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County to revisit ESD request in August

By Tony Farkas
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COLDSRING — After delaying a vote on creating a second Emergency Services District for the Waterwood subdivision in April, the initial request was denied by the San Jacinto County Commissioners Court, but it will consider a revised petition at a later date.

At the regular court meeting on Wednesday, the court denied the original petition, which had raised questions in April about the effect tax levies

would have on out-of-state landowners, as well as if the ESD could generate enough funds to provide adequate services.

For the Wednesday meeting, representatives of the Waterwood Improvement Association Inc. had submitted a second petition that changed the boundaries to something County Judge Fritz Faulkner said could possibly make everyone happy.

A public hearing for the second petition was set for Aug. 7.

The WIA is seeking to ensure the resi-

dents of the area have adequate fire and ambulance service.

In other business, the commissioners:

- approved an agreement with Texas Department of Emergency Management for TDEM grant awards;
- approved a request to seek bids to repair a fire alarm system at the county storm shelter, damaged during a lightning strike;
- approved the rehire of Lisa Miller for work involving subdivisions;
- approved changes to the county's subdivision regulations;

- approved a variance for a lot split;
- approved bond renewals for Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Kristin Reeves;
- approved seeking bids for a new security camera system;
- approved new payroll deduction form for county employees;
- approved the use of county property on Live Oak and Pine streets for teaching gardens for the San Jacinto County Master Gardeners; and
- approved a blood drive to be held on July 27 by the San Jacinto County Historical Commission.



(Left) Water and food rations are ready to deliver to residents without power. (Right) Crews from the Texas Department of Transportation clear downed trees and debris following the July 8 storms. COURTESY PHOTOS

Residents urged to seek assistance

Special to the News-Times

COLDSRING — Kris Eastham, San Jacinto County Liaison Officer for the Texas Division of Emergency Management, said that FEMA is ready to assist residents after the devastation of Hurricane Beryl.

Eastham said TDEM was able

to get FEMA in here to help our homeowners and businesses after the April/May flood, and unfortunately, the need exists again.

“As you know, our community has suffered tremendous damage because of Beryl,” she said. “If you or someone you know, had damages or business losses, to their homes or businesses, as a result of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Beryl, please

report them to the state by going to <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov>.”

Before the state can ask FEMA for assistance, it has to get a picture of the extent of the damage. The more verifiable damage information collected, the better the chances of getting federal assistance.

Eastham cautioned that the be the result of Hurricane Beryl, not the earlier floods.



LEADING THE STATE

Shepherd High School student Thomas Barton has been selected as first State Vice President of the Texas FFA Association at the recent Texas FFA Convention, making him the first state officer from the district. He will travel with the president to schools all over Texas to do presentations on the organization and its work. COURTESY PHOTO

Unemployment assistance deadline extended

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — The Texas Workforce Commission has received federal approval to extend the deadline for Disaster Unemployment Assistance applications relating to the severe weather events that impacted Texas counties between April and June.

Individuals who may be eligible for DUA now have until Aug. 15 to apply for assistance under Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Number 4781-DR. This disaster declaration does not include the recent impacts of Hurricane Beryl.

Individuals whose employment or self-employment was

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Luttrell requests action from VA Secretary

Special to the News-Times

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Morgan Luttrell, R-Texas, Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs sent a letter to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough regarding recent concerning comments from a witness during a DAMA legislative hearing.

The witness testified under oath that the Department “will not comply” with the proposed Veterans 2nd Amendment Restoration Act of 2024 if it were enacted. Chairman Luttrell was joined by Representatives Eli Crane (R-AZ), Keith Self (R-TX), and Matthew Rosendale (R-MT). You can read the letter in full here.

“I am deeply concerned by the testimony from the

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Entergy Texas provides donation for Hurricane Beryl relief

Special to the News-Times

Entergy Texas has secured a shareholder commitment of \$125,000 to the American Red Cross to help support relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Beryl in Southeast Texas.

This contribution will help facilitate the provision of essential services such as shelter, food, medical care and other vital resources to assist those affected by the hurricane in their recovery process.

Hurricane Beryl's impact has been substantial, leading to widespread damage and displacing many individuals in the area and across the state. The level of damage brought by the Category 1 hurricane underscores the urgent need

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LAKE LIVINGSTON DATA AS OF JULY 15

Current level.....	129.77 ft
Normal level.....	131.00 ft
Discharge.....	7662 cfs
Weekly rainfall total.....	0.00 in

TRINITY RIVER DATA AS OF JULY 15

Gauge Stage.....	13.58 ft
Category.....	Normal
Weekly rainfall.....	0.00 in



County bands together in storm's aftermath

Thank you everyone who helped get our area back on track with tree removals and power restoration. I know we suffered without A/C. How did those early pioneers do it? Horse-drawn wagons and no refrigeration, they were heroes.

This last week our heroes were the people out in that heat fixing the power lines and those who were helping supply others in need. Bless them every one.

The photo of Lake Livingston at sunset was from my friend's house. The one of the Coldspring and Bear Creek VFD's also came from a friend.

The week was one where many events were cancelled or postponed. Hopefully we will soon be able to get back to normal. Shepherd City Council postponed its

Did You Know

By Yvonne Cones



meeting. Coldspring Chamber of Commerce postponed its quarterly lunch to July 23, with guest speakers the mayors of Coldspring, Point Blank and Shepherd talking about our emergency services and how we coped, joined by Kris Eastham.

Both Coldspring and Shepherd opened their centers to give relief. Hot meals were donated and Meals Ready to Eat were given out

at various churches and fire departments.

Coldspring Library opened to give people a cooling place to enjoy. Shepherd was without power till Sunday, so SJC Senior Center in Coldspring was also a welcome place to visit, to eat and cool down.

Kris Eastham of Texas Department of Emergency Management would like to remind those who have had damage to their homes or businesses that they can download the form online, and also, if needed, fill out the part if you need help clearing damage away. He writes that they need all the information from this before they can send it to the State for Federal relief.

Kris reminds us that this damage must be from Hurricane Beryl

and not the floods. Go to <http://damage.tdem.texas.gov>. You can call him at (936) 252-0193.

Here are some things to watch for. Interested in quilting? The Red Barn Retreat has the Coldspring Quilts for Kids Sew Day' starting at 10 a.m. This group loves to quilt together and makes quilts for kids in need so every first responder in our county has a quilt in the car when there is an accident or situation with a child. The group has made thousands of quilts. Call (936) 653-8222 or go to the Red Barn website.

It will be Christmas in July in Coldspring on July 27 from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. This is an annual event with Santa Claus and possibly an elf or two appearing for photo opportunities. Situated around

the Courthouse vendors of many kinds will come to sell their goods. Call (936) 827-8310 for more information.

First Saturday of the month is Cars, Coffee and Donuts in the Courthouse Square. CABMA host this event on the Saturday morning and if you want to know more go to the web site or call Tisha Matticks at (281) 782-7252 or Danielle Matheu-Nuro at (832) 646-9888.

Stay cool and safe. 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.



On Wednesday Coldspring VFD and Bear Creek gave out water, hot meals and Mrs. COURTESY PHOTO



After the storm comes the calm. COURTESY PHOTO

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Humid; a stray afternoon t-storm	Cloudy with a stray t-storm late	Cloudy with a thunderstorm in spots	Clouds and sun with a stray t-storm	Mostly cloudy with a t-storm or two	Periods of rain and a thunderstorm	Rain and a t-storm in the morning	Cloudy with a couple of t-storms
HIGHS: 90 to 95 RF: 103 to 108	LOWS: 70 to 75 RF: 75 to 80	83 to 88 71 to 76 RF: 94 to 99/74 to 79	81 to 86 68 to 73 RF: 95 to 100/71 to 76	79 to 84 72 to 77 RF: 90 to 95/74 to 79	81 to 86 70 to 75 RF: 85 to 90/69 to 74	82 to 87 71 to 76 RF: 93 to 98/71 to 76	84 to 89 71 to 76 RF: 92 to 97/69 to 74
POP: 45%	POP: 40%	POP: 45%	POP: 40%	POP: 60%	POP: 65%	POP: 80%	POP: 65%

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Statistics through 7/14

Temperatures

Daily ranges — Normal high — Normal low

82	91	92	92	86	91	93
70	69	71	73	76	75	74

7/8 7/9 7/10 7/11 7/12 7/13 7/14

Precipitation (in inches)

Daily totals — Normal amount

0.00	0.00	0.17	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.00
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7/8 7/9 7/10 7/11 7/12 7/13 7/14

Month to date/normal 4.79 / 1.90
Year to date/normal 29.63 / 28.57

SENIOR MENUS

July 22-26

• **Senior Citizens of San Jacinto County** | 936-653-4175
 Call by 10:30 a.m. to reserve a meal.
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday is Texercise. Tuesday is line dancing. Thursday is bingo. Friday is karaoke.
MONDAY: Shepherd's pie, zucchini sticks, grape salad, rolls.
TUESDAY: Chicken and sausage gumbo, okra and tomatoes, cornbread.
WEDNESDAY: Tuna croquettes, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls.
THURSDAY: Mesquite chicken, roasted potatoes, squash and zucchini, rolls.
FRIDAY: Cheeseburgers, steak fries, ranch beans.

• **Shepherd Senior Citizens Center** | 936-628-3733
 Second Tuesday of each month includes birthday cake for dessert.
 Bingo is July 17, 24 and 31. Bag Day is July 19. Craft Days are July 22 and 29.
MONDAY: Chicken spaghetti, greens, garlic bread, lemon bars.
TUESDAY: Pinto beans and sausage, rice, onions, cornbread, fruit.
WEDNESDAY: White chicken enchiladas, charro beans, cilantro lime rice, chocolate meringue pie.
THURSDAY: Smothered pork, rice and gravy, okra and tomatoes, fruit.
FRIDAY: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, brownies.
 Menus Subject to Change

ASSISTANCE

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impacted by the severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding that began on April 26 and ended June 5 must now submit their applications by Aug. 15. The amended declaration includes Anderson, Austin, Bell, Calhoun, Collin, Cooke, Coryell, Ellis, Dallas, Denton, Eastland, Falls, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Henderson, Hockley, Jasper, Jones, Kaufman, Lamar, Leon, Liberty, Montague, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Panola, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Jacinto, Smith, Terrell, Trinity, Tyler, Van Zandt, Walker, and Waller Counties.

Workers and self-employed individuals in the designated counties who have been unable to work due to damage sustained from the severe weather may be eligible for DUA benefits. Individuals can apply for benefits online through Unemployment Benefit Services or by calling TWC at (800) 939-6631 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Individuals should specify that their applications are related to the damage caused by severe weather which occurred April 26 through June 5. Applications for DUA benefits under this declaration must be submitted by Aug. 15.

DUA, which is an unemployment insurance benefit made available especially for victims of disaster, is available to individuals who:

- Have applied for and used all regular unemployment benefits, or do not qualify for unemployment benefits;
- Worked or were self-employed or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment in the disaster area;
- Can no longer work or perform services because of physical damage or destruction to the place of employment as a direct result of the disaster;
- Establish that the work or self-employment they can no longer perform was their primary source of income;
- Cannot perform work or self-employment because of an injury as a direct result of the disaster;

- Became the breadwinner or major support of a household because of the death of the head of household; or
- Were unable to reach their job or self-employment location because they must travel through the affected area and are prevented from doing so by the disaster.

To receive DUA benefits, all required documentation must be submitted within 21 days from the day the DUA application is filed. Required documentation includes Social Security number, and documentation to support that you were working or self-employed when the disaster occurred or were about to start work or self-employment and could not do so due to the disaster.

TWC must have documents that prove you were working, or scheduled to start working, at the time of the disaster. If you do not send us proof of employment by the 21-day deadline, TWC will halt DUA payments and you will be responsible for repaying any benefits you received. In some cases, TWC can use information in our system, such as wage records, to prove you were employed at the time of the disaster.

Submit your proof of employment using TWC's online UI Submission Portal for the fastest review. Select DUA Proof of Employment at Time of Disaster from the Type of Submission drop-down menu. If you cannot use the online portal, you can submit the proof by fax or mail.

• Texas Workforce Commission Attn: DUA Proof P.O. Box 149137 Austin, TX 78714-9137

• Fax: (512) 322-2867 TWC's website contains more information about local Workforce Solutions offices for access to job search resources, job postings and training programs, as well as assistance with exploring career options, résumé and application preparation, career development and more. Customers also may connect with potential employers through TWC's online job search engine by visiting WorkinTexas.com.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) encourages Texans to report damage to homes and businesses using the online Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool. These surveys help emergency officials determine eligibility for federal assistance such as DUA.

Insurance tips after Hurricane Beryl

Special to the News-Times

If you experienced damage from Hurricane Beryl, contact your insurance company to start a claim. If you still have questions, the Texas Department of Insurance has specialists ready to help.

Call the TDI Help Line at 800-252-3439. "You need to get your claim started as soon as possible," said Insurance Commissioner Cassie Brown. "We can help you if you run into an issue contacting your insurance company or just don't understand what you're hearing from them."

Filing an insurance claim

Contact your insurance company or agent as soon as possible.

Keep a list of everyone you talk to. Be ready to describe the damage.

Make a list of damaged property. Take pictures or video. Don't throw away damaged items until you talk to your insurance company or adjuster.

Try to protect your property from further damage. Cover broken windows and holes to keep out rain and prevent vandalism or theft.

Ask about additional living expenses if you can't live in your home due to the damage or power outages. Your insurance may pay some of those expenses.

Save proof you paid the deductible on your claim. State law makes it illegal for contractors or roofers to offer to waive a deductible or to

promise a rebate for the amount.

In addition to filing your insurance claim, be sure to tell the Texas Division of Emergency Management about the damage. This will help Texas to receive as many recovery funds as possible. Report damage at iSTAT Damage Surveys.

Flood damage

Most home and renters' policies don't cover flood damage. Check your policy or call your agent if you aren't sure about your coverage.

If you have flood insurance, call your agent or company as soon as possible. Federal flood policies require you to file a claim and document your losses within 60 days.

Your personal auto policy may cover flood damage if you have comprehensive coverage. If your car was flooded or damaged, call your insurance company or agent as soon as possible.

Avoiding contractor scams

Get written estimates on company letterhead with clear contact information.

Get more than one bid to gauge which ones are too high or too good to be true.

Check references and phone numbers. Beware of contractors who only have out-of-town references or solicit door-to-door.

Don't pay in full upfront and don't make a final payment until the job is done.

Be sure to read and understand any contracts before signing and don't sign a contract with blanks to be filled in later.

ENTERGY

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for assistance and resources to aid those grappling from the storm's impact.

Elicier Viamontes, president and CEO of Entergy Texas, expressed the company's dedication to providing assistance during this time of need.

"Entergy Texas is proud to stand alongside

the Red Cross in supporting the relief efforts for those impacted by Hurricane Beryl in Southeast Texas," he said. "Our commitment to helping communities in distress remains unwavering, and we are hopeful that our contribution will offer relief and comfort to those facing hardships in the storm's aftermath."

For more information on Entergy Texas' restoration following Hurricane Beryl, visit the company's online Storm Center.

LUTTRELL

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Department of Veterans Affairs' witness during the hearing. This statement was not only shocking but entirely unacceptable," Luttrell said. "For a federal agency to openly declare its intent to defy a potential law passed by Congress is a blatant disregard of our democratic process and the rule of law. The VA needs to immediately clarify its position on this issue and commit to complying with the Veterans 2nd Amendment Restoration Act of 2024 should it become law."

"Separation of power between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government has been a fundamental principle of governance since the founding of our nation," said Congressman Keith Self. "The defiance from Mr. Friel highlights a disturbing trend within the Biden Administration—a willingness to bypass the laws passed by Congress and create outrageous interpretations of statutes to fit their political agenda."

"Our republic is guided by a document that dictates our country's laws must be written, administered, and adjudicated by three separate but equal branches of govern-

ment," said Rep. Matt Rosendale. "Disturbingly, the Biden-Harris administration feels empowered to shred Article I of the Constitution to keep firearms out of law-abiding veterans' hands. Laws passed by Congress are not suggestions, they are orders. Veterans deserve the ability to practice the rights granted to them in that document, and the Biden-Harris VA has no right to stand in the way."

As per the letter, The Veterans 2nd Amendment Restoration Act of 2024 mandates the VA to notify the U.S. Attorney General of any transmissions of veterans' personal information to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System. This would apply to any veteran who was assigned a fiduciary to assist them with their VA benefits, but who has not had any judicial court order or finding that they are a danger to themselves or others, which would be improper under current law.

The U.S. Attorney General must update, correct, modify, or remove all such NICS records within 30 days of receiving VA's notice. However, this bill does not guarantee that veterans listed in NICS for reasons other than being assigned a fiduciary by the VA will be removed from the NICS list, thus allowing them to purchase firearms.



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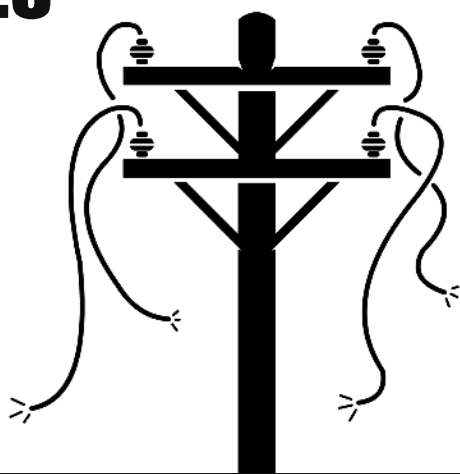



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OPINION



The result was as inevitable as it was planned

Two phrases began battling for supremacy in my mind on Saturday evening after news of the shooting at a Pennsylvania rally for Donald Trump.

One was "What else did you expect would happen?" and the other was "threat to our democracy."

The first one, many of you will remember, was one you dreaded to hear from anyone as you were growing up, from parents to teachers to pastors to babysitters, grandparents, etc., when the result of some poorly planned event backfired spectacularly.

Usually this amounted to a feat of derring-do such as building a homemade bicycle ramp or holding a bottle rocket while it was lit, resulting, usually, in some injury to the body or, just as bad, to the ego.

Once the blood and gravel were removed, and sufficient Kool-Aid was applied, the phrase was brought out as a way of admonishment, and hopefully, correction.

After Saturday's events, though, it's hard to only say that.



My Two Common Sense

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The chief weapon against the candidacy of Donald Trump, going back for eight years now, has been reviling the man at every opportunity. He's continuously labeled as Hitler, as a threat to democracy, a tinpot dictator in waiting, a serial philanderer, a thief, a traitor, and even an insurrectionist.

The national news media has become torch-bearing Chicken Littles, describing any and every thing Trump does as proof he is a fascist seal-clubbing, puppy punching climate denier, and of course, their adamantly uneducated followers have been whipped into a frothed frenzy.

So, after the shots were taken, and the nation was taken aback, I think

to myself, "what else did you expect would happen?"

Even after the event, as information began trickling in, the left wing of politics, including the national media, kept their collective feet on the gas. CNN's first headline claimed Trump was rushed off stage after a fall; MSNBC claims Trump is safe after popping sounds were heard at a rally; even the Associated Press claimed the former president was rushed off the stage after loud noises were heard.

A sitting Senator from Tennessee, London Lamar, claimed the shooting was caused by MAGA extremism; even President Biden had said that his main purpose in running again was to get Trump, saying "... it is time to put Trump in a bull's eye."

As part of the concerted effort to erase Donald Trump from public existence, he constantly has been called the second phrase, the ridiculous "threat to our democracy."

This is clearly done only to ramp up the hysteria about candidate

Trump, mostly because it is a completely nonsensical, false statement, since the United States is not now, nor has it ever been, a democracy.

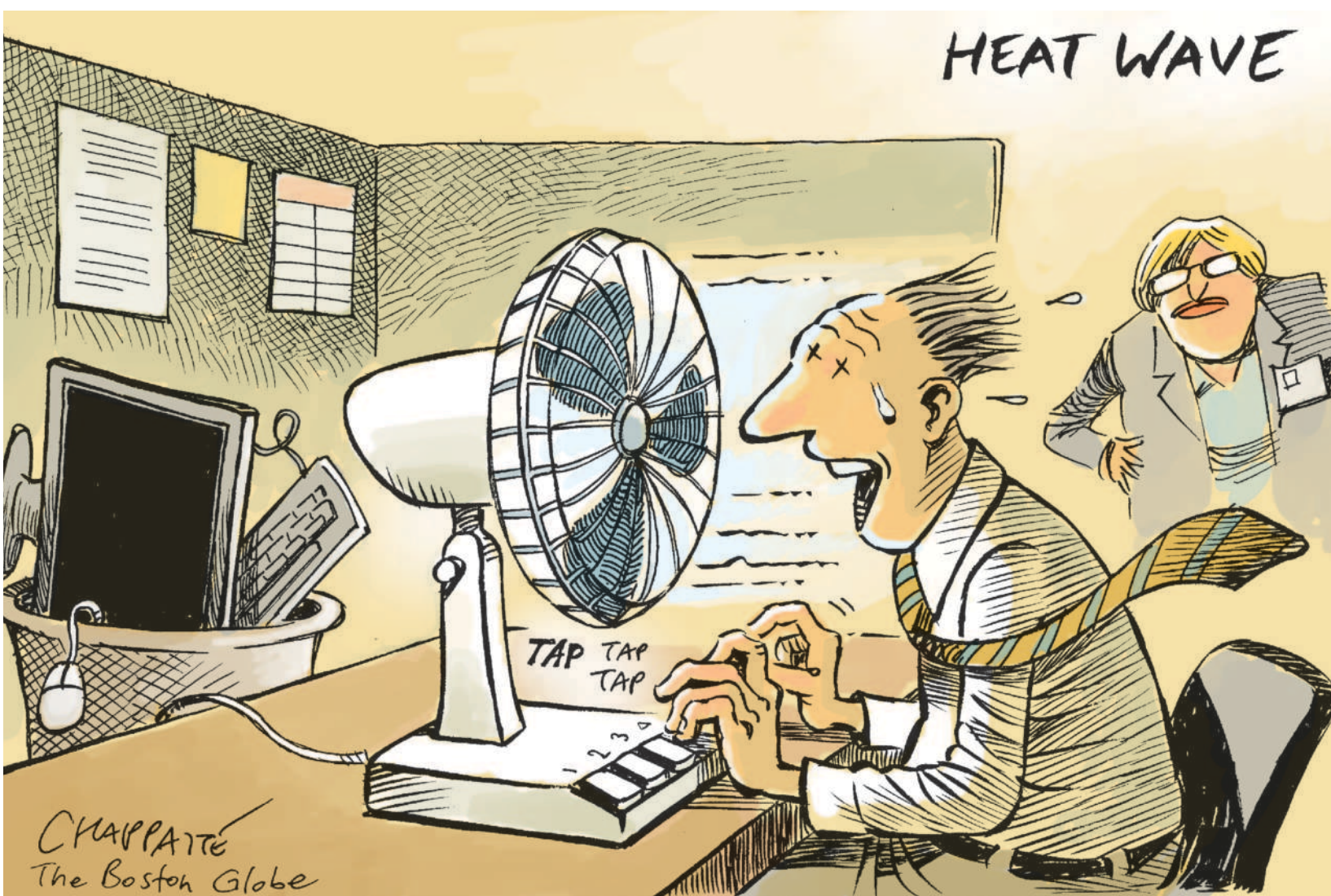
It is a republic. Moreover, it is a republic of the people, by the people and for the people.

What that means, in a nutshell, is if the people want to attend a Trump rally, and if the majority of people — and states — want to place Trump back into the White House, then that is precisely their right. It is not now, nor has it ever been, the place of the current elected lemmings to stop it.

So, if there ever was a threat to democracy, or correctly the republic, it's the incitement of a people to commit heinous acts, instead of using reason, debate and compromise to do what is best for all.

In the current landscape, I bet you can see that very real threat.

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Rocks

A young man decided that what he really wanted to do in life was to become a champion swimmer. He had all the natural gifts and talents to accomplish his dream, but he had one little problem: he was also a rock collector.

Anytime he trained, he wore a baggy swimsuit so he could fill his pockets with his favorite rocks. A lot of people told him that he needed to put away his rocks, but he loved his rocks, and he just could not let go of them even while he was swimming. Some even admired him for swimming with his pockets full of rocks, for it was quite a feat. They, too, began to train with rocks in their pockets, thinking it would make them stronger, but they, too, struggled to stay afloat.

Even during swim meets, the young man just could not lay his rocks aside. As you might imagine, he struggled in races, coming in dead last and barely able to finish. His coach kept telling him that even though he was a great swimmer, he could never be effective with all those rocks in his pockets.



However, he just could not surrender them. He lost one race after another.

One day, his very patient coach went to him and said, "You could swim much more effectively if you would let me hold your rocks for you while you are in the pool. I'll take care of them and give them back to you any time you want them."

The swimmer pondered this possibility. He did love his rocks. Yet, he knew his coach was right. He could never achieve his goals as a swimmer carrying all those rocks, and his coach really did seem to care for him and had proven himself a trustworthy man. Finally, he asked his coach to hold his rocks for him while he swam.

After he surrendered his rocks, he entered the water and was

amazed at how buoyant and light he felt. He did miss his rocks, but he resisted the urge to take them back and swam the race without them. Not only was he able to finish the race with ease, but he won. He never asked his coach to give him his rocks back and became a champion swimmer.

What race do you want to win, and what rocks are you carrying? When Jesus approached two fishermen named Simon and Andrew, he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). He was asking them to stop living normal lives and enter practice sessions to become champions at doing the work of God.

God is calling you, too. He wants you to stop living a normal, worldly life, and be a Christ-follower. As His disciple, you will be trained to become a great athlete for God's Olympics. The races you enter may be different from the races of others, but God has a plan for you and will put you in the exact races where you can excel and do your best.

To be effective as a divine olympian, you must take the rocks out of your pockets and give them to Coach Jesus. He died for you, that you might be set free from their weight. He said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29).

You don't have to carry worry and anxiety anymore. Give them to Jesus, who cares for you. You don't have to hang onto sins and distractions that keep you from being an effective Jesus olympian. Lay them at the feet of Jesus. If you are burdened by failures in your past, those things can be bagged and nailed to the cross. You can have a fresh start.

Are you trying to carry the heavy rocks of guilt? Give those rocks to Jesus. Are you feeling weak or inadequate? Dump those rocks out of your pockets. Jesus wants you just like you are, and He has just the right place for you to

serve. You will excel. Hebrews 12:1 says, "So then let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, . . . Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter." You can win the race, but only if you give your rocks to Coach Jesus. He loves you. He will carry your burdens for you. He will empower you to be a champion.

Dr. Dan Darby is a retired United Methodist pastor.



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Abbott demands probe into power outages

More than 2 million Texans lost power when Hurricane Beryl hit the Texas coast, and Gov. Greg Abbott wants to know why. The Austin American-Statesman reported Abbott has ordered the Public Utility Commission to conduct an immediate study into why the Houston area has again been hit by widespread power outages.

"I want to find out, was there a structural flaw with regard to the electrical delivery system?" Abbott said. "Was that the cause of it? If so, what needs to be done to shore up, or was this a personnel issue of not having enough power personnel in all the right locations to get power back up?"

CenterPoint Energy is the primary electricity transmission company serving the Houston area. Its CEO, Jason Ryan, appeared before the PUC last week and was questioned about the outages.

"To our customers that not only have power out but have significant property damage from the trees we talked about coming up from the roots, our hearts go out to you and our hearts go out to our community," Ryan said.

As of Sunday morning, CenterPoint's website indicated 461,247 customers were still without power, nearly a week after Beryl made landfall.

To date, 67 counties have been approved for federal disaster assistance, while other counties may be included as damage assessments are concluded. Those counties in the initial list are: Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Burle-



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Forest service assesses tree damage after Beryl

More than 400,000 acres of rural forestland was potentially affected by Hurricane Beryl, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service, which has closed W.G. Jones State Forest in Conroe until a damage assessment can be undertaken. In addition, hurricane force winds potentially affected as much as half of Houston's urbanized area tree coverage, the service reported.

"We used a combination of on-the-ground observation, remote sensing and Forest Inventory and Analysis data to conduct a tree damage assessment for rural forests in East Texas

and the Houston metro area," said Aaron Stottlemeyer, Texas A&M Forest Service Forest Analytics Department Head.

Workers and others are urged to use extreme caution when clearing tree debris.

Old pipes lead to billions in lost gallons of water

The state's most populous cities lost approximately 88 billion gallons of water last year because of aging pipes and extreme heat, The Texas Tribune reported. Unsurprisingly, the city that lost the most water, according to self-reported audits, was Houston, the state's largest, at 31.8 billion gallons. Coming in second was San Antonio, which reported losing 19.5 billion gallons.

The main factors for the losses are leaks and water main breaks, problems more often associated with smaller towns with fewer resources to maintain infrastructure, The Tribune reported.

"What we have right now is not sustainable [or] tenable," said Jennifer Walker, National Wildlife Federation's Texas Coast and Water Program director.

An Austin-based think tank, Texas 2036, predicts the state will need to spend more than \$150 billion over the next half-century on water infrastructure.

'Real ID' will be required by next May

Is your state-issued identification card, such as a driver's license, a Real ID? Texans have until May 2025 to find out and comply with a federal law passed in 2005 in response to

9/11, the Statesman reported. The state in response began issuing Real ID compliant cards in 2016. These cards have a gold circle with an inset star located in the upper right-hand corner.

Right now, a Real ID card is not required to fly domestically, but that will change on May 7, 2025. After that, a Real ID or a passport will be required to board domestic flights. Anyone renewing their driver's license now will receive an idea that is Real ID-compliant.

Passports are still required to travel beyond U.S. borders.

Saltwater fish release nears 1 billion

Hurricane Beryl slowed the official release of the 1 billionth saltwater fish into Texas bays, but it should happen soon, according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. The Texas Parks and Wildlife program has been releasing fish into Texas bays for the past four decades in order to replenish native fish populations.

The fingerlings are raised in local and state hatcheries. The billionth fish is slated to be a red drum fingerling — a highly popular game fish in Texas.

Paxton: House committee preparing to impeach him again

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said last week that a House investigating panel once again is attempting to impeach him, though its chairman said the panel is meeting for an unrelated matter.

The committee passed articles of impeachment in May 2023 that were passed overwhelmingly by the House. The Senate then voted by a large mar-

gin to acquit Paxton.

"Their bitter obsession with taking me down knows no bounds, and they will stop at nothing to remove me from office," Paxton wrote last week.

Committee chair Rep. Andrew Murr, R-Junction, said Paxton was mistaken.

"There is absolutely no truth to Mr. Paxton's far-fetched fantasy that the House General Investigating Committee is meeting to talk about him," Murr said in a statement.

Whataburger app serves as outage tracker

While CenterPoint Energy's outage tracker was down, some Houston residents figured out that an app used by Whataburger, the iconic Texas burger chain, could be used to figure out what areas had power and what didn't.

The Houston Chronicle reported the app allowed folks to look at the Houston area and determine what areas had power. If the Whataburger "W" normally orange logo was gray on the app's map, that area likely had no power.

After a social media user posted the discovery on X, formerly Twitter, on Monday night after the storm, more than a million people had viewed the post. It is unknown how many used the information to head out for a burger or a taquito.

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: gborderst@texaspress.com.

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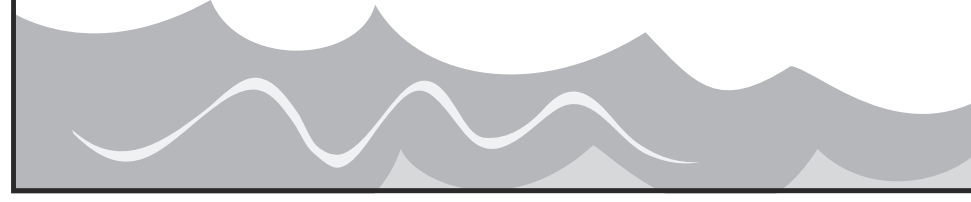
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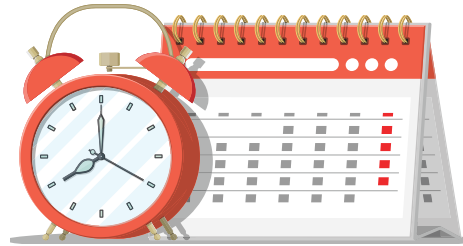
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2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan

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.

Gospel evening

The Deep East Texas Gospel Singing will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 9 and at 10 a.m. Aug. 10 at Promise Land Baptist Church, 208 Whitehouse Drive, in Lufkin.

Attendance is free. For information, contact Freeman Judy Thompson at (936) 366-1905.

Association offers assistance

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

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Libraries seeks donations

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

To build a strong culture of reading for young children and increase early literacy in San Jacinto County, the library is seeking donors to contribute to our project.

For a \$25 annual donation, the Coldspring Library and the Imagination Li-

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Veterans museum hosts events

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FEMA assistance available

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WASHINGTON — Texans who have disaster related needs due to Hurricane Beryl may be eligible for disaster assistance under FEMA's Individuals and Households Program.

Currently, residents living in Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker and Wharton counties may be eligible for disaster assistance. Additional counties may be added in the future if requested by the state and warranted by further damage assessments.

FEMA assistance can help jumpstart recovery

Individuals and families in these counties may be eligible to receive Serious Needs Assistance, which is a one-time \$750 payment per household for essential items like food, water, baby formula, breast feeding supplies, medication and other emergency supplies.

Eligible survivors may also receive Displacement Assistance, which is money to help with housing needs if you cannot return to your home because of the disaster. The money can be used to stay in a hotel, with family and friends or other options while you look for a more permanent housing solution.

In addition to Serious Needs and Displacement Assistance, eligible survivors may receive money for rental assistance, basic home repairs, personal property losses and other eligible expenses related to Hurricane Beryl.

People who applied for and received FEMA assistance for the severe storms that occurred in April can still apply and receive assistance for damage as a result of Hurricane Beryl if their primary home is located in one of the 15 declared counties.

Residents in any Texas county who experienced property damage are encouraged to report their damage using the Texas Division of Emergency Management's online Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool by visiting damage.tdem.texas.gov.

How to apply for FEMA assistance

The first step residents can take to jumpstart their recovery is to apply for FEMA assistance. There are four easy ways to apply and learn about other forms of assistance that may be available.

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov. If you have access to Wi-Fi and your electronic devices have power, applying online is the easiest, fastest and most convenient way to apply.

- On the FEMA App for mobile devices. You can also use the app's Disaster Recovery Center locator feature to find an open center nearby.

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To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: FEMA Accessible: Registering for Individual Assistance - YouTube.

FEMA disaster assistance is intended to meet the needs of your household for uninsured or underinsured necessary expenses and serious needs in order to jumpstart your recovery.

Recovery Is a Whole Community Effort

Texas residents also have the support of voluntary agencies to help them on their path to recovery. Nonprofit partners like the American Red Cross have been on the ground since day one and have hundreds of volunteers who are welcoming people at shelters, providing comfort and a warm meal. The Salvation Army is coordinating a mass feeding operation and has canteens activated across the Gulf Coast region and continue to support over 20 service locations in Texas.

Residents may receive free services to clean up their homes with the help from Crisis Cleanup by calling 979-217-3791. The hotline is open through July 19 and can connect people with volunteers from local relief organizations, community groups and the faith-based community who may be able to assist.

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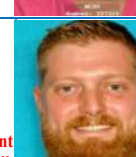
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<p>FITZGERALD, Trevon Peandre Black / Male DOB: 03/11/92 Height: 5'07" Weight: 170 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Warrant: #20-04-05111 Order of Arrest Assault Family Strangulation LKA: Silverdale Dr, Conroe</p> 	<p>JOHNSON, Red Lee III Black / Male DOB: 02/20/90 Height: 6'04" Weight: 326 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Warrant: #23-11-16699 Order of Arrest Man Del CS PG 1=>4G<4G LKA: West FM 1097, Montgomery</p> 
<p>MEEKS, Wesley Neil White / Male DOB: 08/16/85 Height: 5'08" Weight: 230 Hair: Brown Eyes: Hazel Warrant: #24-07-10325 Capias on Info Agg Assault w/Deadly Weapon LKA: Aberdeen Dr, Magnolia</p> 	<p>NAVA-PRADO, Jose Carlos Hispanic / Male DOB: 10/21/86 Height: 5'05" Weight: 185 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-04-05600 Capias on Indictment Agg Assault Causes Serious Bodily Inj LKA: Brazos Dr, New Caney</p> 
<p>PINEL, Olvin Darío Hispanic / Male DOB: 03/24/81 Height: 6'01" Weight: 220 Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-04-06110 Surety to Surrender Assault Family/Household w/Prev C LKA: Cedar Flats Ln, Spring</p> 	<p>SAAVEDRA, Stephanie Hispanic / Female DOB: 09/30/02 Height: 5'04" Weight: 110 Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-06-09288 Set A Side Bond Man Del CS PG 1=>4G<200G LKA: Cozumel, Conroe</p> 
<p>SIMS, Arnold Jene White / Male DOB: 5/3/1961 Height: 5'07" Weight: 225 Hair: Gray Eyes: Hazel Warrant: #24-07-10337 Capias On Info Assault Int/Reck Breath/Circ Fam Mem Pr LKA: Weeren Rd, Montgomery</p> 	<p>STACK, Mark David White / Male DOB: 6/8/1983 Height: 6'02" Weight: 180 Hair: Blonde Eyes: Blue Warrant: #24-01-00280 Capias on Idictment Injury Child/Elderly/Disable w/Int Bodil LKA: Welcome Ln, Houston</p> 

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Deer season not that far away



We're in the midst of our annual midsummer burnout. A cool day this time of year is when the mercury only reaches 95; but fall and cooler weather is not that far away.

Whitetail season is less than a scant three months away. The summer hunting shows will soon be under way in several of the major cities across the state. This is a time when we deer hunters make plans for fall hunts and devise strategies to outsmart that wily old buck that eluded us this past season. Is he still out there on our hunting grounds, did he move on or succumb to a pack of coyotes after the rut before he had a chance to regain his strength and vitality?

Why not fast forward a few months and think about cooler weather and deer hunting? I think it will do us all good.

I've been a deer hunter since my early years when I would jump off the school bus at the age of 10 during deer season, grab my .410 shotgun loaded with a single rifled slug, snatch a cold sweet potato off the stove and headed to the woods behind our little farm to set on a bucket and hunt deer. This was way back in the late 50s when deer were precious few in northern Red River County where I grew up.

I once saw a big buck cross our hay meadow but never after all those amateurish attempts to kill a buck did I see hide nor hair of

one. I knew next to nothing about whitetail deer other than that they fascinated me, and I had a burning desire to hunt them. It was several years before I killed my first deer — a goat-horned spike — but that little buck was the trophy of a lifetime for me back in the early 60s.

As a young man with a growing family, dollars were tight, but I still managed to get out and hunt the woods of northeast Texas each season. I even managed to take a few deer back in those years, but I was well into my 20s before I had the opportunity to travel down to the Texas Hill Country near Llano with a couple of buddies for a glorious three day hunt with an outfitter that offered day hunts.

I remember to this day that our cost was \$180 apiece and that included transportation to and from stand and camping rights near the old camp house. We all enjoyed a big barbeque dinner that first evening before opening day. I remember the outfitter kidding me about my little brush gun, an iron-sighted lever action .30-.30. Most of the hunters back then had gravitated to scoped rifles, mostly in .30-.06 or .243 caliber.

My stand for that opening morning was a few boards nailed to the lower limbs of an old live oak. Some corn had been sprinkled around the area and just after shooting light, I began to see deer. Several does approached the area and nibbled on corn and then on the edge of a distant tree line, I saw a deer with its head down to the ground, trotting along like a hound on a hot trail.

By this time, had learned the habits of deer and knew this was a buck on the trail of one of the does that was approaching my stand. Within 15 minutes of shooting light, I had my first Hill Coun-

try buck on the ground. I think I stretched the distance of the shot a bit when Herb Stehling the outfitter kidded me about making a lucky shot with that old "thutty-thutty," but it was an honest 70 paced yards.

My friends and I could not have had a better time had we booked a guided moose hunt in Canada. We hunted, cooked and sat around the campfire a bit too late on that opening night as my memory serves me.

When I began writing outdoor articles back in the eighties, my deer hunting opportunities increased and I found myself hunting deer over much of Texas but also in North Dakota and several of the mountain states for mule deer.

Some of my most fond memories are those early October days I spent hunting with a family that farmed and outfitter deer hunts in the little hamlet of Streeter North Dakota. I hunted with these fine folks for several years. They owned a big house in downtown Streeter (population around 400) which served as a gathering place and dining room for the hunters. Lodging was provided in several homes around the town.

With more than six decades of opening mornings to reflect upon, I feel truly blessed that I have never lost my passion for getting up well before daylight on those cool fall mornings and heading to the deer woods somewhere. I am very thankful that I can still climb a tree into a tree stand and enjoy all elements of deer hunting, everything from practice with my bows and rifles to skinning and quartering the game. I have always enjoyed cooking venison for my family and at camp and put great value on having a good supply of



Larry Weishuhn aka. "Mr. Whitetail" with a fine very late season West Texas buck taken on a hunt with Luke this past February. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

venison in the freezer.

Granted, I've obviously learned a good bit about deer and how to hunt them through the years, but I still learn something new each year, deer are fascinating animals and there is no formula that always results in venison on the meat pole.

This past February my good friend Larry Weishuhn, aka "Mr. Whitetail," invited me out to far west Texas for a late season doe hunt. I still needed a couple more deer to round out my supply of venison and his managed lease had several unused permits. I had just obtained a new CVA muzzle-loader, and I was anxious to put it to use. I honestly thought I would get up in a stand, wait until the feeder went off and be covered up with deer. I was surprised to learn that bucks were dominating the feeders and doe were staying back I the brush, feeding on a plant called filaree and cedar berries.

I had a good supply of a food attractant called Vineyard Max

www.vineyardmax.net that I'd heard good things about. It is made from dried, hammer-milled grape skins, rice brand and corn chops. I've known for years that deer love wild grapes but to my knowledge there were no wild grapes or vineyards anywhere near my friend's lease. The attractant has a very strong grape smell, but we were all curious whether these West Texas deer would be attracted to this new smell.

We baited several clearings in the brush with Vineyard Max during mid-day and returned to hunt them on the late afternoon hunts. We were able to fill our doe permits thanks to the smell of grapes. There's always something new to learn about whitetail deer. I can't wait until the season once again opens and I enjoy my 64th season hunting them. I bet you feel the same way too.

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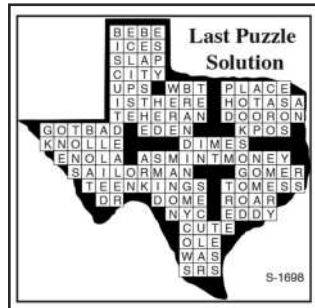
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9 Alamo commander, Travis (init.)

12 bumper sticker: "No ___ But Texas"

17 Reba sang "___ Life Out There"

19 TXism: "___ Cadillac bumper"

21 one way to spell the capital of Iran

22 TXism: "useless as a screen ___ a submarine"

23 "I ___ news"

28 in Concho County on U.S. 83/87

29 once an apt AM station in Post, TX

30 historic "___ Farm & Ranch" in Corpus Christi

31 a few of the thinnest coins

35 WWII atomic bomber ___ Gay

36 TXism: "green ___"

42 "Popeye the ___"

44 Mayberry's Pyle

46 TX Orbison's early group (2 wds.)

DOWN

1 TXism for "waitress" (2 wds.)

2 Texas was 1st state to see this in 2024

3 Luka ___

4 buzzer with a last second basket

5 this Cecil stole a mess of bases for Rangers (1987-90)

9 TXism: "___ seein' eye to eye" (agree)

10 TXism: "you're ___" (interfering)

11 ___ gallon hat

12 degree held by most Texas profs.

13 TX Strait's "You ___ in Love" (1983)

14 "Pop ___" was first recorded by TX Nat Stuckey (1966)

15 Texas Pulitzer-winning journalist, Brown

16 "those" in Mexico

18 TXism: "___ argue with a fence post"

20 TXism: "bat ___ eyelash" (blink)

23 George of "The Dirty Dozen" with TX Trini Lopez (init.)

24 golf's hole in ___

25 Sam Houston statue weighs 25 ___

26 gas swell in cattle

27 D-Day, an invasion of ___ forces

32 TXism: "cashed ___ his chips" (died)

33 ___ Pleasant (abbr.)

34 TXism: "size ___ up"

36 Noah's boat

37 TXism: "just a ___ gen" (small amount)

38 Denzel 2004 thriller: "___ Fire"

39 wanderer

40 nail file abrasive

41 TXism: "is the pope Catholic?"

43 TX Buddy Holly hit: "Rave ___"

45 former Cowboy Staubach (init.)

47 nonreligious

48 pecan is the state

55 actress Harper of Texas-based film "No Country for Old Men" (2007)

Legal/Public Notices

County Commissioners to revise subdivision plat of Greentree Village of Waterwood

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 Greentree Village of Waterwood, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, by combining Lots Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18), in Block Five (5) of Greentree Village of Waterwood subdivision, with said Lots to be renamed Lot 17A. 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.

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 Ralph Leroy Werner

Notice to Creditors Estate of Ralph Leroy Werner, Deceased Cause No. P2024-45 in Probate Court of San Jacinto County, Texas. Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ralph Leroy Werner, Deceased, were issued on June 11, 2024 in Docket No. P2024-45 in the Probate Court of San Jacinto County, Texas to Cody Layne Werner, who has duly appointed by said court on said date. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administer are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. Claims shall be forwarded to the address below: Cody Layne Werner, Independent Executor of the Estate of Ralph Leroy Werner, Deceased, 419 Lago Trace Dr., Huffman, Texas 77396.

TABC application for Dollar General Store

Application is being made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's Off-Premise Permit by Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc. d/b/a Dollar General Store #25634 located at 2170 S Byrd Ave, Shepherd, San Jacinto County, TX 77371. Officers of said Corporation are Steven R. Deckard, CEO, Kelly M. Dilts, CFO, Neal E. Miller, VP Tax, and Emily C. Taylor, EVP/Secretary.

Estate of Donald Conway Roberts

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of DONALD CONWAY ROBERTS, Deceased, were issued on July 9, 2024, under docket number P2024-61, pending in the County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas to PATRICIA LYNNE ROBERTS GATES, 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 DONALD CONWAY ROBERTS, 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 10th day of July, 2024. By Kerry Carl Hagan Attorney at Law Attorney for the Applicant

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Notice of public hearing to create San Jacinto County Emergency Services District No. 2

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. On July 2, 2024 a petition to create San Jacinto County Emergency Services District No. 2 was received to be created and to operate under Article III, Section 48-e, of the Texas Constitution, as proposed by S.J.R. No. 27, Acts of the 70 th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, and adopted by the voters at an election held November 3, 1987. The district's boundaries include: All area contained within the boundaries of the Waterwood Municipal Utility District No. 1 of San Jacinto County, Texas as it existed on June 27, 2024 (as described in Certificate For Order with Order Excluding Land, Exhibit "B" by the Board of Directors of Waterwood Municipal Utility District No. 1, dated March 15, 2005, recorded under Volume 05-1739 pages 7449-7480, Official Records, San Jacinto County, Texas.). A public hearing will be held at San Jacinto County Annex 255 Live Oak, Coldspring, Texas 77331 on August 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and each person who has an interest in the creation of the district may attend the hearing and present grounds for or against creation of the district.

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