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County orders new radios

By Tony Farkas
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COLDSRING — The San Jacinto County Commissioners Court approved ordering new mobile radios for the Sheriff's Department that meet proper parameters.

County Judge Fritz Faulkner said at the Wednesday meeting that previously, the county looked to purchase certain mobile

and handheld radios to replace the failing systems currently in use; however, it came to light that the mobile models were not dual band and would require two radios installed into cars to be able to talk on two bands.

The new mobile radios would be about three times as expensive; however, Commissioner Laddie McAnally felt it would be better to get the department what it needs and come up with the additional \$39,000 from

different law enforcement grant funds.

Commissioner Donnie Marrs voted against the measure, stating he wanted more information from the Sheriff's Department.

In a separate matter, the county approved the creation of a second Emergency Services District for the Waterwood Subdivision, which will carry a 9.9 cent per \$100 tax rate on affected landowners.

At a public hearing on Wednesday, Com-

missioner Mark Nettuno said that the main concern in the past was the funding, as when it was presented previously it looked like there would be a deficit budget.

Jamie Groskopf, spokesman for the subdivision, said the homeowners' association and municipal utilities district will make up any shortfalls until such time as the ESD can stand on its own financially.

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READY, OK!

The Coldspring-Oakhurst Cheer Squad is looking forward to the 2024-25 school year, showing their excitement during last week's Meet the Trojans event. School starts back this week, and with it comes the fall sports — football and volleyball. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

Home-delivered meal grants available

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller announced that applications for the Texas Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program will open Sept. 1 on the Texas Department of Agriculture's Home-Delivered Meal Program webpage.

The program provides financial support to qualifying at-home meal service providers, ensuring that homebound Texans receive high-quality and nutritious meals.

"These programs are more than just food," Miller said. "A home-delivered meal is a lifeline, reminding some of our most vulnerable Texans that they're not forgotten. That's why the Home-Delivered Meal Grant

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FEMA assistance deadline this week

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — Texas residents who were affected by the storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding this spring have until Aug. 15 to apply for FEMA disaster assistance.

Homeowners and renters in Anderson, Austin, Bell, Calhoun, Collin, Cooke, Coryell, Dallas, Denton, Eastland, Ellis, Falls, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Henderson, Hockley, Jasper, Jones, Kaufman, Lamar, Leon, Liberty, Montague, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Panola, Polk, San Jacinto, Rusk, Sabine, Smith, Terrell, Trinity, Tyler, Van Zandt, Walker and Waller counties designated for federal disaster assistance and who incurred storm-related loss or damage between April 26-June 5, have days left to apply.

To apply for FEMA assistance, homeowners and renters can:

- Go online to disasterassistance.gov/
- Download the FEMA App for mobile devices

- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center
- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. CT. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

Deadline to apply is Thursday.

Disaster assistance is not a substitute for insurance and cannot compensate for all losses caused by a disaster. The assistance is intended to meet basic needs and supplement disaster recovery efforts. FEMA assistance is unable to duplicate benefits offered through insurance, state or other programs. However, if your losses or damage go beyond disaster assistance available from other sources — or include items or categories not covered by other assistance — you may be eligible for additional funds from FEMA. Even if you have already registered for the State of Texas's disaster program, you must also apply to FEMA to learn if you may be eligible to receive additional funds.

Low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) are another important form of federal disaster assistance. These loans are not just for businesses. Homeowners, renters and private nonprofit organizations can also apply. Residents and businesses referred by FEMA to SBA must also complete their loan application by the deadline.

For more information, go to: sba.gov/disaster, or call SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or online at SBA's secure website: disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/

For more information about Texas disaster recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4781. Follow FEMA Region 6 on social media at x.com/FEMARegion6 and on Facebook at facebook.com/FEMARegion6/.

To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube.

Coldspring discusses storm damage

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COLDSRING — The Coldspring City Council discussed the remaining damage from the storms that ravaged the area, as well as plans to help mitigate issues in the event of future storms.

Mayor John Benestante said that at the Aug. 5 meeting, he informed the council that the city is recovering well, but there was a little damage at the wastewater plant. The chlorination room had been swept away but has been replaced and moved to higher ground.

Benestante said that the city is looking for funds from FEMA for road repairs and damage left by falling branches.

The city also held a public hearing on a Resilient Communities Program grant. The council told the crowd the city plans to do more comprehensive mapping and zoning since it is a study grant, one that will lay the groundwork for other grants.

In other business, the council:

- approved moving funds into TexPool to take advantage of higher interest rates for city investments;
- discussed the creation of a think tank to work on a mission statement to plan and execute drawing tourists to city; and
- established a municipal court and appointed Marsha Curry Strickland as Municipal Judge.



SAAFE HOUSE
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Fundraiser helps community safety

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COLDSRING — For 40 years, SAAFE House and its team of advocates and volunteers have helped numerous people overcome sexual assault and domestic violence and rebuild their lives away from the trauma of abusive relationships.

As well as the dedication of its employees, the donations and funds provided by the people in its four-county service area ensure anyone needing those services can get help.

In San Jacinto County this year, the 40-year

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LAKE LIVINGSTON DATA AS OF AUG 15

Current level	131.06 ft
Normal level	131.00 ft
Discharge	4512 cfs
Weekly rainfall total	0.00 in

TRINITY RIVER DATA AS OF AUG 15

Gauge Stage.....	8.91 ft
Category.....	Normal
Weekly rainfall	0.00 in



Accepting gifts honors the giver, the recipient

This has been a week or so of giving and receiving. Both chambers of commerce give scholarships to the students of our high schools, but so do other organizations and individuals.

Last week the SJC Historical Commission was shown with donations of artwork from generous local residents. This week, the Women's League of San Jacinto County handed out 12 checks to the senior centers of Coldspring and Shepherd, Coldspring Community Center and Public Library, Quilts for Kids and the third ranking seniors of Coldspring and Shepherd high schools.

The new Rand McIntyre Helping Hands Food Pantry got their check; others were given checks and they will feature in future columns. Altogether, the Women's League gave away \$7,500. This

Did You Know

By Yvonne Cones



is money raised by the members throughout the years. The 'Style Show' held in the Spring is a big fundraiser and you will hear more about that in the future.

The Women's League will start its new year in September. The first guest speaker will be LaNora Purvis, founder of Heaven's Army. She will talk about her nonprofit group that helps women in dire need, who need a safe place to live and to overcome their problems. Lunch is \$15; come to mix

and mingle at 11:30 a.m., lunch is served at noon. The venue is the Coldspring Community Center next to the Courthouse.

• Shepherd Chamber of Commerce thanks McClain's Supermarket for the generous check toward the Independence Day event. The Children's & Community Impact Center is always busy raising money for the needy too, as shown by their recent benefit.

Thanks to everyone who gives their time and money to help others in their time of need.

• The Impact Center became Shepherd Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Month. Brenda Myers and her board members Jennifer Arrington, DeeDee Collingsworth and Kimberly Arrindell, along with Brenda, Lonna Newby and Gordon Fisher, posed by their award from

Coldspring Chamber of Commerce.

• Scholarships are always fun to give to grads who are moving into the next phase of their lives. This week Shepherd Chamber gave Ronnie Charles a check for \$1,500 as he moves to his new place at Mississippi State University. He and his proud mom Betty came to Shepherd Library for their photo op.

Ronnie will study mechanical engineering and wants to expand his experience in college organizations. I always remind the scholarship recipients to let us know how they get on when they come home from their first semester. We want to know more of their stories.

• In case you did not know, Christmas in July is now Christmas in August. Aug. 31 is the new date for this event. It will feature

all the vendors, characters and fun of the annual event which was postponed this year because of the storm.

SJC Senior Center in Coldspring will have a speaker on Aug. 14 who will talk about hospice. There is a lot more to this subject than previously thought. Also, if you want to see a Weight Watchers group at the Center, sign up on the sheet on the desk inside the door. There are nine people signed up and 10 is needed before the Weight Watchers company will start a group.

Contact the Shepherd Chamber of Commerce at (210) 995-7420 or the Coldspring Chamber at (936) 653-2184.

Yvonne Cones is president of the Shepherd Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Coldspring Chamber of Commerce.



Shirley Rand accepts the Women's League check for the Rand McIntyre Helping Hands Food Pantry. COURTESY PHOTO



Ronnie Charles accepts his scholarship check from Shepherd Chamber of Commerce. COURTESY PHOTO



President Mary Ann Pittman and treasurer Whitney Garney present Linda Deeter with a check for Quilts for Kids from the Women's League. COURTESY PHOTO

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Information sourced from weather.com
Forecast Fire Danger twc.tamu.edu

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny 97°/76° Chance of Rain 8% Wind SSW 6mph	Sunny 98°/76° Chance of Rain 8% Wind SSW 4mph	Mostly Sunny 99°/76° Chance of Rain 7% Wind SSW 4mph	Mostly Sunny 99°/76° Chance of Rain 7% Wind SSW 4mph	Mostly Sunny 98°/77° Chance of Rain 10% Wind WNW 4mph	Mostly Cloudy 98°/76° Chance of Rain 10% Wind SW 4mph	Mostly Sunny 99°/75° Chance of Rain 20% Wind SSW 4mph

Fire Danger Rating
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SENIOR MENUS

Aug. 19-23

Menus Subject to Change
Senior Citizens of San Jacinto County
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 Call by 10:30 a.m. to reserve a meal.
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday is Texercise.
 Tuesday is line dancing. Thursday is bingo.
 Friday is karaoke.
MONDAY: Parmesan crusted chicken tenders, loaded mashed potatoes, broccoli, rolls.
TUESDAY: Lasagna, Italian green beans, Caesar salad, garlic rolls.
WEDNESDAY: Tuna croquettes, macaroni and cheese, salad bar, rolls.
THURSDAY: Country fried steak, rice and gravy, mixed squash, salad bar, rolls.
FRIDAY: Cheeseburgers, steak fries,

ranch style beans.
 • **Shepherd Senior Citizens Center** | 936-628-3733
 Second Tuesday of each month includes birthday cake for dessert.
 Bingo is Aug. 14, 21 and 28. Bag Days are Aug. 16 and 30. Craft Days are Aug. 15, 22 and 31.
MONDAY: Chicken and dressing, yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit salad.
TUESDAY: Smothered pork, mashed potatoes, cabbage, fruit.
WEDNESDAY: Chili dogs, tater tots, pickle wedge, ice cream.
THURSDAY: Hamburger steak, rice and gravy, broccoli, cookie bars.
FRIDAY: Barbecue chicken, loaded baked potato salad, baked beans, peach cobbler.

COUNTY

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In other business, the board:
 • appointed T.C. Jones as the early voting election judge, as well as approving counting station personnel and election judges;
 • approved the payment of \$14,775 for the purchase of necessary equipment for the upcoming election;
 • approved the resolution for the November general election;
 • approved the purchase of a transfer switch from Controls & Electrical Services for \$5,656.52;

• approved the purchase of replacement flooring for a jail cell for \$3,474.94;
 • approved a bid for tree removal, with Faulkner voting against the measure;
 • approved a road use agreement and permit application fee for the Bahia Pipeline enterprise;
 • approved a near \$370,000 bid from Dylan Constructions for repairs to the roof of the jail;
 • approved the disposal of salvage items from the County Auditor's Office;
 • proclaimed Aug. 6 as Nellie Hardin Day, who turned 90 years old; and
 • approved the community back to school prayer event at the Courthouse.

MEAL

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Program is so important. I urge all eligible organizations to get a head start on their applications — because this isn't just about meals; it's about caring for our neighbors." The Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program is part of the Texans Feeding Texans umbrella program. Established during the 80th Legislative Session in 2007, the program supports governmental and nonprofit agencies that provide at-home meals by creating partnerships between local meal providers, counties, and the state. Applications for the 2024 grant will be accepted beginning Sept. 1 and must be submitted no later than Nov. 1. HDMGP is a noncompetitive grant; all eligible entities that submit a qualifying application will receive a need-based award. To qualify, meal-providing organizations must first obtain a financial grant from the

county where they operate. As the grant process can be lengthy, TDA recommends that applicants begin working with their counties as early as possible. With the support of HDMGP, meal-providing organizations can bring TDA dollars directly into their communities. Most importantly, seniors and disabled Texans will be able to receive crucial support—not only nutritionally but also socially. These programs connect homebound Texans to their communities. "Our Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program is about making a difference," said Commissioner Miller. By supporting local meal providers, we deliver nutrition, a sense of community, and care to those who need it most. This initiative is a testament to the Texas spirit of neighbor helping neighbor." If you have any questions, please contact TDA at Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov. Additional details, recommendations, and other grant qualification requirements can be found here.

TRICARE authorizes temporary prescription refill waivers

Special to the News-Times

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The Defense Health Agency announced that TRICARE beneficiaries in 121 Texas counties may receive emergency prescription refills through Aug. 15 due to Hurricane Beryl. The counties impacted are Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Dallas, DeWitt, Delta, Dimmit, Duval, Ellis, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Galveston, Goiaad, Gonzales, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kaufman, Kenedy, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lamar, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Live Oak, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, Maverick, McLennan, McMullen, Medina, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rains, Red River, Refugio, Robertson, Rockwall, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Starr, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Wood, Zapata, and Zavala.

To receive an emergency refill of prescription medications, TRICARE beneficiaries should take their prescription bottle to any TRICARE retail network pharmacy. If the bottle is unavailable or the label is damaged or missing, beneficiaries should contact Express Scripts, Inc., or their retail network pharmacy for assistance. To find a network pharmacy, beneficiaries may call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303, or search the network pharmacy locator. If possible, visit the pharmacy where the prescription was filled. Prescriptions filled by a retail chain may be filled at another store in that chain. If the clinician who prescribed the medication is available, beneficiaries can ask them to call in a new prescription to any network pharmacy. As a reminder, TRICARE beneficiaries, other than active-duty service members, may receive urgent care from any TRICARE-authorized urgent care center or provider and do not need a referral. This allows beneficiaries to seek nonemergency care for illnesses or injuries if their primary care provider is unavailable because of emergencies. Any TRICARE beneficiary who reasonably believes they have an emergency should always call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. Beneficiaries are advised to visit Express Scripts' Weather Alert page for updates.

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anniversary of the organization, SAAFE House again is holding its annual Lures & Lace Bingo fundraiser from 6-10 p.m. Aug. 24 at the San Jacinto County Storm Shelter, 255 Live Oak St., in Coldspring. The price for the tickets and tables helps SAAFE House with its mission, and the money raised at the San Jacinto event is exclusively used in San Jacinto County. Clients of SAAFE House are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Tracy Stoudt, executive director, said the organization is planning for the future, which includes improved client

services, trauma-informed care and putting clients first while working to educate the community. SAAFE House also is looking for area residents who are passionate about its mission to help the organization continue to grow and would like to see people from its service area — Polk, Trinity, San Jacinto and Walker counties — come forward as volunteers from the communities that are served. The bingo fundraiser will take place from 6-10 p.m. and includes 10 rounds of bingo with prizes for the winners, as well as food, silent and live auctions, and door prizes. Call SAAFE House at (936) 291-3529, Shelby at (936) 284-5580 or Tammy at (936) 284-5547 to purchase tickets or tables, to donate, to become a sponsor or to volunteer.



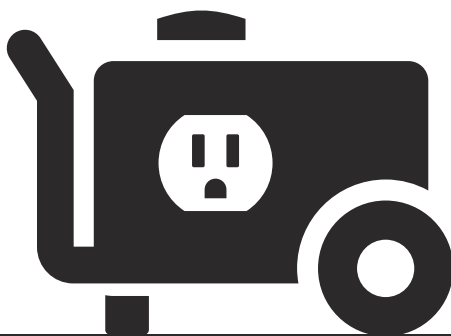
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Property tax rates in SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT. This notice concerns the 2024 property tax rates for SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT. This notice provides information about two tax rates used in adopting the current tax year's tax rate. The no-new-revenue tax rate would impose the same amount of taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. In most cases, the voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit can adopt without holding an election. In each case, these rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of taxes by the current taxable value with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

This year's no-new-revenue tax rate	\$0.09027/\$100
This year's voter-approval tax rate	\$0.09422/\$100

To see the full calculations, please visit 111 State Hwy 150 RM C5 Coldspring, TX. 77331 for a copy of the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Fund	Balance
Bank Accounts X 3	307,415
CD'S x 3	267,125
Texas Class	1,413,718

Current Year Debt Service

The following amounts are for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from upcoming property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	0	0	0	0
Total required for 2024 debt service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in unencumbered funds				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2024				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0.00% of its taxes in 2024				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by Betty Davis, Tax Assessor-Collector on 08/07/2024.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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OPINION



A short moment to pause and reflect

There are times, so many times, that I get so completely overwhelmed with the rampant insanity that passes for politics that I have to take what Berke Breathed calls “a dandelion break,” or step off to clear the channels of thought.

See, we’re ramping up the clown cars and circus acts toward the November election, and I’m a little overwhelmed with things that I can’t believe actually happened, and I want to decompress.

So, given that all the children are now back in school, I will inundate myself with movies about school.

Of course, at the top of my, and hopefully everyone’s, list is “Grease.” I even hear that song “Back to School” every August when the ducklings head back to the halls of learning.

The lead male, played by John Travolta, was well-cast, since he got his start in the classroom in the wonderful “Welcome Back, Kotter” sitcom. Yes, he was the lead Sweathog, and



My Two Common Sense
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once done, gravitated to singing, so he was a lock. No one else can hold a candle to Olivia Newton-John’s Sandy, especially in those final numbers. Still not sure why they cast then-33-year-old Stockard Channing as a high school student, but hey, the movie was good enough to suspend that disbelief.

Heath Ledger had an amazing turn in a lot of movies, but the first time I saw him act was in “10 Things I Hate About You.” The longer that movie went on, the more it seemed familiar; eventually, I pieced together that the whole thing was inspired by Shakespeare’s “The Taming of the Shrew,” with Julia Stiles as in the

Katharina role and Ledger as Petruchio.

Two movies off the beaten path but extremely good Saturday afternoon popcorn fare are “My Science Project” and “Real Genius” (not to be confused with “Weird Science,” which was its own version of strange).

For the first movie, a kid finds some alien artifact while looking for a slam dunk science grade, which warps the entire school into an alien/post-apocalyptic nightmare scenario, and the kids have to battle their way through ever-increasing bad times to win the day. Fisher Stevens does a remarkable turn as that kid — the one you know was born to handle weird. For the second, Val Kilmer does what he does best — chew the scenery while inventing a laser, which was eventually used to fill a house with popcorn.

I can never choose between “Lean on Me” with Morgan Freeman and “Stand and Deliver” with Edward

James Olmos. The scene when Freeman first hears the reworked Alma Mater was transportive, and the compassion and empathy, as well as tough love, exhibited by Olmos with the students he worked with was inspirational. We’ll just watch them both, I’m thinking.

Honorable mentions would go to “Rock ‘n’ Roll High School” with the Ramones; “Conrack” with Jon Voight; “Fast Times at Ridgemont High” with the nostalgic mimeograph scene; “Carrie” for some representation in the horror genre; “Bill & Ted’s Excellent Adventure” with George Carlin; and “Kindergarten Cop” because Ahnold.

Later in the evening, we’ll switch gears and go with “Animal House,” because that is one super funny movie.

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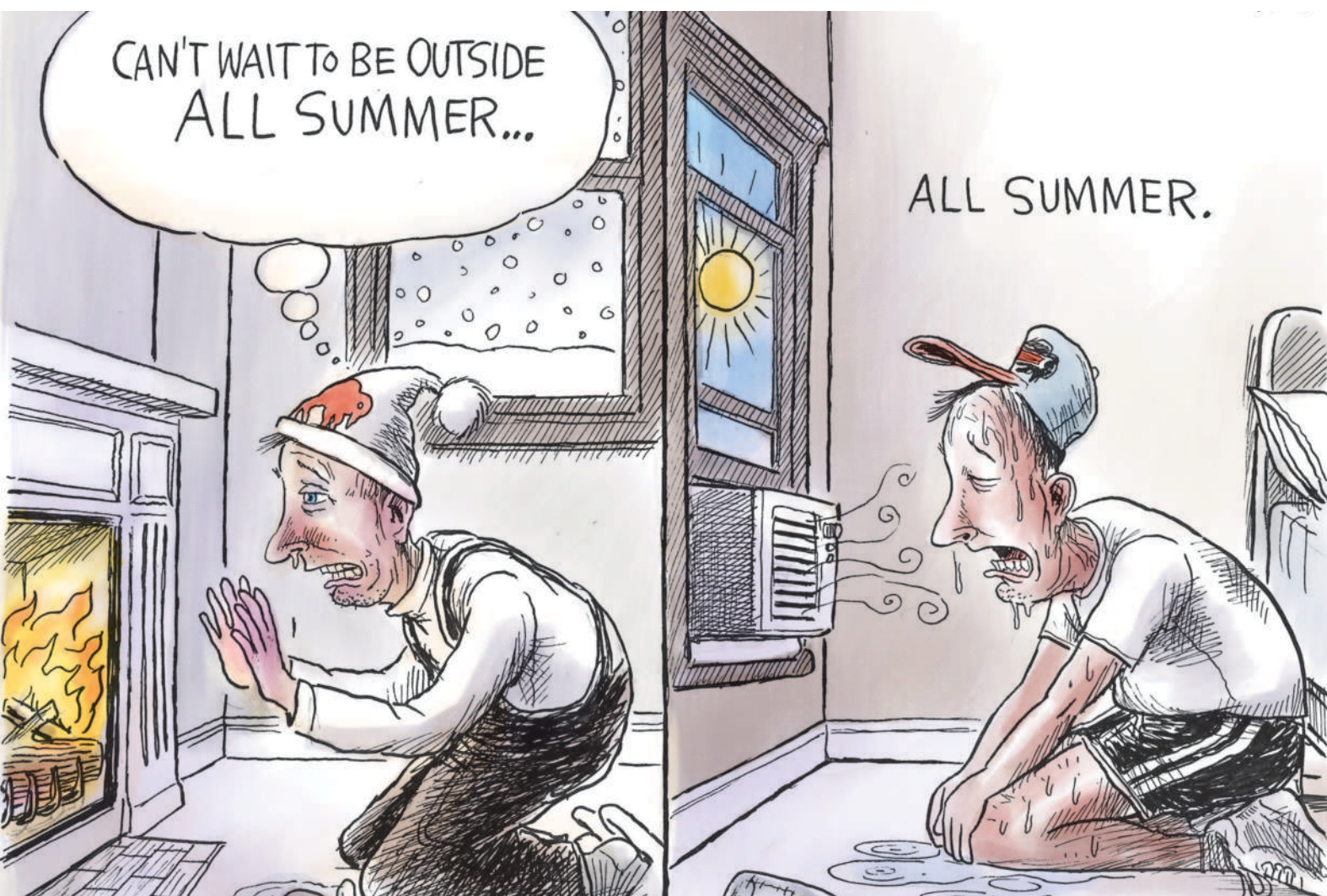
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Take a Bite Outta Jesus

I must admit that this title sounds a little offensive, but that's what Jesus instructed us to do. He said, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" (John 6:53).

This passage occurs in a chapter of the Bible in which Jesus reaches the height of His popularity, and then sinks to the bottom of the approval polls.

In the first part of John 6, Jesus feeds a crowd of thousands out of the lunch pail of a single boy. He becomes so popular that the crowd wants to take Him by force and declare Him king, the Messiah. Jesus had to escape and hide on a wilderness mountain on the east side of the Sea of Galilee (Gentile territory) to prevent the crowd from compelling Him to go to war against the Romans to fulfill the crowd's expectations of what a messiah



Dan's Divinities
By Rev. Dr. Dan Darby

should do.

That night, as the disciples were returning by boat to Galilee, they saw Jesus walking on the water. They were scared spitless, thinking they were seeing an apparition, but Jesus spoke to them and said, "I Am. Don't be afraid" (John 6:20, CEB).

"I Am" is the name of God that He revealed to Moses as recorded in Exodus 3. Jesus was saying to His disciples that He could walk on the water because He, a man, was the divine God.

As the boat arrived at the eastern shore in Galilee (Jewish territory), the crowds, who had returned on land, found Him. Jesus told them directly that they

wanted to crown Him king not because they believed in Him as the divine Messiah, but because He had filled their bellies.

Their actions were the result of selfish greed for worldly gain and not faith in Him or a desire to submit to the will of God. They responded that Moses had given them manna in the wilderness, and if Jesus was the prophet that Moses had predicted would bring them liberation, He, Jesus, would give to them the manna of material gain (cf., 6:30-31).

Jesus answered that Moses did not give them bread, but the Father did, and that "the bread of God is the One who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world" (6:33). When the crowd enthusiastically asked for this bread from Heaven, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life . . ." (6:35).

Jesus explained that only He can give eternal life. He then

reiterated, "I am the bread that came down from heaven" (6:41). The Jewish opposition grumbled that Jesus could not have come down from heaven because they knew his parents, Mary and Joseph, and he came from them. Jesus rebuked them for their lack of spiritual insight and made the bold assertion, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh" (6:51).

The Jewish leaders did not understand how Jesus could offer His own flesh for an apparently cannibalistic dinner. Instead of retreating and trying to soothe their offended sensibilities, Jesus boldly replied, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life,

and I will raise them up on the last day, for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. . ." (6:53-55). That day Jesus lost most of His followers, and the number of disciples was reduced to His inner circle.

Many are still offended that the man Jesus claimed to be the divine God who came down from Heaven and lived among us in the flesh. That, however, is the heart of the Christian faith — that God loved us so much, He became one with us in order to redeem us and restore us to a relationship with Him.

When we come to belief in the redemptive effectiveness of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and we "take a bite outta" of that sacrifice, we experience God's redemption that leads to the salvation of our souls for all eternity.

Dr. Dan Darby is a retired United Methodist pastor.

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Pandemic relief funds for schools about to end

Texas public schools received more than \$19 billion in pandemic relief funds over the last four years, but that pipeline of cash will largely end on Sept. 30, The Texas Tribune reported.

That means many Texas schools already struggling with budget deficits will begin the school year with even more serious deficits, especially since the Texas Legislature has not increased base per-student pay since 2019 — a year before the pandemic began.

Congress passed the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief package in 2020 to help schools deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused enrollment declines, teachers exiting the profession and falling test scores. That funding is about to end, with essentially nothing to take its place for many school districts already at the maximum allowed property tax rate.

“It’s not about making up ESSER, because we all knew that was one-time funding,” said La Joya ISD Superintendent Marcey Sorensen. “I just would ask, without getting political whatsoever, that everybody just look in the mirror and say, OK, if we really haven’t provided additional funding since 2019, maybe it’s time that we just give school districts a little bit more of what they need, knowing that kids have different needs now.”

A recent survey conducted by the Texas Association of School



Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

Business Officials concluded that out of 313 school districts across the state, nearly 80 percent reported deficit budgets or a lack of resources as one of their top challenges.

Abbott orders hospitals to report immigrant care data

All Texas hospitals enrolled in Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program have been ordered by Gov. Greg Abbott to report costs incurred by treating undocumented immigrants, the Austin American-Statesman reported. In a news release outlining his executive order, Abbott blamed the Biden administration’s border security policies for health care costs related to those immigrants.

“Texans should not have to shoulder the burden of financially supporting medical care for illegal immigrants,” Abbott said.

Some Democratic lawmakers criticized the order.

State Rep. Gene Wu, D-Austin, posted on X: “Texas has the HIGHEST uninsured health-care in the nation. Texas has the WORST mental health care in the nation. Texas has one of the worst (mortality) and infant mortality

rates in America. But these are the Republicans priorities.”

Five more counties added to disaster list

In the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl, five more Texas counties have been added to the federal disaster list, the governor’s office announced.

The counties of Austin, Bowie, Shelby, Trinity and Waller have been added to the list, which already included Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker and Wharton counties.

Texans can apply for FEMA disaster assistance online at disasterassistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362.

Carbon monoxide poisonings spike in wake of storm

Carbon monoxide poisonings rose dramatically in the wake of Hurricane Beryl, with about 400 people ending up in Texas emergency rooms since the storm struck on July 8, the Texas Standard reported. That is the highest number reported since the 2021 winter storm, the Texas Standard reported. Two people died of CO poisoning in Harris County.

CO poisonings caused by widespread power outages are growing more common as climate change causes more extreme weather events, according to scientists.

“Whether you want to blame it on this, that or the other, I don’t

care. The world is changing. The climate is changing,” said Dr. David Perse, Houston’s chief medical officer.

School about to start; watch for the kiddoes

With school about to start, drivers are urged to stay alert and exercise caution in school zones, the Texas Department of Public Transportation advised. School zones can be chaotic, and 748 crashes were reported inside them last year. In addition, 2,523 collisions involving school buses occurred in Texas last year, killing 11 people and injuring 63.

TxDOT has launched its “Be Safe. Drive Smart Back-to-School” campaign in hopes of reducing crashes. The most common causes of crashes are preventable, such as speeding, distracted driving and failure to yield the right of way. Among the tips offered by TxDOT:

- Be aware. Traffic patterns around schools may have changed since last school year.
- Stay alert and put your phone away. Using a handheld electronic device while driving in an active school zone is against the law.
- Stop and yield the right of way to a pedestrian, bicyclist, or other vulnerable road user in a crosswalk. The Lisa Torrey Smith Act of 2021 enhanced the penalties for failing to follow the law and protect people in crosswalks. Seriously injuring someone who is lawfully in a crosswalk is now a state jail felony.

• Obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines increase in school zones.

• Know where to go. Drop off and pick up your kids in your school’s designated areas, not the middle of the street.

• Be on the lookout. Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.

• Watch for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles.

Yup, it’s hot in Texas

Exactly how hot is it in the Lone Star State as a heat dome covers much of Texas during these dog days of August? According to the Statesman, our state has the fourth-highest average temperature so far this year, coming in at 65.8 degrees. That might not seem all that hot, but keep in mind it includes temps recorded in January averaged in with that summer heat.

Topping the list of hottest states is Florida, followed by Hawaii and Louisiana, according to data compiled by The Blogler. After Texas comes Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama. Surprisingly, Arizona — even with triple-digit temperatures recorded regularly around Phoenix — is tied for ninth place.

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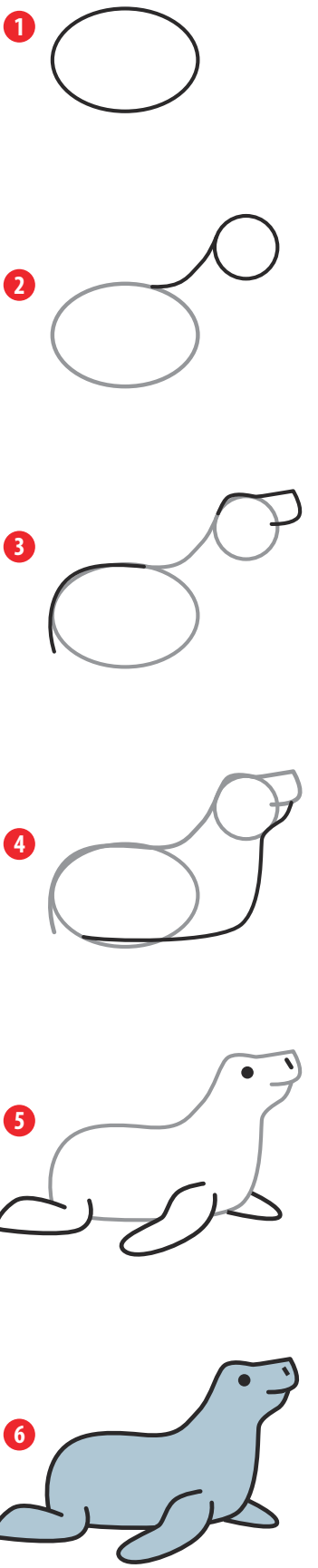
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Kid Scoop Together:

Let's Draw!

Read these facts about Hawaiian monk seals. Then draw one in 4 easy steps!

- **BODY SHAPE:** Their bodies are long and *fusiform*, or torpedo-shaped, which helps them swim quickly and smoothly.
- **FLIPPERS:** They have short flippers to help them swim and spin quickly.



The Monk Seals of Hawaii

Endangered Marine Mammal

Swimming in the warm, clear waters of Hawaii is a cute animal with large eyes. It's called the monk seal.

Unfortunately, the Hawaiian monk seal is one of the most endangered marine mammals in the world.

Hawaiians call the seal 'Īlio holo i ka uaua.

Circle every other letter to find out what 'Īlio holo i ka uaua means.

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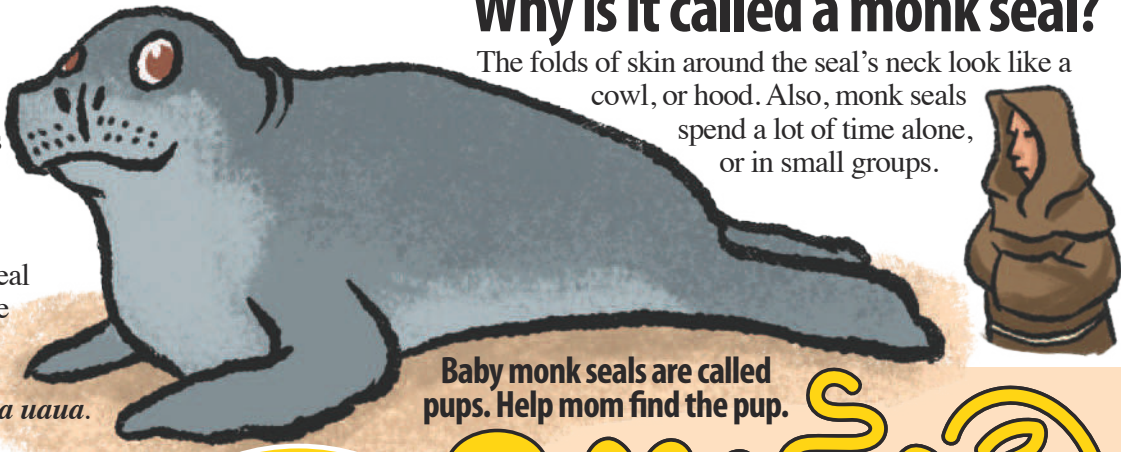
The Good News

When people realized that the number of Hawaiian monk seals was getting smaller, they started taking actions to protect them. In 2022, the Hawaiian monk seal population was estimated to be between 1,512 and 1,743. This was the first time in over 20 years that the population surpassed 1,570.

Standards Link: Understand people impact other living things.

Why is it called a monk seal?

The folds of skin around the seal's neck look like a cowl, or hood. Also, monk seals spend a lot of time alone, or in small groups.



Baby monk seals are called pups. Help mom find the pup.

SIZE: 7.5 feet length

WEIGHT: 500 to 600 pounds

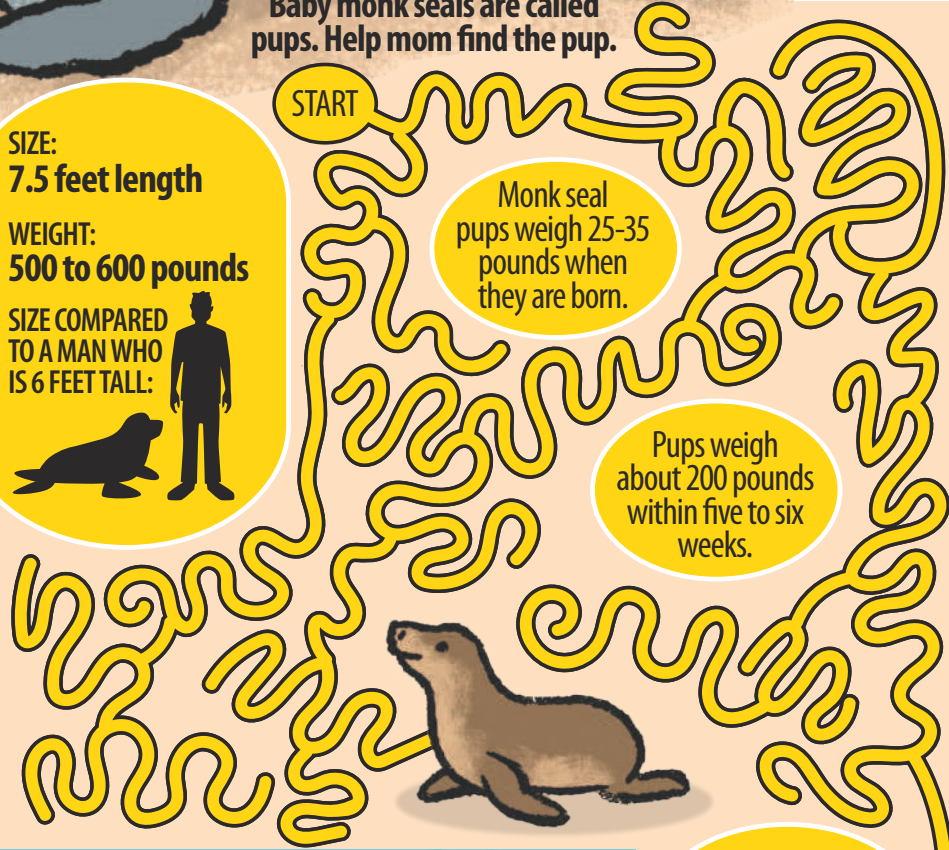
SIZE COMPARED TO A MAN WHO IS 6 FEET TALL:



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Monk seal pups weigh 25-35 pounds when they are born.

Pups weigh about 200 pounds within five to six weeks.



Monk seal nostrils are small vertical slits. They close when they dive.

Extra! Extra! The Adjective Hunt

The word **marine** is an adjective, which describes the noun that comes after it in a sentence. Select one page of the newspaper and circle 10 adjectives. Underline the nouns that they each describe.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives in use.

Deep Divers


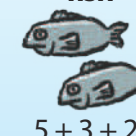






Monk seals can hold their breath for up to 20 minutes as they forage in the coral reef. They can dive deep under the sea to more than 1,800 feet!



How many fish can you find in the coral reef?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Monk seals are **generalist** feeders and eat different kinds of marine animals. Circle the animals that you think a monk seal will eat. Then, check your answers by doing the math. The items that add up to even numbers are what monk seals will eat.

 7 + 4 + 1 =	 5 + 3 + 2 =	 3 + 4 + 2 =	 2 + 2 + 2 =
 4 + 8 + 4 =	 8 + 3 + 3 =	 5 + 5 + 7 =	 6 + 8 + 2 =

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that some animals are generalist feeders.

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Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **MARINE**

The word **marine** is an adjective that means living in the sea.

The monk seal is a **marine** mammal.

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Animal Athletes

Look through the newspaper to find four sports. For each one, select an animal that would excel at this sport. Write a story about your four animal athletes.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write stories that have a beginning, middle and end.



What kind of music do seals try to avoid?

ANSWER: Orca-straw music!

Write On!

Animal Family

If you were an animal, which would you be and why? Which animals would be in the rest of your family?



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Lady Pirates post 3 straight against the Lady Wildcats

By Charles Ballard
SINT correspondent

SHEPHERD — Newly minted volleyball Head Coach Ashley Brockner had a great first scrimmage with the Shepherd Lady Pirates, leading the team to a 3-0 blanking of the Lady Wildcats of Onalaska.

During the first game the Lady Wildcats managed to test the Lady Pirates a little at first but when the Lady Pirates final settled in it was clearly their game. The first set was 25-20, the second was 25-14 and the third and final was 25-16.

The highlight of the night was when Callie Deen started serving

during the second set and posted 10 straight points, setting the tempo of the rest of the night. Deen said, "I think by going to 4-A we will learn a lot with our new coach, and we will get a lot more exposure in 4-A than previous years."

Brockner said, "We will have a new experience this year over last

year moving up to 4-A division, but we are ready."

Coldspring

The Lady Trojans blanked Go-dorich 3-0 in their first scrimmage of the new year.

The duo of Tis Phillips and Ella Phillips, along with a host of other Lady Trojans, posted a successful

scrimmage.

Head Coach Dwain Anderson said, "Our aim this year is to go deeper into the playoffs than we did last year."

Ella Phillips, middle blocker for the team, said, "It is our plan to finish with a successful year again this year. We are ready to compete."



The Lady Trojans posted perfect setups during the first scrimmage against the Lady Hornets. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Abbey Anderson blocks a ball for a point for the Lady Pirates. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Jazilyn Richardson sets a perfect ball for the Lady Pirates. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Chloe Fuller sets a perfect ball for the Lady Pirates to return to the Lady Wildcats. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Callie Deen's serve was devastating to the Onalaska Lady Wildcats. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

Want to become a fishing guide? You sure?



Through my career of almost forty years as an outdoors writer, I have fished with and written about countless fishing guides. How many? Well, I can only guess but I estimate in excess of 100.

I've fished with veterans with decades of guiding under their belts and I've fished with great fishermen that were just beginning their guiding career. Most were very experienced fishermen but new to the art of putting paying clients on their boat with the express intent of not only catching fish but enjoying the company of what is hoped to become a new friend and repeat fishing companion.

I believe I have learned what it takes to be a successful fishing guide. As with any career, personality and people skills play a big part but when someone hires a fishing guide, catching fish is usually at the top of the list. Learning new fish catching skills is often important as well. I've fished with guides that were natural entertainers — some could have been

stand-up comedians — but others were introspective thinkers that let their skills do their talking.

Veteran guides learn to read their clients quickly. When guiding experienced fishermen, it's important for a guide not to over instruct with too much emphasis put on basic fishing skills. A seasoned guide can quickly appraise a client's skill level. On the other hand, a novice fisherman can benefit greatly by learning the basics from a veteran guide with the patience to teach.

I've learned to read the guide's personality quickly through the years and enjoy spending time on the water with someone that is a funny showboater just as much as the quiet but proficient guy or gal.

Getting started as a guide is a challenging endeavor that should only be undertaken by someone with a true passion for both catching fish and the skills to do so on a very regular basis. Prospective guides also must enjoy meeting new people and bonding quickly with new clients they are about to spend a few hours with making memories and hopefully, catching fish.

This past week, I spent a morning catching catfish with a young man that I began writing about several years ago when he first began his guiding career on Lake Ray Hubbard, Brandon Sargent. Brandon cut his fishing roots in Florida fishing saltwater, but he took to freshwater fishing quickly,

and learned the patterns of the white bass and hybrid stripers on Ray Hubbard.

"A good understanding of the bottom structure on a lake is key to consistently catching open water schooling species such as the white bass," Brandon said. "Tri-angulation with structures on land was the only way to get close to a known piece of fish holding structure back in the day. Anglers would get close to humps, ridges or submerged trees by lining up water towers and other structures on land and then turning on their flasher (old sonar units) or paper graph to get pinpoint the structure. Today's Navionics maps with GPS makes finding topography below the surface easy. With today's technology, an entire lake is mapped out for you and finding a particular piece of bottom structure is as simple as the touch of a button."

For the past few months Brandon has spent time learning about catching catfish on Ray Hubbard. Many of his clients are only interested in catching crappies, white bass and hybrids, but he began getting requests for catfish trips.

In true Brandon fashion, the guide began quizzing experienced catfish anglers, and spending a great deal of his off time experimenting with the different techniques. When he called early last week and informed me he was on a couple of very dependable channel catfish patterns, I was all in and joined him early the next

morning on the dock of Sapphire Bay Marina, where he headquarters. We had the option of fishing deeper water and catching bigger catfish or go for the nonstop action of a shallow water bite he had discovered. I love catching and eating catfish in the one-to-two-pound range, especially when they are in shallow water and I can catch them under a cork.

Brandon had baited an area with cattle range cubes a few yards out from a shoreline lined with rocks placed there as protection from erosion. The water was 4 feet deep with several dead trees along the shoreline; a perfect spot for catching channel catfish.

With the boat positioned about 25 yards from the rock lined shoreline, we baited No. 6 treble hooks with the guide's homemade bait that had no rank smell like most cheese-based baits. I'm not sure what secret ingredients Brandon uses but the bait looked more like dense bread dough with a pleasant smell than catfish bait.

When I first baited the treble hook, I noted it formed a dense ball and looked like it would stay on the hook well, but I was a bit dubious; this didn't smell at all like the dough type or punch baits I am accustomed to using.

We were using spinning rigs, with the baits set about 3 feet below the cork floaters which kept them just above bottom. Our trip occurred last Thursday and there was an approaching front with scattered thunderstorms ap-

proaching from our north. The cloud cover and gentle breeze made it feel almost like fall.

Catching was just as predicted. Toss the bait out and watch the cork closely the instant it hit the water, within a few seconds one of the aggressive little catfish would make the cork disappear. Keeping a close eye on the sky and radar on the cell phone, we enjoyed about 1.5 hours of nonstop action and limits of what I consider to be some of the tastiest fish in fresh water.

Just in the nick of time ahead of the approaching squall, we made it back to the marina where we filleted our catch. Brandon's dock is well appointed with cleaning table, couch, freezer, cooking equipment, etc. We were both hungry, so we fired up an electric hot plate, heated some cooking oil in a skillet and soon had a big skillet of very fresh catfish fillets sizzling.

Brandon has now added catfish to the species he guides for. He's now studying the patterns of the lake's plentiful big blue catfish and I expect him to have these fish patterned by fall and cooler weather when the big blue bite gets really good.

If you are interested in a fishing trip with Brandon, he can be reached at 469-989-1010 or at www.texasleadslingers.com.

Check out Lukes weekly outdoor radio show which is now a weekly podcast wherever podcasts are found, "Catfish Radio with Luke Clayton and Friends."



Guide Brandon Sargent and Luke heading back to dock after a successful catfishing trip on Lake Ray Hubbard. Becoming established as a fishing guide can be a challenging endeavor. Brandon began his career a few years ago and Lukes now rates him at the top of his craft. COURTESY PHOTO



Guide Brandon Sargent with two of the many tasty channel catfish he and Luke landed at Lake Ray Hubbard last week. COURTESY PHOTO

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.10000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.10000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.09027 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.09422 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.10600 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT exceeds the voter-approval rate for SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

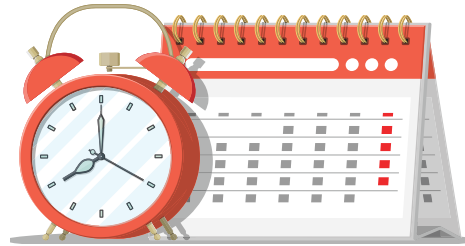
A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 26, 2024, AT 6:00 PM AT COLDSRING FIRE DEPARTMENT, 20 HILL AVE, COLDSRING TX 77331.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT may petition the SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT will be the voter-approval tax rate of the SAN JACINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT. YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

- FOR the proposal:** Jay Capers, Michael Smith, Tammy Russell, Derek Wilkie
- AGAINST the proposal:** none
- PRESENT and not voting:** none
- ABSENT:** Brian May

AREA DIGEST



Christmas in July rescheduled

The annual Christmas in July event, sponsored by the Coldspring Area Business Merchants Association, has rescheduled its event for Aug. 31.

The original event was cancelled due to weather.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Jacinto County Courthouse Square in Coldspring, and will feature vendors, live music, shopping and food, as well as a place for kids to write letters to Santa. The Grinch also will be around.

To become a vendor or for information, call (936) 653-2332.

Fundraiser set

The SAAFE House annual Lures & Lace bingo fundraiser will be held from 6-10 p.m. Aug. 24.

The event will be held at the San Jacinto County Storm Shelter, 255 Live Oak Drive, in Coldspring, but as always, it is being organized to support SAAFE House and its endeavors in San Jacinto County. Money raised at the event stays in Trinity to help Trinity County residents in need.

The bingo fundraiser includes 10 rounds of bingo with prizes for the winners, as well as food, silent and live auctions and door prizes.

Call SAAFE House at (936) 291-3529, Shelby at (936) 284-5580 or Tammy at (936) 284-5547 to purchase tickets or tables, to donate, or to become a sponsor.

Association offers assistance

The Community Assistance Program offered by the Houston Food Bank provides application assistance for SNAP, Medicaid, and other state benefits. The Referral Partner Program goes a step further with assistance in finding resources beyond food assistance.

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To apply, bring identification (driver's license, passport, work permit, residency card, or state ID), Birth certificates, Social Security cards and address verification (such as apartment lease, rental agreement, rent/mortgage payment receipt, utility bills, landlord letter) and income verification (last 3 paystubs, letter from employer, income tax, self-employment letter stating your weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly income, or award letters from child support, retirement, Social Security or disability).

For more information, call Houston Food Bank at (832) 586-8579 or visit www.houstonfoodbank.org/cap.

Libraries seeks donations

The Coldspring and Shepherd public libraries are partnering with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to provide free, high-quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth through 5 years.

To build a strong culture of reading for young children and increase early literacy

in San Jacinto County, the library is seeking donors to contribute to our project.

For a \$25 annual donation, the Coldspring Library and the Imagination Library will mail 12 books directly to a registered child's home. The child must reside in San Jacinto County and be registered by an authorized adult.

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has become the pre-eminent early childhood book-gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has gifted more than 182 million free books in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and The Republic of Ireland.

For more information on the program, please visit www.imaginationlibrary.com. To register, visit either library.

Veterans museum hosts events

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

For more info email festival@hearts-museum.com or call (936) 295-5959.

Back to school with resilience and optimism



The Super Says

By Jason Hewitt
Superintendent Shepherd ISD

As summer days draw to a close and we embark on a new school year, I wanted to take a moment to share my excitement and gratitude as the superintendent of Shepherd ISD. The start of the school year is always a time of renewed energy, fresh opportunities, and shared hopes for our students' success. I'm eager to see our halls filled with students.

The anticipation of a new school year brings a unique energy that is both invigorating and inspiring.

Over the past few months, our dedicated team of educators, administrators, and support staff have been hard at work preparing for this moment. Our schools have been meticulously cleaned and organized, new resources have been added, and exciting programs are ready to engage and inspire our students.

We are committed to creating a safe and stimulating environment where every child can thrive. The past few years have been tough, particularly with the pandemic, but what I have learned is that it's not about how many times you get knocked down, but how many times you get up.

This resilience has driven my energy and perspective for the 2024-2025 school year. To ensure we make this year the best one yet, we will continue to focus on three key priorities:

- Academic excellence. We are committed to providing a rigorous and engaging curriculum that meets the diverse needs of our students. Our teachers have been working diligently to ensure that their instruction is both challenging and ac-

cessible, and we are implementing new tools and strategies to support student learning.

- Student well-being. We recognize that academic success is closely tied to emotional and social well-being. Our schools will continue to offer a range of support services, from counseling to extracurricular activities, to ensure that every student feels supported and valued.

- Community engagement. We believe that education is a collaborative effort and that strong partnerships between schools, families, and the community are essential. We encourage you to stay involved, attend school events, and communicate with us. Your engagement and feedback are vital in helping us create the best possible learning environment for our children.

As we embark on the 2024-2025 school year, let's embrace these principles and work together to create an environment where our students can excel. The dedication and resilience of our staff will set the stage for another year of excellence at Shepherd ISD. Together, we will continue to strive for success, ensuring that our students receive the highest quality education possible.

Your continued support, enthusiasm, and involvement are crucial to our success.

To better serve you, please do not hesitate to reach out to our campus principals for any and all student needs.

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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "up and ___ juice" (coffee)
- 5 The first Texas ___ phone was in Galveston in 1878
- 6 TX Strait's "All My ___ Live in Texas"
- 7 Texans Houston and Bass
- 8 TX saying: "___ riot, one Ranger"
- 9 "Honeysuckle Rose" actress Irving
- 12 TX Hagman film: "Getting Away From ___"
- 17 ___ Wells, TX
- 19 TX Ann Miller film: "Sugar ___"
- 21 "entrance" south of the border
- 22 Pancho Villa: Doroteo ___
- 23 TXism: "that dog could ___ a panhandler"
- 28 San ___, TX
- 29 TXism: "hen fruit"
- 30 fisherman
- 31 glossy fabric
- 35 "___ con Dios"
- 36 TX Perot started Electronic ___ company
- 42 George W. before he was president
- 44 TXism: "you're buying oats for ___ horse"
- 46 race at annual Bar-B-Q in Brady, TX: "___ Gallop"
- 48 follows the 1st offer at a cattle auction? (2 wds.)
- 49 ___ Paso, TX
- 50 Middle East leader
- 51 Chinese or Japanese, e.g.
- 52 narrow country road
- 53 rod and ___
- 54 TX Kenny Rogers' "Through the ___"
- 56 Denison-born pres. (init.)
- 57 Grand ___ Opry
- 58 actor Beatty in "Streets of Laredo"

DOWN

- 1 TXism for "fell" (3 wds.)
- 2 J. Frank Dobie book: "A ___ England"
- 3 inclement weather
- 4 TXism: "a ___ of"
- 9 Bedouin, e.g.
- 10 TXism: "___"
- 16 TXism: "on my last ___" (tired)
- 18 stat for Astro Justin Verlander
- 20 TXism: "___ humid my upper lip is mildewing"
- 23 ex-Oiler coach ___ "Bum" Phillips
- 24 org. of countries to maintain peace (abbr.)
- 25 Texas ___ Corp. failed to build the Texas "bullet train"
- 26 1st woman president of TWU: Mary Evelyn ___ Huey
- 27 "Winnie the Pooh" donkey
- 32 TXism: "guilty ___ sin"
- 33 Heisman QB from Texas, Detmer
- 34 TXism: "the tail ___ wagging the dog"
- 36 lineal assoc. about Texas Republic
- 37 TX Charley Pride's "Kiss An ___ Good Morning"
- 38 this Pat wrote "On Any Given Sunday"
- 39 TX Debbie Reynolds' first hubby, Fisher
- 40 ___ detector
- 41 cut with a saw
- 43 "Mingo" on "Daniel Boone" (init.)
- 45 TXism: "that'll ___ nicely"
- 47 machine pedal
- 48 saloons
- 55 TX-born critic Rex



SALES FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2024
LOCATION: Official Door of the Courthouse
TIME: 10:00 AM

Tax Sales Information*

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of SAN JACINTO County in the following cases on the 1ST day of AUGUST, 2024, and the Constable, directed and delivered, will proceed to sell at **10:00 AM on the 3RD day of SEPTEMBER, 2024**, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the Official Door of the Courthouse (Address: 1 TX-150) of said SAN JACINTO County, in the City of COLDSRING, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Cause No:	District Court:	Style of Case:	Legal Description:	Adjudged Value:	Estimated Minimum:	Account #
D-10,000-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. KEVIN LEE THOMAS ET. AL	Lot 12 in Block 7 of Unit XIA (aka 11A) of GREENTREE VILLAGE OF WATERWOOD, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as more fully described in Volume 224, Page 428 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. & Lot 11 in Block 7 of Unit XIA (aka 11A) of GREENTREE VILLAGE OF WATERWOOD, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as more fully described in Volume 224, Page 428 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$11,000.00	TBD	R66250 & R66249
D-10,018-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RACHEL ROBLES ALSO KNOWN AS RACHEL VASQUEZ	AN UNDIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST IN 15.18 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, KNOWN AS TRACT 3 IN ABSTRACT 64, THE J A GUINN SURVEY, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING THE TRACT DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED UNDER COUNTY CLERK'S FILE NUMBER 20037535 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$83,380.00	TBD	R342517
D-10,029-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RONALD C. GOLEMON A/K/A RONNIE GOLEMON ET. AL.	LOT 24 IN SECTION 10 OF THE LAKE RUN-A-MUCK SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY TEAM. AS SAME IS DESCRIBED IN PLAT OF RECORDS OF SAID SUBDIVISION IN VOLUME 1 PAGE 18 OF THE PLAT RECORDS SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS. & LOT 22 IN SECTION 10 OF THE LAKE RUN-A-MUCK SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY TEAM. AS SAME IS DESCRIBED IN PLAT OF RECORDS OF SAID SUBDIVISION IN VOLUME 1 PAGE 18 OF THE PLAT RECORDS SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$1,040.00	TBD	R71494 & R71492
D-10,046-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. BECKY GREENHAW ET. AL.	Lot 345 in CHERRY CREEK Subdivision, Section Two, a subdivision in said County, according to the Amended Plat thereof recorded under File No. 2237 in San Jacinto County, Texas. & Lot 344 in CHERRY CREEK Subdivision, Section Two, a subdivision in said County, according to the Amended Plat thereof recorded under File No. 2237 in San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$72,870.00	TBD	R54951 & R54950
D-10,082-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. SIDNEY A. SAMMONS ET. AL.	PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOTS OR TRACTS 12, 13 & 14 OF HIDDEN PINES, APPROXIMATELY 0.6228 ACRES OF LAND IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING THE TOTAL OF THE TRACTS DESCRIBED IN TWO DEEDS, ONE RECORDED IN VOLUME 234 PAGES 728-729 AND THE OTHER RECORDED IN VOLUME 190 PAGES 771-772, BOTH IN THE DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS	\$5,700.00	TBD	R58281
D-10,107-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. DAVID L. SHELLY (DECEASED) ET. AL.	Lot 10, Block 10, Waterwood Country Club Estates, Unit Three (3), a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, according to the map plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 31, Plat Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$4,600.00	TBD	R61007
D-10,130-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. DAWN R. VITALE ET. AL.	WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, BLOCK 7, LOT 17, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the Plat recorded in Volume 7, Page 4, Plat records of San Jacinto county, Texas.	\$3,800.00	TBD	R68484
D-10,130-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. DAWN R. VITALE ET. AL.	WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, BLOCK 7, LOT 2, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the Plat recorded in Volume 7, Page 4, Plat records of San Jacinto county, Texas.	\$9,020.00	TBD	R68469
D-10,130-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. DAWN R. VITALE ET. AL.	WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, BLOCK 7, LOT 8, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the Plat recorded in Volume 7, Page 4, Plat records of San Jacinto county, Texas. & WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, BLOCK 7, LOT 9, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the Plat recorded in Volume 7, Page 4, Plat records of San Jacinto county, Texas.	\$14,690.00	TBD	R68475 & R68476
D-10,146-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. WILLIAM DEWAYNE MIZELL JR	BEING 0.500 ACRES PARTIALLY OUT OF A 12 ACRE LOT 3 AND PARTIALLY OUT OF A 6 ACRES LOT 4, BLOCK SEVEN, PONDEROSA ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT #11-134, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$27,770.00	TBD	R365117
D-10,160-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. FM 1127 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	Lots 59 and 60, Block 1, FLOWING WELLS, Section 1, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 99, Page 344 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$34,160.00	TBD	R56633 & R56634
D-10,160-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. FM 1127 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	Lots 28 and 29, Block 10, FLOWING WELLS, Section 1, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 99, Page 344 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$7,160.00	TBD	R56814 & R56815
D-10,172-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. MARY ETTA QUIN, ET AL	LOT 2, BLOCK 2, RIVERVIEW TERRACE, SECTION 2, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 176, PAGE 856, OR CLERK'S FILE NUMBER 4457 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$1,840.00	TBD	R77228
D-10,180-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. LARRY J. AYERS JR, ET AL	BEING LOT 1526 OF CAMILLA TWIN HARBORS #5 SUBDIVISION, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN THAT TAX RESALE DEED RECORDED IN DOCUMENT # 02-3738, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS. & BEING LOT 1525 OF CAMILLA TWIN HARBORS #5 SUBDIVISION, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN THAT TAX RESALE DEED RECORDED IN DOCUMENT # 02-3738, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$4,200.00	TBD	R51287 & R51286
D-10,215-23	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. ANNE RONDEAU, ET AL	WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, BLOCK 5, LOT 9, A SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 7, PAGE 4, PLAT RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$4,620.00	TBD	R68436
D-10,301-23	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. JOAQUIN R. MURCIADIAZ	WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, BLOCK 4, LOT 16, A SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 7, PAGE 4, PLAT RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$3,760.00	TBD	R68413

D-10,350-23	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. TRACY DEAN ELLIOTT, ET AL	BEING LOTS 5, 6 AND SOUTH 20 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 51, CITY OF SHEPHERD, A SUBDIVISION OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 313, PAGE 213 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCOUNT NO. R78086/8040-051-0050)	\$50,370.00	TBD	R78086
D-10,350-23	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. TRACY DEAN ELLIOTT, ET AL	BEING 8.2 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF THE ROBERT W. L. BOOTHE SURVEY, A-404, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 235, PAGE 219, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY.	\$265,000.00	TBD	R49075
D-9154-16	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GEORGE RIFFLE, ET AL	BEING LOT 20, BLOCK 5, WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT # 07-3453, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$4,890.00	TBD	R68447
D-9351-16	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. VEGA EVA MARTIN	BEING LOT 13, BLOCK 2, TRAILS END #1 SUBDIVISION, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT # 09-4870 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$72,250.00	TBD	R89230
D-9422-17	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. MICHAEL DWAYNE MUIRHEAD, ET AL	BEING LOT 2075, CAMILLA TWIN HARBORS #5 SUBDIVISION, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT #2014-1735, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$41,800.00	TBD	R51789
D-9696-18	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. LISA HEATH (DECEASED), ET AL	LOTS 257, 258, 259 TANGLEWOOD FOREST SUBDIVISION, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT # 11-5116, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$166,120.00	TBD	R79139 & R79140 & R79141
D-9710-18	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. STACY V. HANSON	BEING LOT 1020, CAMILLA TWIN HARBORS SUBDIVISION #4, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 309, PAGE 92, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$1,100.00	TBD	R50818
D-9801-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. LISA GUNNELS	LOT 10, IN BLOCK 22, SECTION V, NORTHWOODS, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE ISAAC JONES SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 23, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION DULY OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$4,580.00	TBD	R74618
D-9801-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. LISA GUNNELS	RECORDED IN VOL. 6, PAGE 17, WHICH PLAT WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 23, 1979, UNDER FILE #2184 AND A RE-PLAT RECORDED IN VOL. 6, PAGE 18, WHICH RE-PLAT WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 23, 1979, UNDER FILE #2183.	\$3,540.00	TBD	R74438
D-9801-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. LISA GUNNELS	LOT 16, BLOCK 11, SECTION II, NORTHWOODS, A SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 147, PAGE 585, DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$11,760.00	TBD	R74607 & R74608
D-9801-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. LISA GUNNELS	LOT 17, IN BLOCK 21, SECTION V, NORTHWOODS, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE ISAAC JONES SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 23, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION DULY OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, RECORDED IN VOL. 6, PAGE 17, WHICH PLAT WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 23, 1979, UNDER FILE #2184 AND A RE-PLAT RECORDED IN VOL. 6, PAGE 18, WHICH RE-PLAT WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 23, 1979, UNDER FILE #2183. & LOT 18, IN BLOCK 21, SECTION V, NORTHWOODS, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE ISAAC JONES SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 23, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION DULY OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, RECORDED IN VOL. 6, PAGE 17, WHICH PLAT WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 23, 1979, UNDER FILE #2184 AND A RE-PLAT RECORDED IN VOL. 6, PAGE 18, WHICH RE-PLAT WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 23, 1979, UNDER FILE #2183.	\$3,360.00	TBD	R74653
D-9997-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GREAT SOUTHERN MORTGAGE LLC ET. AL.	Lot 71, Block 24, Section 1, HOLIDAY SHORES SUBDIVISION NO 3, San Jacinto County, Texas, described in the Judgment recorded in document #00-7534, Official Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. Tax account No. R59605/2103-124-0710	\$3,900.00	TBD	R59605
D-9997-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GREAT SOUTHERN MORTGAGE LLC ET. AL.	Lot 788, Block 300, HOLIDAY SHORES, SUBDIVISION 4, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, described in Volume (OR) 315, Page 46, of the Official Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. Account R60070/2104-300-7880	\$1,000.00	TBD	R60070
D-9997-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GREAT SOUTHERN MORTGAGE LLC ET. AL.	Being Lot 57, LAKE WATERWHEEL ESTATES, SECTION 3, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, described in Volume (OR) 140, Page 467 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. Account No.R73564/5413-000-0570	\$1,180.00	TBD	R73564
D-9997-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GREAT SOUTHERN MORTGAGE LLC ET. AL.	Lot 20, Block 2, POINT LOOKOUT ESTATES, Section 1, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas described in Document #01-357, Page 1223 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. Account R75179/6031-002-0200	\$10,310.00	TBD	R75719
D-9997-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GREAT SOUTHERN MORTGAGE LLC ET. AL.	The North half of Lot 142, QUAIL CREEK, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, described in Volume 169, Page 190, Document #02-4916, and Document #02-4917 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. & The South half of Lot 142, QUAIL CREEK, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, described in Volume 169, Page 190, Document #02-4916, and Document #02-4917 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. Accounts No. R93282/6095-000-1421/R76587/6095-000-1420	\$37,280.00	TBD	R93282 & R76587

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Legal/Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED 2024 TAX RATE

The Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 19, 2024 in Jones Auditorium, 125 FM 1514

Coldspring, TX 77331

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$.7275 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$.0848 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u> </u> % increase	or	<u>(4.20)</u> % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>33.39</u> % increase	or	<u> </u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u> </u> % increase	or	<u>(3.12)</u> % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>2,532,503,136</u>	\$ <u>2,872,234,615</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>39,427,240</u>	\$ <u>64,420,490</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>1,882,750,623</u>	\$ <u>2,138,794,162</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>37,576,081</u>	\$ <u>57,877,782</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 1,528,000

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ <u>.7159</u>	\$ <u>.0664 *</u>	\$ <u>.7823</u>	\$ <u>9,452</u>	\$ <u>624</u>
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ <u>.84547</u>	\$ <u>.06162 *</u>	\$ <u>.9071</u>	\$ <u>13,366</u>	\$ <u>400</u>
Proposed Rate	\$ <u>.7275</u>	\$ <u>.0848 *</u>	\$ <u>.8123</u>	\$ <u>9623</u>	\$ <u>666</u>

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ <u>222,978</u>	\$ <u>261,129</u>
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ <u>128,021</u>	\$ <u>144,183</u>
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ <u>.78340</u>	\$ <u>.78340</u>
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ <u>1,003</u>	\$ <u>1,130</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ <u>127</u>

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is .78340. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of .78340.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>4,800,000</u>
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>10,000</u>

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Legal/Public Notices

Estate of Sonia Argentia Guzman Taibot

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION CAUSE NO. P2024-84 THE ESTATE OF SONIA ARGENTIA GUZMAN TAIBOT TO ALL UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF SONIA ARGENTIA GUZMAN TAIBOT, DECEASED WILSON MATIAS GARCIA, filed in the San Jacinto County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas, August 6, 2024 an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND IN THE ALTERNATIVE, LETTERS OF DEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of SONIA ARGENTIA GUZMAN TAIBOT, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in said estate. The Court may act on said Application and any opposition at any call of the docket on or after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the San Jacinto County Courthouse located at 1 State Highway 150, Coldspring, Texas 77331 in San Jacinto County, Texas. All UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS of this estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to said Application before the above stated time and date should you desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any contest, objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of San Jacinto County, Texas, on or before the above noted date and time. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Coldspring, Texas, on August 7, 2024. Dawn Wright, County Clerk San Jacinto County 1 State Highway 150 Room 2 Coldspring, Texas 77331 By: Jessica Swords, Deputy /S/ Applicant's Attorney Sarah Bassler 306 West Sunset Road, Suite 119 San Antonio, Texas 78209 (P) 210-826-8885 (F) 210-826-2236 Email: sarah@basslerlaw.com

San Jacinto County requesting bids

San Jacinto County Legal Notice San Jacinto County is requesting bids under 2CFR 200 for project management, and implementation to include data gathering, inspections, reports and other work as necessary to include creating or updating a side data base for San Jacinto County, required by FEMA 2018 provisions 1206 DRRR program for substantially damaged structures (NFIP 50% rule) and the FEMA new07/11/24- Flood risk management standard (FFRMS) policy for flood resilience mitigation. For information, please contact Commissioner David Brandon @ 281-592-1109 or by email @ dbrandon@sanjac-co.us

SISD needing service, supply proposals

Shepherd ISD needing service, supply proposals. The Shepherd Independent School District, 1401 S. Byrd Avenue, Shepherd, TX 77371, (936)628-3396, Invites all qualified parties to submit proposals for the items listed below. Please visit the Shepherd Independent School District Website at <https://www.shepherdisd.net/page/bids> Or contact the Shepherd Independent School District Business Office at 936-628-3396 to obtain the proposal documents and for the instructions to submit an RFP/RFQ response. All proposal responses shall be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M.C.S.T. Monday, September 30, 2024. RFP #2025-001-001 Career and Technical Equipment Supplies and Services RFP #2025-002-001 FINE ARTS EQUIP SUPPLIES & MATERIALS RFP #2025-002-001 FINE ARTS EQUIP SUPPLIES & MATERIALS RFP #2025-004-931 Custodial Supplies, Equipment and Services RFP #2025-005-936 Maintenance Grounds Supplies Parts Equipment and Services RFP #2025-006-937 Transportation Parts Supplies RFP #2025-007-999 Classroom Instructional Supplies and Equipment RFQ #2025-008-991 Admin & Contracted Educational Services

Property tax rates

For Immediate Release August 8, 2024 Website Provides Information on Property Tax Rates Property tax information for San Jacinto County is available at <https://sanjacinto.countytxrates.com/tax>. This is the official website on which property owners can easily access information regarding property taxes, including the amount of taxes that each entity that taxes a property will impose if the entity adopts its proposed tax rate. Property owners may also visit [Texas.gov/Property Taxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to their local property tax website. Taxing units regularly update this website during August and September as local elected officials propose and adopt the property tax rates that will determine how much you pay in property taxes. The website allows property owners to provide feedback on the tax rate process and provides the following property-specific information for each taxing unit authorized to levy a tax on the property, including: property values; proposed tax rates; an estimate of property taxes that would be imposed under the proposed rates; dates and locations of public hearings on the tax rates; and other useful information on taxing unit budgets, revenue and rate calculations. Continue to check the website for updates throughout the tax rate adoption process in August and September. Contact San Jacinto County Appraisal District at 936-653-1450 with questions regarding this website.

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Kids Free Clothing Exchange is a non-profit organization providing free, gently used clothing for children ages 0-18 years of age living in Polk and the other 6 surrounding counties of Lake Livingston. Donations of new and gently used clothing are appreciated. We are in Onalaska, Hwy 190 at 3186. Open Friday and Saturday, 10-3. Kfceonalaskatx.com (49-tfn-nc-PCE)

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FREE - Coats for Kids is no longer open on a regular schedule, but if you are in need of a coat for your child, you can contact FBC Office at 409-283-2588 and leave a phone number where you can be reached. Someone will then contact you and arrange to meet you at the House of Hope to help you get a coat. (4-3t-nc-TCB)

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For more information, a copy of the job description and summary of benefits, please contact Trisha Patton, Administrative Assistant to the Police Chief, at 936.327.3117. The City of Livingston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. (31-3t-b-PCE)

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