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'Slightly increased' hurricane season predicted

By Chris Edwards
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Before this year's Atlantic Hurricane Season began on June 1, researchers and scientists predicted an "extremely active" year.

Now, according to forecasting, those same weather and climate experts are calling for a "slightly increased" forecast for the season.

"Sea surface temperatures averaged across the hurricane Main Development

Region of the tropical Atlantic and Caribbean remain near record warm levels," a report from the Department of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University (CSU) read. In June, reporting from that same think tank had the number of named storms forecasted at 23, but the most recent forecast has the number at 25.

Dr. Phil Klotzbach, a senior research scientist at CSU, stated that "Hurricane Beryl, a deep tropical Category 5 hurricane, is also a likely harbinger of a hyperactive season."

Klotzbach said his team's confidence is "higher than normal" based on the strength and persistence of the current hurricane-favorable large scale environmental conditions in their July forecast. Much of that owes to cool neutral La Nina conditions at the peak of the season, which typically increase hurricane activity through decreases in vertical wind shear, according to Klotzbach.

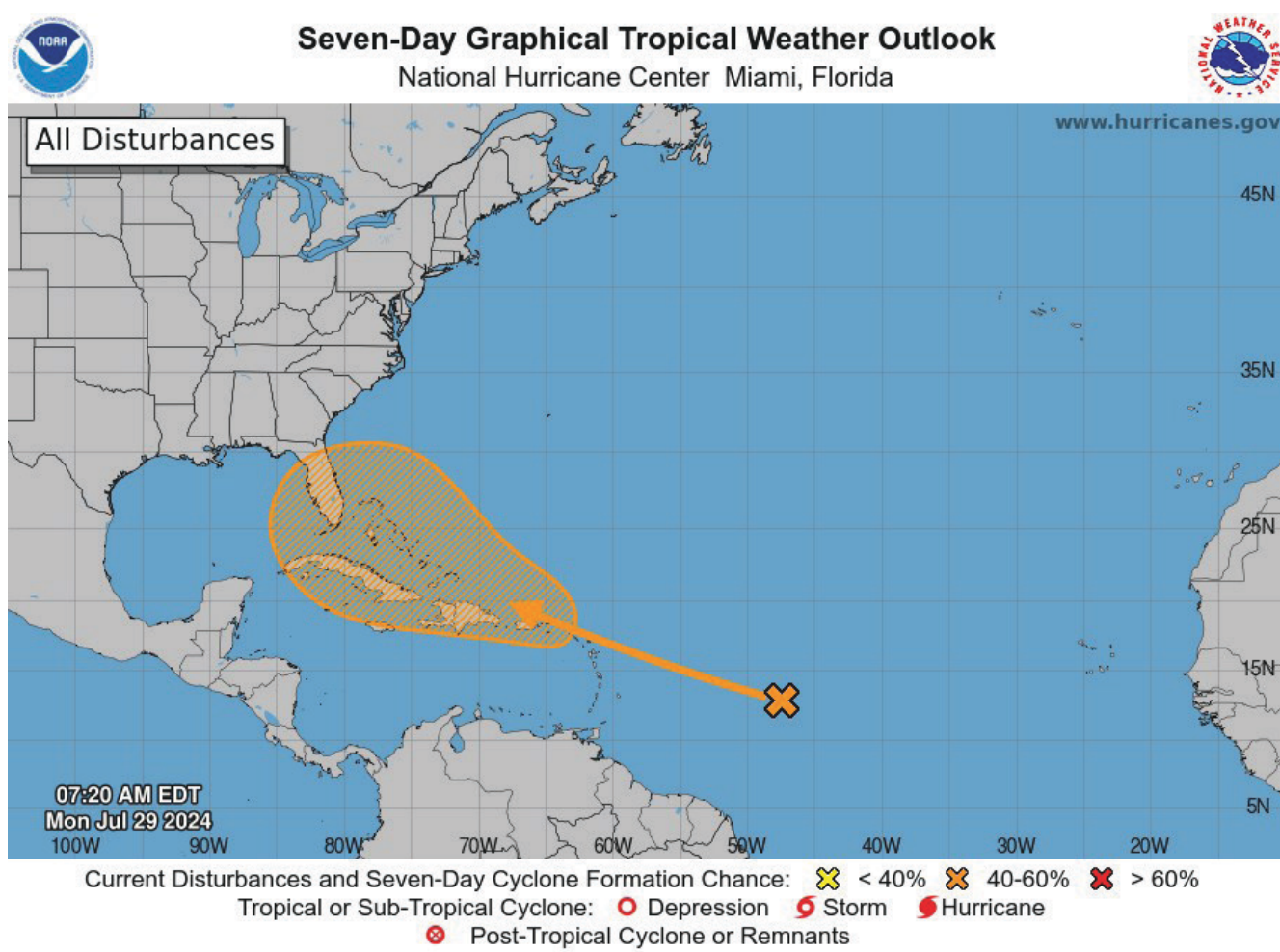
Typically, the month of August is when tropical activity ramps up, with September being the average peak month, according

to the National Hurricane Center (NHC).

As of Monday, reports showed that an area of disturbed weather over the central tropical Atlantic, near the Leeward Islands and Greater Antilles, was expected to interact with an approaching tropical wave within days.

Those conditions were forecast to become conducive for "some development," according to NHC predictions, namely a tropical depression that could form later in

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Abbott issues disaster declaration for East Texas flooding

Special to the Booster

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for 29 Texas counties impacted by severe storms and flooding that began last week and continues to affect homes, businesses, and the agricultural industry throughout the state.

The counties in the Governor's declaration include Baylor, Chambers, Dickens, Ellis, Freestone, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Haskell, Hill, Hood, Hunt, Kaufman, Knox, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, McLennan, Montgomery, Navarro, Polk, San Jacinto, Somervell, Tarrant, Trinity, Tyler, Walker and Wichita counties.

"The State of Texas continues to provide support and assist communities who have been impacted by recent severe weather and flooding," Abbott said. "This disaster declaration will swiftly provide Texans with all readily available resources needed to recover following storms and flood activity."

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Bingo won't be on Ivanhoe ballot

By Chris Edwards
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IVANHOE — At its last city council meeting, the Ivanhoe City Council voted unanimously to put an item on the Nov. 5 general election ballot pertaining to charitable bingo gaming in the city limits.

Ivanhoe Mayor Skip Blackstone, who brought the issue to the attention of the council, gave an update; that the bingo vote will not appear on the ballot after all.

"I was attempting to put it on the ballot," Blackstone said. "But the process is very convoluted and not as simple as originally thought. As a result, bingo will not be on the ballot."

At the meeting, held Thursday, July 18, Blackstone said that many residents and visitors to the city "really miss the bingo" games, which were held by the

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BEING PREPARED:

Steps to take for hurricane season

1. Know Your Risk - Sign up for your community's emergency warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

2. Gather Supplies - Keep in mind each person's needs, gathering supplies for at least three days. Stock up on items such as food and water, non-perishable foods, first-aid supplies, prescriptions, pet supplies, flashlights and batteries. If you're preparing during COVID-19, consider adding cloth face coverings and hand sanitizer to your emergency kit. Don't forget to charge electronics you may need.

3. Secure Documents - Remember to secure copies of important personal documents. Filing for government assistance requires documentation. Be sure to keep documents

in a secure location and take them with you if you need to evacuate.

4. Make Your Evacuation Plan - Be familiar with the route and shelter locations. Discuss and practice drills for your evacuation plan with your family each year.

5. Protect Your Property - Shutter your home as needed, review your flood insurance policy (or sign up for one) and declutter drains and gutters. Most homeowner and renter insurance policies do not cover flood damage. A flood insurance policy generally does not take effect until 30 days after purchase, so be sure to maintain your policy.

Courtesy of the Texas General Land Office



FLY-IN, FOOD TRUCKS COMING SOON

The Tyler County Chamber of Commerce is telling the public to save the date of Saturday, Sept. 21 for the inaugural Fly-in and Food Truck Festival. The event will feature unique plane displays, meet-and-greet opportunities with pilots, airplane rides and food trucks from across the region offering up all sorts of yummy fare. The Chamber is delighted to offer an excited aviation experience at the Tyler County Airport, while also satisfying even the hardest to please tastebuds. The fun will start up at 8 a.m. and last until 5 p.m.

Filing deadline for WISD board positions approaching

By Chris Edwards
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WOODVILLE — The filing deadline for the coming Woodville ISD Board of Trustees election is approaching, with Monday, August 19 being the last day that interested candidates can file for a place on the ballot.

The spots on the board up for re-election are: place #3 (Richard "Kooter" Shaw); #4 (Bryan Shirley) and #5 (Kris Fowler). The terms are three-year terms, and up for vote on the Nov. 5 regular election ballot.

The applications, according to the WISD administration office are accepted from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the window to file opened on July 20. The applications will be taken until 4 p.m. on the August 19 deadline date.

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LIFE TRIBUTES

Jose Cordero

José Luis Cordero Jr. Age 73, Tomball Texas. Jose passed quietly and peacefully at Park Manor at Cy-Fair Hospice Facility in Houston Texas on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 12:07 AM Central time after a long battle with complications from Stroke.

José was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on November 11th, 1950, to his parents Carmen Cordero and José Luis Cordero Sr. In 1960, when he was ten years old, the growing family moved to Texas to a chicken farm. For three years José helped with farm chores and the raising of 15,000 chickens for processing. His mother continued her nursing career and his father ran the farm while his grandmother helped at home. Then, in 1963 the family moved to Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. Not long after moving it was clear that they all belonged back in Texas. So, before a year had passed everyone was back in Woodville, Texas. This time not on a chicken farm, but a brand-new home and José started his freshman year at Woodville High school. After graduating High School he secured a scholarship to Sam Houston State University to study music. As paths changed he found himself working on an Oil Rig in the Gulf of Mexico, and later moving to a long and fulfilling career with Exxon, now ExxonMobil, starting as a draftsman and concluding as Lead Asset Manager for the greater Houston area. After retiring in 2008, he managed an AutoZone store before finally retiring to his home in Spring, Texas and realizing his dream of finally owning a yellow Corvette convertible. His love for trumpet playing passed down three generations. His love for all things cars and Corvette has also passed to his children. He was always one for using nicknames and went



by many himself. Luisito, Joe, Uncle Joe, Ugly, Pops, Paw Paw...always bringing a smile to others. He is best remembered for his pride for his three children and two grandchildren whom he loved more than anything else. Most of all his passion for helping others and being with family has been a core value instilled by him in everyone he knew.

He is survived by his mother Carmen Cordero; sisters Carmen McCaw, Maria Teresa "Terri" Cordero Jones; brothers Rafael Cordero, Carlos Cordero; his three children José Luis Cordero III, Nicholas Luis Cordero, Abigale Lucinda Cordero; and two grandchildren José Luis Cordero IV and Maxton Owen Cordero, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Riley Funeral Home, 913 Hwy 190, Woodville Texas on Monday, August 5th at 2 p.m. Central Time.

Many thanks to my brother Nicholas and sister Abby for their care for our father during his final years of life. Despite long distances and split families, we have always remained close. I know I can say this confidently that we have idolized our father. From him we have learned forgiveness, compassion, and empathy. That is the legacy of our father living on with us. I love you - "Little Joe" 511



Lena Davis

Lena Davis, 58, of Woodville, formerly of Warren, Texas passed away Monday, July 29, 2024 at The Orchard Assisted Living Center in Woodville, Texas.

Visitation will be held 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, August 1, 2024 at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial following at Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger. Officiating will be Brother Ed King. Serving as pallbearers will be Clay Brown, Seth Brown, Steven Lumpkin, Andrew Lumpkin, Keith Buckner, and John Foxworth.

Lena was born June 15, 1966 to Harold Thomas and Melnee Fay Jones Davis in Woodville, Texas. A 1983 graduate of Warren High School, she had worked for several years in their family's business, Davis Grocery in Warren. Lena enjoyed watching sports and doing needlepoint. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in



death by her parents, Harold and Melnee Davis.

She is survived by her brother, Randy Davis and wife Debbie of Warren; nephew, Clay Brown and wife Trish of Warren; niece, Brittany Lumpkin and husband Steven of Katy; great niece and nephews, Mikayla Brown, Seth Brown and Andrew Lumpkin; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, 2121 K St. NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20037-1830.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville. 238



Melissa Riehl

Melissa Rena Riehl, 62, of Warren passed away peacefully on July 24, 2024.

She was born January 13, 1962, in Woodville, to Homer Tyler, Sr., and Ouida Tyler. Melissa, a resident of Warren for many years, was known for her love for her family and her culinary skills. Her love for animals, especially her dogs, Foxy and Rowdy and her goat, Princess was another aspect of her caring nature. She enjoyed cooking for her loved ones. She also enjoyed being outdoors camping, fishing, and taking walks with her grandbabies.

Melissa was preceded in death by her parents, Homer Woodrow Tyler Sr. and Ouida Behannon Tyler and siblings, Wanda Underwood, Homer Tyler, Jr, David Tyler and Roger Gober.

She is survived by her beloved, Steve Jordan; daughters, Sheena Moore and husband, Dusty, Shaylonn Riehl and Richard Garrett and Amanda Jordan; sons, David Tyler and wife, Sarah and Steven Jordan; granddaughters, Chloe and Cassidy; grandsons, Brayden,



Cason, Elijah, Jeremiah, Trace, and Trenton; sisters, Eloise Johnson, Rhonda Davis, Paula Johnston and Dancie Teague and a host of other family members and friends.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Bethel Baptist Church in Warren. Burial followed at the Justice Cemetery in Warren.

Serving as pallbearers: Steven Jordan, Dustin Moore, Richard Garrett, Diego (Dion) Rodriguez, Trenton Garrett, and Trace Garrett.

Services are held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home, Woodville. 235



Spurger ISD announces no-charge breakfast, lunch

By Chris Edwards

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SPURGER – Spurger ISD announced last week that it will serve breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students for the 2024-25 school year.

According to a news release from the district, SISD is operating its nutrition program under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which is under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

According to the USDA, the CEP is a non-pricing meal service option for school districts in low-income areas, which allows those schools to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without the need of collecting applications for a free or reduced lunch/breakfast program.

"Instead, schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary As-

sistance for Needy Families (TANF)," information on the program through the USDA's website stated.


Spurger ISD, in its statement, said that the approach is a way to eliminate or reduce burdens for both families and school administrators, and helps to ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

According to information from the Every Texan initiative (formerly the Center for Public Policy Priorities), schools and school districts where at least 80% of the students qualify for free or reduced-price meals are required to offer free breakfast to all students, and that the majority of schools subject to the law are eligible for CEP.

The district's nutrition director/supervisor Penny Tinkle said all students will have two lines to choose from, a grab-n-go line and a hot line. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase snacks, if they desire.

The website also added that students who have access to better nutrition tend to perform better academically.

Spurger ISD invited anyone with questions about the program to contact Tinkle, at 409-429-2270, ext. 2270, or via email at tinklep@spurgerisd.org.



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AUGUST 5-9

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Tuesday 8/6: Hamburger, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Root Beer Float Pie

Wednesday 8/7: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Apple Crisp, Exercise 9:30, Bingo 10:00

Thursday 8/8: Steak Fingers, Onion Rings or Tots, Broccoli Salad, Toast, No Bake Cookies, SETX Food Bank Nutrition Class 10:00

Friday 8/9: Fish or Chicken, French Fries, Slaw, Hushpuppies, Assorted Dessert Choice, Exercise 9:30

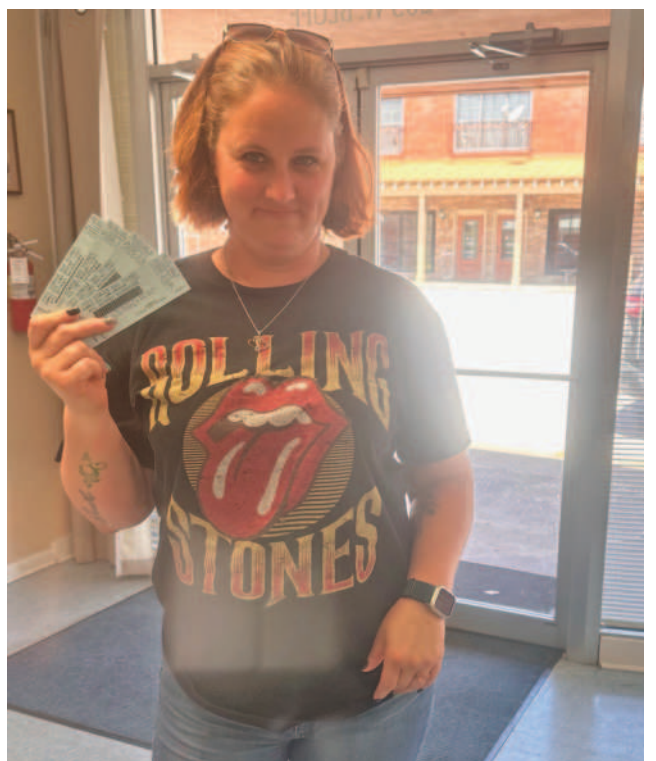
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FUN TIMES AHEAD

Sabrina Densley was the winner of the East Texas News summer giveaway. She won a four-pack of tickets to Big Rivers waterpark in Conroe. Keep an eye on our contests over at East Texas News dot com for more exciting opportunities coming up. KELLI BARNES | TCB



Allan Shivers Library & Museum

Upcoming Events

- Aug 1 (Th): Summer Reading Party-CARNIVAL; 10am-noon
- Aug 2 (Fri): Used Book Sale; 9am-4pm
- Aug 2 (Fri): Dungeons & Dragons 3.5; Noon-5pm
- Aug 5 (Mon): TDCJ Recruiting; 9am-3pm
- Aug 5 (Mon): Needles and Pins Quilting Bee; 9am-1pm
- Aug 6 (Tu): Senior Reading Group; Noon-2pm; new members welcome
- Aug 6 (Tu): TDCJ Recruiting; 1-3pm
- Aug 7 (Wed): Story Time for Preschoolers; 10am
- Aug 7 (Wed): Education Explorers; 10am
- Aug 9 (Fri): Used Book Sale; 9am-4pm
- Aug 10 (Sat): Used Book Sale; 10am-2pm
- Aug 10 (Sat): Dungeons & Dragons; 10am-2pm July 19 (Fri): Summer Reading-Make a Boat; 2-3pm

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Free Museum admission for individuals, families and small groups. Self-guided tours available Tues-Fri 10am-3pm; Sat 10am-2pm. Fee charged for docent-led and group (over 10 people/reservation required) tours. Donations accepted.

We hope to see you soon!

POLITICAL CALENDAR

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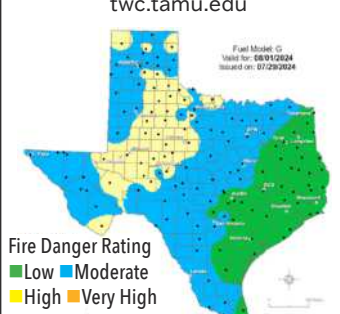
Names within this calendar will appear in this column until election date. Candidates wishing to have their names appear in the calendar must contact the Tyler County Booster in person. Names are listed under each office according to the order in which candidates apply with the newspaper.

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TYLER COUNTY WEATHER FORECAST FOR AUGUST 1 - 7 Information sourced from weather.com

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy 95°/75° Chance of Rain 9% Wind SSW 4 mph	Mostly Sunny 96°/76° Chance of Rain 8% Wind W 4mph	Scattered Thunderstorms 95°/75° Chance of Rain 15% Wind NW 5mph	Scattered Thunderstorms 92°/74° Chance of Rain 37% Wind NNE 5mph	Partly Cloudy 93°/75° Chance of Rain 17% Wind NE 4 mph	Mostly Sunny 93°/75° Chance of Rain 24% Wind SW 4 mph	Mostly Sunny 93°/74° Chance of Rain 19% Wind SW 4mph

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

Sales tax holiday is Aug. 9-11

Special to the Booster

AUSTIN — State Comptroller Glenn Hegar wanted to remind shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 9-11. This will be the 25th year of Texas' oldest sales tax holiday.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The dates of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

"For a quarter of a century, Texans have saved more than \$1.8 billion on everything from blue jeans to ballpoint pens in preparation for the back-to-school bell," said Hegar of the sales tax holiday weekend, an annual event since 1999. "As the father of three, I know firsthand how these expenses add up over the years, and this weekend is the perfect

time for folks to save some of their hard-earned cash on items they need."

The Comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save \$143.4 million in state and local sales tax during this year's sales tax holiday.

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTax-Holiday.org.

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free in person or by any other means including over the internet, by telephone, or by mail. Purchases are exempt when either:

- the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or
- the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

JAIL BOOKINGS

Jail Report for JULY 22-28

Brandon Lee Amburn, 30, of Corrigan — Possession of controlled substance PG 3<28G; Possession of marijuana <2 oz.

Kenneth Harrison Brown, 27, of Colmesneil — Assault causes bodily injury to family member

Leonardo Chavez, 33, of Woodville — Unlawful carrying of weapon; Agg. Assault /w/ deadly weapon; Public intoxication

Leah Denise Ellis, 38, of Corrigan — Fraud use/possession of identifying info # of items <5

Javier Gonzales-Guerrero, 40, of Woodville — Agg. Assault causes serious bodily injury

Terri Lynn Jones, 35, of Doucette — Public intoxication

Justin Lilley, 46, of Woodville — Prohibited substance in correctional facility

Santos Portillo-Lainez, 43, of Houston — Driving while intoxicated

Arthur Saldana, 41, of Warren — Possession of controlled substance PG 1/1-B <1G/bond forfeiture

Devon Simonis, 19, of Village Mills — Unauthorized use of vehicle



TCAL names show winners

Special to the Booster

WOODVILLE — Winners in Tyler County Art League's show, "Our Wondering Spirit" are: Best in Show: Humble Skyline, watercolor by Randy C. Moore; First Place: Underground Railroad, Acrylic by Charmaine Brooks; Second Place: Lunar Path, Photography by Lisa Richardson; Third Place: Sunset Rider by Randy C. Moore; Honorable Mentions: Walk on the Beach, Oil by Carolyn Guzman; Sidewalk Art, Oil by Lavon Hopkins; and The Overlook, Oil by Marilyn McDonald.

Judges' Choice went to Randy C. Moore's Humble Skyline.

TFA hosts landowners' seminar

Special to the Booster

LUFKIN — Texas Forestry Association (TFA) will host Branching Out, an annual seminar and workshop for forest landowners, foresters, loggers and others on Thursday, August 8, at the Lufkin Convention Center in Lufkin.

"Branching Out is an invaluable opportunity for anyone involved in the working forests of east Texas to come together and share knowledge, find out what's new, and explore future opportunities," said Rob Hughes, TFA's Executive Director. "Whether you are a landowner, manager, or logger, this seminar offers insights and updates crucial for the sustainable development of our timber resources. I strongly encourage you to attend and be part of the conversation shaping the future of Texas timber."

TFA has been conducting a Branching Out Seminar for many years, and it has always been held at the TFA office in Lufkin. "It's been growing, so with more than 100 in attendance last year, we decided to move

it downtown to the Convention Center," Hughes said.

The seminar is open to the public and will start at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 8, and last until 2:30 p.m. A variety of topics will be covered, including wildlife considerations in timber production, building the future with mass timber, carbon credit protocols, the Texas Climate Smart Initiative, and updates on legislative issues affecting Texas timberland.

Guest speakers include Terry Anderson, Founder and Principal of Conservation Equity Partners, LLC; Mark Bartlett, Texas Regional Director for WoodWorks; Rob Hughes, Executive Director of Texas Forestry Association; Sarah Swackhamer, Research Analyst with BCarbon; and Eric Wannlund, Staff Forester & Climate Smart Ambassador, Texas A&M Forest Service.

The cost to attend is \$10, and lunch is being sponsored by Texas Farm Credit. Registration is required by August 5, 2024, and can be done online at TexasForestry.org or by calling 936-632-TREE. CEUs will be available for TAFC, TPL, and SAF.



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HURRICANE

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later in the week. Klotzbach and his team have the probabilities for at least one major hurricane to make landfall on the entire continental U.S. coastline at 57%, which is up from the full season average of 43%. A "major hurricane," by their definition is a Category 3,4 or 5 event.

BINGO

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of Ivanhoe at the community center, which also houses Ivanhoe City Hall. "We are not legally able to conduct bingo anymore. It has to be voted on by the community," Blackstone said. Bingo gaming is one of the few forms of legalized gambling within the state, but state law only allows for certain organizations to conduct bingo gaming, and the proceeds can only be put toward charitable endeavors. According to the state's Lottery Commission, which handles the application and licensing to conduct bingo games, they can

The probability of a major hurricane hitting the Gulf Coast from the Florida panhandle westward to Brownsville is 38% by their calculations. The season average here is 27%. "Coastal residents are reminded that it only takes one hurricane making landfall to make it an active season for them. Thorough preparations should be made for every season, regardless of how much activity is predicted," said Klotzbach. The Atlantic Hurricane Season ends on Nov. 30.

only be conducted in areas of the state where local elections have taken place approving their use. Those elections can be county-wide, or within a justice court precinct. The Texas Lottery Commission allows for organizations to apply for licensing to hold more than 12 bingo occasions per year (a "Regular License"), as well as other tiers of licensing for bingo conductors. Under state law, only licensed, authorized organizations can conduct bingo games, which include religious societies, nonprofits, fraternal organizations, veterans' organizations, volunteer fire departments and volunteer emergency medical service providers. Blackstone said the nature of the bingo games, as they had been conducted in the past was "like Catholic church bingo."

ABBOTT

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Tax Code Section 11.35 allows a qualified property that is at least 15 percent damaged by a disaster in a governor-declared disaster area to receive a temporary exemption of a portion of the appraised value of the property. A property owner must apply for the temporary exemption no later than 105 days after the governor declares a disaster area. Qualified property includes:

- tangible personal property used for income production.
- improvements to real property; and
- certain manufactured homes.

The chief appraiser determines if the property qualifies for the temporary exemption and assigns a damage assessment rating of Level I, II, III or IV based on the physical damage sustained by the property. The chief appraiser may rely on information from a county emergency management authority, the Federal Emergency Management Agency or other appropriate sources when making this determination.

Additionally, Abbott announced FEMA has approved the state's request for Transitional Sheltering Assistance for 17 Texas counties impacted by Hurricane Beryl. Additionally, FEMA has waived an assistance requirement for Texans who purchased or rented generators between July 5-20 due to power outages caused by the hurricane.

"The approval of 17 Texas counties for FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance will help ensure Texans have access to the support they need to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Beryl," Abbott said. "Texas will continue our efforts to work with federal, state, and local officials to provide all resources and assistance to Texans in need. Together, we will help Texas communities rebuild and move

forward." The counties approved for FEMA's TSA program include Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker, and Wharton. Additional counties may become eligible as damage assessments are completed.

Under the TSA program, FEMA pays costs directly to participating hotels and motels, including room rates, taxes, and some pet fees. Texans participating in the TSA program are responsible for all other costs. Qualifying Texans who apply for federal disaster assistance in eligible counties will be notified by FEMA of more information about transitional sheltering options. Impacted Texans may qualify if they cannot return to their disaster-damaged home and their housing needs cannot be met by insurance, shelters, or rental assistance.

Due to power outages caused by Hurricane Beryl, FEMA approved Texas' request to waive an assistance requirement for Texans who purchased or rented generators between July 5-20. Those impacted Texans under the approved designated counties may be eligible to receive additional assistance for FEMA's Individual Assistance Program for generators rented or purchased during the incident.

The Transitional Sheltering Assistance program is a FEMA program, however there is a cost-share with the state. Continued eligibility in the program is determined on an individual basis by FEMA. When eligibility ends, eligible Texans will be notified by FEMA seven days prior to their checkout date.

Texans can apply for FEMA disaster assistance online at disasterassistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362. Once notified of TSA eligibility by FEMA, applicants may locate participating hotels on the TSA Locator Website. To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube.

OUTRAGE

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Regardless of the reasoning behind the display, it's the idea of raising up a group at the expense of others, but more importantly, the groups under fire are meekly allowing it to happen, that make these actions more and more prevalent and eventually more and more accepted.

For instance, Tim Tebow, a devout Christian, was reviled while the numerous athletes who knelt during the playing of the National Anthem were deemed heroes.

Similarly, what we're being told about Kamala Harris, what with her presumed anointment as the Democratic candidate for president, is propaganda of the highest water, and for some reason, continues to be allowed to flow over our senses without pause.

Her background is being rewritten, supposed news agencies are reversing their position on her acceptance while ignoring the fact that she has not ever gained a delegate or even a vote in a primary, and the Republican candidate still is reviled with claims that have been debunked for years. Even the issues and problems of the last three years are being touted as accomplishments in the grandest Orwellian style imaginable.

Mostly what you hear, though, is full-throat-

ed defense of the indefensible, and this will continue unless we — all of us — push back.

This isn't about fomenting violence; it's about speaking out. It's about walking out. It's about calling out the lies, the mischaracterizations, and the demeaning of groups in the specious name of inclusivity.

Don't like what you're reading? Stop reading it. Don't like the way the news is presented? Stop watching it. Don't like the direction the country is going? Stop voting for demagogues who only represent their own self-interest.

It's proven to work. Just recently when Anheuser-Busch forced Dylan Mulvaney on its customers as a representative of the brand, Bud Light sales and stock prices went into a deep hole. Disney films and theme parks are showing marked drops in attendance and revenue due to pandering to belief instead of consumers.

So, let's do that. Not only should sponsors start pulling funding, but customers need to walk away. Coaches need to take firm control of teams, and voters need to take full control of their representatives.

The possibilities are endless, it just takes a little bit of nerve. If the country is good enough to fight for, values certainly are good enough to defend.

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What is offensive, however, are the countless blasphemous memes and bits of doggerel on social media I've encountered that put political candidates equal to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Holders of public office (or hopefuls) were never meant to be deified or turned into celebrities, but I digress.

Still, offensive as those sorts of things might be, I'm not one to rail against their creators or purveyors. Such displays, ridiculous as they are, are their protected expressions, after all.

As one very wise friend puts it, we live in the "United States of Amnesia," and as such, the cancel culture hordes will soon be back to Netflixing and reminiscing about the Olympics, while railing against some other insidious evil within the marketplace of ideas.

CULTURE

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Having read some of the ensuing commentaries about the supposed sacrilegious nature of the display and having seen the visual, there's nothing there that lines up with DaVinci's painting or anything regarding Christian history. There was, however, a time in America when the general public did not need university degrees in art history or need to take advanced courses in mythology in order to not have a pearl-clutching reaction to such a performance.

To me, it looked tacky and ridiculous, but nothing that would offend my sensibilities.

FILING

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The applications can be mailed to the WISD Administration Building or delivered in person. That address is 505 North Charlton Street, Woodville, Texas 75979. If a candidate wishes to mail the application, it needs to be addressed to the attention of WISD Superintendent Lisa Meysembourg. Applications for a place on the ballot may also be emailed to tammy.watts@woodvilleeagles.org.

DIFFERENCE

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There's a lot to yet learn about the suspected assassin, about the mistakes in preparation for the event that allowed a sniper to shoot into the crowd, and the reasons for the attempted assassination. Mistakes and reasons aside, what we are left with is the obvious question: why would any individual believe he or she is free to kill another with whom they disagree whether that be brother, teacher, stranger or former United States President? What societal conditions have we tolerated that has produced reasoning that results in one person shooting another? I have to say it certainly can be a culture where violence is consumed daily in the media, where children play "games"

killing the opposition and politicians and talking heads seem to vie with one another to say or imply that another is so awful that only their death can "save" the country. It can also be the homes and culture from which such persons come, where violence and rage is the norm.

Perhaps the bullet that did not stop Former President Trump may in fact stop this country from continuing down the path we have been on. Perhaps the truth is that this can be a turning point for all of us who survived the sniper's attempt to kill Donald Trump.

Instead of revolution, perhaps this is our call to resolution, to resolve and work to restore this country's ability to work together, to solve problems, and to make America a place where we all may live in safety, regardless of ethnicity, creed, color beliefs or political party.

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BITE by BITE

Conquering My Culinary
Bucket List One Dish at a Time
By Emily Banks Wooten

"WHEN YOU SLIP ON A BANANA PEEL, PEOPLE LAUGH AT YOU; BUT WHEN YOU TELL PEOPLE YOU SLIPPED ON A BANANA PEEL, IT'S YOUR LAUGH. SO YOU BECOME THE HERO RATHER THAN THE VICTIM OF THE JOKE."
- NORA EPHRON

I'M GOING BANANAS FOR BANANA BREAD

"TIME FLIES LIKE AN ARROW
- BUT FRUIT FLIES LIKE A BANANA."
- TERRY WOGAN

Full disclosure: I don't care for bananas. Never have and never will. I don't like the texture and I don't like the way they look. Don't judge me.

Not long after Hurricane Beryl, we were walking out of Academy Sports & Outdoors in Huntsville, headed to the car, when a woman stopped us and asked if we needed food. I told her no thank you, that we were okay, our power had been restored and we were heading home. Nonetheless, she persisted, opening the trunk of her car to reveal cases of fresh bananas among other things. Before I knew what was happening, she'd filled my arms with several "hands" of bananas.

If you're wondering what I'm talking about, just humor me while I digress momentarily. A single banana is called a finger. A grouping of attached "fingers" make up a "hand" of bananas. Multiple hands that grow in a cluster are called a "bunch" or "stalk" and a "bunch" of bananas may contain anywhere from three to 20 hands. I knew none of this prior to writing this column. It's true. We really do learn something new every day.

But back to the bananas ... Hubby and Daughter enjoy them in smoothies, specifically, strawberry-banana smoothies. They enjoyed several before we left town for a few days for Daughter's college orientation. Upon our return, there was a "hand" of five bananas left that were getting a little long in the tooth. The skins were nearly black and they were super soft to the touch. Plus, I wasn't fond of the pesky fruit flies they were attracting.

I've always heard that overripe bananas make the best banana bread and I can't stand the thought of wasting food, even food that's been given to me. So that's how I found myself recently making a batch of banana bread. I found a recipe online that had numerous good reviews.

It called for using a metal 9x5-inch loaf pan. I have two glass 9x5-inch loaf pans, but no metal one. (I did at one time, although I'm not quite sure what happened to it.) Anyway, I used a 9x9-inch metal pan instead and it worked just fine.

Long story short ... the banana bread was absolutely excellent, even for a banana-disliker like me. Daughter had a fit over it, claiming it's one of the best things I've ever made and that she could eat the whole pan. Hubby liked it too. I think one of the things that made it so good for me, is that the bananas are mashed with an electric mixer so there are no chunks. It's just a nice, consistent creamy texture. You can add chopped pecans or walnuts if you wish. I didn't have any, so I didn't. I'll definitely make this again. It was especially good with a fresh hot cup of coffee.

"MY FRIEND ASKED ME IF I WANTED A FROZEN BANANA. I SAID 'NO, BUT I WANT A REGULAR BANANA LATER, SO ... YEAH.'"
- MITCH HEDBERG



My Favorite Banana Bread

From sallysbakingaddiction.com

2 cups all-purpose flour (spooned & leveled)
1 teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ cup unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
¾ cup packed light or dark brown sugar
2 large eggs, at room temperature
⅓ cup plain yogurt or sour cream, at room temperature
2 cups mashed bananas (about 4 large ripe bananas)
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
¾ cup chopped pecans or walnuts, optional

Adjust the oven rack to the lower third position and preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lowering the oven rack prevents the top of your bread from browning too much, too soon. Grease a metal 9x5-inch loaf pan with nonstick spray. Set aside.

Whisk the flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon together in a medium bowl. Set aside. Using a handheld or stand mixer fitted with a paddle or whisk attachment, beat the butter and brown sugar together on high speed until smooth and creamy, about 2 minutes. With the mixer running on medium speed, add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Then beat in the yogurt, mashed bananas and vanilla extract until combined.

With the mixer running on low speed, slowly beat the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients until no flour pockets remain. Do not over-mix. Fold in the nuts, if using.

Pour and spread the batter into the prepared baking pan. Bake for 60–65 minutes, making sure to loosely cover the bread with aluminum foil halfway through to prevent the top from getting too brown. The bread is done when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean with only a few small moist crumbs. This may be after 60–65 minutes depending on your oven, so begin checking every 5 minutes around the 60-minute mark.

Remove bread from the oven and allow the bread to cool in the pan set on a wire rack for 1 hour. Remove bread from the pan and cool bread directly on the wire rack until ready to slice and serve.

Cover and store banana bread at room temperature for 2 days or in the refrigerator for up to 1 week. Banana bread tastes best on day 2 after the flavors have settled together.

STRAWBERRY-BANANA SMOOTHIE

FROM [DOWNSHIFTOLGY.COM](http://downshifology.com)

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1 banana, quartered and frozen
½ cup Greek yogurt
½ cup milk

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Luke looks back this week

In the almost forty years that I've been penning this weekly outdoors column, I've written many times about some of the highlights of my life that began as a very rural kid hunting and fishing in northeast Texas and later outdoor adventures that ranged to bass fishing in Japan and the wilds of Canada to guiding for elk and bear in the Rocky Mountains.



Now in my mid-seventies, I feel truly blessed to still be able to climb into a bow stand in pursuit of whitetail or walk a backwoods creek bank in the early spring in pursuit of spawning white bass. I'm truly blessed with memories of countless outdoor adventures and even more blessed to still be able to make more in my golden years.

I would like to share some of the special times in the outdoors that I've been privileged to enjoy throughout my lengthy career, beginning when I was about 7 years old packing a single shot J.C. Higgings .22 in the woods behind our little farm.

My dad was a hard worker and stayed busy raising 14,000 chickens on our poultry farm when I was a kid growing up, but he found time to occasionally take me on a squirrel hunt and we camped and fished at a little lake in southeast Oklahoma every 9 or 10 weeks when the chickens sold, and he was free of duties for a few days. I remember using my little rifle in the woods behind our house to harvest a fat fox squirrel that later became the centerpiece of a pot of squirrel and dumplings. It was a windy fall day, and the squirrel was high in up in the limbs of a big oak. The limb was swaying gently moving the squirrel several inches in a rhythmic motion that I timed and made a perfect but lucky shot.

Another time Daddy and I were running a trotline and had a nice channel catfish a couple of stagings up the line. He reached over to boat the fish and in my excitement, I leaned too and tipped the little 12 foot boat over. The water was only 4 feet deep. I remember grabbing a nearby tree trunk and handing on. I can still picture my Dad's bald head going under water to flip the boat over. Looking back, I can recall many such instances that at the time seemed of little consequence but in later life give me much pleasure in recalling.

I recall fishing in a rural lake in Japan with a couple of newspaper outdoor writers from a big newspaper in Tokyo. They didn't speak English and I knew only a few words of Japanese but we were fishermen and through gestures and facial expressions we were able to communicate nicely. Once I convinced them

I knew how to "Texas rig" a plastic worm, we got along just fine! This was back in the eighties and I remember watching Japanese fighter jets on training missions over the lake we were fishing. I recall thinking forty years earlier both our countries were in a death struggle for survival in WWII, now here I was having a blast with a couple of fine Japanese fellows. I am sure they must have had the same thoughts.

I won't forget my first time to fish a remote lake in northern Saskatchewan. My guide was a Cree Indian fellow then in his early seventies. He was "old school" and told me about hunting Caribou with a short bow his father had made when he was a young teenager. He pulled the boat into a little cove and handed me and my buddy spinning rods. My first time to cast a lure for northern pike, I remember asking my guide for advice as to what type of structure to target. His words or word was "WATER", and he was not wrong. His advice was sound, I needed to simply get my lure in the water, it didn't matter where I cast, the fish had never seen a hook and catching was easy!

For several years, I traveled to North Dakota in early October to bow hunt deer with a family that outfitted hunts on the thousands of acres of farmland they owned. There were only a few hundred people that lived in the quaint little town. I became great friends with the family and thoroughly enjoyed hunting the big body whitetail deer the region is known for; the Canadian border was only a few miles to the north and occasionally a moose that drifted down from the north would be spotted feeding along the shore of one of the many 'pothole' lakes. I remember some memorable dinners served each evening in one of the old homes in town that doubled as lodges. Those ladies knew how to cook and we often dined on pheasant we shot during mid-day between deer hunts.

One of the family members served as an upland bird guide. He had a well-trained Setter and we hunted around the many old farmsteads in the area. I can still picture a big rooster pheasant flushing from hiding around some rusty old farm equipment that had been abandoned during the early part of the past century. Old abandoned one room schoolhouses were situated about the countryside and for some reason, pheasant hunting was always good around the cover near these old buildings as well as abandoned farmhouses, maybe because they provide shelter from the heavy snow in the winter?

I could go on and on recounting things I've



In today's column, our outdoors writer Luke Clayton shares some fond memories of the outdoors over the more than six past decades. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

seen and experienced in the six plus decades I can recall in the outdoors. I'm sure if you are a bit long in the tooth you too have countless fond memories of people and places, this is one of the benefits of living an outdoor lifestyle. In retrospect, it's not the big fish I caught or the game animals I have hunted for sport and meat, no it's the wonderful people I have had the privilege of spending time with that now matter most to me.

This coming week, it will be time to make a few more memories; I have a fishing guide buddy that has been catching some big blue

catfish during the summer. As most serious catfishermen know, fall and winter months have always been the best for targeting big blues. My buddy says he believes the big fish spawn is over and catfish are no longer guarding nest but rather dispersed on the lake again, chasing baitfish. Duty calls and more on this rather unique fishing pattern later!

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EAST TEXAS FISHING REPORT

B.A. Steinhagen

FAIR. Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.20 feet below pool. Bass are more active 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 juglines.

Livingston

GREAT. Stained; 88 degrees; 0.52 feet below pool. White bass bite is excellent in 10-20 feet of water with white and chartreuse Duck-tracker slabs. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water stained; 83 degrees; 3.58 feet above pool. The bite for all species seems to improve when the water is being generated. This stirs the water, breaking up the thermocline. Bass are slow in shallow water with many smaller fish being caught on frogs, and spinnerbaits. Deeper bass bite is fair with Carolina rigs. Crappie are slow in the morning, but improve midday. Catfish are all over

the lake in 20 feet of water and in 12 feet of water in the creek channels. White bass are on points in the south end of the lake near the dam. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. As the lake continues to drop fish are going to be moving to traditional summer locations pending the thermocline depth. Bass are good early morning on shallow main lake points with medium or deep diving crankbaits, and topwaters. Main lake ledges with Carolina rig shaky head and spoons. Navigate with caution watching for floating debris, trees, and stumps.

Toledo Bend

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 91 degrees; 1.80 feet below pool. Fishing is slow during the day but great at night. The forecast predicts 4-5 inches by the weekend, and the creeks are running strong. Water temperatures are back down in the high 80s, so when the weather finally settles the bass fishing should improve.



Chester coaching staff for 2024-25. Back row, pictured left-to-right: Trey Bullock; James Tonnies; Crystal Muncrief; Matt Bryan and Evan Stewart. Front Row: Courtney Tonnies; Coleman Butter; Susan Muncrief and Marty Thompson.
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Chester coaches ready for successful seasons

By Becki Byrd

The Chester Yellowjacket coaching staff has a few new changes with a couple of new faces. Starting with football, Coach Coleman Butter will be heading that up with Evan Stewart, Trey Bullock and Matt Bryan assisting. Bullock comes to Chester from Spurger and he will head boys basketball with Matt Bryan as assistant. Bullock will also be head coach for cross-country and track, with Courtney Tonnies as head of the girls' track. Bryan, a Chester native and 2001 Warren Alumni will also assist with baseball under the direction of Butter. Marty Thompson and Stewart will return as assistant baseball coaches. Butter will also continue with golf as the head coach. On the girls' side Crystal Muncrief will continue as head

softball coach with Susan Muncrief and James Tonnies as assistants. Muncrief is stepping in as girls basketball head coach with James Tonnies as assistant. Courtney Tonnies will continue as the head volleyball coach with Crystal Muncrief as assistant. The coaching staff has continued working with athletes all through the summer with a good turnout and is proud that the athletes have taken advantage of opportunities to grow in their sports. Each coach is optimistic about their upcoming season and ready to get started with football, volleyball and cross-country when school begins. Volleyball tryouts are scheduled for high school girls only on August 5 and 6 from 8-10 a.m. There will be no opportunity for tryouts after those dates. Varsity and Junior Varsity teams will be announced on the first day of school on August 7.



UCA All - American Cheerleaders – From left to right: Senior Rhianna Hart; senior Harmoni Lewis; freshman Gracen Cox; senior Shaniyan Hart; sophomore Ruby Shirley; sophomore Kimberli Scott and senior Cirvyve Lee.



Woodville High School Cheer Named UCA Spirit/Gameday Camp Champions. Back Row, pictured left-to-right: Hollie Jarrott; Gracen Cox; Karson Weaver; Bryleigh Hopson; Marcella Russell; Carlie Risinger; Rhea Williams; Kelsi Risinger and Makennah Fowler. Middle Row: Haley Limbrick; Kimberli Scott; Clair Lohman; Marelly Roque; Destiny Hadnot; Ruby Shirley; Sophie Hill and Caylee Castille. Front Row: Cirvyve Lee; Rhianna Hart; Harmoni Lewis; Kolbi Hutto and Shaniyan Hart.

Woodville cheerleaders attend camp

Last week, the Woodville High School cheerleaders traveled to attend UCA Cheer Camp at Moody Gardens Convention Center in Galveston.

After spending four days at camp, the squad earned a number of awards including:

- Gold Ribbon for Sideline/Cheer
- Gold Ribbon for Camp Routine
- Spirit Gameday Champions
- Camp Routine Champions
- Second Place Sideline (Situational Chant)
- Day Two Top Banana Award
- Three Squad Spirit Sticks
- Three Mascot Spirit Sticks

Additionally, WHS Cheer had seven members named as UCA All - American Cheerleaders. Those cheerleaders are: senior

Rhianna Hart; senior Harmoni Lewis; freshman Gracen Cox; senior Shaniyan Hart; sophomore Ruby Shirley; sophomore Kimberli Scott and senior Cirvyve Lee.

Two members, Kolbi Hutto and Kimberli Scott, were awarded the "Pin It Forward" Award. This award recognizes campers for qualities that make them stand out, such as leadership, hard work, or a positive attitude.

Rocky the Eagle brought home the Epic Mascot Award and four seniors, Shaniyan Hart, Rhianna Hart, Harmoni Lewis, and Cirvyve Lee, were invited to tryout and serve on UCA staff following graduation.

Coaches Jamie Weaver and Krystal Hayes are excited for continued success this coming season.


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The Summer Olympic Games Are Back!

This summer, the world turns its eyes to Paris, France. Why? That's where the Summer Olympics will be held starting on Friday, July 26 through Sunday, August 11, 2024.



PARIS 2024



Who's there?

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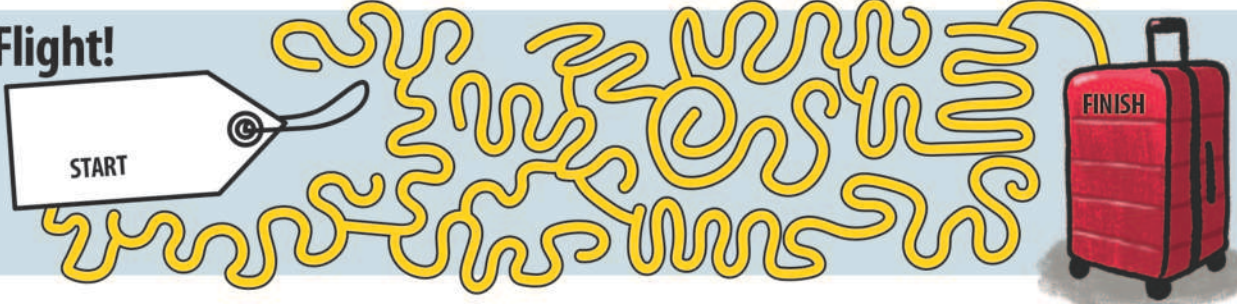
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Don't Miss Your Flight!

Imagine you're flying to Paris, but you forgot to attach your nametag to your suitcase. Write your name on the tag, then follow the maze to find your suitcase.



Pictograms

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. At the Olympic Games, a picture is worth a thousand words in hundreds of languages.

Pictograms are simplified pictures or symbols. There is one for each sport to help people from all over the world understand what is happening. For example, this pictogram represents the Olympic sport of judo.



Do the math to match each pictogram to the name of the Summer Olympic event that it represents.



18 - 3 = **BOXING**



11 + 11 + 11 =



24 + 6 =



41 - 9 =



14 + 14 =



3 + 6 + 2 =



9 + 9 + 9 =



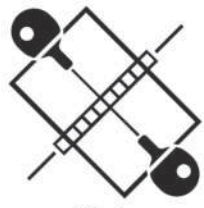
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17 - 4 =



22 - 12 =

- 12 = Rowing
- 11 = Football (Soccer)
- 13 = Table Tennis
- 18 = Breaking
- 7 = Artistic Swimming
- 33 = Badminton
- 28 = Marathon Swimming
- 30 = Archery
- 27 = Basketball
- 10 = Weightlifting
- 32 = Golf
- 15 = Boxing

Extra! Extra!
The Great Symbol Search
Look for five symbols in today's newspaper. Show them to a friend to see if they can tell what the symbol represents.
Standards Link: Connect artistic representations to meaning.

1. Five continents
2. Smarter, Stronger, Faster
3. To take part
4. Olympia
5. 2012 London
6. 1900
7. Purple
8. 2012 London

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This week's word: **ETERNITY**
The noun **eternity** means a period of time that seems to be endless, often used when exaggerating.
It took an **eternity** to reach the front of the line.
Try to use the word **eternity** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Kid Scoop Puzzler
The 2024 Paralympic Games
This is the logo of the 2024 Paralympic Games.
Athletes with physical disabilities from around the world compete in the Paralympic Games every four years alongside the Olympics. In fact, Paralympics means "alongside the Olympics."
The Paralympics began 64 years ago. What year was that?
19
Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences to 100.

ATHLETIC WORD SEARCH
Find the words in the puzzle by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.
GYMNASTICS
WATER POLO
BASEBALL
SWIMMING
SURFING
SAILING
KARATE
TENNIS
SOCCER
TRACK
CANOE
GOLF
JUDO
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY
Sports Team Mascots
Sports team mascots (often an animal or object) give personality to their teams. Look through today's sports section. Select one team and make a list of characteristics you think that team wants to convey. Create a new mascot for that team.
Standards Link: Display meaning through a variety of artistic representations.

How do fireflies begin a race?
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A LIFE WELL LIVED

By: Kelli Barnes

Eldridge Tidwell was born in Lubbock in 1942 and moved to Tyler County just a short eight years ago to help his sister Paula, and to follow a dream. This latest life adventure had he and his wife Deanna living in a travel trailer on family land, while they spent the next five years, with the help of their granddaughter Bryanna, turning a 16x50 Derksen building into a tiny home. "The original purchase was about \$17,500 on a five-year note, and then we worked on it when we had the money to purchase more supplies," said Tidwell. "When you are on a fixed income, you have to do what you can, when you can."

Today, you can find Eldridge or his wife at the nutrition center in Woodville daily, at the Cowboy Church in Jasper, at Sassy Scrappers Quilt Club at Heritage Village, or Triple Creek RV Park every fourth Saturday to hear a Bluegrass band. You will recognize Tidwell by his signature leather top hats. "I was shy as a kid, and while taking a speech class in high school, I realized I needed to find a way to get out of it if I was going to do something in life," Tidwell said. "I decided to do some clowning at the school pep rallies because behind a painted face it seemed easier to be in public. This led me to wanting a special hat. I always wore cowboy hats because of farm and ranching, but I wanted something different. One day in the 60s I

went to Texas Hatters and saw a top hat like Lincoln wore, but then I saw the shorter one. It was \$500. This was way out of my price range, so I went home and got an old felt hat and made some adjustments to create the style I was looking for. It worked for several years ... I wish I still had that hat, but it wore out. Years later, in the 80s I found another hat business at a craft fair and bought a \$200 leather top hat in red and black, then later purchased a black one and a brown one. I refer people to her business to this day, and she always sends me free sweat bands for my hat in return."

If you spend just a little time with Eldridge, he will tell you that school was not easy for him, and reading is not something he can do well. "But I can visualize things," he said. "If I look at a piece of furniture, for example, I can go home and make it to exact proportions." This gift is what got him his start in a career to become a master electrician. He began as a part time helper to a master electrician for a university. Then, he became a journeyman electrician in 1967, transferred to a sprinkler company and did some traveling, and settled from 1970 - 1998 working for the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). This is where he obtained his master electrician license. "I couldn't pass the written test, but I could draw out schematic wiring diagrams," he said. "I was able to build the San Marcos substations, under budget and ahead of schedule, just me and my crew." During his career, the highest pole he climbed was a 300-foot tower to fix a security camera, and he did it twice. "I could have done it 100 more times in those days," he said.

Eldridge grew up in New Mexico, and he described it as a place with rattlesnakes, sandstorms, and coyotes. His family pioneered land in 1947 as sharecroppers, raising cotton, maze and cattle. "Both of my parents worked in the fields every day, so I spent a lot of time with my grandmother," he said. "An old Buick car owned by the school district would pick me up before daylight and bring me home after dark, on school days." Although Eldridge struggled with the basic subjects in school, he excelled in sports and art. "We worked hard on our farm, especially with the cattle, so school sports were easy for me ...



Mr. Tidwell spent some time recently in the Booster office, sharing his hat collection, artwork, and stories. He will be at the Jasper Cowboy Church September 28 selling art to help raise money for the church. He will also hold art classes at the nutrition center in October, November, and December. KELLI BARNES | TCB



Not a fan of watching television, Eldridge spends time on his artwork. This little wooden shoe is something he carved one evening after being inspired. KELLI BARNES | TCB

I never got overheated," he said. "I have never known any other way of life except hard work." He also acknowledged that his teachers would wait until Monday morning to release grades, so he could play football on Thursdays and Fridays. In junior high, teachers recognized his artistic ability and encouraged him by happily allowing him to decorate the chalkboards in each classroom. Eldridge was in Hobby Lobby one day and saw they were giving art classes in painting. "I was self-taught and never really understood about the three basic colors - blue, yellow, and red, and how to mix colors," he said. "I would try using white and learned that is a big mistake. I learned that all colors could be made just using those three colors." Today, Eldridge also enjoys wood carving, paper drawings that he transfers to wood and then does wood burning, in addition to

painting on canvas. Eldridge and his wife raised two sons, a daughter and a granddaughter. His wife earned her business degree and is retired from the Department of Public Safety (DPS), spending a large part of her career first creating, then managing the missing persons clearing house for the state of Texas. If you are interested in learning from Eldridge or purchasing some of his art, he will be holding art class at the nutrition center in Woodville on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The upcoming events will be held in October, November and December and will feature something for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. On Saturday, September 28 at the Cowboy Church in Jasper, there will be a Craft Show to raise money for the church and several of his designs will be available for sale.



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Eldridge Tidwell**82 years old**

What did you do before retirement? Master Electrician

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Cowboy Church in Jasper JC3

What are your hobbies? Art and wood carving plus training donkeys

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Woods and trees, water (lakes)

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Branson, MO

Where were you born and raised?

Lubbock, TX and raised on the Texas and New Mexico state line.

1947 no electricity I was in 5th grade when we got electricity.

Where did you go to school? Plains High School and Tatum High School in Tatum, NM

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? Farm & Ranch: We didn't have running water. A windmill was our water supply. I worked cattle at other ranches to help the neighbors.

**Carol Richoux****Age 79**

What did you do before retirement? Senior center director in La., construction, bartender, caregiver and Avon rep.

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Our Lady of the Pines Catholic church

What are your hobbies? Doing puzzles, reading, playing with my dog

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Friendly people, senior center participation, bingo and visiting friends, helping people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Traveled enough-too much ugly in our world today

Where were you born and raised? Louisiana

Where did you go to school? Louisiana, college in Mississippi

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I am just enjoying being a senior citizen. I enjoy my daughter and her kids and my grand and great grand kids.

**Wilda Keith Barton****Age 81**

What did you do before retirement? Registered Nurse

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Calvary Baptist Church, Tyler County Republican Women

What are your hobbies? Crocheting baby blankets for the Pregnancy center, Going to garage and estate sales, Working my online resell business, J and W Enterprises and making hand crafted jewelry to sell. I love plants and love to work with them,

propagating and planting. I love to read. I am active in promoting conservative principle through different mediums.

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Pineywoods, hills, most of the people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Historic places

Where were you born and raised? Port Acres, Texas

Where did you go to school? Stephen F. Austin ISD, Lamar University, Baptist Hospital School of Nursing

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I am married to Johnny Barton, I have 3 kids, 2 daughters and 1 son, 9 grandkids, and 4 great grandkids

**Michelle Jones****Age 69**

What did you do before retirement? Trainer for utility call center

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? none

What are your hobbies? Jewelry design, sewing, resin designs

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Community

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Virginia, Oklahoma, Mississippi

Where were you born and raised? Born in Amarillo, TX, raised in Pasadena/LaPorte, TX

Where did you go to school? League City, Texas Clear Creek High School

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I am married to a wonderful man. I have been on a weight loss journey and have lost 113 lbs. in a year.

**Patricia Murders****Age 81**

What did you do before retirement? Little bit of everything. Worked at Texaco in the CC dept.

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Erin Missionary Baptist Church

What are your hobbies? Grandkids, crocheting, quilting

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Country living, nice people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Anywhere in the USA

Where were you born and raised? Born in Peoria, IL, raised in Houston, moved to Woodville when retired.

Where did you go to school? No answer given

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life?

Annie Braddock**Age 70**

What did you do before retirement? Convenient store work

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Praise church

What are your hobbies? Crocheting, sewing, planting flowers

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Country living, not a lot of people, and the friendly people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina

Where were you born and raised? Wilson, North Carolina

Where did you go to school? Ralph L. Fike, Wilson, NC

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I'm a mother of 3, 2 girls and 1 boy, I have a cat. I'm a widow and enjoy watching my 3 grandkids. I'm a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and a great grandmother.

Johnny Barton**Age 75**

What did you do before retirement? US Marine Corps., Caregiver working for Dr. Burke and the Orchard

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Deacon at Calvary Baptist Church, Sleep in Heavenly Peace

What are your hobbies? Collects hot wheel cars, watching sports

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? People are friendly

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Nacogdoches

Where were you born and raised? Born in Center, Texas raised in Garrison Texas

Where did you go to school? Garrison, TX

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? The Lord has been good to me.

William R. Leathem**Age 90**

What did you do before retirement?

Army nurse for 20 years

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church

What are your hobbies? Reading and exercise

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Beautiful trees and flowers, friendly people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Mountain states in the west

Where were you born and raised?

New Orleans, LA

Where did you go to school? St. Aloysius Catholic School in New Orleans, LA

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I enjoyed military life. Private to LTC in 20 years.

**Suellen Royer****Age 74**

What did you do before retirement?

Accounting and sewing

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Our Lady of the Pines, poll worker, center

What are your hobbies? Sewing, crafting and Bingo callers

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Church, Tyler County center, friends

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? See families

Where were you born and raised?

Port Arthur, TX

Where did you go to school?

Port Arthur, TX

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I enjoy people, seeing and learning new things. I enjoy life.

Catherine Deason**Age 82**

What did you do before retirement? Housekeeping

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Believers Temple Ministries (poll worker)

What are your hobbies? Crafts, crochet, sewing and Bingo

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Friendly people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Anywhere

Where were you born and raised? San Augustine, TX

Where did you go to school? Lincoln High School in San Augustine

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I enjoy helping people and giving my crafts

**Trish Ryan**

What did you do before retirement? 1/2 secretary, 1/2 day building electrical equipment

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? FBC-OES-Art Gallery

What are your hobbies? Music and art, gardening

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Small town (Woodville) I call it "Little Big Town", it has everything a big town has.

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When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Happy here or visiting relatives

Where were you born and raised? Galveston

Where did you go to school? Ball High School BOI

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? Its been good! Did a lot of swimming and crabbing.

Barbara Hight

Age 71

What did you do before retirement? Owned a business. Had a café, tobacco store
What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Fairview Town Bluff, Triple Creek RV Music Park
What are your hobbies? Sewing, crafts
What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Small town
When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Anywhere
Where were you born and raised? Louisiana
Where did you go to school? Acadia Baptist
Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? No answer given

Richard B Shaw

Age 81

What did you do before retirement? Degree in forestry (Forestry management), graduated from LA Tech (Louisiana)
What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Woodville First Baptist
What are your hobbies? Wood working and helping in yard work
What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Country, people, I might be from Louisiana, but I love being a Texan.
When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Home, boy and wife also
Where were you born and raised? Springhill, Louisiana
Where did you go to school? Springhill High, Northwestern University, LA Tech in Ruston, LA (graduated from)
Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? Hauled logs for 34 years, loved my father in law, loved truck driving, father in law C.R. Riley (Old time logger)

Deanna Tidwell

Age 80

What did you do before retirement? Administrator of Texas Missing Persons Clearinghouse
What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Jasper County Cowboy Church
What are your hobbies? Sewing, diamond painting, puzzles, reading
What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Friendly, laid back, trees
When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Branson, Missouri
Where were you born and raised? Born in Lewelland, TX Raised in Tatum, NM
Where did you go to school? Tatum High School, Eastern New Mexico University
Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? My parents owned several businesses that we lived in the back of-a



grocery store & a dry goods-variety store. I worked in them on Saturdays and after school.

Judy Evans

Age 81

What did you do before retirement? Teacher and school librarian
What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Faith Bible Fellowship, Bible study groups, games
What are your hobbies? Piano, crochet, plants, crafts and books
What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? The people, the beauty of the nature, ease of shopping
When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Tyler, Beaumont, Lago Vista, family vacations with my children and grandchildren
Where were you born and raised? Born in Orange, Texas and grew up in Silsbee and Beaumont
Where did you go to school? 1st grade in Silsbee, then 2-12 in Beaumont, graduated from Beaumont High, BA from Baylor University, MLS from Sam Houston University
Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I have lived in Maine on Loring AFB, San Antonio, Little Rock AFB, Altus, OK., Abilene, TX, Wildwood and Warren

Julie Cravy

Age 67

What did you do before retirement? Sales
What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Sassy Scrapers, Nutrition Center
What are your hobbies? Quilting, Long Arm
What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Friendly people, senior activities, lots of trees, church family, come and worship with us at Woodville Church of Christ
When and if you travel, where do you like to go? No answer
Where were you born and raised? Seabrook and NASA
Where did you go to school? Clear Lake High
Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? My husband and I are blessed to be able to retire and live on a beautiful lake in Ivanhoe

Donna Sims

Age 72

What did you do before retirement? Worked at Woodville Florist
What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Katy Baptist Church
What are your hobbies? Knitting, crochet, cooking
What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Crafting, games
When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Montana to see my Mom and Dad
Where were you born and raised? Illinois
Where did you go to school? Warren School Illinois
Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? Loved going to the nutrition center to see my friends!

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Shirley Roberts

Age 88
What did you do before retirement? Cosmetics
What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Woodville Church of Christ
What are your hobbies? Playing games and visiting with friends and family
What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Less traffic, people so friendly, Nutrition Center, We have a great church family
When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Branson
Where were you born and raised? Amarillo, Texas
Where did you go to school? Amarillo High School
Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I am single and love to go the Nutrition Center

Debby Winger

Age 74
What did you do before retirement? TDCJ Correctional Officer
What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Nutrition Center, Baptist, Tyler County Republican Women, Diamond painting, friends
What are your hobbies? Diamond painting, cobalt blue, leading
What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Friendly,

Nutrition Center, community
When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Moody Gardens, Houston Zoo
Where were you born and raised? Nederland, Texas
Where did you go to school? NederInd High School
Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? Great friends at the Nutrition Center

Max Hill

Age 78
What did you do before retirement? Refinery shift supervisor
What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Colmesneil FBC
What are your hobbies? Studying Bible, "42", Deer hunting, target shooting
What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Quietness, no traffic, people
When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Hill Country
Where were you born and raised? Woodville
Where did you go to school? Kirby High School (Class of '64)
Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? Born-again believer in Messiah Yashua, married to Benda Hill, 2 children, several grandkids, 3 great grandkids

HOW TO STAY MENTALLY SHARP AFTER RETIREMENT

If asked to describe how they envision retirement, many professionals might reference travel, time spent with grandchildren and various recreational pursuits. Few, if any, would mention cognitive decline. However, cognitive decline poses a significant threat to aging men and women, especially during retirement.

Researchers have long since recognized that certain cognitive abilities begin to decline with advanced age, even among elderly individuals who are healthy. However, despite that decline, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that dementias like Alzheimer's disease are not an inevitable part of aging. In fact, the CDC estimates that as many as 40 percent of dementia cases may be prevented or delayed. In addition, the CDC reports that it's not uncommon for routine memory, skills and knowledge to stabilize or even improve as the brain ages.

That's good news for retirees who want to spend their post-work life pursuing their passions and hobbies. Individuals also can embrace some strategies to stay mentally sharp in retirement.

- Consider delaying retirement. Even if early retirement is a dream, it might be better to work a little longer than you had planned. A 2021 study published in the journal SSM - Population Health found that postponed retirement is beneficial to cognitive function for all genders, races/ethnicities, educational levels, and professional status. The study reported that individuals who waited until age 67 to retire experienced less cognitive decline than those who retired prior to turning 67.
 - Make exercise part of your retirement routine. A lack of structure may seem enticing to individuals who have spent decades working. However, many retirees find that little structure loses its appeal quickly after calling it quits. When creating a new routine in retirement, include regular exercise. According to the Mayo Clinic, studies indicate that people who are physically active are less likely to experience a decline in their mental function. So daily exercise not only gives retirees something to do, but also benefits their brains.
 - Enroll in an adult education course. A 2014 study published in the journal JAMA Neurology examined the association between lifetime intellectual enrichment and cognitive decline in the older population. The study's authors found that higher levels of late-life cognitive activity were associated with higher levels of cognition. The study's authors concluded that lifetime intellectual enrichment might delay the onset of cognitive impairment. Retirees can look into adult learning programs at local colleges and universities to see if anything piques their interest.
- Retirement can be everything professionals hope it will be, especially for those who make a concerted effort to maintain optimal cognitive function after they call it a career.



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MORE THAN JUST URGENT CARE

Dedicated Medical Center and Urgent Care, located in Woodville, Texas, has been a wonderful addition to our medical community since 2019. They offer services including urgent care treatment, weight loss programs, BioTe hormone therapy, and, most recently, primary care. We want to thank the community for their support and for voting us Best Urgent Care for the past two years; this award lets us know we are holding up to

your expectations and providing the excellent care our community needs. Our urgent care providers, Meagan Yeates, NP, and Curtis Evans, NP, have been with the clinic since its opening and are dedicated to providing care to patients on a walk-in basis. Meagan Yeates, NP, has been voted Best Nurse Practitioner of Tyler County for the past two years in a row!

Our newest addition to our lines of service is our pri-

mary care clinic, led by Alicia Scoggins, NP, and Jessalyn Jones, NP. Both of these dedicated providers are from our local community, and they are excited to offer care to those who need somewhere to call home for all of their primary care needs.

The clinic is open almost every day of the year and has extended hours for all of your healthcare needs, including an on-site lab and X-ray.

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SENIOR DISCOUNTS

Dunkin Donuts gives FREE coffee to people over 55. If you're paying for a cup every day, you might want to start getting it FREE. (At participating stores only)
YOU must ASK for your discount!

RESTAURANTS:

- Applebee's: 15% off w/Golden Apple Card (60+)
- Arby's: 10% off (55 +)
- Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+)
- Boston Market: 10% off (65+)
- Burger King: 10% off (60+)
- Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+) At participating locations
- Chili's: 10% off (55+)
- CiCi's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
- Denny's: 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55 +)
- Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+)
- Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter (55+)
- Golden Corral: 10% off (60+)
- Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)
- IHOP: 10% off (55+)
- Jack in the Box: up to 20% off (55+)
- KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+)
- Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+)
- Long John Silver's: various discounts at locations (55+)
- McDonald's: discounts on coffee everyday (55+)
- Shoney's: 10% off
- Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+)
- Steak 'n Shake: 10% off every Monday & Tuesday (50+)
- Subway: 10% off (60+)
- Taco Bell : 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)
- TCBY: 10% off (55+)
- Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+)
- Wendy's: 10% off (55 +)

Whataburger: 10% off (62+)

RETAIL & APPAREL :

- Banana Republic: 30% off (50 +)
- Bealls: 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50 +)
- Belk's: 15% off first Tuesday of every month (55 +)
- Big Lots: 30% off
- Bon-Ton Department Stores: 15% off on senior discount days (55 +)
- C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (50+)
- Clarks : 10% off (62+)
- Dress Barn: 20% off (55+)
- Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
- Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
- Kmart: 40% off (Wednesdays only) (50+)
- Kohl's: 15% off (60+)
- Michael's: 10% off everyday (55+)
- Modell's Sporting Goods: 30% off
- Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions
- Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+)
- Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50% off (55+)
- Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month (55 +)

GROCERY :

- Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of each month (55 +)
- Kroger: 5% off (date varies by location)
- Publix: 5% off every Wednesday (55 +)

TRAVEL :

- AIRLINES:**
- Alaska Airlines: up to 50% off (65+)
- American Airlines: various discounts up to 50% off non-peak periods (Tuesdays - Thursdays) (62+)and up (call before book-

ing for discount)

Continental Airlines: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations

Southwest Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

United Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

RAIL:

Amtrak: 10% off (62+)

BUS:

Greyhound: 5% off (62+)
Trailways Transportation System: various discounts for ages 50+

CAR RENTAL:

- Alamo Car Rental: up to 25% off for AARP members
- Avis: up to 25% off for AARP members
- Budget Rental Cars: 40% off; up to 50% off for AARP members (50+)
- Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off (50+)
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for AARP members
- Hertz: up to 25% off for AARP members
- National Rent-A-Car: up to 30% off for AARP members

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS:

- Holiday Inn: 20-40% off depending on location (62+)
- Best Western: 15% off (55+)
- Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Waldorf Astoria - NYC \$5,000 off nightly rate for Presidential Suite (55 +)
- Clarion Motels: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
- Econo Lodge: up to 40% off (60+)
- Hampton Inns & Suites: 40% off when booked 72 hours in advance
- Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+)

InterContinental Hotels Group: various discounts at all hotels (65+)

Mainstay Suites: 10% off with Mature Traveler's Discount (50+); 20%-30% off (60+)

Marriott Hotels: 25% off (62+)

Motel 6: 5% off (60+)

Myrtle Beach Resort: 30% off (55 +)

Quality Inn: 40%-50% off (60+)

Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)

Sleep Inn: 40% off (60+)

ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT

- AMC Theaters: up to 30% off (55 +)
- Bally Total Fitness: \$100 off memberships (62+)
- Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+)
- Cinemark/Century Theaters: up to 35% off
- Massage Envy - NYC 20% off all "Happy Endings" (62 +)
- U.S. National Parks: \$80 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+)
- Regal Cinemas: 50% off Ripley's Believe it or Not: @ off one-day ticket (55 +)
- SeaWorld, Orlando , FL : \$3 off one-day tickets (50 +)

CELL PHONE DISCOUNTS :

- AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$19.99/month (65+)
- Jitterbug: \$19/month cell phone service (50 +)
- Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+).

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Great Clips: \$8 off hair cuts (60+)
 - Supercuts: \$8 off haircuts (60+)
- NOW, go out there and claim your discounts!! Remember YOU must ASK for discount - no ask, no discount.**

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These ladies were snapped playing a friendly game of Skip Bo.



A game of 42 among friends.



Excercising and grooving to "Blue Suede Shoes"



Cooling down to "What a Wonderful World"



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Our services

Care and recovery

- Transitional care
- Chronic care
- Post-surgical recovery
- Cardiac recovery
- Pulmonary recovery
- Stroke recovery
- Hospice and palliative care
- Respite care

Clinical services

- 24-hour skilled nursing
- Restorative nursing services
- Physician services
- Interdisciplinary care plans
- Medication administration
- Post-surgical stabilization
- Intravenous therapy
- Respiratory therapy
- Tracheotomy care
- Enteral and parenteral care
- Wound management
- Telemedicine

Rehabilitation services

- Physical, occupational, and speech therapies

Diagnostic services

- Laboratory services
- X-ray services

Pharmacy services

- Pharmacy services 7 days a week

Other special services

- Nutrition services
(Therapeutic diets and selective menu)
- Personal care and hygiene administration
- Robust lifestyle/activity programs
- Social services
- Discharge planning and transition assistance



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