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One month remains to apply for FEMA assistance

From Enterprise Staff

Texans who sustained losses from Hurricane Beryl have one month remaining to apply for federal assistance. The deadline is Oct. 10.

Locally, FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) have a Disaster Recovery Center on the second floor of the Livingston Municipal Library located at 707 N. Tyler Ave. in Livingston.

Since the disaster declaration in July, FEMA has helped nearly 673,700 Texas households with \$704.7 million in financial assistance. FEMA specialists have been working in 22 counties helping people apply

for assistance.

FEMA crews have visited 174,203 homes and 9,285 public locations. More than 45,000 residents have visited the 42 Disaster Recovery Centers located within the state. More than 26,100 families have stayed in hotels temporarily at the expense of the state and FEMA because they could not return to their homes.

The SBA has approved \$247.8 million in low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations, and businesses affected by Beryl.

Homeowners and renters in Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liber-

ty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties with uninsured losses from Hurricane Beryl may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

Texans have several options for how to apply for FEMA assistance. Homeowners and renters can:

- Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov
• Download the FEMA App for mobile devices
• Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. 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.

• Visit a Disaster Recovery Center. To find the center location nearest you go to fema.gov/drc. Disaster Recovery Centers operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Saturday, closed Sunday.

The SBA is offering low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations and businesses of any size. Applicants may apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at SBA.gov/disaster or by calling 800-659-2955. SBA representatives are available to provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants at the Disaster Recovery Centers throughout the affected area.



Livingston High School Navy JROTC members participated in a 9/11 remembrance ceremony on campus Wednesday morning. COURTESY PHOTO

Eligible city employees to receive 8.3% raise

By Emily Banks Wooten editor@polkenterprise.com

All eligible employees of the City of Livingston will receive an 8.3% raise for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2024. The raise was approved by the Livingston City Council during its Sept. 10 regular meeting.

Council conducted the annual review of the city's investment policy, approving four amendments to it. Training has changed from 10 hours every two years to eight hours. Reporting has changed from semi-annually to not less than quarterly. Whereas previously only the city manager's signature was required, now the signatures of all three investment officers are required, which includes the city manager, the assistant city manager and the finance director.

The annual firefighting agreement between the City of Livingston and Polk County for the upcoming fiscal year was approved. Polk County will contribute \$53,692.87 to the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department.

A proposed resolution designating the Polk County Enterprise as the official newspaper of the City of Livingston for the upcoming fiscal year was approved.

Council approved a proposed ordinance adopting the budget and also approved budget amendments for the upcoming fiscal year.

Adoption of the budget followed a public hearing in which two individuals spoke - Jennifer Andjelic and Joshua Grant.

Andjelic said that while she appreciates the work that goes into creating and balancing the budget and appreciates the surplus that came in handy following recent storms, flooding and the hurricane, she feels that some of the surplus should be used for street improvements. She said it is concerning to her that some streets seem to be taken better care of than others. She said she wonders how it is decided what the money is spent on. Noting that the city has put in pickleball courts and is planning construction of a pilot's lounge at the airport, she said she doesn't think that pickleball and an airport lounge benefit the majority, but that what is needed is a park for children and a basketball court for the west end of town.

Grant mentioned the city's contract with the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency and the sizable surplus that has been built with it. He also expressed

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Celebrations planned in Goodrich

By Brian Besch pcnewsroom@gmail.com

The Goodrich City Council heard a presentation from the Rotary Club, discussed a grant, and approved dates for two celebrations in September's regular meeting.

Mark Waters is the president of the Livingston Rotary Club this year, and came to speak to Council of the special project his organization is working toward.

"Every year, Rotary Club tries to do a community project and we can apply for grants to do that. It is for some improvement area," Waters said. "We came up with the idea of a monarch waystation and we got involved with the Texas Master Naturalists organization. They have already put in pollination stations and waystations like this, so they have some expertise there. We looked at sites in both Livingston and Goodrich, and of the three sites we picked out, the very best one as far as having the conditions we needed was here in Goodrich."

The property is on Loop 393 at FM 1988 in Goodrich. "Actually, a monarch waystation could go on either side of that building. Typically, they can be 100 feet and that is not very big. You plant milkweed in there and the other plants necessary for monarch caterpillars and butterflies, and it provides them habitat during their migration to Mexico."

Waters said at one time there were hundreds of millions of Monarch butterflies and that number has been reduced to tens of millions. A large reason for the reduction is a loss of habitat.

Rotary is applying for a grant for \$4,566 to cover the costs. Waters said the high-dollar item in the grant is a sprinkler system for \$1,800. A similar project was done around Livingston ISD, where it was found a sprinkler system was necessary during drought-like conditions.

A \$900 tap fee for the area would be covered in the grant, as well as \$800 for treated timbers to supply a boundary. The area proposed is a 10x30, for a total of 300 square feet. Milkweed and flowering plants are \$650, and the site would be registered at monarch.com.

Approximately 1,500 gallons of water per month would be needed for the area in the summer. Waters asked Council that the fee of \$42 per month be waived.

Councilmembers had concerns of high grass and weeds, since the area would be mowed only twice per year. The high grass improves the habitat area for the butterflies.

"We will have to put it back on the (October) agenda, but I don't see a problem with it myself," Goodrich Mayor Kelly Nelson said.

The City of Goodrich is also applying for a Department of Agriculture grant. Their grant could be worth up to \$750,000, if approved.

On Thursday, they selected Raymond K. Vann of Lufkin as grant administrator. Typical projects for the grant are improvements for water, sewer, streets or drainage. The local match for Goodrich is 2%, which would be \$15,000.

Saturday, Oct. 26, the city council will hold a Halloween

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Onalaska library sets year-to-date record

From Enterprise Staff

Nine hundred fifty-five patrons visited the City of Onalaska Public Library during the month of August, contributing to the achievement of a year-to-date record of 11,668 patron visits. These statistics were reported during the Sept. 10 regular meeting of the Onalaska City Council.

A review of the Onalaska Police Department's activity for the month of August reflected four motor vehicle accidents, 11 animal incidents, 26 welfare checks, 176 building checks, seven warrants served, response to nine alarms, 79 traffic stops with citations issued, 115 traffic stops with warnings issued, 10 misdemeanor arrests and 11 felony arrests.

During the month of August, the Onalaska Volunteer Fire Department responded to 56 calls in the city and 37 calls in the county with a total of 231 man-hours expended. The department responded to 50 medical calls, three structure fires, two vehicle fires, 17 grass fires, five motor vehicle accidents, one hazmat incident, two lake rescues, 13 assistance calls and three landing zones.

The fire marshal conducted four fire inspections and one fire investigation during the month of August. Fire prevention for Onalaska ISD is set for Oct. 10 and for homeschooled youth on Oct. 11.

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LAKE LIVINGSTON DATA AS OF SEPT 13
Current level 130.59 ft
Normal level 131.00 ft
Discharge 1797 cfs
Weekly rainfall total0.12

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Location Goodrich - Gauge GRIT2
Condition Normal Stage
Gauge height5.09 ft

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The Polk County Retired Teachers' Association met Sept. 5 and the guest speaker was Kristin Tow Walker, executive director of The Texas State University System Polk County Center. Walker gave a brief history of The Texas State University System, as well as the partnership between Livingston and Lamar State College Orange, Lamar State College Port Arthur, and Lamar Institute of Technology, which are known as the Lamar State Colleges. The Polk County Center will begin classes this fall. For more information go to <https://pcc.tsus.edu/>. (l-r) Polk County Retired Teachers' Association First Vice President Denise Cribbet and Kristin Tow Walker. COURTESY PHOTO

Governor appoints local doctor to state medical board

From Enterprise Staff

Dr. George DeLoach of Livingston was reappointed to the Texas Medical Board, which regulates the practice of medicine in Texas, by Governor Greg Abbott recently for a term set to expire on April 13, 2029.

DeLoach is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon serving Polk, San Jacinto, Angelina, Tyler and Liberty counties. He is a partner of Dedicated Orthopedic Center of East Texas, Chief of Surgery at CHI St. Luke's Livingston, and an assistant professor at Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

DeLoach serves as president of the Polk-San Jacinto County Medical Society,

is a fellow of the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics and American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and is a member of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, Texas Orthopedics Association, and the American Osteopathic Association.

He received a Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Other appointees to the state medical board include Luisa del Rosal of Dallas, Garry Crain of San Marcos, Zach Jones, M.D. of Frisco, Linda Troncoso of El Paso, Sharon J. Barnes of Rosharon, Manuel Quinones Jr., M.D. of Helotes and David Vanderweide, M.D. of League City.



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Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy presents a signed proclamation declaring Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week in Polk County to Phyllis Harrell, vice regent of the Robert Rankin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Tuesday marks the anniversary of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution during the Constitution Convention. (l-r) Harrell and Murphy. COURTESY PHOTO



Livingston Mayor Judy Cochran signs a proclamation in observance of Constitution Week in Livingston which is Sept. 17-23, recognizing this document and its anniversary, as Regent Nancy Hawkins from the Robert Rankin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution watches. COURTESY PHOTO

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■ Very High
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LIFE TRIBUTES

William Glen Hearren

Reverend William Glen Hearren passed away on September 9, 2024.

Glen, an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God, was a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

He was born on July 26, 1947, in Livingston, Texas to Louis E. and Daisy R. Hearren. Glen was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Louis Edward Hearren, George Grace, and J.B. Grace, his sisters, Patsy Hearren Wilburn and Jaqualine Grace, and great-granddaughter Aubree Faith Bynum.

Beginning in first grade, Glen attended Livingston public schools and graduated from Livingston High School in 1966.

After completing high school, Glen served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969, including a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam, where he served in Cam Rahn Bay as an army medic.

Subsequent to his return home to Polk County, he met Nikki S. Walding, whom he married on July 18, 1969. Glen and Nikki spent 55 years happily married.

A surveyor by trade, Glen began his career as a rodman but soon had worked his way to the position of party chief. He worked in and around East Texas in land surveying and other projects, including work on Lake Livingston Dam during its construction. In the 1990s he transitioned into surveying pipeline projects throughout Texas and Louisiana for S. Oliver & Associates before starting his own company as an independent contractor.

In 1978, Glen became a credentialed minister with the Assemblies of God and was ordained in 1985. During his ministry, Glen started a number of new church plants, including First Assembly of God in Onalaska, Texas. At the time of his passing, he attended Beech Creek Assembly of God.

Glen is survived by his wife Nikki S. Walding Hearren, his two sons, Kirk Hearren (Crystal) and Paul Hearren, and daughter, Jody Hearren Holzaepfel (Ryan); his six grandchildren: Grant Holzaepfel, Johnathen Bynum (Claire), Jared By-



William Glen Hearren
Funeral services held Saturday

num (Sabra), Alexis Bynum, Olivia Hearren and Willow Hearren; and great-grandson Cooper Bynum. He will be greatly missed by a host of other family and friends.

Pallbearers: Louis Hearren Jr., Rodney Hearren, Ronnie Hearren, D.W. Mayfield, Ronney Turner, Wayne Harvey.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 14, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas with Gene Summers, Rodger Goins, Dennis Land and Don Goodwin officiating. Interment followed at the Bluff Creek Cemetery in Livingston, Texas.

Visitation was held Friday, September 13, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home in Livingston, Texas.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at www.cochranfh.com.

D.L. Lacy Jr.

Dewitt Lee (D.L.) Lacy Jr. was born August 29, 1943, in Athens, Texas to Dewitt Lee Lacy Sr. and Mary Lou (Fancher) Lacy. A longtime resident of Livingston, Texas, he proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

D.L. owned the Lazy L Western Store, was a realtor for Dickens Land Co. and retired from Bounds Chevrolet with many loyal customers. He was a lover of golf, hunting, the Astros and all things Western. A wonderful cook, D.L. loved nothing more than boiling crawfish for family and friends.

He is survived by daughters Kristin Trapp and husband Scott Trapp and Lora Lee Dickerson and husband Jason Dickerson both of Georgetown, Texas; grandchildren Chase and Colby Trapp and Sam and Grady Dickerson.

D.L. will be missed for his quick wit, humor, friendship and personality. Please join us at 2 p.m. September 21, 2024, at Cochran Funeral Home for a celebration of D.L.'s life with family and friends.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at www.cochranfh.com.



D.L. Lacy Jr
Celebration of life slated for Sept. 21

Jenny Clair Tompkins

Funeral services for Jenny Clair Branan Tompkins, 79, of Livingston, Texas will be held Monday, September 16, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas with Bro. Harold Isaacs officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery in Livingston, Texas. Visitation will be held Sunday, September 15, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Jenny was born July 29, 1945 in Houston, Texas, to parents, James Iverson Branan and Ester Louise (Butler) Branan. She passed away peacefully, September 13, 2024 in her home, in Livingston, Texas with her children, Carrie and John, and her husband, Leonard, by her side.

Jenny grew up in West University in Houston, Texas, graduating from Lamar High School. She attended Sam Houston State University and the Houston Business School.

She was introduced to Leonard by a Livingston cousin, Kent Atkinson. The two fell in love and married March 22, 1969. While raising her two children she was a beloved principal's secretary at two elementary schools in Livingston for 25 years. She had many lasting friendships with the wonderful people she worked with.

Jenny and Leonard raised their children, Carrie and John, in the family home they built, and Jenny lived there for 51 of their 55 years of marriage.

Jenny's two children, Carrie and John, and her five grandchildren were the joy of her life. Jenny loved to watch her children's events over the years and sat on many bleachers and lawn chairs. But more than that, watching her grandchildren grow was her love. School events, sports events, high school and college events and graduations were special to her. Even with her terrible diagnosis of Alzheimer's in 2021, she saw the marriage of her first grandchild, where she danced the night away and "had the best time of her life."

Jenny loved being a homemaker before her illness. She enjoyed watching college sports and the Astros with Leonard. She never wanted to miss church and Bible study every Sunday and Wednesday at Bethel Baptist Church. Her husband of 55 years was her cook, cleaner and caretaker by himself the last 3 years of her life as Alzheimer's took many parts of her away from her family. Leonard never left her side. In the last month of her life, she was in and out



Jenny Clair Tompkins
Funeral services Monday

of ERs, hospitals, and nursing homes before she was brought home to peacefully spend her last days with Leonard, Carrie, and John by her side as she met her savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

Jenny was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Don and Lynn. She is survived by her loving husband, Leonard Alfred Tompkins of Livingston, Texas; daughter, Carrie McAlister and husband Hollis of Kingwood, Texas and their children, Cole McAlister and wife Allie, Claire McAlister, and Cody McAlister; son, John Tompkins and wife Mandi of Lantana, Texas and their children, Jackson Tompkins and Audri Tompkins; sister, Peggy Kuenstle of Katy, Texas; sister-in-law, Janie Branan of Katy, Texas; as well as a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

If preferred, donations can be made to The Alzheimer's Association by visiting alz.org, in Jenny's honor.

Pallbearers: Cole McAlister, Cody McAlister, Jackson Tompkins, Hollis McAlister, Mark Bush, and James Branan. Honorary Pallbearer: Joe Branan.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at www.cochranfh.com.

Hookers may purchase lures at meeting

From Enterprise Staff

The Lake Livingston Fishing Club aka The Happy Hookers will welcome Johnny Douglas of "Ducktracker Lures" to its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Douglas will present the variety of lures that he produces and how and when to fish through lures. He will also answer any questions you may have and will have lures with him for sale at the close of the meeting. Bring along a few extra dollars with you to take advantage of this opportunity to pur-

chase quality lures that are proven to be effective when used on Lake Livingston.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring along a fishing friend. The Hookers at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall located at 910 N. Washington in Livingston.

The mission of the Lake Livingston Fishing Club is to enhance the enjoyment of fishing and the outdoors. The group is free and open to all. For more information, email mbischoff1089@outlook.com.



Livingston Rotary President Mark Waters speaks to the Goodrich City Council on the possibility of adding a Monarch waystation in Goodrich on Loop 393 at FM 1988. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH

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celebration to hand out candy and treats from 5-7 p.m.

The council also set the date for a Christmas celebration, choosing its traditional first Saturday in December, which

falls on Dec. 7 this year. Festivities will begin at 9 a.m. and a parade will be held later at 6 p.m.

The final action item was approval of a building for \$1,935. The structure will be placed at the city sewer plant to be used mainly for housing chlorine, meters and solution. Currently, those items are stored near city hall.

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Fire prevention for Onalaska ISD is set for Oct. 10 and for homeschooled youth on Oct. 11.

The code enforcement officer collected fees in the amount of \$6,979.40 during the month of August. These were for two carport/garage remodels, five new homes, one remodel, a portable building, a storage building, two new mobile homes, a roof/deck and a roadside vendor.

Everyone was reminded that National Night Out is slated for 5:30 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Onalaska Volunteer Fire Department and the Onalaska Annual Fall Clean-up is

slated for 7:30 a.m. Oct. 5.

Council approved adoption of the annual budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 and also approved setting a tax rate.

A resolution appointing a review committee for the purpose of determining the criteria to select and rate administrative service providers was approved.

Also approved was a resolution regarding public funds investment policy.

One item on the agenda was skipped because a policy was already in place. This was review and consideration of Onalaska Police Department Policy 9.1, regarding Flock cameras.

In personnel matters, Council accepted the resignation of Robert Bass.

Other business included approval of the minutes, vouchers and financial reports.

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concern about the streets, commenting that \$200,000 for seal coat and crack-filling is not doing it. He said he would like to see more discussion among the council members for the benefit of the citizens of the community.

City Manager Bill S. Wiggins presented his monthly report on projects and events. The Friends of the Library Book Fair is slated for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Livingston Municipal Library located at 707 N. Tyler Ave. The annual Kids Fishing Frenzy is slated for Sept. 28 at Pedigo Park with registration starting at 8:30 a.m.

Wiggins reviewed the various commercial projects underway, as well as residential

construction, noting that there are presently 22 ongoing residential projects within the city.

He reported that the ballots for the City of Livingston Nov. 5 General Election have been proofed and will be available for ballot-by-mail voters as processed by the Polk County Clerk's Office. Early voting begins Oct. 21 and continues through Nov. 1, with Election Day on Nov. 5.

Wiggins also reported that the city will be conducting an online auction of surplus materials, equipment and vehicles at AuctioneerExpress.com beginning Oct. 2 and ending Oct. 18. A link to the auction will be published on the city's website and Facebook page when the auction is available for viewing.

Other business included approval of the accounts over \$500 and minutes of the Aug. 13 meeting.

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Horrific event provided unity we are sorely lacking today



From the Editor's Desk

By Emily Banks Wooten
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The 23rd anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks was observed Wednesday and just like other major events throughout history, the moment is indelibly marked on our collective consciousness, as we individually remembered where we were and what we were doing when we found out.

My mother called me that morning, telling me to turn on my TV. I did ... not fully grasping what I was seeing at first.

A short while later, I was at the courthouse to cover a commissioners court meeting. As the Court convened to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget, many people felt helpless and somewhat silly continuing to go through the motions as if it was an ordinary day.

Flags throughout the community could be seen flying at half-staff.

Stunned office workers all over town huddled around televisions and radios to hear updates on the catastrophe. Although it was occurring thousands of miles away, it may as well have been here, as one could feel the quite pall that fell over everyone as shock and disbelief gave way to tears and anger.

Some may think that Polk Counties had nothing to worry about in conjunction with the attacks, but regardless, numerous precautions were underway locally that fateful Tuesday.

Although none of the school districts in Polk County closed or dismissed early that day, several campuses in the Livingston ISD were under a self-imposed lockdown.

Prayer vigils open to the public were held at Central Baptist Church, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church.

Area law enforcement agencies were on alert and based on recommendations by the county's Office of Emergency Management, extra units patrolled the courthouse area that day.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office patrolled area schools and monitored local price gouging in the days that followed.

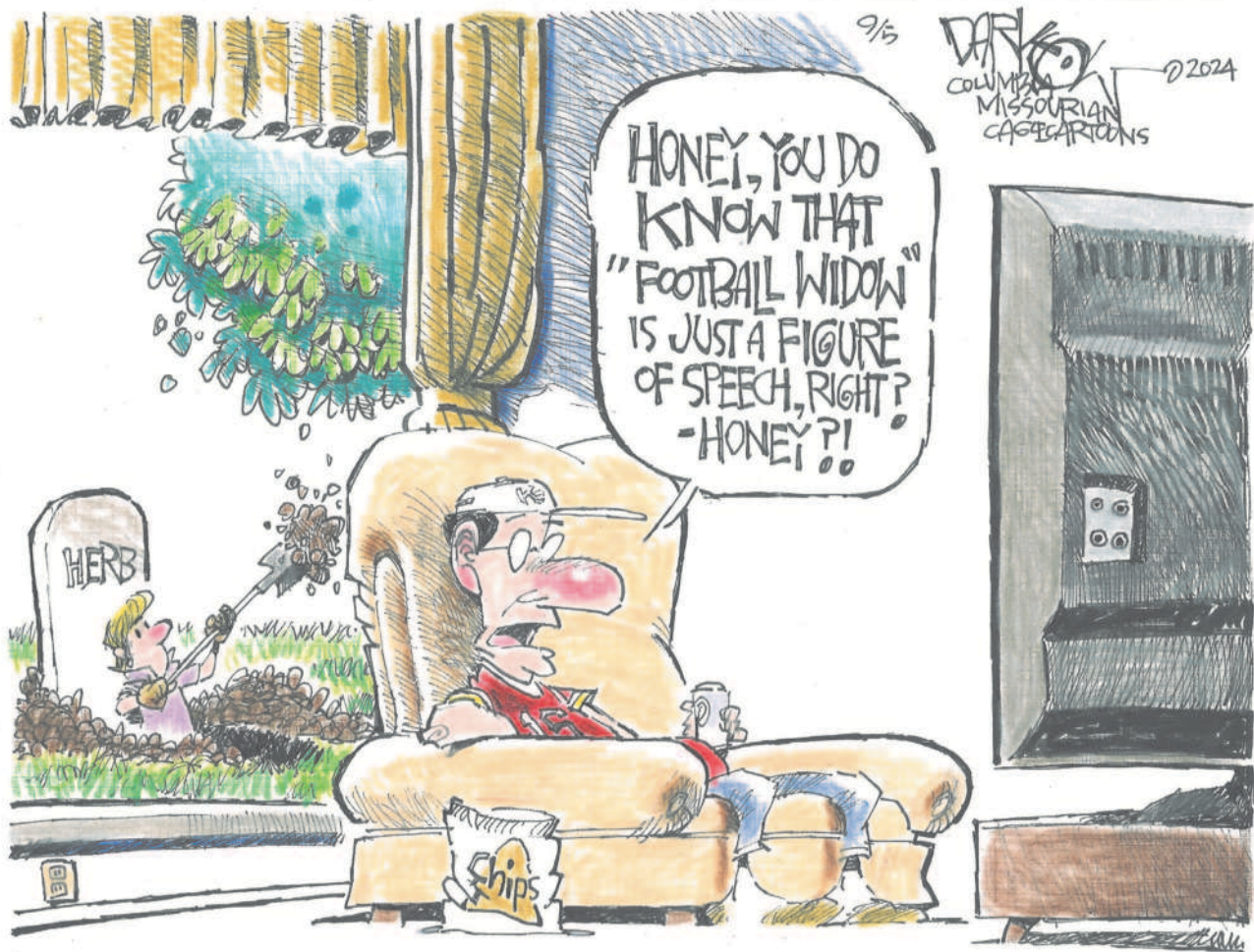
The Trinity River Authority and Lake Livingston Dam took precautions as well, by increasing the number of security personnel, including security personnel in boats on Lake Livingston.

The local hospital and the Red Cross co-sponsored a blood drive to benefit the victims of the terrorist attacks.

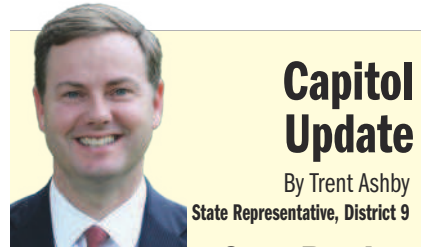
In the days and weeks that followed, the Polk County Enterprise was tipped off to numerous local connections and managed to provide very localized coverage of the aftermath of the attacks.

Later that month, an estimated 2,000 people decked out in red, white and blue turned out for Polk County's "Proud to be an American" rally and candlelight service at Lions Stadium, an event that included a community choir, an essay contest, a tribute to citizens, a tribute to fire/rescue/law enforcement/military, prayer and a fireworks display.

We were truly a united nation. I wish we still were.



We mourn the fearless who gave the ultimate sacrifice



Capitol Update

By Trent Ashby
State Representative, District 9

In the wake of the 23rd anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks that stole almost 3,000 American lives, we reflect on the selfless courage of the first responders who rushed into harm's way to save countless others. Though we mourn the fearless men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice that solemn September morning, we reaffirm our gratitude to all of the brave men and women who wear the uniform and badge today. Together, we can reclaim the spirit and unity that followed 9/11 and honor those who lost their lives. God bless their sacrifice; God bless their memory; and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

With that, we'll dive back into our examination of House interim charges ...

House Interim Charge: Higher Education

The House Committee on Higher Education has jurisdiction over matters related to post-secondary education at public colleges and universities across Texas. The Committee also has jurisdiction over the Texas

Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, the Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, and many other agencies.

Over the interim, the Committee will monitor the implementation of many bills including House Bill 8, Senate Bill 25, and Senate Bill 412. HB 8 established a public junior college state finance program that ensures community colleges across Texas can access foundational levels of funding for instruction and operations and establishes a program to provide financial aid to certain high school students enrolled in dual credit courses. HB 8 incentivizes public junior colleges to focus on graduating students who are ready to enter the workforce with a certificate or degree or plan to transfer to a four-year university.

SB 25 dramatically increased funding and resources for nursing education and training programs. Among its many provisions, the bill made part-time nursing faculty eligible for loan repayment assistance and extended the Nursing Innovation Grant Program, which provides grants to institutions to promote the education, recruitment, and retention of nursing students and qualified faculty. SB 412 ensures that pregnant and parenting students are granted certain accommodations and excused absences at higher education institutions so that they can attend to family responsibilities while pursuing their degrees.

Additionally, the committee will evaluate the alignment of postsecondary success incentives across all education systems in Texas, as well as interagency collaboration for the "Building a Talent Strong Texas" plan. This initiative seeks to increase the attainment of postsecondary credentials, postsecondary credentials of value, and research, development, and innovation.

Finally, the committee will review the status of "Name, Image & Likeness" (NIL) across the state and the country and decide what, if any, action is needed to update state law as it affects our colleges in this policy area.

The mobile office is still on the road this month, and our district director looks forward to seeing you on Sept. 18 at the Houston County Courthouse Annex in Crockett from 9-11 a.m. and the Trinity County Courthouse in Groveton from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can help you in any way. My district office may be reached at 936-634-2762 and my Capitol office may be reached at 512-463-0508. Additionally, I welcome you to follow along on my official Facebook page, where I will be posting regular updates on what's happening in your State Capitol and sharing information that could be useful to you and your family: <https://www.facebook.com/RepTrentAshby/>.

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 Joshua Duane Wootton, possession of controlled substance.
 Steve Anton Daniels, theft of property.
 Brandon Keith Petty, possession of marijuana < 2 oz.
 Gilbert Jimenez III, driving while license invalid.
 Marvin Allen Johnson, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Tonya Lynn Heath, permit dog(s) to roam at large.
 Zachary T. McClung, driving while license invalid.
 Crystal M. Duplantis, driving while license invalid.
 Jesus H. Hernandez, no driver's license (when unlicensed).
 Abraham D. Hernandez, no driver's license (when unlicensed).
 Yoatzin Angel Reyes, no driver's license (when unlicensed).
 Caleb Thomas Cooper, disorderly conduct.
 Kristopher Ray Cole, failure to appear.
 David Stuart Jordan, failure to appear.
 Scott Ray Knox, failure to appear.
 Carreto Irad Barrios, failure to appear.
 Heshimu Ali Johnson, failure to appear.
 Derrick P. Lemanski, failure to appear.
 Zachary S. Martin, failure to appear.
 Teresa B. Martinez, failure to appear.
 Antonio Medel, failure to appear.
 Timothy W. Moffett, failure to appear.
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 Bonds set
 Elizabeth McIntosh, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, \$50,000.
 Saul Pacheco Jr., manufacture/deliver controlled substance, \$75,000.
 Saul Pacheco Jr., possession of marijuana > 4 oz. < 5 lbs., \$10,000.
 Saul Pacheco Jr., unlawfully carrying weapon, \$5,000.
 Stefan James Seymour, manufacture/deliver controlled substance, \$75,000.
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 Steven Joseph Fryer, possession of marijuana > 4 oz. < 5 lbs., \$10,000.
 Steven Joseph Fryer, unlawfully carrying weapon, \$5,000.
 Steven Joseph Fryer, possess dangerous drug, \$5,000.
 Jeremy Paul Whatley, warrant - criminal trespass, \$500.
 Samantha L. Rennels, false report to police officer, \$500.
 Kenneth Lamar Lynch, set aside bond - assault, \$10,000.
 Christopher J. Hutto, motion to revoke probation - possession of controlled substance, no bond.
 Zachery Karl Jones, warrant - fail jumping and failure to appear, no bond.
 Zachery Karl Jones, bond forfeiture - theft of property, no bond.
 Zachery Karl Jones, bond forfeiture - burglary of building, no bond.
 Jessie Jerome Milner, bond forfeiture - possession of controlled substance, \$5,000.
 Jessie Jerome Milner, bond forfeiture -

unauthorized use of vehicle, \$5,000.
 Damarion Antwon Pool, harassment, \$50,000.
 Andrew Keith Jermeay, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500.
 Larry Horn Jr., public intoxication, bond not determined.
 Teresa Pixley Crew, motion to revoke probation - hinder secured creditor, no bond.
 David Lee Crayton, warrant - resist arrest, search or transport, \$10,000.
 Jason Henry Cook, warrant - manufacture/deliver controlled substance, no bond.
 Jason Henry Cook, warrant - bail jumping, no bond.
 Jason Henry Cook, manufacture/deliver controlled substance, \$100,000.
 Jason Henry Cook, manufacture/deliver controlled substance, \$75,000.
 Jason Henry Cook, evading arrest/detention with previous, \$5,000.
 Joshua Allen Langley, motion to revoke probation - burglary of habitation, no bond.
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 Brandy Rochel Price, possession of controlled substance, \$75,000.
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 Desiree M. Allen, possession of controlled substance, \$5,000.
 Axle Paul Ross, assault causing bodily injury/family member, \$3,000.
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 Teresa M. Cooper, disorderly conduct, bond not deter-mined.
 Jose Guadalupe Guardiola, indecency with child exposure, \$35,000.
 Roger A. Whitworth, abandon/endanger child, \$25,000.
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 Toshya Rene Daniel, motion to revoke probation - terroristic threat, no bond.
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 Ronald Phillip Lucas, tamper with identification, \$3,000.
 Ronald Phillip Lucas, display fictitious license, \$500.
 Zechariah N. Russell, possession of controlled substance, \$5,000.
 Jonathan Wayne Osage, unauthorized use of vehicle, \$5,000.
 John Wesley Fulcher, terroristic threat, \$500.
 Steven H. McAdams, criminal mischief, \$500.
 Robert C. Breithaupt, interfere with emergency request, \$3,000.
 Diana Kay Caldera, assault causing bodily injury/family member, \$3,000.
 Carroll Leslie Pady, assault family member with previous, \$10,000.
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 Wilfredo Reyes Canas, 52, Corrigan and Karla Guadalupe Rivera Carrillo, 28, Corrigan.
 Anthony James Baker, 38, Livingston and Khirsha Annette Ward, 42, Onalaska.
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 Brandi Nicole Booth, 45, Livingston and Edward Allen Truly Findley, 48, Livingston.
 Juan Carlos Sustaita Ledesma, 25, Livingston and Maria Nohemi Herrera, 22, Livingston.

JAIL REPORT

Week of September 6-12

September 6
 Falk, Todd Warren, 37 of Onalaska, public intoxication.
 McDuffie, Denadia Lachelle, 23 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury to family member.
 Messer, Stacy Ann, 42 of Rye, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.
 Hughes, Michael Lloma, 43 of Livingston, theft of property.
September 7
 Lopez, Dominguez Abigail, 44 of Houston, warrant/theft of property.
 Love, Ronald Lee, 35 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury to family member.
 Pineda, Kessel Dean, 44 of Onalaska, driving while intoxicated.
 Scott, Stephen Davis, 20 of Livingston, driving while intoxicated.
 Thornhill, Paul Andrew II, 24 of Coldspring, bond forfeiture/burglary of a building, Harris County warrant/assault family member, Harris County warrant/fail to identify to police officer false information.
 Willard, James, 60 of Coldspring, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.
September 8
 Fox, Bobby Maxwell, 40 of Onalaska, assault causing bodily injury to family member.
 Fuentes, Jeremias II, 20 of Cypress, Harris County warrant/probation violation.
 Johnson, Laundrea, 48 of Center, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance.
 Elizondo, Victor Lee, 37 of Woodville, possession of a controlled substance, unlawfully carrying a weapon, possession of marijuana.
September 9
 Fortner, Justin Ray, 29 of New Waverly, bench warrant.
 Kolojaco, Jacob Joe, 60 of Livingston, violation of bond or protective order.
 Millender, Malik William, 19 of Livingston, bench warrant.
 Morgan, Justin Lynn, 39 of Livingston, criminal trespass.
 Mosher, Patricia Louise, 27 of Trinity, driving while license invalid without financial responsibility.
 Kolojaco, Denise Rose, 54 of Livingston, violation of bond or protective order.
 Mattingly, David Andrew, 41 of Tyler, assault family or household member with previous conviction.
 McDuffie, Denadia Lachelle, 23 of Livingston, violation of bond or protective order.
 Wade, Chilly Emanuel Jr., 32 of Livingston, Class C assault.

September 10
 Bryant, Wesley Alan, 37 of Livingston, accident involving pedestrian in crosswalk serious bodily injury, criminally negligent homicide.
 Donelan, Ryan Anthony, 36 of Livingston, public intoxication.
 Gonzalez, Edrex Gibran, 24 of Cleveland, possession of marijuana.
 Henderson, Alexis Natae, 28 of Goodrich, interference with child custody.
 John, John Spaulding III, 34 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance, unlawfully carrying a weapon, possession of marijuana.
 Reeves, Nolan Keith Jr., 45 of Livingston, parole violation, fail to give half of roadway meeting oncoming traffic, driving while license invalid.
 Hughen, Sammy Joe Jr., 53 of Livingston, assault family or household member with previous conviction.
 Hughes, Derek Monroe, 34 of Joaquin, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, fail to identify fugitive with intent to give false information.
 Kervin, Shawn Allen, 39 of Livingston, driving while license invalid with previous conviction.
September 11
 Lott, Blain Eugene, 17 of Livingston, aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.
 Marciniec, Matthew James, 35 of Livingston, possession of marijuana.
 O'Bannon, Rebecca Lynn, 26 of Livingston, bond forfeiture/injury to child elderly disabled with intentional bodily injury, bond forfeiture/possession of a controlled substance, bond forfeiture/possession of marijuana.
 Short, Lindsay Annmarie, 33 of Crockett, theft of property.
 Doss, Ashley Nickole, 41 of Shepherd, probation violation/burglary of a habitation.
 Morris, Cody Daniel, 37 of Onalaska, bond forfeiture/assault family or household member by impeding breath or circulation, driving while license invalid.
September 12
 Reed, Bryanna Lynn, 29 of Livingston, driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest search or transport.
 Bearss, William Malcolm, 40 of Livingston, bond forfeiture/possession of a controlled substance x 2.
 Chapa, Gary Gerard, 66 of Livingston, open container alcohol, no driver's license x 3.
 Turner, Chyna Kailey, 26 of Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County warrant/motion to revoke probation/possession of a controlled substance, Nacogdoches County warrant/release surety interfere with duties.

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New Texas laws now in effect

It took some time, but a set of new laws and rules passed by the Texas Legislature in 2023 went into effect on Sept. 1, the Houston Chronicle reported. Prominent among these are the SCOPE Act, or Securing Children Online Through Parental Empowerment Act, which tightens restrictions for online users younger than 18.

Under the SCOPE Act, users must register their age on social media and other websites. Minors are prohibited from making purchases from those sites, which are also required to filter and block certain material. Examples include content that promotes suicide or bullying, as well as trafficking and other forms of exploitation.

Violators could be fined up to \$10,000 per incident. One of the bill's co-authors defended its intent.

"Testimony from parents and children in committee gave graphic examples underscoring how desperately we need to better protect kids online," state Rep. Shelby Slawson, R-Granbury, wrote. "The SCOPE Act will do just that."

Others don't agree. The nonprofit Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression sued the state on Aug. 16, challenging the government restrictions.



Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

"While these efforts to protect young people are well-intentioned, they lack perspective," the lawsuit states.

Another measure that took effect Sept. 1 updates qualifications for family violence shelters that provide lodging and care for domestic abuse victims in order to receive state funding. Criteria now includes providing direct services, establishing a referral service for victims, and having been in operation at least a year.

Eliminating property taxes would require massive funding

Eliminating the state's property taxes is high on the wish list of some Republican lawmakers. They received a reality check last week when state budget officials said doing so would require the state to produce \$81 billion each year to cover the costs of public schools, as well as the revenue now received by cities, counties and special taxing districts through property taxes.

The Texas Tribune reported

that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick directed the Legislative Budget Board to tally the costs of replacing property tax revenue, which funds teacher salaries, law enforcement and many other government functions. Eliminating the tax likely would require a massive increase in sales tax rates — something that appears highly unlikely.

State Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, is Patrick's chief lieutenant on property taxes. He noted \$81.5 billion is "a huge amount of money to be able to replicate."

Lawmakers have worked to lower property tax bills the past few sessions by raising the homestead exemption and limiting how much school districts and local governments can collect. But without a state income tax, lawmakers are limited in how to completely replace property taxes with another form of revenue.

Perry joins Phelan's team as adviser

Former Gov. Rick Perry has joined House Speaker Dade Phelan's office as a senior adviser, the Texas Standard reported. The embattled speaker, who survived a tough runoff race, now faces at least three Republican challengers to his speakership.

"[Gov. Perry] understands every facet of the legislative process, and that will be

a tremendous asset as we work to strengthen our state's economy, improve education and ensure every member's voice is heard in the Texas House this session," Phelan said in a statement.

Phelan has been under fire for backing an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to impeach Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and for being perceived as not conservative enough by some of his Republican colleagues.

Perry will serve as a volunteer adviser until the 89th Legislature begins in January.

Schools hiring more uncertified teachers

Critical teaching shortages in Texas are compelling school districts to hire more teachers who have not received formal classroom training, The Texas Tribune reported.

The number of uncertified teachers in the state's public schools has risen dramatically since the COVID-19 pandemic, which prompted many longtime educators to leave the profession for various reasons — health concerns, lack of resources, and feeling burned out. As a result, uncertified teachers, many of whom work in rural school districts, accounted for about 38 percent of newly hired instructors last year. Since 2015, school

districts under the District of Innovation law have been able to hire people with different professional experience who then would work on getting certified through alternative certification programs. The last legislative session ended with no significant base funding increases, leaving many school districts with budget shortfalls, and making it even harder to fill teacher vacancies.

"When you have a state where their coffers are full and local school districts where their coffers are empty, or in the process of being empty, you're going to have to have some state help to make sure that we're funding these types of programs," said Mark Henry, who served as Cy-Fair ISD's superintendent for more than a decade.

According to the Texas Education Agency, the attrition rate among Texas teachers has increased since the start of the pandemic from 9 percent to 12 percent. Texas ranks 30th in the nation for average teacher pay — \$8,828 less than the national average, according to the National Education Association.

Paxton suing Bexar County over mail voter plan

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is suing Bexar County over its plan to mail voter registration forms to unregistered residents en

masse, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The Bexar County Commissioners Court approved the voter registration plan last week, defying Paxton's warning that he would take them to court.

Paxton's suit argues that mail applications could entice felons and other ineligible people to register to vote. Commissioner Justin Rodriguez defended the plan.

"From our perspective, this was never a Democrat or Republican endeavor," Rodriguez told the Statesman. "It was making sure we used the resources within the elections office to be innovative, to be proactive when it came to registering voters, and we felt pretty strongly that we're doing everything (as it is) allowed by the Elections Code."

Paxton has warned repeatedly of potential voter fraud in November's general election. However, he has not provided evidence of widespread voter fraud in Texas, the Statesman reported.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gbborders@texaspress.com.



(Left) City of Livingston Special Events Coordinator Lynn Riley and Special Events Assistant Toni Fuller recently presented a program to the Livingston Lions Club, providing updates on current and upcoming events with Mainstreet. For more details on how you can participate and support the program, go to the website at <https://cityoflivingston-tx.com/165/Main-Street> or follow their social media pages. (l-r) Lion President Paula Harvey, Riley, Lion Crystal Finegan and Fuller. COURTESY PHOTO



(Right) The Livingston Lions Club recently welcomed a new member, Shelby Tidmarsh, who is the community relations coordinator for SAAFE House. (l-r) Lion President Paula Harvey, Tidmarsh and Lion Paige Deblasio. COURTESY PHOTO

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BITE by BITE

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

"Mexican food is one of the best culinary experiences that people can have."

– Karla Souza

Several months ago I was on a big poblano pepper kick, extolling the virtues of the mild, dark green Mexican pepper that is best roasted and peeled, full of flavor and not hot at all.

I was drawn to a variety of poblano pepper dishes, from hot gooey dips to casseroles to enchiladas and even roasted poblano white cheddar soup. I couldn't seem to get my fill.

That changed, however, when I made a poblano pepper casserole recipe that didn't turn out at all. I'd planned to serve it with grilled chicken breasts and warm corn tortillas but it was so awful that we ended up just having the chicken and tortillas. It was not good. I don't know what happened. I thought I followed the directions but something obviously went awry. Needless to say, that

experience kind of turned me off of them for a while.

There was still a recipe that I wanted to try, however, called Chile Relleno Casserole, and I recently pulled it out, thinking that enough time had gone by since that last disastrous one.

I made it recently and it turned out wonderful. Hubby and I both enjoyed it. I served it with a dollop of pico de gallo on top for some freshness and a side of Mexican-inspired coleslaw. It reheats well and is even better the second day. And it's not difficult at all.

Poblano peppers are good for us too, carrying about 105% of the recommended daily amount of vitamin C and about 30% of the daily amount needed of vitamin A.

Give this one a shot. I think you'll like it. ■

CHILE RELLENO CASSEROLE

From thekitchn.com

8 medium poblano peppers (about 2 pounds total)
Cooking spray
12 oz. to 1 pound uncooked Mexican or soy chorizo
1 tablespoon vegetable oil (optional)
12 oz. Monterey Jack cheese (about 3 cups pre-shredded)
8 large eggs
1 cup whole or 2% milk
2/3 cup all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
Hot sauce or blended tomato salsa, for serving (optional)

Heat the broiler to high and arrange a rack in the upper third of the oven. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil.

Trim the stems from 8 medium poblano peppers and halve lengthwise. Remove the core, ribs, and seeds. Place the peppers skin-side up on the baking sheet in a single layer (they can be touching) and press down on them as needed so they sit fairly flat. If they don't all fit on the baking sheet, broil in 2 batches.

Broil until the skin on the peppers is almost completely blackened and blistered, 5 to 12 minutes. Rotate the baking sheet as needed so they evenly blacken. Meanwhile, heat a large nonstick frying pan over medium heat. Remove the casings from 12 ounces to 1 pound uncooked Mexican chorizo and add to the pan. Cook, breaking up the meat into smaller pieces, until browned and cooked through (add 1 tablespoon vegetable oil to the pan if it is dry), 5 to 7 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat.

When the peppers are ready, transfer to a large heatproof bowl and cover with the aluminum foil on the baking sheet.

Let sit for at least 10 minutes to steam.

Meanwhile, reduce the oven temperature to 375 degrees. Coat a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Shred 12 ounces Monterey Jack cheese on the large holes of a box grater (about 4 cups, or use 3 cups pre-shredded). Place 8 large eggs, 1 cup whole or 2% milk, 2/3 cup all-purpose flour, 1½ teaspoons kosher salt, and 1 teaspoon baking powder in a blender and blend on high speed until smooth, scraping down the sides of the blender halfway through, 45 to 60 seconds total.

Peel off and discard the skin from the peppers, using a paper towel to rub off any skin that doesn't come off easily (do the best you can, it doesn't all have to come off); it's okay if the peppers tear.

Pour enough of the egg mixture into the baking dish to just cover the bottom. Arrange half of the peppers in an even layer over the egg mixture. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the chorizo over the peppers in an even layer. Sprinkle with half of the cheese. Arrange the remaining peppers evenly over the cheese. Pour the remaining egg mixture evenly over the peppers, then sprinkle with the remaining cheese.

Bake on the upper third rack until puffed, the center is set, and the edges are golden brown, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving with salsa or hot sauce if desired.

My notes:

I used a 12-oz package of Mexican chorizo, but didn't think it was enough. Next time, I'll use two packages. I used whole milk.



This is what it looked like when I took it out of the oven. It was beautifully golden brown and puffed.



I served it with a dollop of pico de gallo on top for some freshness, along with a side of Mexican-inspired coleslaw.



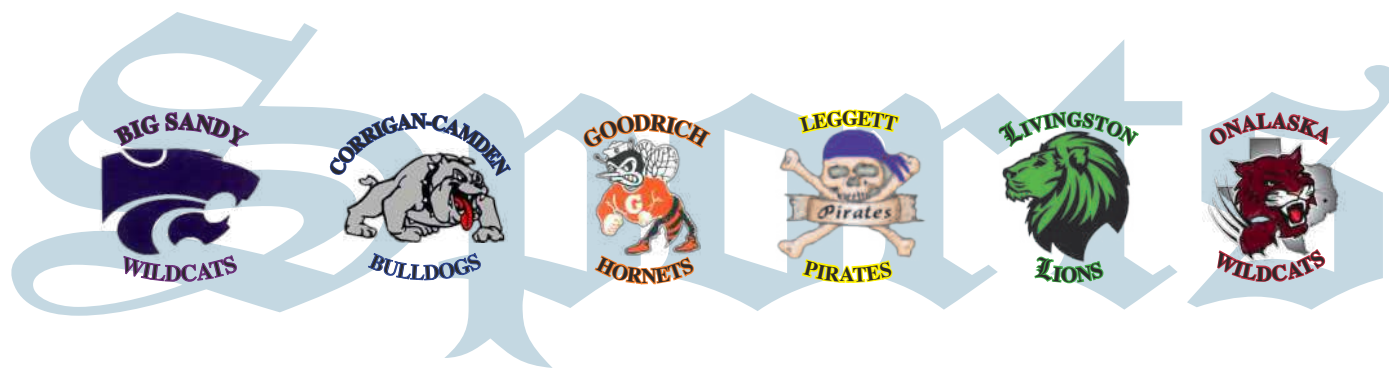
This is the one I made several months ago that turned out awful. But aren't those some beautiful grill marks on the chicken breast?!

"Anytime there is Mexican food around, you can bet I'll be eating it."

– Eva Longoria

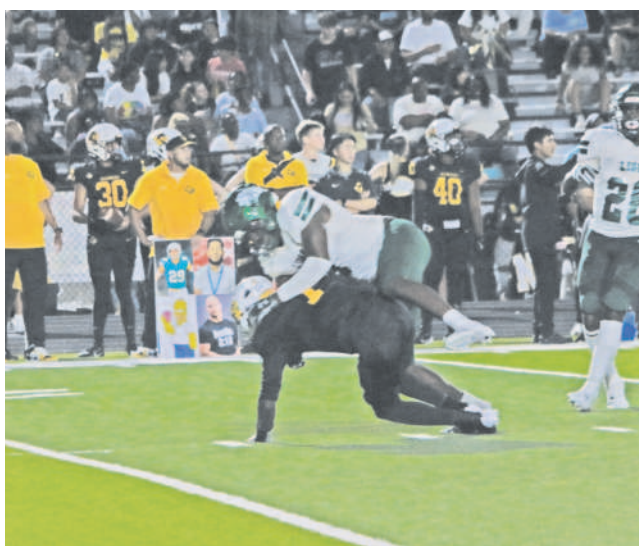
"That's been my forever love affair - Mexican food. But yeah it has to be something savory or cheesy. I'm not tempted by sweets."

– Jennifer Aniston



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Deondre Johnson gets the sack on quarterback Tyren Mathews. COURTESY PHOTOS



Damorian Hill gets into the end zone for the score. COURTESY PHOTOS



Ja'kegdrick Walker fights for extra yardage in the second half. COURTESY PHOTOS



Bradyn Carr tries to run through a tackle. He had 59 yards rushing. COURTESY PHOTOS



Tyler Soza wraps up Dragon running back Trae Page. COURTESY PHOTOS

Playing with fire, getting burned

By Brian Besch

Mistakes, penalties and questionable decisions were a weight too heavy for Livingston Friday night, losing a 34-24 contest at Nacogdoches.

The Dragon offense broke a scoreless tie with four minutes to go in the first quarter, as quarterback Tyren Mathews found R.J. Whittaker on a 20-yard wheel route to go up 7-0.

The Lions answered on the ensuing drive, with quarterback Tyler Soza hitting tight end Zayden Martin for 20 yards and a touchdown. Soza also ran in the two-point conversion to put the Lions up one.

Mathews then broke away on fourth down and long for a 53-yard run that put the Dragons ahead 14-8.

Midway through the second

quarter, the Lions ran on five snaps for 82 yards. The highlight of the drive was Trenden Williams jump cutting and sprinting 39 yards to set up first-and-goal. Quarterback to Damorian Hill ran it in from three yards out, and also obtained the two-point conversion, as the Lions took a 16-14 lead.

"No one can fault them for laying down and quitting or not fighting their hearts out, because they did tonight," Livingston coach Finis Vanover said. "They found their soul this week and understood how terrible we played last week against a very good team. We found tonight that we can be more physical than somebody, which we were. We got after them pretty good."

"The effort and desire and want to win was there bigger than I have seen it this whole year. I was

afraid, because they could have gone in the tank. It has happened here before and that is the biggest pride that I have right now, that there is a light there. I am proud of that young offensive line, and they are getting better all the time. The backs have confidence in them. We are shaky every once in a while at quarterback, but we are having to do things with all of them defensively."

Mathews collected a second touchdown on a two-yard run near the end of the first half, but did not get the two-point conversion following. At halftime, Nacogdoches led 20-16.

"That quarterback is a special athlete and we knew that coming in," Vanover said. "He can do many things to hurt you. You can cover the other guys, but you have to have three or four covering him. He can make you look bad

in a hurry.

It got strange in a second half where Nacogdoches escaped a 3-and-40 jam with two penalties, then Livingston turned the ball over, inexplicably faking a punt from their own three-yard line.

The coaching staff usually gives players the opportunity to call for the fake when alignments are favorable, but Vanover said the call should not have been made inside their own five.

"No, (it was) the worst possible time to have done it. We have to live with the results. When you are backed up in your own 10, you better be sure that it is wide open. They are taught when they should and when they shouldn't."

That turnover led to a touchdown two plays later, as Mathews scored his third. On his next drive, the quarterback hit wide open receiver Cameron Brady for

a 68-yard score, making it 34-16.

Livingston would have one more scoring drive, an eight-play, 75-yard march that ended in Hill again scoring six from a yard out. He would also get the two-point conversion as before.

"We got the offense going a couple of times where we really looked good and we finally figured out their defense. They had no answer for our option game and when we executed, it was beautiful. When we didn't, it looked like we had never practiced it before."

The Lion rushing attack did well, running for 329 yards. It is the best the offensive line has looked in 2024. Livingston completed two of 11 passes for 28 yards. Mathews would throw for 160 yards and run for 52. He ran for three scores and threw for two. The Dragons had just 237 total yards.



Bulldog sophomore running back Derrick Reagie avoids the initial tackle for a gain. COURTESY PHOTO



Bulldog senior Michael Sullivan defends an attempted pass to Wildcat sophomore Cooper Murphy. COURTESY PHOTO



Bulldog junior Paden Walker makes the block for sophomore running back Derrick Reagie on a scoring drive. COURTESY PHOTO



Wildcat senior tight end Ethan Rawls returns a kickoff in the first half. COURTESY PHOTO

Rally falls a score short

By Albert Trevino

The Corrigan-Camden Bulldogs fell 34-28 in a non-district road match against the Kirbyville Wildcats on Friday.

In a second-straight loss on the road, the Bulldogs trailed most of the game to Kirbyville and struggled with unforced errors on offense. This included a lack of ball security at crucial moments.

"If we could hold on to the ball and finish those drives, we should win the football game, plain and simple," said Bulldog head coach Brett Ratliff. "Our defense kept us in the game, but I am not going to dismiss the grit and fight."

Corrigan still threatened to comeback from a 20-point deficit, but fell short in the final moments.

"They put a good stunt on us, pinned us back and put us in a bind on that last drive," Ratliff said. "It is disappointing, but we fought hard and we need that in our young group."

Bulldog sophomore running back Derrick Reagie started the night with a big first-down run to get near midfield. Then, a blocking penalty and fumble in the backfield led to Corrigan turning the ball over to the Wildcats early.

However, Kirbyville immediately gave

up the ball with their own fumble on the snap, recovered by Bulldog defensive end Clark Evans.

Corrigan's offense capitalized with Reagie bulldozing his way to another first down inside the red zone, then punching in a three-yard touchdown run to help give the Bulldogs the early 7-0 lead.

A facemask penalty against the Corrigan defense kept Kirbyville's next possession alive.

On a fourth-and-goal, Wildcat senior tight end Ethan Rawls caught a pass from senior quarterback Jace Huffman and plowed up the middle for Kirbyville's first touchdown to tie the game.

Despite the Bulldog offense marching into Kirbyville territory, the Bulldogs would stall out and then get picked off by Wildcat senior Layton David.

The Kirbyville offense immediately took advantage with Huffman throwing a long bomb to Wildcat sophomore receiver Jacob Telles for an 80-yard touchdown to take the lead.

Corrigan would try to respond with a big run by Bulldog junior Mason Murphy. However, Murphy fumbled the ball near the sideline, which was recovered by the Wildcats.

Shortly after, Wildcat sophomore

receiver Cooper Murphy would take a quick screen all the way for a long touchdown pass to extend the lead 21-7 late in the half.

With one more scoring opportunity before halftime, Corrigan would be stopped again in Kirbyville territory on a bad handoff to turn the ball over going into halftime.

The Bulldogs got a big boost to start the third with junior linebacker Tahj Thomas snatching up a pick-six when Kirbyville was deep in their own territory. This helped Corrigan cut the deficit 21-14 with the extra point.

The Wildcats responded quickly, driving the ball on offense with a long pass, then punching it in on a touchdown run to go back up by two scores.

Corrigan's offense continued to fight on the ground, but stalled out again just a little past midfield.

Huffman would take the ball on a quarterback keeper to finish Kirbyville's next drive for another Wildcat touchdown to stretch the lead 34-14 going into the fourth quarter.

Then, a shaky possession by Kirbyville with bad snaps and fumbles help set up good field position for Corrigan inside the final minutes.

Bulldog senior quarterback Michael Sullivan immediately took a keeper along the left side for a long-distance rushing touchdown to help cut the deficit again 34-21 midway through the fourth.

Shortly after, the Bulldogs forced another punt by Kirbyville and got the ball near midfield inside of four minutes.

Bulldog junior quarterback William Ratliff would throw the ball to sophomore tight end Braylon Levy, who broke a tackle at the goal line for another Corrigan touchdown.

This would make it a one-score game and give the Bulldogs hope to steal the game.

Kirbyville was inside Bulldog territory after the failed onside kick, but Corrigan's defense held strong, making crucial run stops, also using their remaining timeouts to save clock.

With just 90 seconds left, Corrigan's offense started deep in their own territory and suffered a pre-snap penalty, going back further. Sullivan would later be forced backward to toss another interception, falling short on the last possession.

Corrigan will play its next non-district match at home versus the Elkhart Elks, with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m.

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PINEYWOODS FISHING REPORT

B.A. Steinhagen
 FAIR. Water stain; 85 degrees; 0.62 feet below pool. Water is being released into the lake from Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Mayflies are hatching, so expect some topwater bass action. 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 jugs.

Bob Sandlin
 GOOD. Water slightly stained; 85 degrees; 0.38 feet below pool. Channel catfish are fair in 25 feet of water on baited holes with stink bait. Crappie limits are possible in 25 feet of water on standing timber with black and green jigs. Channel catfish are fair in 25 feet of water on baited holes with stink bait. White bass are fair at night in the lights with a white spinnerbaits. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service. Black bass are feeding early on shad patterns around grass and retaining walls. Main lake points are good for bass using clouser type patterns. Bream are plentiful with wooly buggers and small worm patterns. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. Morning bass bite has been best with soft jerkbaits, small profiled swim jigs, or bladed jigs in deeper water around docks that have healthy hydrilla. Midday has been okay with pitching jigs into and around hardcover. Bass are schooling on the surface late in the day, so keep a top water walking bait or 1/4 ounce rattletrap close since black bass, spotted bass, and white bass are chasing bait. Report by Blake Doughtie, Lake Country Lunkers.

Caddo
 GOOD. Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.12 feet below pool. Caddo is so beautiful this time of the year and these cooler temperatures have improved the bite. Throw a buzz-bait, frog or pop R early at daylight for a chance with a big bite. A fluke, light Texas rig or spinnerbait will work well on schooling fish and on the grass lines around the river right now. A shaky head, drop shot or a spoon will work in the deeper

spots on the river or bayou with the school fish around the cuts, humps and curves. Just a fun and beautiful time to be out here on Caddo enjoying this majestic lake that God spoke into existence. Report provided by Vince Richards, Caddo Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

Conroe
 GOOD. Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.46 feet below pool. Catfish are scattered, but there are plenty to be caught. With consistent high winds pretty much all fish are stacking up on wind blown banks and ledges. Bass have been up shallow early and on offshore structures and docks later in the day. Some can be found schooling on shad. Report by Brad Doyle with Bradley's Guide Service. Hybrid stripers have been scattered as well with some nice schools in 16-24 feet of water. Fish can be caught trolling with a deep diver and a pet spoon trailer, or using slabs from Bradley Outdoors to jig for them. Crappie have been a hit-or-miss, finding in 13-21 feet of water. Minnows and hair jigs have been producing better than plastics. Smaller jig-head has been working best. The bite turns off just as quickly as you get a few. Always wear your life jacket & stay hydrated in this heat. Report by Mike Cason, Fishical Therapy. Lake is nearing the end of turnover but this has not seemed to have had much effect as we are fishing shallow. Look for herons and white birds to lead the way to shallow bait activity. Largemouth bass can be caught in the grass. Cover water until you find where they are at. Throw swimbaits, flukes, and swim jigs then slow down with a senko. Report by Hugh Coscolluela, Hugh Fishing Guide.

Fork
 GOOD. Water Stained; 81 degrees; 1.59 feet below pool. Cool mornings has helped the shallow bass bite in 2-4 feet of water with chatterbaits and frogs worked around the pond weeds. Carolina rigs and Texas rigs are good off shore in 12-17 feet on points and flats near creek channels. Flukes and big worms best. Crankbaits off shore have slowed down a bit but mid range bite picked up in 10-15 feet. XD 5 best chartreuse and blue. Report by Marc Mitchell, Lake Fork Guide Service. Bass are feeding in 10-12 feet where the thermocline is not present. Look for schooling bass in the open water and creeks as shad hatch is in full swing. Also, check out the brush piles as big bass are using them to feed on crappie. Bream are excellent in the shallows, wooly buggers and small poppers should bring a strike. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. The Lake Fork crappie fishing continues to be hot even though the temperatures are dropping each week. The big white crappie have been showing out on timber in 18-28 feet. There has also been a great bite for white crappie on brush piles in 14-22 feet. We are still not seeing the black crappie stacking up as the water cools down, but it should not be long. Minnows are still the dominant bait by far on Lake Fork, but we are seeing the jig bite get better each week going into fall. Catfish are moving deeper and in huge numbers. Seeing tons of fish around timber along creek channels in 18-28 feet. They are following the shad as they migrate towards deeper water where they will spend the winter. You can just target them around timber with any catfish bait of choice or bait the area well with cattle cubes or sour grain to really tear them up. Report by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky Wiggins Guide Service.

Lake O' the Pines
 GOOD. Water stained; 90 degrees; 0.52 feet below pool. Bass are on isolated hardcover in relatively deeper water near creek channels. Throwing a green pumpkin jig with chartreuse has been producing,

as well as 1/4 ounce rattle traps on grass edges that have signs of bait activity. Report by Blake Doughtie, Lake Country Lunkers.

Livingston
 GOOD. slightly stained; 89 degrees; 0.34 feet below pool. Water is down to 82 degrees. Catching a lot of fish shallow 2-6ft. Later in the mornings fish are liking to hang off of wind blown points. Ducktracker slabs white and chartreuse has been the go to. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

Martin Creek
 GOOD. Water normal stain; 90 degrees; 1.16 feet below pool. Bass are good with frequent schools coming up catching them on chrome blue back rattletrap. Fishing along the hydrilla with weightless senkos and Texas rigged redbug worms. Larger bass can be caught with 8XD and 10XD crankbaits in standing timber in 20-25 feet. Crappie remain good to excellent with schools found in standing timber and brush piles in 25-30 feet of water with minnows and pintail jigs. Catfish are good over baited holes using cattle cubes in 15-20 feet. Reports given by Hambone guide service Report given by Hambone guide service.

Nacogdoches
 GOOD. Water stained; 80 degrees; 1.04 feet below pool. Largemouth bass are fair on swimbaits, dropshots and Carolina rigs around grass lines. Crappie are excellent on brush piles and standing timber in 12 feet of water. Catfish are fair on cut bait or live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Pinkston
 GOOD. slightly stained; 88 degrees. Largemouth bass are fair with bigger fish shallow, and smaller fish schooling. Work a dropshot or Carolina rigs along the grass lines. Crappie are fair on any colored crappie jig with a light weight. Catfish are poor with cut bait. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Sam Rayburn
 FAIR. Water stained; 82 degrees; 0.25 feet below pool. Water con-

tinues to be off-colored but should clear by next week. Bass are fair in shallow water over grass with topwaters, or on secondary points Carolina rigs and dropshots. Crappie are fair on brush piles with the best bite on minnows over jigs. Blue and channel catfish are fair in 15-25 feet of water on cut bait and minnows. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service.

Toledo Bend
 FAIR. Water normal stain; 83 degrees; 3.90 feet below pool. Fishing has picked up some, but we received heavy rain from Hurricane Francine. Weather forecast should clear by the weekend. That is the best news we have had in a while, and should bring the shallower fish. Casting chatterbaits, buzz baits and top water will be key baits with the new flooded grass. Some of the creeks are going to be muddy to stain, but will clear up in a couple of days, once the water clears the back of creeks should be good for next weeks, shad will start moving in and spinnerbaits and small crankbaits in 4-6 feet will be good! The deep bite will slow back down with the rising water, this should only last a few days, and get back going. Texas and Carolina rigs with 7 and 9 inch worms being best bait. This is really going to hurt the crappie fishing for a week, or so until conditions calm back down. It is always slow this time of year, but with the cooler temperatures, we should start to see them pick back up. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

Tyler
 SLOW. Water normal stain; 88 degrees; 0.72 feet below pool. Fishing has been up and down like a roller coaster and the weather. Night fishing is best for catfish and crappie in the lights. Crappie are slow using minnows on brush in 16-25 feet of water, and off the barge. Catfish are slow in 16 feet of water stink bait. Bream are slow on red worms off the barge and throughout the lake. Bass are slow in 10-12 feet of water crankbaits. Report by The Boulders at Lake Tyler.

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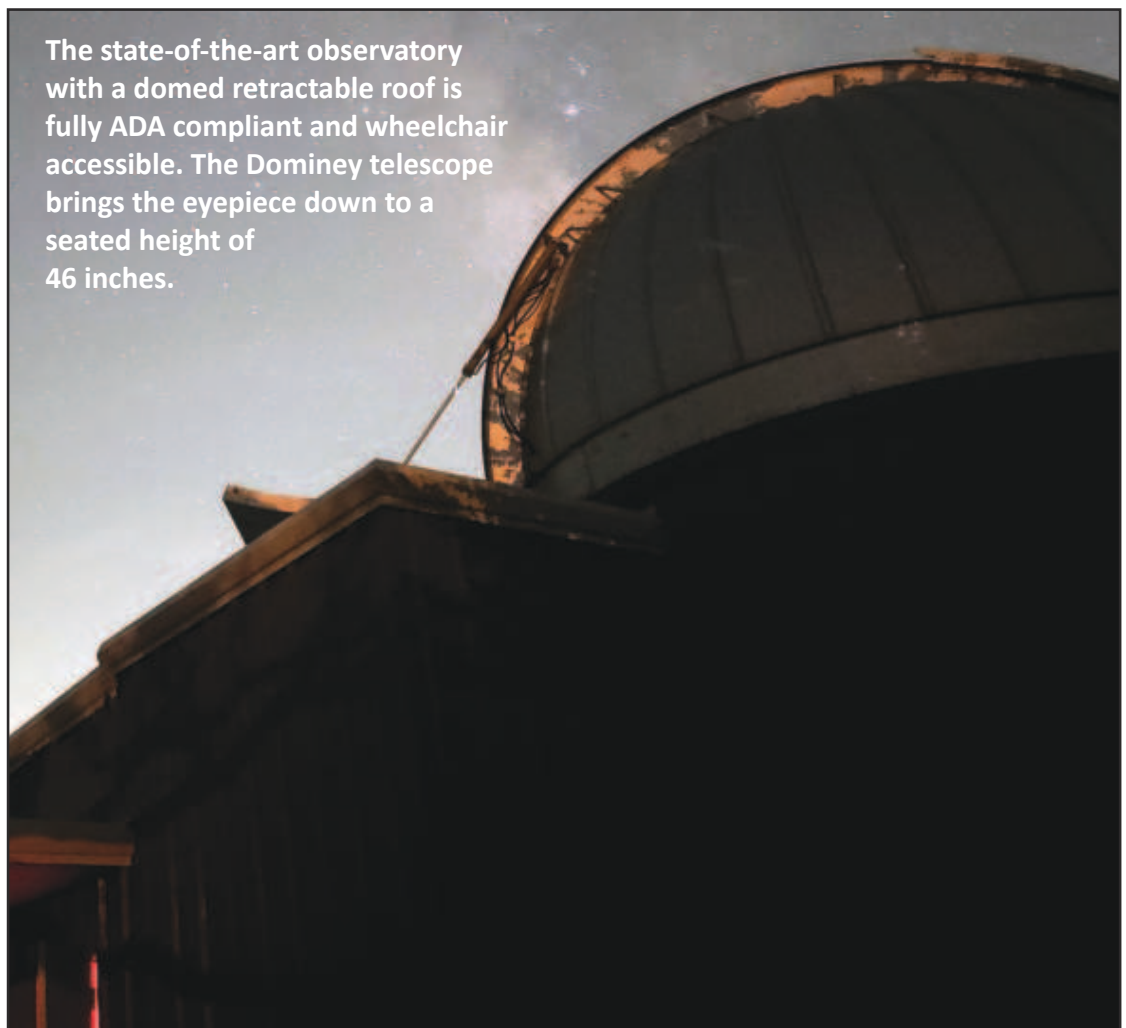
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The First Seat Belt

The first lap belt that resembles the modern seat belt was a _____ strap used on a U.S. Army airplane in 1910. For the next 25 _____, seat belts were used mostly in airplanes.

In the 1940s, studies showed that injuries in _____ accidents were less when a seat belt was worn. Even so, many people did not choose to _____ up.

The government started passing _____ requiring automakers to put seat belts in all _____ cars. By the 1970s, seat belts were used commonly.

A car accident happens almost every minute. Do you think it is a good idea to buckle up?



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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **HAZARD**
The noun **hazard** means danger or risk.

Watch out for hazards in play areas.

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

Safe on the Playground!

Kabir and Aisha want kids in their neighborhood to be safe. They are going to take a look at their local playground, the Hometown Playground, to see if it is a safe place to play.

Yikes! They've found many ways in which their playground is not safe. Use the Hazard Hunt checklist to find the hazards in their playground.



How many things on this page can you find that start with the letter S?

Standards Link: Identify initial graphemes and phonemes.

Hazard Hunt Checklist

Circle each hazard you find on the Hometown Playground.

- Trash on the ground
- Things you could trip over
- Broken parts
- Missing parts
- Splintered wood
- Chipped or peeling paint
- Holes or cracks in plastic
- Sharp corners or edges
- Nails or bolts sticking out
- Open S-hooks or chain links



Dress Safely on Playgrounds

Mateo and Riley are not dressed for playground safety. Use the code to find out what they should not be wearing.

A=15	I=10	R=5
C=14	K=9	S=4
D=13	L=8	T=3
E=12	N=7	W=2
G=11	O=6	Y=1

13 5 15 2 4 3 5 10 7 11 4
15 7 13 7 12 14 9 8 15 14 12

Playground Safety Words

Find three important words along the correct path through this maze that are the keys to a great playground.

How safe are the playgrounds in your neighborhood? Use the Hazard Hunt checklist to inspect them.

START W U G F E T B Y END
V G F E R E U L F V L T
L M A
W C T
F S P E C
R E G

Extra! Extra! Accident Watch
Look through the newspaper for pictures or articles about accidents. Discuss whether these accidents could have been prevented and how.

Standards Link: Recognize safe and unsafe behaviors and practices.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What's something you should wear every time you play outside?



Circle every third letter to reveal the answer!
T Y S J F U Y T N V W S E L
C I B R H R E V C E P A N
S

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- BOLTS
- CHAIN
- DRESS
- HAZARD
- INSPECT
- KIDS
- PAINT
- PARTS
- PATH
- PLAYGROUND
- SAFETY
- SHARP
- TRIP
- WEAR
- WOOD

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

W O O D N I A H C E
D N U O R G Y A L P
P A T H O K T Z H D
F E J C S I E A S R
P S Z V E H F R T E
I A T K W P A D R S
R Q I L Z E S R A S
T D V N O L A N P Y
S Z E W T B K R I Z

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

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Safety Poem

Look through the newspaper for words or pictures that represent or describe a person who helps keep you safe. Use these words to write a safety poem.

Standards Link: Linking health and safe behavior to genre; poetry.

Why did the chicken cross the playground?

ANSWER: To get to the other slide.

Write On!

Safe on the Playground

What are three safety rules students should follow on the playground?

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