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TRINITY — Storm damage from Florence was relatively light when compared to the impact felt at the coast from Hurricane Florence, but the area was not without fallout from a rare weather event that reached hundreds of miles inland.

The City of Trinity released data from its wake of Florence last week, notifying the public of a discharge of untreated wastewater as a result of flooding in the area. An estimated 600 gallons at the Steeplegate lift station on Tannery Court was discharged Sept. 27 into the Little Uwharrie River tributary, staff said.

The area’s utilities and public works director, said Trinity was fortunate relative to other cities whose damages were far worse than the ones sustained in town.

“It’s the highest flooding I’ve seen since I’ve become the facilities director,” Cranford said last week, adding, “We did everything we could to be prepared for it; the pumps just couldn’t handle it.”

In neighboring Thomasville, heavy precipitation from the storm caused wastewater spills on Sunday and Monday of last week. Two of these spills came from manholes, but the area was not without worse than the ones suffered in Trinity.

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Richard Randolph County " — Though the midterm elections remain relative to who wishes to participate take action. The North Carolina voter registration deadline is Oct. 12, by which point residents must have marked their registration. "We are looking forward to the polls Nov. 6 to determine local, state and national elections.

Seats for commissioners and sheriff are two of the primary local elected positions that will be decided in November, Currently, District 2 in Randolph County is represented by Ardmore Commissioner Darrell Frye, a Republican. He will be opposed by Democrat Bob Kollin.

Republican Greg Seabolt will square off against Libertarian candidate Eric Hicks in a bid to replace current Sheriff Robert Graves, who was defeated in the Republican primary by Seabolt.

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Parents and families are invited to return to Archdale Elementary School for Spooky Tales, Hay Bales, & a Little Math too! Set for 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25.

Kindergartners who attended Open House in Rachel Mitchell’s classroom knew just what to do. Needing no entertainment, they participated in classroom counting activities.

Fourth-grader Jake Saferight is an avid reader who had no trouble finding books he liked in the book fair at Archdale Elementary. Jaxon, who is in kindergarten, is just starting out. Their mom, Jennifer Saferight, helped them locate the right books to feed their quest for adventure and literacy.

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