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City to take next steps with center

By Tony Farkas news@sanjacnews.com

COLDSPRING — Now that the Community Center is formally in the hands of the city of Coldspring, the City Council will take the next steps toward renovation of the

Mayor John Benestante said that at the July 1 meeting, the council accepted the donation of center, and the deed was recorded the next day.

He said that now the city will finish its due diligence and have the property surveyed, as the city is looking to secure funds to add more square footage.

Benestante also said that the old center government board is now an advisory committee.

In other business, the council:

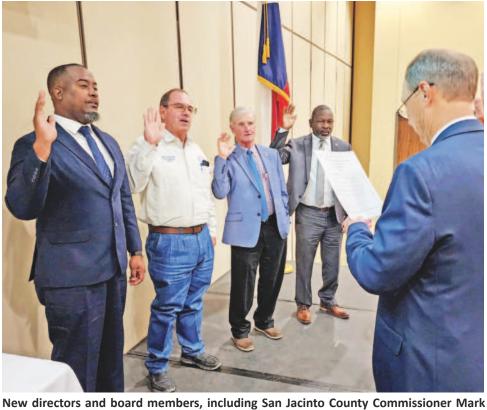
• approved the annual audit with no find-

• rejected acceptance of a right of way for Perry Drive, since the city's attorney's opinion was it would not benefit the city;

•discussed storm damage from the May stor ms, and is working with FEMA on several problem areas and funding fir repairs;

• approved Peoples State Bank as city de-

 approved a drug-free workplace policy for city employees.



Nettuno, are sworn in during the June 27 meeting of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments. COURTESY PHOTO

Prescott leads DETCOG for **2024-25**

Special to the News-Times

LUFKIN — Polk County Minority Representative Brandon Prescott has been sworn in as the new President of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments and Economic Development District.

The oath of office was administered to Prescott and other DETCOG officers during the organization's Annual Membership and Awards Luncheon held June 27 at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center in Lufkin.

The other officers for 2024-2025 include San Jacinto County Commissioner Mark Nettuno who is President-Elect, Houston County Judge Jim Lovell serving as Vice President, and Lufkin City Councilman Robert Shankle who is the new Secretary. The immediate Past President, who also serves on the DETCOG Executive Committee, is San Augustine County Judge Jeff Boyd.

"I am excited to begin my year of service as President of DETCOG," Prescott said.

"This is an organization which provides many valuable services to the local governments and citizens of our region. Our goal is to bring people together to improve the lives of the people of this region. It's an honor to serve.

Organized in 1966, DETCOG is both a Regional Planning Commission of the State of Texas and a federally chartered Economic Development District. It serves an 11-county region encompassing all of Angelina, Houston, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler counties.

The organization is governed by a 54-member Board of Directors, composed of elected officials of counties and cities. the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, and various other governmental entities in the region. The Board also includes a Minority Representative from each of its 11 counties. Prescott has represented Polk County in that capacity since 2019. He has served as a DETCOG officer for the past three years.

81 Texas counties added to disaster declaration

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — Acting Governor Dan Patrick today urged Texans to make final preparations and announced that he has added 81 counties to the state's Hurricane Beryl Disaster Declaration as storm forecasts have shifted the expected landfall north and east of previous projections.

This brings the total number of Texas counties included in the state's disaster declaration to 121 counties. Upon updating the disaster declaration, Acting Governor Patrick issued the following statement:

"As Hurricane Beryl approaches the Gulf Coast, today and tomorrow will be the last 2 days for Texans to make preparations for the coming storm. Beryl is a determined storm, and incoming winds and potential flooding will pose a serious threat to Texans who are in Beryl's path at landfall and as it makes its way across the state for the following 24 hours.

"Based on the current forecast, heavy rain and some localized flooding could occur all the way from the coast through areas near College Station, Tyler, and Texarkana as the storm moves through Texas on its current track. The track may change over the next 40 hours. Texans need to take heed, watch their local officials, and prepare today and tomorrow before the storm makes landfall early Monday morning.

"As Acting Governor, I've been in constant communication with Texas state agencies and local leaders to coordinate preparations and response, and I will continue to do so. Do not ignore this storm."

The 81 Texas counties added include Anderson, Angelina, Austin, Bastrop, Bell, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Dallas, Delta, Ellis, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Galveston, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jasper, Jefferson, Kaufman, Lamar, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, Marion, McLennan, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rains, Red River, Robertson, Rockwall, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller,

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Energy Assistance Available

Special to the News-Times

ity bills will be high in the coming months. Low-income households may be challenged to deal with these high bills.

Assistance may be available through federal LIHEAP funding. Funding is available for San Jacinto, Trinity and surrounding counties. The program targets vulnerable households such as elderly, disabled and the working poor. Greater East Texas Community Action Program administers the program in east Texas.

Eligibility is based on household income, citizenship and circumstances.

Individuals may apply by mail or online. The website is www.get-cap.org. A face-toface interview is not required. When the required information is mailed, emailed or done online that individual is contacted by telephone and the case can be completed.

According to Teresa Land, Program Manager, "We are especially concerned Hot temperatures and high humidity are about vulnerable households during times of extreme heat. It may take some time to complete the approval process so we hope individuals will apply soon. Multiple months of assistance could provide relief through the hot summer months and into the early fall."

> Karen Swenson, Executive Director shared "San Jacinto and Trinity area residents have embraced our mail in and online process. Federal LIHEAP requirements must be documented, and help is not immediate. Residents are encouraged to act soon. '

For more information and the application visit the website at www.get-cap.org or call 800-621-5746. Certain days there may be a high call volume so multiple attempts may be needed. GETCAP programs are available to all regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin.

Red Cross braces for Hurricane Beryl

Special to the News-Times

The American Red Cross and our community partners are closely monitoring Hurricane Beryl and its potential impact on South Texas. The time to get ready is now. Disasters won't stop. Hurricanes cause problems for people in coastal areas, but these storms can also cause damage hundreds of miles inland. People living inland should get

"As we watch the storm come closer to the Texas coast, we encourage our communities to get ready for the potential impact," said Shawn Schulze, Regional Executive for the Texas Gulf Coast. "The Red Cross stands ready to serve our community, and we encourage everyone to finalize their safety plans now."

With that thinking in mind, the American Red Cross has tips to help you prepare: Make a plan

In light of the coronavirus, you may have to adjust any previous plans you made. You

may need to leave your home quickly and travel to a safe place outside the affected area. If authorities advise you to evacuate, be prepared to leave immediately with your evacuation kit ("go bag" of emergency sup-

Plan now if you will need help leaving or if you need to share transportation.

Ask friends or relatives outside your area if you would be able to stay with them. Check with hotels, motels and to see if they are

Check your local media, state, and county websites for local emergency information. Plan ahead for your pets. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels/motels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation routes. Remember, if it's not safe for you to stay home, it's not safe for your pets either. Pet sheltering may be limited, so please consider staying with friends or family to ensure space is available for you and your pets. Pets are a part of your family, so please use resources such as RedRover to find out

where they can safely stay.

Build a kit

Assemble two kits of emergency supplies and a one-month supply of prescription medication. Start with this basic supply list: • Stay-at-home kit (2 weeks of emergency supplies): Include everything you need to stay at home for at least two weeks with items such as food, water, household clean-

products, and personal hygiene items • Evacuation kit (3 days of supplies in a "go bag"): Your second kit should be a lightweight, smaller version that you can take with you if you must leave your home

ing and disinfectant supplies, soap, paper

quickly. Include everything you need to be on your own for three days:

Food and water

• Personal hygiene items

· Cleaning and disinfectant supplies that you can use on the go (tissues, hand sanitizer with 60 percent alcohol and disinfecting wipes)

Cloth face coverings for everyone in your

household who can wear one safely. Cloth face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing. Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others in public. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unable to remove it without help.

• Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, and diaper rash cream

Pet food and extra water for your pet

• Cash or traveler's checks

• Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification, and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container

• 1-month supply of prescription medication, as well as over-the-counter medications like cough suppressants and feverreducing drugs and medical supplies or equipment. Keep these items together in a separate container so you can take them with you if you have to evacuate.

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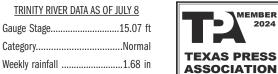
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Full effects of hurricane not tallied yet

The hurricane is headed for Texas as I write this and it will cause some delays to some organizations plans, even though we do not know yet where it will move to.

The Coldspring Chamber of Commerce lunch set for Tuesday will be reset for a later date. Let us hope that by the time you read this in print Hurricane Beryl has left our

• Shepherd will soon have a new auto supply store. O'Reilly Auto Parts are not quite finished building the new store, but it is looking good. When it is finished it will be located on Highway 223 across from Family

• The Small Business Development Center located in Sam Houston State University is a marvelous place to find help of many kinds for those in business or looking to start one. Business advice, workshops and events, specialty programs and online webinars and classes are available to anyone interested. You can have a one-on-one talk with an advisor, enjoy online classes or go to the class at the Center if you prefer. Go online to sbdc.uh.edu to find out more.

• June 29 was Adoption Day at the San Jacinto County Dog Rescue Shelter in Coldspring. Located on Hwy 2025, the Shelter has this special adoption day on the last Saturday of the month, but you can always visit



Five dogs were adopted, mostly puppies, and the photo shows the volunteers and some new parents with Sandra Houston seated in the middle in blue. This lady devotes her time to caring and looking after the dogs who get the best of attention available. If you want to know more call (281)

• If you want to know what is going on in our county, please go to www.sanjacintocountybulletinboard.com. Linda Deeter will place your event on there free of charge, as do I in this column. It is amazing all the events we have in our county.

Be safe till next week.

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.



Adoption day at the dog rescue shelter on FM 2025 in Coldspring. COURTESY PHOTO



Puppies are always popular at adoption day. COURTESY PHOTO





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POP: 25% RF: The patented AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature® is the only index that includes all the weather factors that play a role in how we perceive temperature, including the effects of wind, humidity, sunshine,

LOWS: **70** to **75** RF: 74 to 79

POP: 15%

Partly cloudy

A t-storm around in the afternoon

precipitation, pressure, and elevation. Shown are the highest and lowest value ranges for each day. POP: Probability of Precipitation.

88 to **93 73** to **78** RF: 99 to 104/79 to 84 RF: 100 to 105/80 to 85

SATURDAY

Humid with a thunderstorm in spots **86** to **9**1 **72** to **77**

POP: **40%**

SUNDAY

An afternoon thunderstorm in

91 to **96 73** to **78** RF: 103 to 108/79 to 84

After a cloudy start,

MONDAY

sun returns

90 to **95 72** to **77** RF: 98 to 103/75 to 80 POP: 5%

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91 to **96** RF: 100 to 105/76 to 81 POP: **5%**

Mostly cloudy

TUESDAY

Partly sunny, a couple of t-storms 90 to 95 **74** to **79**

WEDNESDAY

RF: 99 to 104/77 to 82 POP: **60%**

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Statistics through 7/7

Temperatures

Month to date/normal 0.44 / 1.02 Year to date/normal 25.28 / 27.69

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LIFE TRIBUTE

Dean Voan March 8, 1936-June 30, 2024

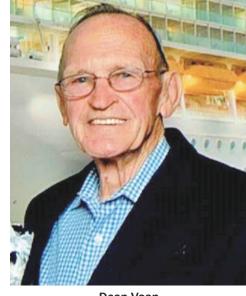
Dean Voan, a faithful servant who loved his family dearly, peacefully passed away on June 30, 2024. He was born on March 8, 1936, in Oakhurst. Dean was the beloved son of Mark Jake Voan and Mary Zelma Durdin Voan. He is preceded in death by his parents, as well as his sister, Ruth Adele Moore; brother, Morris Hulen (Buddy) Voan; his niece, Carolyn Moore Rushing; and half-brother, Ćharles Wilburn Voan.

Dean leaves behind a legacy of love and dedication to his surviving family and friends. He is survived by his cherished wife, Wanda Jean Voan; his children, Michael Dean Voan (Georgetta), Deborah Jean Voan Blanks (Michael), Michele Lené Voan Capps (late husband, Jimmy), and Paul Edward Voan; grandchildren, Matthew Blanks, William Voan, Brian Austin Voan, Justin Voan, Ryleigh Lewis, Madison Cooper; and his great-grandchildren, Bethany, Alex, Ezra, Olivia, music show together with Joe and Alma Ellery, Will Henry, Silas, Melanie, Morgan, Norah, Bentley, Logan, Rilyn, and Tarkington School, called the "Tarking-

Dean and Jean started their married lives. life together on March 5, 1955. He was Company on offshore drilling rigs and on ranches in Rocksprings and Anahuac.

Dean was well-known, much loved ness, love and LOTS of humor! and respected in and around Cleveland, Tarkington, Shepherd, Liberty and Cold- bered where he faithfully attended and spring. He was a disc jockey on KVLB in Cleveland, where he was known as Pentecostal Church in Shepherd during "Bashful Barefoot Brother Dean Voan," a visitation service on Friday, July 5. A he was an announcer at the Cleveland service of remembrance was held there Racetrack, dispatcher at the Cleveland on Saturday with the Rev. Gregary C. Police Department, Letter Carrier at the Gerald officiating. Interment followed Cleveland Post Office, and opened an at Farley Chapel Cemetery in Shepherd. auto sales and repair shop in Cleveland, Honoring Dean as pallbearers were Willetter carrier and transferred to the Post Justin Voan, Austin Voan, and Wayne Office in Liberty where he walked about Adcock. The honorary pallbearer was 10 miles a day delivering mail. He later Michael Blanks. transferred to Coldspring Post office where he worked as a clerk. He loved his ers to the family in memory of Dean customers, and they loved him!

He and his wife Jean had a country www.nealfh.net.



Dean Voan

Voan, Lené Whitfield, Kayla Willhoite, music show at the "Tarkington Prairie Jamboree," later just known as the "Blue Barn." Before that, they had a country Faye Guynes in Cleveland, and at the Summer. He will be forever held in their ton Prairie Jubilee." Music is what drew them together and was a big part of their

Dean Voan's presence in the lives of working at Modern Optics in Houston, those who knew him will be greatly and later worked for Brown and Root Oil missed. He was loved by everyone who met him. May he rest in peace, knowing he touched the hearts of many with kind-

Dean's life was celebrated and rememworshipped his Lord at Shepherd United Voan Motor Co." He became a full-time liam Voan, Brian Voan, Matthew Blanks,

To order memorial trees or send flow-Voan, please visit Neal Funeral Home at

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Washington, Williamson, and Wood counties. Additional counties may be added as conditions warrant.

According to the National Hurricane Center, Tropical Storm Beryl is expected to intensify as it moves northwest through the Gulf of Mexico, before it takes a northerly turn to make landfall along the mid-Texas coast as a hurricane on Monday. Interests in Texas should closely monitor this system and finalize preparations for hurricane impacts, including heavy rainfall, flooding, potential tornadoes, and damaging winds as the system moves inland across the state.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management increased the readiness level of the State Emergency Operations Center as of 10 a.m. Friday and Texas Emergency Management Council agencies are working 24-hour operations, while also continuing to preposition state emergency response resources that were readied for deployment by Governor Greg Abbott on Thursday.

The State of Texas currently has more than 2,000 responders and 850 assets rostered and deployed in support of the state's response to anticipated impacts from Hurricane Beryl. The following state emergency response resources have been rostered and deployed to support response opera-

• Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Texas A&M Task Force 1 & Texas Task Force 2): Search and Rescue Personnel, and Swiftwater Boat Squads.

 Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service: Texas A&M Public Works Response Team.

Texas A&M Forest Service: Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) All-Hazards Incident Strike Teams, including personnel and fire en-

• Texas National Guard: National Guard Personnel, including High Profile Vehicles

and Chinook & Black Hawk Helicopters. • Texas Department of Public Safety: Texas Highway Patrol Troopers, the Tactical Marine Unit, and Helicopters with hoist capabilities.

• Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Game Wardens and Park Police to provide law enforcement support, along with

Swiftwater Boats, Airboats, Flat Bottom Boats, Four-wheel Drive Vehicles, and Helicopters.

• Texas Department of State Health Services (Emergency Medical Task Force): Medical Incident Support Teams and Severe Weather Packages, including Ambus-

es, Ambulances, and Command Vehicles. • Texas Department of Transportation: Highway maintenance personnel and per-

sonnel to monitor roadway conditions. • Texas Animal Health Commission: Personnel to provide livestock support.

• Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service: Disaster Assessment and Recovery Agents as well as AgriLife Extension Agents to support agricultural and livestock needs.

• Texas Department of Information Resources: Monitoring for potential cyberthreats and impacts to technology infrastructure.

 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: Air/water/wastewater monitor-

Railroad Commission of Texas: Monitoring the state's natural gas supply, and communicating with the oil & gas indus-

• Public Utility Commission of Texas: Personnel to coordinate with utility providers across the threat area.

• Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster: Coordinating volunteer organizations across impacted areas.

• FEMA Region 6: More than 100 personnel, 500,000 Meals Ready to Eat, 800,000 liters of Water, 20,000 Tarps, 2,500 Rolls of Plastic Sheathing, Generators, Urban Search and Rescue Teams, Tractor-Trailers, Communications and Command Vehicles.

Texans are urged to stay informed, monitor local weather forecasts, follow directions from local officials, make an emergency plan, review hurricane evacuation routes, build a kit containing emergency supplies, and consider reviewing flood risk and insurance coverage. Additionally, visitors to Texas beaches should review beach safety tips and remain aware of the risks of rip currents during an approaching tropical system in the Gulf of Mexico.

Texans are encouraged to visit the TDEM Disaster Portal or Texas Hurricane Center webpages for storm information. Additional storm safety and preparedness information is available at Texas Ready.gov and tdem.texas.gov/prepare.

SENIOR MENUS

July 15-19

Menus Subject to Change

• Senior Citizens of San Jacinto County 936-653-4175

Call by 10:30 a.m. to reserve a meal.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday is Texercise. salad bar, garlic rolls.

Friday is karaoke.

MONDAY: Chicken tenders, rice and gravy, broccoli and carrots, salad, rolls.

TUESDAY: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and tomato gravy, green beans, rolls.

WEDNESDAY: Chef salad bar, baked potato soup, fruit, crackers. THURSDAY: Spaghetti, Italian green beans, 29.

coleslaw, hush puppies.

• Shepherd Senior Citizens Center | 936-628-3733

Second Tuesday of each month includes birthday cake for dessert.

Bingo is July 11, 17, 24 and 31. Bag Days are July 5 and 19. Craft Days are July 15, 22 and

MONDAY: Chicken and dressing, yams, Tuesday is line dancing. Thursday is bingo. FRIDAY: Fish Friday, tater tot casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce, ambrosia cornbread, brownies.

salad.

TUESDAY: Pork loin, macaroni and cheese, cabbage, fruit.

WEDNESDAY: Taco salad, cilantro lime rice, ranch beans, ice cream.

THURSDAY: Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, sopapilla cheesecake.

FRIDAY: Chicken and dumplings, pea salad,



OPINION



Media almost remembers how to do its job

I'm sure by now you've heard or read about the pretty rotten, awful, horrible performance by President Biden during the televised debate. While my previous column dealt with what was said, this will deal with how it was perceived, particularly in the delivery and what it says about the candidates.

foibles, both real and perceived, were ing accomplishments that were not bers of both the media and political bad decisions and crumbling society put on display, because true to form, his while touting victories that didn't classes have not only been duped while we are told that everything is liberals will attack credibility and exist. propriety when facts just won't do.

for defending himself against baseless accusations, particularly those that were based on fallacious infor- sequent speeches and interviews, the American way. mation, wouldn't the American vot- has left the national news media, the ers be better served hearing about supposed cream-of-the-information considered a hallmark of govern- Jacinto News-Times and the Trinity how their lives will be made better crop, aghast at Biden's condition. and how problems will be solved?

On the even more obvious side, for the last three years has just land- saying that "... were it left to me to ing.com.



I'm not going to fact-check every replaced. While I don't begrudge any man claim, because there isn't a point. fallout of that debacle, and the sub-

have command of much.

These journalisms are reporting that there are serious issues with the ter the size, are the watchdogs of govalso eagerly reporting on how many truthful as they may be. other similarly uninformed membut are now calling for Biden to be sunshine and puppy dogs.

What I will do is point out that the as if the media has swooped in to be propagandist and a collective agitathe champions of truth, justice and

Reporting the truth always was

commander-in-chief doesn't really should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

president and are coming off like ernment, and because of that, need they've been duped for the majority to be above reproach. Objectivity is of his presidency and before. They're a necessity, and most of all fully as

Or, as Vladimir Lenin said, "The All of this is being presented to us press should be not only a collective tor but also a collective organizer of the masses."

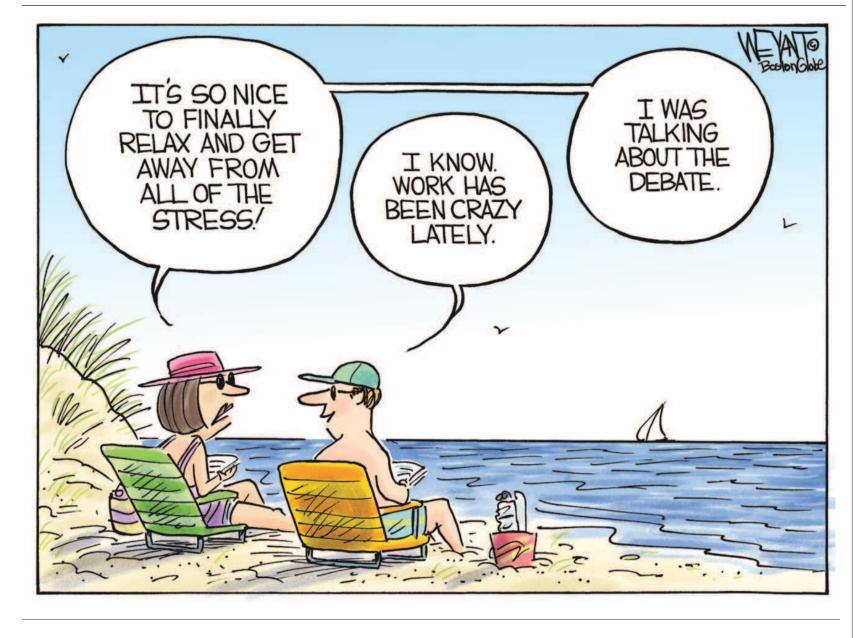
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Because the alternative is years of

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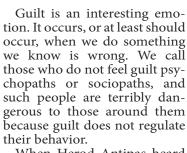
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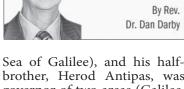
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Guilty as charged



When Herod Antipas heard that Jesus and his disciples were healing sick people and casting out demons, he immediately assumed that John the Baptist had come back to life to haunt or destroy him (Mark 6:16). John the Baptist had been arrested by Herod, but Herod did not kill him because he enjoyed hearing John preach and he admired him.

On one occasion, John the Baptist told Herod that it had been wrong for him to marry his brother's wife, Herodias. Herodias had likely agreed to swapping husbands because her first husband, Philip, had been governor of one area (Iturea, north and east of the



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brother, Herod Antipas, was governor of two areas (Galilee, west of the Sea of Galilee, and Perea, southeast of the Sea of Galilee). Herodias viewed Herod An-

tipas as more powerful than Philip, so the new marriage was a step up for her. When John the Baptist condemned the new marriage, Herodias did not appreciate it (perhaps because she felt guilty), and at an opportune moment, had her daughter ask for the head of John the Baptist on a silver platter.

It occurred when Herod offered the daughter a gift of up to half his kingdom because he was so pleased with her dance at his birthday party. Herod did not want to fulfill the request,

but felt he had to do it in order not to lose face with his party guests before whom he had made the boastful offer.

Herod's conscience troubled him so much with guilt over the beheading that he assumed Jesus was John the Baptist brought back to life by God and that Jesus was out to repay him for the crime. Jesus referred to Herod Antipas as "that fox" (Luke 13:32) because Herod was always chasing him, trying to arrest him and eliminate this perceived threat to his throne.

Jesus frequently retreated to the wilderness not just for prayer, but to escape the fox who was hunting him. The wilderness was on the east shore of the Sea of Galilee in the territory of Herod's half-brother, Philip. Philip, as you might imagine,

granted no access to his territory to Herod Antipas because he did not appreciate Herod stealing his wife.

Guilt makes us do crazy things. It can make us imagine

strange threats to our welfare, like Herod did when he heard about the miracles Jesus was performing. It can make us aggressive, as Herod was towards Jesus.

It can make us defensive, bitter, and angry. It can turn us into paranoid porcupines whose needles are always out. It can make us become roaring tigers, threatening aggressive harm toward others. It can make us depressed, dark, and moody. It can make us vengeful and hateful. It can lead us to turn one wrong that we have done into a thousand other wrongs that we impose upon others and even society at large. It can lead us to put up barriers that isolate us from others and poison the healthy relationships we should have. It can lead to criminal behavior and the consequences of such behavior.

There is a better way to handle our feelings of guilt. The Bible says, "if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse

us from everything we've done wrong." (I John 1:9). God can cleanse our souls,

wipe the slate clean, and give us a new start. We should feel guilty for the things we have done wrong, but guilt should not lead us to worse behavior, it should lead us to repentance.

Repentance is feeling regret and turning from our misdeeds to righteous behavior. It is acknowledging our misdeeds before God, and, when appropriate, to other people. It is coming out of our denial and having the courage to be honest with ourselves, with God, and with others about our sins. It is asking God and others for forgiveness and choosing to walk a new path with new behaviors and attitudes.

Repentance puts us in right relationship with God and often leads to mended relationships with others. It is the first step of the healing of the soul from the ravages of guilt.

Dr. Dan Darby is a retired *United Methodist pastor.*

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Proposed fed rule would protect workers from extreme heat

A year after a new state law ended mandatory water breaks in Texas, a proposed federal rule would protect millions of workers from the risks caused by extreme heat, The Texas Tribune reported.

The rule would require employers to create plans to prevent heat injuries and illnesses and ensure workers get access to drinking water, rest breaks and control of indoor heat. It would apply to all employers whose businesses are under the jurisdiction of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Last year, Texas legislators passed House Bill 2127, which barred cities and counties from passing ordinances that go farther than state law in a number of areas, including labor regulations. That measure eliminated ordinances in Austin and Dallas that mandated water breaks for construction workers, The Tribune reported.

"Greg Abbott tried to take rest breaks away from everyday Texans, but now we're one step closer to securing heat protections for all Americans on the job," U.S. Rep. Greg Casar, D-Austin, said last week. "Employers can adopt OSHA's proposed rule and protect their workers today."

The proposed rule still has to go through the regulatory approval process. It likely will face opposition from industry groups.

AG's office must collect fines from its boss

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton owes the state of Texas more than \$11,000 in fines for fil-

Capitol **Highlights** By Gary Borders

ing late campaign finance reports, and the office he heads is now charged with collecting the money, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The Texas Ethics Commission referred Paxton's unpaid fines to the attorney general's office in April, according to public records. Paxton is not the only elected official who owes the state for campaign violation fines. Hundreds of candidates and elected officials together owe the state more than \$700,000. His office has declined to sue to collect the unpaid fines, according to the Chronicle.

The executive director of Common Cause, a watchdog group, called the situation a clear conflict of interest.

"If I didn't pay a parking ticket and incurred a fine as a penalty, most Texans would find it absurd if I also got to review my fine and have a role in deciding whether any action should be taken to collect that fine," Anthony Gutierrez said.

The office has only filed one lawsuit against a public official who owes ethics fines since September 2023.

Abbott's border wall decades away from completion

The state-funded border wall

announced by Gov. Greg Abbott three years ago is proceeding at about a half mile a week, The Tribune reported. At that rate, completion of the wall along the state's 1,254-mile border will take about 30 years and cost around \$20 billion to complete. Thus far, 34 miles of wall have been completed at a price tag of about \$25 million per

State lawmakers thus far have approved more than \$3 billion for the wall, out of the \$11 billion allocated for the border crackdown known as Operation Lone Star. The remainder of the money has gone to sending state troopers and National Guard soldiers to the border, as well as transporting migrants to Democrat-controlled cities outside of Texas.

Some Republicans are expressing concern about the rising costs of the wall.

"I am, too, concerned that we're spending a whole lot of money to give the appearance of doing something rather than taking the problem on to actually solve it, and until we do that, I don't expect to see much happen," state Sen. Bob Hall, R-Edgewood.

Abbott's office did not respond to a request for comment.

TxDOT asks for feedback on 10year plan

The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking input on a proposed 10-year plan that proposes spending a record \$104.2 billion for transportation to improve safety, address congestion and improve roadways.

The plan also addresses public transportation, maritime, aviation, rail, freight and international trade, and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, according to TxDOT.

The Unified Transportation Program is updated annually and serves as the agency's 10-year blueprint for statewide projects.

"Collaborating with our transportation partners and communities ensures that we continue connecting you with Texas while prioritizing safety, delivery, innovation and stewardship," said Marc Williams, TxDOT executive direc-

The comment period is underway and ends on Aug. 5. To learn about different ways to comment, go to: https://www.txdot.gov/ projects/planning/utp/utp-publicinvolvement.html.

Report: Weed is essentially legal

A Texas Monthly investigation into eight hemp dispensaries across the state found that all were selling cannabis with potent levels of THC, the psychoactive compound still considered illegal in Texas beyond low levels.

In 2018, the Farm Bill passed by Congress said cannabis plants with less than 0.3 percent delta-9 THC is considered hemp and not restricted under the Federal Controlled Substances Act. Texas adopted these standards the following year, making hemp legal in the state. That resulted in hemp dispensaries sprouting across the

Russell Gold with Texas Month-

ly told the Texas Standard that samples purchased at dispensaries across the state were sent off for

"The lowest amount of THC we found was nine times the legal limit, but we actually purchased some that was 40 times the legal limit," Gold said. "And what that means is that this isn't hemp. It is marijuana by any definition."

Gold said he was unaware of any dispensary in the state being shut down for selling what is essentially

"I mean, there are penalties because they're not supposed to, but nobody's paying attention," he

Shark attack injures 4 on the Fourth at South Padre

Four people were injured after a shark attack on South Padre Island, the Austin American-Statesman reported. A news release from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said two people were bitten and two slightly injured when encountering the shark.

Authorities believe a single shark was behind all four incidents, occurring over two hours. Such attacks are rare, with 36 reported last year in the United States, according to the University of Florida's Shark Attack File.

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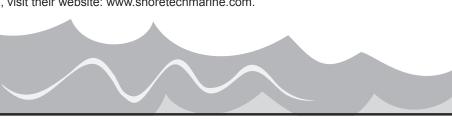
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2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan

A San Jacinto County Community Open House will be held on Wednesday, July 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Coldspring Community Center, 101 E. Cedar Ave. An online survey is also available at http://tiny.cc/blancohmp, where stakeholders have an additional opportunity to offer their feedback.

The county's planning consultants will be present to share maps and other information while answering questions.

Association offers assistance

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Libraries seeks donations

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

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

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Follow evacuation orders.

doors and maintain direct control of them. Prepare an emergency kit for your pets, including sturdy leashes or pet carriers, food and water, bowls, cat litter and pan, and photos of you with your pet in case they get lost. Additional pet safety tips are available.

Wildlife photography contest deadline extended

Special to the News-Times

SAN ANTONIO — Wildlife in Focus, a non-profit organization which targets wildlife and ecosystem conservation in Texas, recently expanded its popular biennial photography competition in order to reach more landowners and photographers across the state.

The expansion includes plans to encourage the owners of any and all privately owned land across the state to participate in the contest. In addition, the organization has added a new category that allows individual photographers to compete for separate prize purses without being part of a landowner/photographer team.

The competition, which has existed for 20 years, has three entry levels: landowner/ photographer team, videographer, and individual photographer. The two photography contests both span 50 categories and the videography contest has 8 opportunities for entries.

The total prize purse for all three contests, all categories, is \$45,000. The goal of the competitions is to promote conservationism and to create a visual story of the beauty of native Texas land and wildlife, from insects to sunsets, from borders to bayous. The prize-winning photos for each competition are then used to produce a coffee-table book as well as promoting the educational outreach program of the or-

ganization, Kritters 4 Kids, which targets school-age children grades K-8.

"We are very excited to share that our upcoming contests are now available for landowners anywhere in the entire state of Texas," said Miles Phillips, Wildlife in Focus photo contest director. "Photographers and videographers from anywhere and with all levels of skill and time now have additional entry options."

Registration for the competition is now open at the wildlifeinfocus.org website. Deadline for entry is Dec. 1. The active window for photography is from Feb. 21, 2025, to May 31, 2025. Photographers and landowners can set up their own teams, or WiF will assist in pairing teams.

The registration fee is \$500 for each participant on the landowner/photographer teams. The individual photographer entry fee is based on the number of categories and photos entered and includes entry into the videography competition. The fee for entering the videography contest alone is \$100 each for landowner and videogra-

Full rules for the contest, including equipment requirements, technology specifications, categories and prize purses, are available at wildlifeinfocus.org.

Any questions or concerns regarding the competition can be emailed to info@ wildlifeinfocus.org or left in a voicemail at 361-342-9585.

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Grilling the perfect steak



I absolutely love steak, regardless if it's from the back strap of a whitetail or loin of grain-fed beef but there are vast differences in the way each is cooked, or I might say the way each should be cooked. I'm referring to grilled steaks here, not chicken fried.

Tenderness and fat or marbling is the primary difference between venison and beef. Beef are fattened but deer use all their muscles for survival and their meat is naturally not as tender. All fat must be removed from that thick cut venison back strap steak. Fat is what gives venison that gamey flavor some folks complain about. Remove all fat from venison, regardless of how you plan to pre-

On the other hand, fat is a good thing with beef, it's what keeps the steak moist when cooking and adds a great deal of flavor.

I must add a disclaimer here in the beginning: I like steaks — all type of steaks — well done. Not charred but cooked to the point there can only be a trace of pink in the center of the steak. I fully understand why the majority of hunters want their grilled back strap steaks cooked medium rare of even rare. Without the fat to marble the venison steak when cooking over a very hot fire of charcoal or wood, it becomes as tough as a boot, yes even the back strap or inner loin steaks which are the most tender cut of the deer would become tough if cooked

well done directly over coals. A couple weeks ago, I bought several pounds of sirloin steak at a very good price. My wife loves grilled steak and so do I, but I happen to have a supply of venison back strap in the freezer that I wanted to cook along with the sirloin. As most know, sirloin is not the most tender cut of beef. Oh, it's tasty when grilled over coals but also a bit chewy.

I have a method of grilling less than tender cuts of beef or venison back strap that makes both not only well done and flavorful but tender as well. I cut my venison steaks about three quarter inch thick and dust them liberally with garlic powder, salt and coarse ground black pepper. The sirloin beef steak is seasoned the same and both are placed into a freezer bag in the frig for a couple days to marinate. I add a bit of Louisiana Hot Sauce to help distribute the dry seasonings.

I like a bit of smoke flavor on grilled steaks and put the steaks over a charcoal or wood embers until almost done to my liking. If cooking with wood, make sure and let the fire burn down to embers before putting the steaks on to cook, this will avoid getting too much smoke on the steaks.

Next, I finely chop several garlic cloves and heat some cooking oil and butter in my cast iron skillet. Butter alone will scorch when exposed to high heat and the oil seems to allow the steaks to finish cooking without charring. I'll begin at medium temperature and sear the steaks on both sides then add the diced pieces of garlic and flip the steaks to insure garlic is thoroughly distributed on both

both sides, it's time to place a lid on the skillet and turn the heat down very low. Let the meat simmer for 20 minutes or so, this will further help tenderize it. After this slow cooking period, remove the lid, turn the heat buck up and again sear each side of the steak. I always reserve a bit of the garlic butter to drizzle over the steak before serving. I'm not saying steaks cooked in this manner are

When the steaks are seared on



These 'tougher' cuts of steak have been grilled over hot coals until medium well and now are being finished in a cast iron skillet with butter and fresh garlic. Thirty minutes of slow heat will make them tender, and the butter will ensure they don't dry out. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

as tender as a choice ribeye, but they are very flavorful and much, much more affordable. Obviously, If you like your steaks rare or medium rare, this is not the method for you.

Slow cooking in moisture is the key to making tougher cuts of meat tender and this method uses butter and a bit of oil to do the trick. The finished product is a well-done and tender steak. Through the years, this is the only way I've found to tenderize grilled venison. But if you like venison rare, simply pull your steak off the grill when it reaches the desired doneses.

I've watched many of my friends cook their venison at camp in this manner. Ole' Luke always has his cast iron skillet handy with some butter and garlic and after the steak gets a bit of wood smoke flavor, off the grill and into the skillet it goes.

I also love chicken fried venison

and use the same marinade as when I'm grilling. A couple days marinating in the fridge works wonders on venison regardless if you're using ham steak or back strap.

I always tenderize steak I use for the chicken fry method. This can be accomplished many ways, everything from scoring with a sharp knife to running the meat through a tenderizer works. Some cooks dip the steak in egg and milk then into flour twice before frying but I prefer a lighter batter. I simply lightly season flour and thoroughly coat each of the side of the steak. The trick, just like when frying fish, is to have the oil really hot but not smoking. It only takes 6 or 8 minutes to chicken fry a venison steak to the point that the crust is crunchy and the meat well

Chicken fried venison is the perfect candidate for a liberal amount of cream gravy and rice served on the side. After the steaks have been cooked, remove most of the cooking oil but not all, leave enough to moisten a few tablespoons of flour and be sure to leave the little bits of browned flour, they add a lot of flavor to the gravy. Stir the flour constantly for a few minutes to make the roux or gravy. I like to season with a bit more coarsely ground pepper and salt to taste then stir in milk or water to finish the gravy.

If you're at camp, canned milk is much easier to work with and the flavor is excellent. Served with some hot homemade biscuits, this is a meal fit for a king or queen, regardless if cooked at camp or home.

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Texas drawn hunt program opens applications

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — Hunters will have new opportunities and scenery this fall through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's drawn hunt permits program.

The program, which issues permits for drawn hunts on both public and private lands throughout Texas, is now accepting applications for a shot at nearly 9,400 permits in more than 60 high-quality hunt categories

high-quality hunt categories.

"The opportunities offered through our online Public Hunt Draw System give hunters a tremendous variety to hunt and see Texas at an affordable cost" said Kelly Edmiston, TPWD public hunting coordinator. "Throughout the state, we have seen lack of access to land being a major barrier of entry for folks interested in hunting. The public hunt program gives everyone an opportunity to hunt without the costly investment."

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The Drawn Hunts Catalog interactive map shows all drawn hunt opportunities by category or by area. All applications, fee payments and permit issuance are handled electronically. To participate, applicants will need internet access, an email address and a credit or debit card. The customer ID number from the applicant's hunting or fishing license is the most effective way to access the system.

Application fees range from free to \$3 or \$10, depending on the hunt cat-

egory. Adult hunters who are selected may need to pay a special permit fee of \$80 for regular hunts and \$130 for extended hunts. Some categories, such as the youth-only hunts, require no application fees or permit fees. Permits are open to resident and non-resident hunters alike.

Application deadlines are the 1st and 15th of each month between Aug. 1 and Nov. 1. Aug. 1 is the deadline for all alligator hunt categories and private lands dove hunts. Aug. 15 is the deadline for archery deer, archery mule deer, pronghorn, private land pronghorn and javelina.

A full list of category deadlines can be found on the Drawn Hunts Deadlines webpage. Hunters can apply until 11:59 p.m. (CDT) on the application deadline. Applicants can check their drawing status online at any time.

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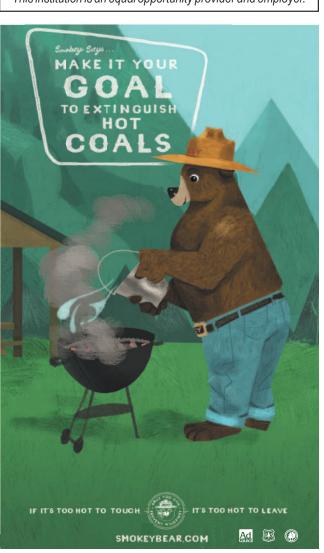
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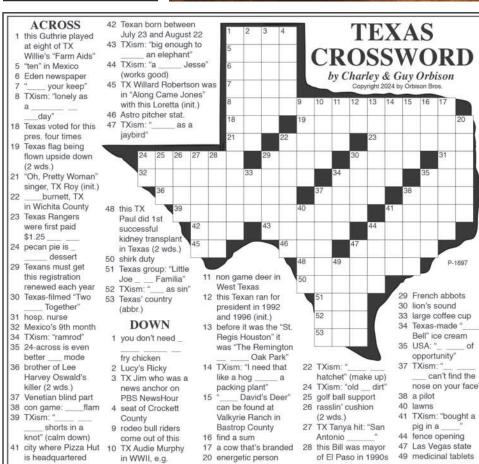
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County Commisioners to revise subdivision plat of Greentree Village of Waterwood

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REVISE Greentree Village of Waterwood subdiviceived an application to consider a Plat Re- and to hear protests to the revision will be (17) and Eighteen (18), in Block Five (5) of 9:00 a.m.

SUBDIVISION PLAT The Commissioner's sion, with said Lots to be renamed Lot 17A. Court of San Jacinto County, Texas has re- A public hearing to consider the application vision to the plat of Greentree Village of held at the Commissioner's Court, Commis-Waterwood, a subdivision in San Jacinto sioner's Courtroom, Coldspring, Texas, on County, Texas, by combining Lots Seventeen the 24th day of July, 2024, at approximately

Estate of Nina Delores Toole

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION CAUSE NO. P2024-73 THE ESTATE OF NINA DELORES TOOLE AKA NINA RANDALL TO ALL UN-KNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF NINA DELORES TOOLE AKA NINA RANDALL, DECEASED RICHARD MARION LEON RANDALL, filed in the San Jacinto County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas, July 1, 2024 an AP-PLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION - INTESTATE, reesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of NINA DELORES TOOLE AKA NINA RANDALL, 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 cita-

tion, 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 the seal of said Court at office in Coldspring, Texas, on July 3, 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 Kerry Hagan 90 Live Oak Street Coldspring, Texas 77331(P) 936-653-4444 Email: kerryhagan@gmail.com

Estate of Joann Moody

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOANN MOODY, Deceased, were issued on June 11, 2024, under docket number P2024-35, pending in the County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas to LOUISE GRACE REIT-MEIER, Independent Executrix. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate addressed as follows: Kerry C. Hagan Attorney at Law The Estate of JOANN MOODY, Deceased. 90 Live Oak Street Coldspring, Texas 77331 All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 2 day of July, 2024. By Kerry Carl Hagan Attorney at Law Attorney for the

County Commissioner to revise subdivision plat of Royale Greens of Cape Royale

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REVISE SUBDIVISION PLAT The Commissioner's Court of San Jacinto County, Texas has received an application to consider a Plat Revision to the plat of Royale Greens Section of Cape Royale, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, by changing the metes and bounds of both Lots Thirteen

(13) and Fourteen (14), of Block Five (5), of Royale Greens Section of Cape Royale. A public hearing to consider the application and to hear protests to the revision will be held at the Commissioner's Court, Commissioner's Courtroom, Coldspring, Texas, on the 24th day of July, 2024, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Estate of Betty Lou Schultz

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of BETTY LOU SCHULTZ, Deceased, were issued on July 21, 2023, under docket number P2023-59, pending in the County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas to JAMES EDWARD FENDLEY, Independent Executor. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate addressed as follows: Kerry

C. Hagan Attorney at Law The Estate of BETTY LOU SCHULTZ, Deceased. 90 Live Oak Street Coldspring, Texas 77331 All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 1st day of July, 2024. By Kerry Carl Hagan Attorney at Law Attorney for the Applicant

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT AMENDMENT

PERMIT NO. WQ0014056001

APPLICATION. Texas Water Utilities, L.P., 2150 Town Square Place, Suite 400, Sugarland, Texas 77479, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0014056001

(EPA I.D. No. TX0117331) to authorize an increase in the discharge of treated wastewater to a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 200,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 20 Cayman Street, Point Blank, in San Jacinto County, Texas 77364. The discharge route is from the plant site to an unnamed tributary; thence to Lake Livingston. TCEQ received this application on May 23, 2024. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Coldspring Area Public Library, Front Desk, 14221 Highway 150 West, Coldspring, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. The application, including any updates, and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pendingpermits/tpdes-applications. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.171666,30.8&level=18

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/ wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en https://www.tceq.texas.gov/ permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www. tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at https://www14. tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/ goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-

Further information may also be obtained from Texas Water Utilities, L.P. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Chuck Barry, Environmental Health & Safety Manager, at 512-531-6271.

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We impounded a 2020 Load Trail Trailert Flatbed; and are currently trying to find the owners of the trailer. This vehicle will be disposed of in accordance with applicable laws of the State Of Texas if not claimed within 45 days. Charges are as listed below. Total storage charges cannot be computed until the vehicle is claimed. The storage charges will accrue daily until the vehicle is released. Vehicles are released 24 HRS a day with a ONE HOUR notice. Proof of ownership is required to reclaim the vehicle. accepts donations and is open Thank you for your immediate M-F, 501 W. Bluff in Woodattention to this notice. The following is a list of charges and total due as of today's date: 06/27/2024 , Tow: \$272.00 Storage: (\$39.99 a day) \$799.80 Notification Fee: \$50.00 Impound Fee: \$22.85, Tax: \$67.86 TOTAL DUE: \$1,212.51. Direct unresolved complaints regarding the STORAGE of the vehicle to: Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations P.OBox12157Austin, Texas 78711 WWW.TDLR.Texas.gov/complaints or email @ enforcement @ tdlr.texas.gov 512-436-6599 or 1-800-803-9202. (within

Public Notice

first day it appears. We will authorized by the Polk County Saturday, July 13, located in with Affordable Sparkle Clean- barn, old building and/or haul dividual from the Trinity area correct any error as quickly as Sheriff's Department to be repossible. However, we cannot covered by Lakeview Towing LLC on June 2, 2024. The vehicle was recovered on Old Woodville Road near Easy Street and is curthe San Jacinto News-Times or rently being stored at 1101 E. Church Street, Livingston, Texas 77351. Vehicles are released 24-hours a day within one-hour of notice, (16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 85.710, para 6/7]). You may recover the vehicle by providing proof of ownership, photo identification, and paying all charges." (27-1t-pd-PCE)

Announcements

POLK COUNTY SPCA urges everyone to do their part to control the pet population in Polk County. Have your pets spayed and neutered to avoid dealing with unwanted puppies and kittens. To adopt a pet,come HUGE GARAGE sale Thursdayby SPCA at 802 South Houston, corner of Mary St. and Hwy. 146 or call (936) 755-3020. (1-tfn-nc-PCE)

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)

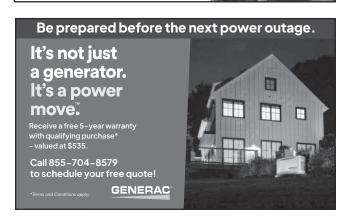
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Friday, July 4th-5th, 6081 US Hwy 59 North, Livingston. Approximately five miles North of Livingston. Lots of clothes, furniture, household appliances, some tools and more. Come browse around. (936)933-2907. (27-1t-pd-PCE)

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A BOOKSTORE FOR CHARITY is located inside the Tyler County Booster newspaper office located at 205 W. Bluff in Woodville. All books are 25 cents each, or fill a bag for \$2. All proceeds benefit Tyler County non profits. Come shop with us for a good (2-tfn-nc-TCB)

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(22-tfn-cc-PCE)

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