and community such as making phone calls, delivering food, and running errands.



TRS Care

Will there be changes in benefits or new ID cards? NO!

Read more from TRS at trs.texas.gov/Pages/healthcare-news-2022.



ECARSE Programs for 2021-2022

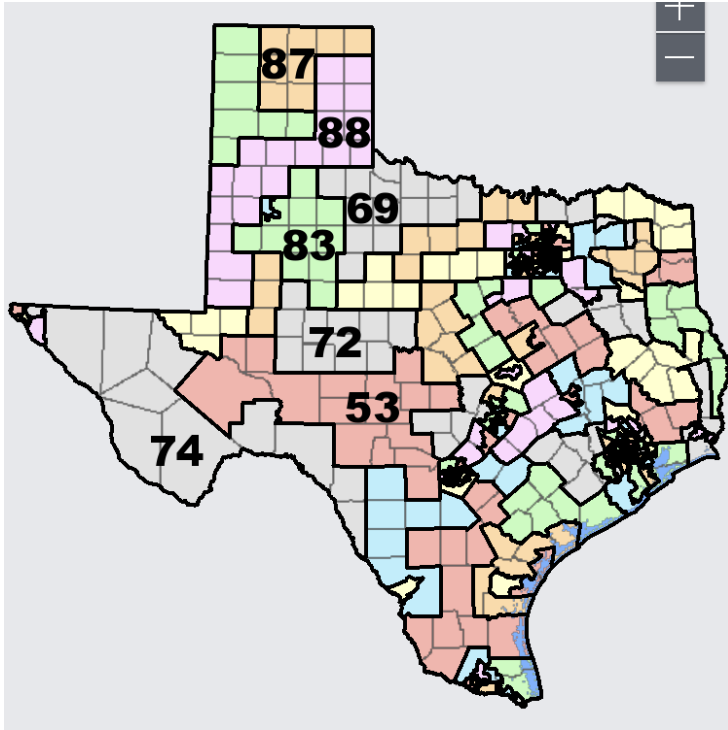
January 4: Jeff Sanford, Economic Development in Stephenville

February 1: Texas Pioneer Foundation, Center for Education Excellence Mobil Discovery Lab

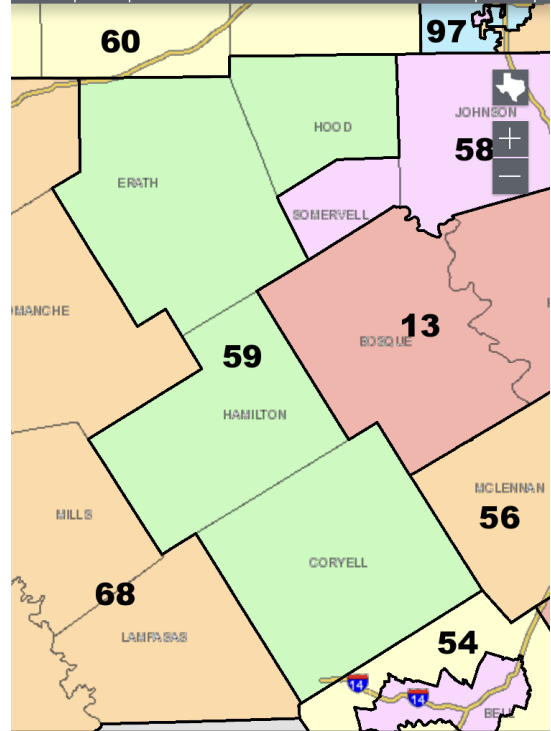
March 1: Janette Maxwell, Restorative Advocates

April 5: Dr. Ann Calahan, SISD updates

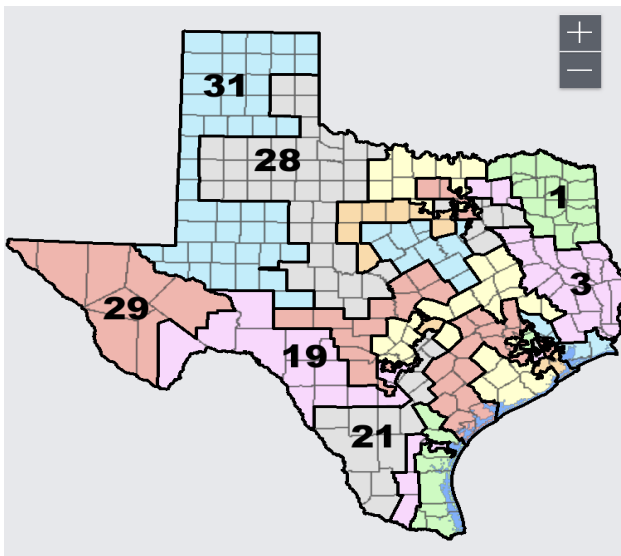
May 3: Woodrow Horner, "The Art of Bee-Keeping"



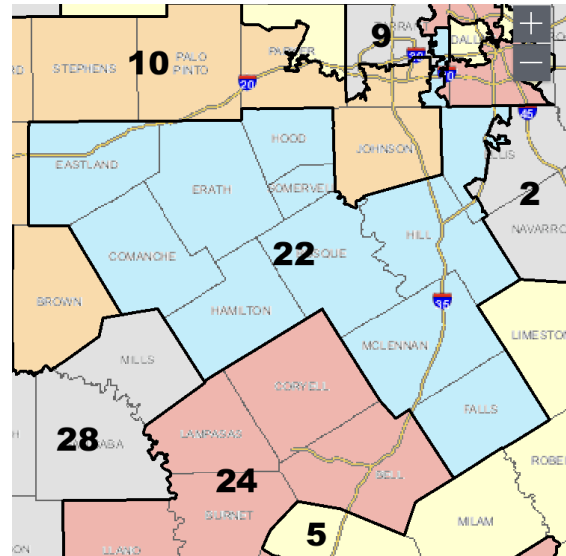
Texas Special Legislative Session #3 produced the new Texas State House Districts for the next decade.



Texas State House District 59 is made up of the counties of Erath, Hood, Hamilton, & Coryell.



Texas Special Legislative Session #3 produced the new Texas State Senate Districts for the next decade.



Texas State Senate District 22 is made up of the counties of Erath, Hood, Eastland, Comanche, Hamilton, Somervell, Bosque, Hill, McLennan, Falls, & parts of (western) Ellis & (eastern) Tarrant.

WEP, GPO Updates...

Earlier this month, Tim Lee, TRTA Director, provided an update on efforts by TRTA and some other states to make changes to the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). These are federal issues and, therefore, must go through Congress in Washington, D.C., and are not dependent on our legislature in Austin. The update was given on Facebook Live and YouTube, but you can access it now via a link on the TRTA website, trta.org.

TRTF Scholarship and Grant Applications Now Available!

The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF) is now accepting applications for its Classroom Assistance Grant and Beginning Teacher Scholarship programs for the 2022-2023 year!

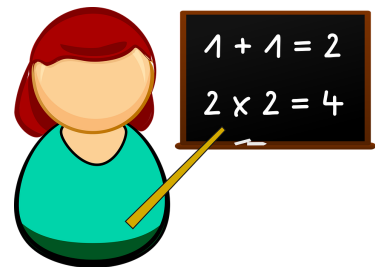
The TRTF Board of Trustees has determined that it will award 30 Classroom Assistance Grants in the amount of \$750.00 each, and 20 Beginning Teacher Scholarships in the amount of \$750.00 each for the 2022-2023 year.

Please visit the initiatives page on the TRTF website to learn more.

The submission deadline for the grants and scholarships is Friday, February 25, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Please direct any application questions to Sarah Richardson at

Sarah@trta.org.



Employment After Retirement...



Are you considering returning to work for a TRS-covered employer after you retire? If so, there are some key things you should know.

The Employment After Retirement brochure can help you navigate employment and stay up to date on the latest guidelines.

Go to trs.texas.gov/employment_after_retirement for this information.

