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## Scammers use sheriff in money grab

SJNT staff

**COLDSRING** — Scammers have taken to calling San Jacinto County residents demanding money, and using the name of Sheriff Greg Capers to do so.

Capers said that recently, a local resident came to his office and reported that he received a phone call from the office number of the Sheriff — (936) 653-4367 — and the

person on the phone said that they were "Sheriff Greg Capers" and demanded money.

The caller also demanded the victim divulge their Social Security number along with other sensitive identifying information.

Scammers are now able to place phone calls and text messages from other phone numbers, Capers said, but he nor any of his

employees will call demanding money by threat of arrest.

"The court system is the one who collects payment for fines, bonds, etc.," he said. "The Sheriff's Office does not collect those monetary payments."

Capers said that if you get one of these calls, use good judgement and do not divulge any private or sensitive information, especially Social Security numbers, banking

information, or debit/credit card information.

"If you ever feel uncomfortable or are concerned about a phone call, text message, e-mail or letter, please do not hesitate to contact our dispatch at (936) 653-4367 or come to our office directly at 75 W. Cedar Ave. in Coldspring where you can be assisted by an actual representative of the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office," he said.



Kelsey Morris was recognized for being the first paraprofessional to complete her training and earn her bachelor's degree through the Shepherd ISD NSPIRE program. This program helps existing support staff, educational aides and substitutes become certified teachers. COURTESY PHOTO

## Board opts to allow hurricane-related pay

By Tony Farkas  
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**SHEPHERD** — The Shepherd ISD Board of Managers approved pay for employees that were unable to work because of Hurricane Beryl.

The resolution was passed during Thursday's meeting. Superintendent Dr. Jason Hewitt said that typically during hurricane closure, there are hourly employees that can't come to work, so what typically happens is the board passes a resolution to pay the employees.

Those employees include maintenance, custodial, and security staff, as well as some business office employees — all staff that report all year long, he said.

In other business, the board:

- extended Hewitt's contract for another year for a total of 5 years, and gave him a 2 percent raise, which was similar to the rest of the staff;
- approved a sanitary control easement that requires the district to not place septic systems or solid waste disposals near wells;
- approved new meal prices approved, up 26 cents due to inflation. Student still have free and reduced lunches; the new prices are for adult and outside visitors;
- approved contract renewals for teachers, nurses, librarians, counselors, and administrators;
- approved the quarterly financial report;
- approved the 2024-25 student code of conduct; and
- approved the T-TESS appraisers and appraisal calendar for the coming year.

## Crash causes HAZMAT spill

SJNT staff

**SAN JACINTO COUNTY** — Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers investigated a crash on U.S. Highway 59, just north of Farm-to-Market Road 3460, that occurred on July 19.

The preliminary crash investigation indicates that at approximately 3:21 a.m., a Freightliner truck tractor semi-trailer was traveling north. It is reported that the driver was traveling at an unsafe speed around a curve and during a period of rainy weather and struck a concrete barrier.

The crash caused fluids from the engine to leak onto the highway and a HAZMAT crew was called for clean-up.

The driver, 44-year-old Roderick Lee of Pearland, was not injured, but was cited for unsafe speed.

## FEMA still available for locals

SJNT staff

**COLDSRING** — FEMA representatives in San Jacinto County have reopened the local service office to assist disaster victims.

The San Jacinto Disaster Recovery Center was closed temporarily as a precaution during the landfall of Hurricane Beryl, but reopened last week, and continues to help residents within the county apply for help for both recent disasters.

The DRC in Coldspring, located at the county Innovation Center, is one of a few in the state that is managing dual disaster declarations — the first storm that included straight-line winds, flooding and tornadoes that took place April 26-June 5, and later those impacted by Hurricane Beryl.

FEMA reps remind county residents that requests for assistance must be filled out separately for each event, and that the deadline for the first event is Aug. 15.

Effective Monday, the hours of operation are from

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## Red Cross continues to help those affected by Hurricane Beryl

Special to the News-Times

**HOUSTON** — The American Red Cross continues to help the hundreds of people that were affected by hurricane Beryl return to their homes and get back on their feet.

Red Cross disaster workers are helping people plan their next steps while continuing to provide emergency supplies such as food, water and other critical support. Every disaster is different, and so are the needs of each affected community. That is why the Red Cross works closely with local partners to create plans and coordinate recovery services to ensure people get the help they need.

More than 700 Red Crossers have supported these

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Red Cross volunteers have been in the East Texas area assisting with victims of two weather-related disasters. COURTESY PHOTO

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LAKE LIVINGSTON DATA AS OF JULY 29

Current level .....	131.47 ft
Normal level .....	131.00 ft
Discharge .....	36973 cfs
Weekly rainfall total .....	4.09 in

TRINITY RIVER DATA AS OF JULY 22

Gauge Stage.....	26.16 ft
Category.....	Normal
Weekly rainfall .....	4.09 in





# Rain does little to dampen spirits, events

Has it stopped raining yet? I hope so, at least for a while. My grandson came for a visit from England, and it rained every day. He said it was just like England. No matter, he enjoyed the stay here and thought it a lovely place to live.

## Did You Know

By Yvonne Cones



Coldspring Chamber of Commerce held its quarterly lunch on July 23. The food was delicious from Mary Gray Catering. Mayor Charles Minton of Shepherd and Mayor John Benestante of Coldspring gave us a review of what our cities were able to do during the recent storms and outages to help those in need. Considering we are a small county we did provide shelter and food and water.

Emergency Management coordinator Emmitt Eldridge spoke of what the services provided and continue to provide for those who lost or have damage to their homes or businesses. The event was very interesting, and the audience was able to ask questions after the talks.

Chamber President Jennifer Hoff spoke, and Vice President Calandra Johnson introduced the speakers. The President mentioned the upcoming Wolf Creek Car, Bike and Truck Show which will be on October 19-20. This will be the 39th Annual Show for the Chamber. Forms to register are online or call the Chamber for more information.

Unfortunately, the rain caused the delay of Christmas in July at Coldspring Courthouse. The new date is Aug. 31 with more details coming soon from CABMA who host this event, which will now be called Christmas in August.

• Would you like to join Weight Watchers but do not want to travel to the nearest location in The Woodlands? Linda Almaguer is driving to this one but would love to have one in Coldspring to open a class here.

Weight Watchers needs at least 10 people signed up to attend. Charline Smith, administrator of the Senior Center in Coldspring, has agreed to a group holding meetings at the Center. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet at the Center. You can call for more information at (936) 653-4175.

If you do not know the SJC Senior Center, it is located at 60 Butler St. This would be a great asset for those trying to lose weight but need some support. I looked for other centers nearby and found they were closed.

• Friends of Shepherd Library had their monthly meeting this week. Ideas for fundraising for the library were discussed and some good ideas will be advertised soon.

If you like libraries, reading, borrowing audio books, films and attending some of the events at the library, why not look into becoming a Friend of the Library? There is a lot more going on there than most people know about. Bingo night, Teen Night, Tiny Tots Tales, Learn to Crochet, Jigsaws to complete, Lego and Art competitions and more are all on offer at the Library.

Friends help in events and enjoy the company of others who like to do this. Visit the Facebook page and website for Friends of Shepherd Library or call the Director Terri at (936) 628-3515.

The fourth Saturday is Adoption Day at the San Jacinto Animal Shelter FM 2025. There are puppies and adult dogs of different breeds ready for a good home. They have their shots and are spayed or neutered if they have not been already.

Visit the Shelter if you want a great pet. Call Sandra Houston at (281) 450-3676 or Constable Sam Houston at (281) 450-9007 for

more information. Volunteers are always needed to walk the dogs and help feed and clean the Shelter. There is also a list of things which you can donate on their Facebook page which includes paper towels, pig ear treats, dog food and collars.

• Did you know that Browder's Marina & Campground has given 40 years of continuous service to the Lake Livingston area? The site has fabulous views of the lake and offers camping, cabins, boat ramp, laundry, park store and a bait and tackle shop. There is a kids play area and fishing. You can bring your own tent or book a cabin and it is pet friendly.

Call (936) 653-3278 to know more. Go to Facebook or the website for photos.

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.



President Jennifer Hoff with VP Calandra Johnson speaking at the chamber luncheon. COURTESY PHOTO



Constable Sam and Mrs Houston with volunteers and 'adopting' parents at the dog shelter in San Jacinto County. COURTESY PHOTO



Linda Almaguer substituting wheat bread for her hamburger bun. She wants Weight Watchers in Coldspring instead of traveling to the Woodlands. COURTESY PHOTO



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Sunny <b>94°/75°</b> Chance of Rain 9% Wind S 4mph	Mostly Sunny <b>94°/75°</b> Chance of Rain 9% Wind SW 3mph	Mostly Sunny <b>94°/75°</b> Chance of Rain 15% Wind NW 3mph	Afternoon Thunderstorms <b>93°/74°</b> Chance of Rain 41% Wind N 3mph	Partly Cloudy <b>93°/74°</b> Chance of Rain 24% Wind NE 3mph	Mostly Sunny <b>92°/74°</b> Chance of Rain 8% Wind SW 3mph	Mostly Sunny <b>92°/74°</b> Chance of Rain 13% Wind SW 3mph

Information sourced from weather.com

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



# Abbott issues disaster declaration for East Texas flooding

Special to the News-Times

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

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

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

Tax Code Section 11.35 allows a qualified property that is at least 15 percent damaged by a disaster in a governor-declared disaster area to receive a temporary exemption of a

portion of the appraised value of the property. A property owner must apply for the temporary exemption no later than 105 days after the governor declares a disaster area. Qualified property includes:

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

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

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

"The approval of 17 Texas counties for

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

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

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

their housing needs cannot be met by insurance, shelters, or rental assistance.

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

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

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

## HONORS

University of Maryland

ADELPHI, Md. — Joel Lopez of Shepherd, earned a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from University of Maryland Global Campus in spring 2024.

Lopez was one of more than 14,000 students worldwide who earned degrees from UMGC in 2023-24. Graduates came from all 50 states, three U.S. territories, and 24 countries.

University of Maryland Global Campus

was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military servicemembers. Today, UMGC is the largest provider of postsecondary education in Maryland and continues its global tradition with on-line and hybrid courses, more than 175 classroom and service locations worldwide, and more than 125 degrees and certificates backed by the reputation of a state university and the University System of Maryland. For more information, visit [umgc.edu](https://umgc.edu).

## SENIOR MENUS

Aug. 5-9

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. Tuesday is line dancing. Thursday is bingo. Friday is karaoke.

**MONDAY:** Chicken spaghetti, sweet peas, cup salad, garlic rolls.

**TUESDAY:** Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls.

**WEDNESDAY:** Cheese ravioli with Alfredo sauce, mixed vegetables, salad bar, garlic bread.

**THURSDAY:** Meatball subs, chips, salad bar.

**FRIDAY:** Tamales, charro beans, Spanish rice, chips and queso.

• Shepherd Senior Citizens Center | 936-628-3733

Second Tuesday of each month includes birthday cake for dessert.

Bingo is July 31 and Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Bag Days are Aug. 2, 16 and 30. Craft Days are Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 31.

**MONDAY:** Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, peach cobbler.

**TUESDAY:** Roasted chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, dump cake.

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

**THURSDAY:** Sausage with peppers and onions, garlic pasta, fried okra, fruit.

**FRIDAY:** Fried catfish, tartar sauce, French fries, coleslaw, hush puppies.

- Go online [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov)
- Visit us at the Disaster Recovery Center.

FEMA provides cash grants that do not need to be repaid for essential personal and property loss after disaster strikes. This process is not income driven, is not taxed, and does not impact those living on fixed incomes.

## FEMA

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8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The center is closed on Sundays.

The application process is still the same: • Call (800) 621-3362

## RED CROSS

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more than 86,000 hot meals, more than 275,000 shelf stable meals and over 65,000 relief items like cleaning supplies and comfort kits.

Trained volunteers provide mental health and spiritual support to families who have suffered loss. This includes help with coping with new challenges, managing medical conditions, caring for wounds or injuries, and replacing prescription medications or other critical medical equipment like canes and wheelchairs.

"People's lives were turned upside down by this massive storm," said Shawn Schulze, Chief Executive Officer, Texas Gulf Coast

Region, American Red Cross. "They need your help now. Please consider making a donation to help people affected by disasters or become a Red Cross volunteer today."

- How you can help
- Make a donation. To help people affected by Hurricane Beryl, visit [redcross.org](https://redcross.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS, or text 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Your gift is a commitment to helping people in need, and every single donation matters. Financial donations enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from this disaster.

•Volunteer. If you have the time, you can make a significant impact as a Red Cross volunteer. Review our most urgently needed volunteer positions at [redcross.org/volunteertoday](https://redcross.org/volunteertoday) and get involved today.

## Texas Forestry Association hosts seminar

Special to the News-Times

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

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

TFA has been conducting a Branching Out Seminar for many years, and it has always been held at the TFA office in Lufkin.

"It's been growing, so with more than 100 in attendance last year, we decided to move it downtown to the Convention Center," Hughes said.

The seminar is open to the public and will start at 10 a.m. on Aug. 8 and lasts until 2:30 p.m. A variety of topics will be covered, in-

cluding wildlife considerations in timber production, building the future with mass timber, carbon credit protocols, the Texas Climate Smart Initiative, and updates on legislative issues affecting Texas timberland.

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

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

Texas Forestry Association, the voice for forestry for 110 years, promotes an economic, social and political climate that will advance forestry in Texas through education, political action and public relations, as well as serving the broad needs of the forest resource of landowners, producers and consumers, and to enhance and perpetuate the Texas forest resource.

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# OPINION

## It's time to step up and outrage

There is a quote from a German Lutheran pastor, Martin Niemöller, that parallels the events of this day and age pretty precisely.

As a refresher, the quote is: "First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out — because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out — because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out — because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."

All you would have to do is substitute socialists, unionists and Jews with the groups currently deemed evil: whites, police, Jews (again) and/or Christians, or any other subset of society, and it still will be apropos.

While we content ourselves with thoughts of peace, harmony, diversity and inclusion, the reality is directly opposite.

Anyone that watched the opening ceremonies of the Olympics saw that this inclusivity that seems to be the cause du jour requires the exclusion



### My Two Common Sense

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of other groups, in this case Christianity.

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

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

Similarly, what we're being told about Kamala Harris, what with her presumed anointment as the Democratic candidate for president, is propaganda of the highest water,

and for some reason, continues to be allowed to flow over our senses without pause.

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

Mostly what you hear, though, is full-throated defense of the indefensible, and this will continue unless we — all of us — push back.

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

Don't like what you're reading? Stop reading it. Don't like the way the news is presented? Stop watching it. Don't like the direction the coun-

try is going? Stop voting for demagogues who only represent their own self-interest.

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

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

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

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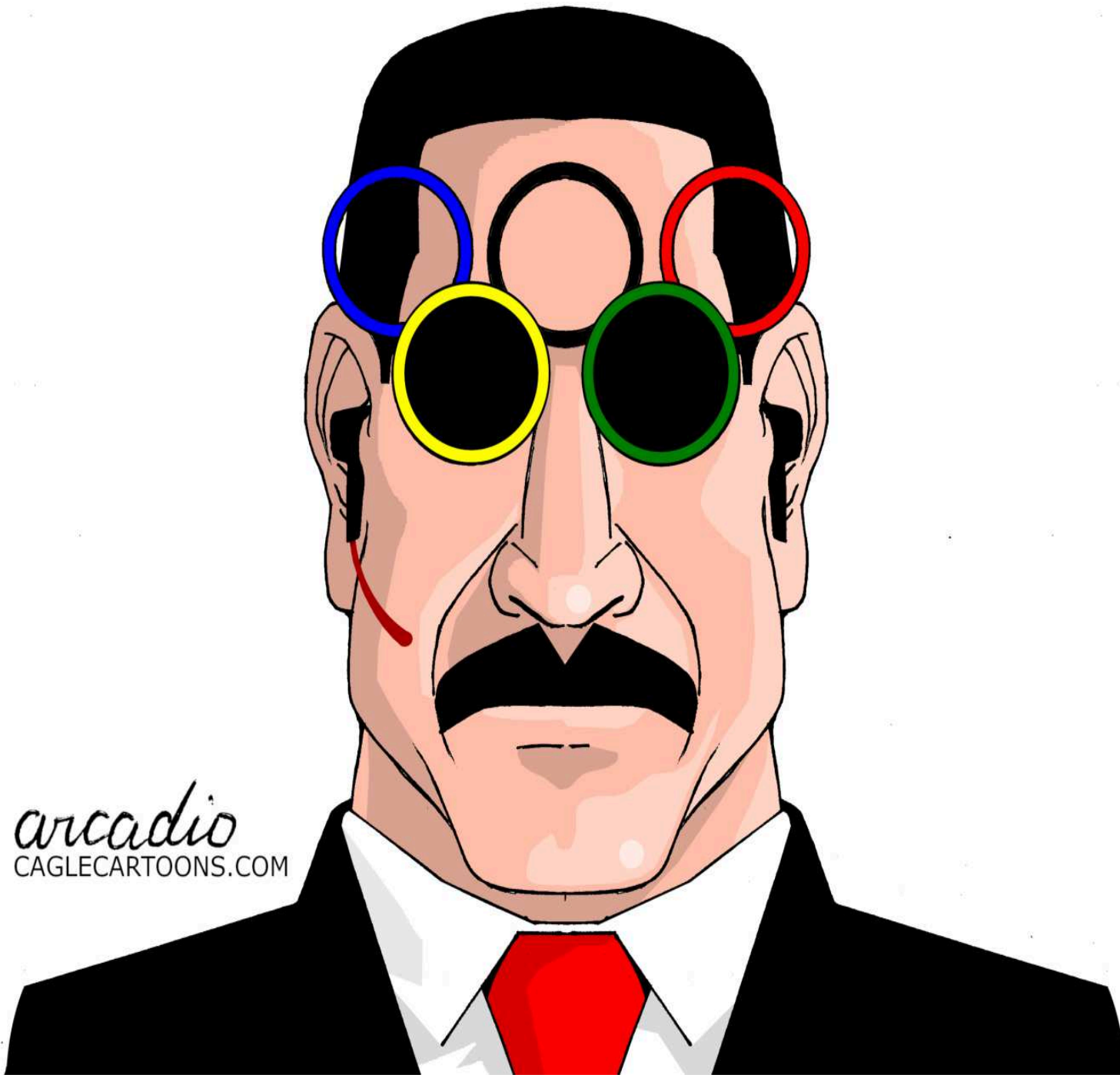
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## Balance ... it applies to roller skating and life

Recently I decided to lace up a pair of roller skates and join my grandkids on the rink. In the early 80s, it was easy and fun, but in this instance, the fun lasted about 30 minutes. I really hate to have to add roller skating to the growing list of activities I cannot enjoy anymore, this side of heaven.

The event caused me to pause, maybe because my grandmother broke both of her arms at age 55, and then my mother broke both of her arms more recently. I want to



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break the cycle, and this was a little too close for comfort.

Many other things in life, when not in balance, cause us pain, or at least discomfort or disruption. If

I am honest, the weak areas in my character, or in my life choices, all shine a light on a time, at least temporarily, when I lacked balance.

On a positive note, I intend to seek balance for the rest of my life. There is already more behind me than ahead, so no more time to waste. Work, relaxation, relationships, recreation, mental, spiritual, health, fitness, finances, volunteerism, activism ... even how I view and react to world events, all need to be in balance.

For me, a few areas above come easy, a few others not so much. But I will keep striving.

This week, we have added to our newspaper, a full page of fun activities for children and children at heart. It will be included in each edition going forward. I encourage you all to either use it for yourself or share it with the children in your life. This will contribute to a little more balance in all our lives. Enjoy!

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# The Crucified Christ

Crucifixion was a means of torture and execution even before the Roman Empire. There is a relief on the Assyrian palace of Sennacherib dating to 701 B.C. which shows Jews impaled on poles outside the city of Lachish, which is southwest of Jerusalem.

Sometimes foreign invaders would nail the Jews to trees or impale them on poles and leave them there for the vultures, hyenas, and other scavengers to eat, denying them a proper burial. It was the most tortuous means of execution possible and was meant as a sign of utter domination by the invader and utter humiliation of the invaded.

The Romans used crucifixion for the same reasons. The Jews



**Dan's Divinities**  
By Rev. Dr. Dan Darby

were a rebellious people, motivated in part by their religious belief that God intended them to be free. God had freed them from slavery in Egypt under Moses, and they were always looking for a new Moses, a Messiah, to lead them to freedom again.

There were five major Jewish rebellions from the time of the Roman occupation in 63 B.C. until the Romans made a final solution to the Jewish problem by destroying Jerusalem and

the Temple and dispersing the surviving Jews throughout their Empire in 70 A.D. After a rebellion in 6 A.D., the Romans crucified 2,000 Jewish Zealots in one day.

To make their point most visible, the Romans usually crucified their victims by nailing them to the trees lining the major avenues coming into Jerusalem so that everyone entering the city would see what happens to those who rebel. Probably the most traveled road entering the city was the road Galilean Jews would use.

The Galileans would come south and cross the Jordan River to the east to avoid entering the territory of the hated Samari-

tans, then re-cross the Jordan below the Samaritan territory. They would follow the road up through Jericho, passing Bethany, the Mount of Olives, and Gethsemane. Then they would follow the outer Temple and city walls through the Kidron Valley, entering the city from the south.

Upon the trees lining this road, many crucifixions took place, possibly including the crucifixion of Jesus, although no one knows for sure the location of Golgotha.

Our popular picture of the cross is that of a tall T-shaped structure of milled lumber. But archeological and historical evidence points to the probability that Jesus was crucified on a

rooted tree. This hypothesis is bolstered by biblical references to Jesus being crucified on a tree.

For example, in Acts 5:30 it says, "The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree" (see also, Acts 10:39, Acts 13:29, Galatians 3:13, and I Peter 2:24). If this theory that Jesus was crucified is correct, then when the Bible says that Jesus was unable to carry his own cross, it would be referring not to the entire cross, but just the heavy cross-beam that would be lashed to a tree at the site of the crucifixion.

Jesus was unable to carry his cross not because he was a weakling, but because his back

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Morning Worship ..... 11:00 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 5:30 PM  
Wednesday Service ..... 7:00 PM

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1002 FM 223 | 628-3292  
Ben Cartwright - Pastor  
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Morning Worship ..... 11:00 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Prayer Service ..... 7:00 PM

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Rev. Mury Williams, Pastor | 628-3571  
Cell | 713-254-7423  
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Morning Worship ..... 11:45 AM  
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..... 6:30 PM

**MAGNOLIA BAPTIST**  
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Sunday School ..... 9:45 AM  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 AM  
Sunday Night Service ..... 5:00 PM  
Wed. Night Service ..... 6:30 PM

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Pastor, Jack Therrell | 281-592-4824  
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Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Service ..... 7:00 PM

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Wednesday Worship ..... 7:00 PM

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - OAKHURST**  
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Evening Worship ..... 6 PM  
Wednesday Worship ..... 6 PM

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Sunday Youth Class ..... 4:00 PM  
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Morning Worship ..... 11:00 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM  
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..... 10:00 AM English  
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Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM  
Tuesday Men's Missions ..... 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Mid-Week Worship ..... 6:00 PM  
Thursday Women's Missions ..... 6:00 PM  
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Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 PM  
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# Expanded passenger rule again on the table

A huge pot of federal rail funding and chronic highway congestion are prompting some Texas officials to again consider expanding passenger rail in Texas, according to The Texas Standard.

Congress set aside \$66 billion three years ago in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for rail projects across the country, sparking some interest in increasing passenger rail service between the state's major cities.

"It's like the perfect storm forming, because 20 years ago if we talked about passenger rail in Texas, it would fall on deaf ears," said Peter LeCody of the Texas Rail Advocates.

The state's population is projected to increase from 30 million now to 47 million by 2050, sparking concerns of increased dependence on cars and more road congestion.

A plan to build a high-speed rail between Dallas and Houston with speeds of more than 200 miles per hour is back on the drawing board after Amtrak shelved it due to difficulty acquiring land and leadership issues, The Tribune reported.

The Texas Central route has acquired about 30 percent of the land needed to build the Dallas-Houston line, which is expected to require more than \$30 billion in financing from governmental and private sources. A number of private landowners remain steadfastly opposed to giving up their land for the proposed line.



## Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders  
Texas Press Association

### Uvalde school officer pleads not guilty

A former Uvalde school police officer pleaded not guilty last week to charges of failing to protect children killed and wounded in the 2022 mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde.

Adrian Gonzales is one of two officers who have been indicted after the slow response to the shooter by nearly 400 law enforcement personnel, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Gonzales and former Uvalde schools police Chief Pete Arredondo were indicted by a Uvalde grand jury in June. Arredondo pleaded not guilty on July 10.

"Mr. Gonzales' position is he did not violate school district policy or state law," said Nico LaHood, the former district attorney for Bexar County. LaHood is representing Gonzales.

The May 22, 2022, attack was one of the worst school shootings in U.S. history. Gonzales, one of the first officers to arrive, was indicted on 29 charges of not confronting the shooter, even after hearing gunshots while standing in a school hallway.

### Inmate phone fees to be slashed across state

Fees that Texas inmates pay to make phone calls will be cut drastically under new federal regulations to take place next year, The Tribune reported.

The Federal Communications Commission voted last week to cap the price of inmate phone calls and video calls as low as 5 cents per minute. Right now, rates across Texas prisons and jails average 23 cents a minute.

Most of the revenue from these calls — 60 percent — goes to the contractor, with the rest going to the state.

"The FCC's order is a massive victory for incarcerated people, their families, and their allies who have spent decades fighting the exploitative prison telecom industry," the Prison Policy Initiative wrote in a statement.

### CenterPoint CEO apologizes for Beryl outages

The head of CenterPoint Energy publicly apologized for failing to quickly respond to massive outages caused by Hurricane Beryl, The News reported.

Jason Wells told the Public Utility Commission last week that he took "personal accountability" for the outages, which affected hundreds of thousands of customers throughout the coastal region.

At least 36 people died because of the hurricane. Many of the deaths were attributed to heat.

"While we cannot erase the frustrations or difficulties so many

of our customers endured, I, and my entire leadership team, will not make excuses," Wells added. "We will improve and act with a sense of urgency."

At its peak, about 2.26 million CenterPoint customers were without power. Damage from the storm is estimated at \$4.6 billion. The company is seeking permission to harden its wire system, with the costs to be passed along to its ratepayers.

### \$95 million in housing credits announced

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has awarded more than \$95 million in housing tax credits to help finance the development or rehabilitation of more than 60 rental properties across the state. The awards will help developers build or repair more than 4,400 units offering affordable rents to qualified families.

"The Housing Tax Credit Program serves as a crucial factor in making affordable housing available to hard working families, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities," said TDHCA Executive Director Bobby Wilkinson.

A list of application awards can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/4jztsjp3>.

### Native bighorn sheep being released in West Texas

Desert bighorn sheep are being reintroduced in Franklin Mountains State Park this fall by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in hopes of restoring a

population that was once extinct in Texas. The Austin American-Statesman reported repopulation of the herd at the park will be in October.

Currently, there are 11 free-ranging herds with approximately 1,500 desert bighorn sheep across Far West Texas, from Big Bend to El Paso. Overhunting and disease led to the sheep's decline in the 1960s. Competition from the aoudad, an African species introduced in Texas in the 1950s by private ranchers, also contributed to the bighorn sheep's decimation.

### Texas still leads nation in job creation

Texas continues to outpace the nation and lead all states for jobs added over the past 12 months, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The state's civilian workforce reached a new high of 15.311 million in June.

"Our civilian labor force of 15.3 million people in Texas continues to prosper and break records each month," said TWC Commissioner Alberto Treviño III.

Construction jobs grew by 4.4 percent last year, far outpacing the national growth rate and leading the state's job growth.

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## Kid Scoop Together: Olympic Quiz

Read these questions to a family member. How many did they get right?

# The Summer Olympic Games Are Back!

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



PARIS 2024



### Who's there?

Take a look at the logo for the Paris Summer Olympic Games. At first, you'll see the Olympic flame and the Olympic rings. But take a closer look.

Do you see a face and hair? This is the face of a goddess that is seen as the symbol for liberty and wisdom in France.

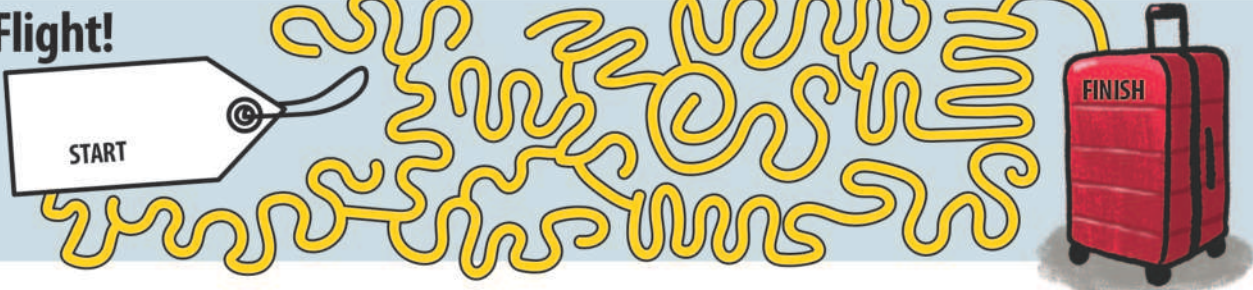
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### Don't Miss Your Flight!

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



## Pictograms

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

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



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



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11 + 11 + 11 =



24 + 6 =



41 - 9 =



14 + 14 =



3 + 6 + 2 =



9 + 9 + 9 =



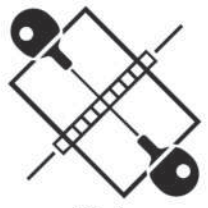
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3 + 3 + 6 =



17 - 4 =



22 - 12 =

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

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

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

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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **ETERNITY**  
The noun **eternity** means a period of time that seems to be endless, often used when exaggerating.

It took an **eternity** to reach the front of the line.

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

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

## The 2024 Paralympic Games

This is the logo of the 2024 Paralympic Games.

Athletes with physical disabilities from around the world compete in the Paralympic Games every four years alongside the Olympics. In fact, Paralympics means "alongside the Olympics."

The Paralympics began 64 years ago. What year was that?

**19**

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences to 100.



### ATHLETIC WORD SEARCH

- GYMNASTICS
- WATER POLO
- BASEBALL
- SWIMMING
- SURFING
- SAILING
- KARATE
- TENNIS
- SOCCER
- TRACK
- CANOE
- GOLF
- JUDO

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



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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

## Sports Team Mascots

Sports team mascots (often an animal or object) give personality to their teams. Look through today's sports section. Select one team and make a list of characteristics you think that team wants to convey. Create a new mascot for that team.

Standards Link: Display meaning through a variety of artistic representations.



How do fireflies begin a race?

ANSWER: "On your mark, Get set, GLOW!"

### Write On!

## Sports Story

Write a sports story about something that happened in a game you played or watched.



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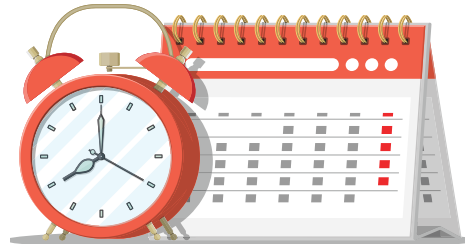
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# AREA DIGEST



### San Jacinto County public meeting

A community open house will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Coldspring Community Center, 101 E. Cedar Ave., in Coldspring.

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.

### SJC Republican Club

Charissa Arizpe will present highlights

from the Republican National Convention at 6 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Republican Party headquarters, 201 Highway 150 Suite J, in Coldspring.

There will be a light buffet provided by Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Kim Webb.

For information, go to [SanJacGop.com](http://SanJacGop.com)/events or on Facebook at Republican Club of San Jacinto County.

### Genealogy event set

The Walker County Genealogical Society and Huntsville Public Library are hosting the annual Summer Genealogical Weekend and Silent Book Auction.

The SGW is scheduled for Aug. 2-3 beginning at 10 a.m. each day at the HPL Staggs Community Room.

With nine different genealogical presentations offered starting with the basics, SGW is proud to have among its presenters Faye Jenkins Stallings, Jim Thornhill, Michele Bailey, and internationally known Lisa Louise Cooke.

During this same time frame, a silent book auction is held in the library from noon Monday through noon Aug. 3.

More than 800 books are for auction, representing all genres with all proceeds going to the HPL Johnnie Jo Sowell Dickenson Genealogy Room. Both events are free to the public and everyone is welcome. Registration is requested but not mandatory.

For more information, see the WCGS

website ([wcgtx.org](http://wcgtx.org)) or the HPL website (<https://www.huntsvilletx.gov/171/Public-Library>) or contact Mary Kokot at HPL 936-291-5471.

### Association offers assistance

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

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

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

### Libraries seeks donations

The Coldspring and Shepherd public libraries are partnering with Dolly Parton's

Imagination Library to provide free, high-quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth through 5 years.

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

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

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

For more information on the program, please visit [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com). To register, visit either library.

### Veterans museum hosts events

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

For more info email [festival@heartsmuseum.com](mailto:festival@heartsmuseum.com) or call (936) 295-5959.

## The vital role of extracurricular activities in education

I am passionate about providing our students with a well-rounded education. While academic achievement is crucial, I firmly believe that extracurricular activities play a vital role in a child's educational journey.

Our Vision 2025 Critical outcome No. 6 delivers the expectation that SISD wants all students to be involved in a co-curricular or extracurricular activity. Here are five key reasons why I feel these activities are so important.

Extracurricular activities cultivate leadership opportunities, offering students the chance to take on leadership roles. In these positions, they can learn to handle responsibilities and communicate effectively.

Accomplishing goals in extracurricular activities fosters confidence. As they work hard, have fun and achieve success, they build a strong foundation of self-assurance. This confidence extends to their academic life helping them tackle challenges



### The Super Says

By Jason Hewitt  
Superintendent Shepherd ISD

with a positive mindset. Participating in extracurricular activities plays a crucial role in shaping students' confidence and skills, both inside and outside the classroom. These activities not only provide a platform for fun and achievement but also lay a solid foundation for personal growth.

Unlike typical classroom settings, extracurriculars often emphasize teamwork and collaboration. These programs teach students how to work with diverse groups. These experiences nurture them into effec-

tive team players, a skill essential for future professional success. Moreover, managing multiple commitments in extracurriculars teaches students valuable time management skills. From prioritizing tasks to setting and achieving goals, these activities instill discipline and organizational abilities that translate into improved academic performance.

Engaging in activities they are passionate about helps students develop focus and concentration. This newfound ability to concentrate carries over into their academic pursuits, often leading to improved performance in the classroom. Students have shown that students involved in extracurricular activities tend to have better endurance and stamina, which are critical for academic success. These activities not only enrich their school experience but also prepare them for the rigors demands of higher education.

Overall, extracurricular activities are in-

strumental in preparing students for college and their future careers. Colleges and employers value the dedication, initiative, and diverse skill set students gain from these activities. It demonstrates their ability to commit, lead, and contribute outside of academic responsibilities.

At Shepherd ISD, we are committed to supporting and encouraging our students to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities. We believe that these experiences are essential to developing well-rounded individuals who are ready to make a positive impact in the world. Come join us cheering our Pirates on as we begin the 2024-205 school year. Starting this week our Football Team, Cheerleaders, Drill Team, Volleyball Team and the Pirate Nation Band are full steam ahead with summer practice gearing up for the start of school.

Dr. Jason Hewitt is Superintendent of Shepherd ISD.

## Texans may be eligible for FEMA sheltering County to seek contractors for jail repairs

### Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — FEMA has approved Transitional Sheltering Assistance for Texans displaced by Hurricane Beryl in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker and Wharton counties.

Activation of the program is expected to begin today. Residents in these counties who have applied for disaster assistance may be eligible to stay temporarily in a hotel or motel paid for by FEMA. Applicants do not need to request this assistance. FEMA will notify them of their eligibility through an automated phone call, text message, and/or email, depending upon the method of communication they selected at the time of application for disaster assistance.

Applicants may be eligible if they cannot return to their disaster-damaged home and their housing needs cannot be met by insurance, shelters or rental assistance provided by FEMA or another agency.

Under the TSA program, FEMA pays the cost of room, taxes and non-refundable pet fees directly to participating hotels and motels. Pet fees will only be paid up to the approved limit of assistance for individual rooms. Survivors are responsible for all

other costs, including laundry, restaurant/room service, parking, telephone, or movie rental.

If notified of TSA eligibility by FEMA, applicants may look for participating hotels on the TSA Locator: Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) ([femaemergencyhotels.com](http://femaemergencyhotels.com)).

TSA participants may also be eligible for other FEMA financial help, including Displacement Assistance, Rental Assistance, Home Repair Assistance and other aspects of the Individual Assistance program.

To apply for FEMA assistance, homeowners and renters can:

- Go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Download the FEMA App for mobile devices
- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.
- Visit any Disaster Recovery Center. For locations and hours, go online to [fema.gov/drc](http://fema.gov/drc).

For more information about Texas disaster recovery, visit: [fema.gov/disaster/4798](http://fema.gov/disaster/4798). Follow FEMA Region 6 on social media at [x.com/FEMARegion6](http://x.com/FEMARegion6) and on Facebook at [facebook.com/FEMARegion6/](http://facebook.com/FEMARegion6/).

### By Tony Farkas [news@sanjacnews.com](mailto:news@sanjacnews.com)

COLDSRING — The San Jacinto County Commissioners Court is looking for bids both fast and inexpensive to effect repairs on the jail facility.

Several contractors have examined the property, which has been damaged in the weather events that occurred in the county, and the results were discussed at the Wednesday meeting.

Jail areas received damage from down trees and flooding, including algae and mold, cracking in mortar joints, and water seepage in different areas of the jail, as well as roof damage.

Contractor Wayne Harris claimed the roof of the jail should not be repaired, and commissioners were of a consensus that

patching the leaking roof was not an option, that it needed to be replaced.

Commissioner Mark Nettuno said the county needs to come up with a scope of work so contractors can bid on them; a preliminary scope of work provided by Harris was used, with minor changes, as a template for the county to seek bids for the work.

Aug. 7 was set for the bid opening.

- In other business, the commissioners:
- revised a subdivision plat for Kenneth and Theresa Huffman to adjust a lot line;
  - revised a subdivision plat for Jerry and Roxanne Adamick;
  - approved paying overtime to county employees that were required to work during Hurricane Beryl; and
  - approved seeking bids for creation of a database for work necessary for recent floods.

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- 47 neither's sidekick
- 48 football rally
- 50 TX O'Connor: "Land does \_\_\_ away, dollars do"
- 53 Bevo's school (abbr.)
- 54 TXism: "\_\_\_ broke I couldn't change my mind"
- 55 TX Willie's "Turn Out the Lights the \_\_\_ Over" a thing without equal
- 59 TX Orbison's "That \_\_\_ You Feelin' Again"
- 60 "red as a \_\_\_"
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- 1 bomb explosions
- 2 state capital
- 3 Texas-based Blue Bell products are richer & \_\_\_
- 4 Abilene FM radio
- 9 Oliver Hardy's "pardner" (init.)
- 10 San Jacinto battle lasted \_\_\_ min.
- 11 TXism: "fits like sardines in \_\_\_"
- 12 TXism: "skeedaddle out of \_\_\_"
- 13 "\_\_\_ you can"
- 14 TX-born jockey Shoemaker (init.)
- 15 TXism for relatives
- 16 road equipment not seen in South Texas (2 wds.)
- 18 flavor of 3-down: \_\_\_ cream
- 20 past winning Miami QB Bob
- 24 TXism: "keep \_\_\_ under your hat"
- 25 approving head bob
- 26 former Astro outfielder, Gonzalez (1990-95)
- 27 fire crime
- 38 Goddess of Liberty atop Texas Capitol is aluminum
- 40 after lunch (abbr.)
- 41 TX V.T. Hamlin's comic: Alley \_\_\_
- 42 TXism: "got the \_\_\_" (clumsy)
- 49 "cement pond" on U.S. 82
- 51 sarcastic insult
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- 57 noted 1960s UT linebacker, Tommy
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# Looking back this week



In the almost 40 years that I've been penning this weekly outdoors column, I've written many times about some of the highlights of my life that began as a very rural kid hunting and fishing in northeast Texas, and later to outdoor adventures like bass fishing in Japan and the wilds of Canada to guiding for elk and bear hunts in the Rocky Mountains.

Now in my mid-70s, I feel truly blessed to still be able to climb into a bow stand in pursuit of whitetail or walk a backwoods creek bank in the early spring in pursuit of spawning white bass. I'm truly blessed with memories of countless outdoor adventures and even more blessed to still be able to make more in my golden years.

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

My dad was a hard worker and stayed busy raising 14,000 chickens on our poultry farm when I was a kid growing up, but he

found time to occasionally take me on a squirrel hunt and we camped and fished at a little lake in southeast Oklahoma every 9 or 10 weeks when the chickens sold and he was free of duties for a few days.

I remember using my little rifle in the woods behind our house to harvest a fat fox squirrel that later became the centerpiece of a pot of squirrel and dumplings. It was a windy fall day, and the squirrel was high up in the limbs of a big oak. The limb was swaying gently moving the squirrel several inches in a rhythmic motion that I timed and made a perfect but lucky shot.

Another time Daddy and I were running a trotline and had a nice channel catfish a couple of stagings up the line. He reached over to boat the fish, and in my excitement, I leaned too far and tipped the little 12-foot boat over. The water was only 4 feet deep. I remember grabbing a nearby tree trunk and hanging on. I can still picture my Dad's bald head going underwater to flip the boat over.

Looking back, I can recall many such instances that at the time seemed of little consequence but in later life give me much pleasure in recalling.

I recall fishing in a rural lake in Japan with a couple of newspaper outdoor writers from a big newspaper in Tokyo. They didn't speak English and I knew only a few words of Japanese, but we were fishermen and through gestures and facial expressions we were able to communicate nicely. Once I convinced them I knew how to Texas rig a plastic worm, we got along just fine. This was back in

the 80s and I remember watching Japanese fighter jets on training missions over the lake we were fishing. I recall thinking 40 years earlier both our countries were in a death struggle for survival in World War II, and now here I was having a blast with a couple of fine Japanese fellows. I am sure they must have had the same thoughts.

I won't forget my first time to fish a remote lake in northern Saskatchewan. My guide was a Cree Indian fellow then in his early seventies. He was old school and told me about hunting caribou with a short bow his father had made when he was a young teenager. He pulled the boat into a little cove and handed me and my buddy spinning rods.

My first time casting a lure for northern pike, I remember asking my guide for advice as to what type structure to target. His word was "water" and he was not wrong. His advice was sound, I needed to simply get my lure in the water, it didn't matter where I cast, the fish had never seen a hook and catching was easy.

For several years, I traveled to North Dakota in early October to bow hunt deer with a family that outfitted hunts on the thousands of acres of farmland they owned. There were only a few hundred people that lived in the quaint little town. I became great friends with the family and thoroughly enjoyed hunting the big body whitetail deer the region is known for. The Canadian border was only a few miles to the north and occasionally a moose that drifted down from the north would be spotted feeding along the shore of



Outdoors writer Luke Clayton shares some fond memories of the outdoors that span over six past decades. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

one of the many pothole lakes.

I remember some memorable dinners served each evening in one of the old homes in town that doubled as lodges. Those ladies knew how to cook, and we often dined on pheasant we shot during mid-day between deer hunts. One of the family members served as an upland bird guide. He had a well-trained Setter and we hunted around the many old farmsteads in the area. I can still picture a big rooster pheasant flushing from hiding around some rusty old farm equipment that had been abandoned during the early part of the past century.

Old, abandoned one-room schoolhouses were situated about the countryside and for some reason, pheasant hunting was always good around the cover near these old buildings as well as abandoned farm houses, maybe because they provide shelter from the heavy snow in the winter.

I could go on and on recounting things I've seen and experienced in the six-plus decades I can recall in the outdoors. I'm sure if you

are a bit long in the tooth you too have countless fond memories of people and places, this is one of the benefits of living an outdoor lifestyle. In retrospect, it's not the big fish I caught or the game animals I have hunted for sport and meat, it's the wonderful people I have had the privilege of spending time with that now matter most to me.

This coming week, it will be time to make a few more memories; I have a fishing guide buddy that has been catching some big blue catfish during the summer. As most serious catfishermen know, fall and winter months have always been the best for targeting big blues. My buddy says he believes the big fish spawn is over and catfish are no longer guarding nest but rather dispersed on the lake again, chasing baitfish. Duty calls and more on this rather unique fishing pattern later.

Listen to Luke's radio show [www.catfishradio.org](http://www.catfishradio.org) or podcast "Catfish Radio with Luke Clayton and Friends" wherever podcasts are found.

## Legal/Public Notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 26, 2024, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI") filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission" or "PUC") requesting approval of an amendment to ETI's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") permitting ETI to construct, own, and operate the Segno Solar Facility ("Segno"), a proposed 170 MW solar facility to be built in Polk County, Texas and the Votaw Solar Facility ("Votaw"), a proposed 141 MW facility to be built in Hardin County, Texas (together, the "Renewable Portfolio"). As part of its long-term electric supply resource plan, ETI has determined that it needs additional generating resources in the near future. The docket number and style of the application are PUC Docket No. 56865, *Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Portfolio of Renewable Generation Resources*. ETI is not seeking to change its rates in this proceeding.

Segno will be located on 1,168 acres of "greenfield" at a site in south-central Polk County, Texas, approximately 2 miles west of the unincorporated community of Segno and approximately 3.5 miles east of Texas State Highway ("SH") 146. The Segno project site is not within five miles of any municipality, and Sam Houston Electric Cooperative is the only neighboring utility providing utility service within five miles of the project site. Votaw will be located on 614 acres of "greenfield" at a site in the northwestern portion of Hardin County, Texas, approximately 0.5 miles southeast of the unincorporated community of Votaw. The Votaw project site is not within five miles of any municipality, and Sam Houston Electric Cooperative is the only neighboring utility providing utility service within five miles of the project site. A map showing the locations of the Renewable Portfolio resources may be viewed at ETI's offices at 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, and is included with notices published in newspapers of general circulation in ETI's service area. A copy of the map may also be obtained by contacting [tcr@entergy.com](mailto:tcr@entergy.com).

The total estimated cost of the Renewable Portfolio is approximately \$656 million, comprised of \$352 million for Segno and \$304 million for Votaw, inclusive of estimated costs of transmission upgrades and interconnection costs, contingency, an allowance for funds used during construction, and expenses related to seeking Commission certification. These costs are based on a February 2027 commercial operation date for Segno and a

May 2028 commercial operation date for Votaw. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is September 9, 2024, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date. A request to intervene (original and ten copies) or request for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. The preferred method for you to file your request for intervention is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Interchange Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Interchange Filer are available at: [https://ftp.puc.texas.gov/public/puct-info/industry/filings/E-Filing\\_Instructions.pdf](https://ftp.puc.texas.gov/public/puct-info/industry/filings/E-Filing_Instructions.pdf). Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Interchange Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: [centralrecords@puc.texas.gov](mailto:centralrecords@puc.texas.gov). For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or [helpdesk@puc.texas.gov](mailto:helpdesk@puc.texas.gov). You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

If you are unable to file your intervention request or comments electronically, you may mail your request or comments (and ten copies) to: Public Utility Commission of Texas, Central Records, Attn: Filing Clerk, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136.

A copy of ETI's application may be viewed by accessing the "filings - interchange" section of the Commission's webpage at [www.puc.state.tx.us](http://www.puc.state.tx.us). In addition to the intervention deadline, other important dates may affect participation in this docket. Therefore, any orders or other filings already made in the docket should be reviewed. The control number for this proceeding on the Commission's webpage and in the Commission's interchange is 56865. Persons with questions or who want more information about this application may also contact [tcr@entergy.com](mailto:tcr@entergy.com) or by calling 866-981-2602 during normal business hours.

Notice map - Votaw Solar Facility



Notice map - Segno Solar Facility



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Estate of Ronald James Gillen

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Ronald James Gillen, Deceased, were issued on July 15, 2024, in Cause No. P2024-33, pending in the County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas, to: Sandra Kay Cantu All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o:

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San Jacinto County accepting bid for County Jail Repairs

San Jacinto County Legal Notice San Jacinto County Jail Repairs Bid #2165-07-24 San Jacinto County is accepting bids for repairs to San Jacinto County Jail caused by Hurricane Beryl. Bidder must be licensed and bonded. Bids must be submitted by hand or mail to: San Jacinto County Clerk, 1 State Hwy. 150, Room 2 Coldspring, Texas 77331. Sealed bids must be clearly marked with the words "BID #2165-07-24 San Jacinto County Jail Repairs", Atten-

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Legal Notices are searchable locally and by state.

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

The Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 12, 2024 in Jones Auditorium, 125 FM 1514 Coldspring, TX 77331.

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

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

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$ .6975 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	
<b>Approved by Local Voters</b>	\$ .0848 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	0.00	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	33.39	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	2.09	% increase	or		% (decrease)

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

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

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

Bonded Indebtedness

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

\* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ .7159	\$ .0664 *	\$ .7823	\$ 9,452	\$ 624
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ .84547	\$ .06162 *	\$ .9071	\$ 13,366	\$ 400
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ .6975	\$ .0848 *	\$ .7823	\$ 10,184	\$ 666

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

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

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

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

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

Fund Balances

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

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

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

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

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

DARBY

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muscles would have been ripped out by 39 lashes with a cat o' nine tails, which had sharp stones and glass fragments imbedded in each of the nine leather strips. The Romans limited the number of lashes to 39 because it was believed that no one could survive 40.

The Jews themselves generally did not crucify anyone because the Old Testament says in Deuteronomy 21:23, "... anyone hung on a tree is under God's curse." Crucifixion is what others did to Jews, not Jews to Jews. If the Jews wanted to execute someone, they used the more merciful means of stoning someone to death.

The Jewish ruling council, called the Sanhedrin, could have stoned Jesus to death as they did Stephen in Acts 7:54-60. But Jesus was very popular with the crowds as evidenced in John 12:19, "The Pharisees the said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.'" The Chief Priest, the members of the Sanhedrin, and the priestly families who had a monopoly in the Temple marketplace where Roman money was exchanged for Jewish money and approved animals were purchased for sacrifice in the Temple did not want Jesus to be the Messiah because their positions of power, prestige, and wealth were granted by the Romans, and any revolt would mean the loss of their positions. If the Sanhedrin had stoned Jesus, he would have become a popular martyr and their likely would have been a riot by the people. If that happened, they would have all lost their positions. So, to save themselves, they presented Jesus to the Roman Proconsul, Pontius Pilate, and charged him with insurrection and treason. To have the Romans crucify Jesus on a tree would mean that Jesus could not possibly be the Messiah because "anyone who hung a on a tree is under God's curse" (Deut. 21:23).

Since the Messiah had to be blessed and not cursed by God, a person who was crucified could not possibly be the Messiah.


The "Crucified Christ" was the ultimate oxymoron in the mind of the Jews. It just could not be. St. Paul said, "We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews, and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength" (I Corinthians 1:23-25). The Jews could not conceive of a crucified Messiah, and the Gentiles thought it silly that a powerless person could be the Savior. But God had other ideas.

Jesus preached, "Blessed are the peacemakers," the "meek," and the "poor," which sounded awfully foolish in a world where obtaining and maintaining power meant everything. He died in meekness, humiliation, and poverty. His sacrifice brings the hope of peace in our world. His approach to obtaining that life which is abundant and eternal was verified by the Resurrection.

The one who hung on the tree was not cursed and deserted by God after all. Rather, God was with him in his suffering and humiliation. God was so unified with him that death, the cross, and the grave could not hold him. He rose in victory and triumph. The lifestyle and teachings of Jesus of forgiveness, peace, non-violence, and loving even one's enemies instead of striking out in vengeance were verified by the Almighty.

God is with us even in the most cursed and tortuous of experiences. If you are looking for peace in your soul and meaning and fulfillment in your life, look toward the cross and find the Crucified and Risen Christ.

Dr. Dan Darby is a retired United Methodist pastor.



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## Lake Livingston Area



**MLS#32034808** - Waterfront - Cedar Point - This Newly constructed home (2022) is located on an open cove facing the Kickapoo bridge, with awesome views of Lake Livingston from all three levels! The main level offers open concept with living, dining and kitchen area, primary en-suite and powder room. Upstairs, there's two bedrooms and one bath and downstairs there is an oversized game room, private bedroom, full bath, and utility room. Great covered porches to entertain your guest! Call us for a viewing today!.....\$929,000



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**MLS#78698108** - Build your dream home on this stunning waterfront lot in Indian Hills. Enjoy wide open water views, deep water access, and a level, cleared lot with shade trees. The property features a large boathouse, steel bulkhead (currently on schedule for minor repairs-see photo), and comes fully equipped with a boat, fishing gear, and water toys. Public water available. Partially fenced with wrought iron fencing, this lot is ready for you to start planning your lake home. Don't miss out on this opportunity to live the lakefront lifestyle you've always dreamed of!.....**\$435,000**



**MLS#27454833** - Welcome to this stunning lakefront home on a spacious lot (just shy of an acre)! Enjoy the open living room with a cozy fireplace and picturesque water views, a dining area with built-ins, and a recently updated kitchen with breakfast bar. The breakfast room overlooks the lake and leads to a large partially covered deck, perfect for entertaining. The primary bedroom boasts a beautifully updated en-suite with dual sinks, a large walk-in shower and private water closet. Spacious guest bedrooms. High ceilings and crown molding throughout. Fully furnished with lawn equipment and a golf cart included. Two garages offering parking for 3 vehicles. Boathouse replaced in 2014, and water craft are available for purchase. See documents for list of updates and replacements. Don't miss out on this spectacular property! Contact us to schedule a viewing today!.....**\$749,400**



**MLS#69749229** - Nestled on 2.34+/- acres, this charming Austin Stone home boasts 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, and an office space that could easily be a 4th bedroom. The open concept layout features a spacious living room, formal dining room, and kitchen overlooking the breakfast area and living room. Bedroom layout is a split plan with the office area on the opposite side of the home. Step outside to enjoy the 14 x 20 covered porch and above-ground pool surrounded by extensive decking. The property also includes a 30 x 40 workshop with a covered porch, RV parking with hookup, and ample storage space. Four Corners Estates is situated about midway between Livingston and Onalaska and just a few minutes from the lake. Some furniture is negotiable. (See documents). Outdoor furniture remains with the exclusion of the rocking chair. Don't miss out on this private oasis with endless possibilities for relaxation and entertaining. ....**\$545,000**



**MLS#4451747** - Escape to peaceful country living in this single-story brick home on 1.9 acres close to town. Enjoy the privacy of mature trees, a large lawn, and tranquil rural surroundings. This home boasts front and back covered porches, a split floorplan, 3 bedrooms with 2 en-suite bathrooms, high ceilings in the living room, and a spacious kitchen. The kitchen offers ample counter space, wood cabinets, a gas stove, and built-in table. A versatile room off the kitchen can provide many potential uses depending on your needs. It leads to the utility room and primary suite. With an attached garage and backyard storage shed, this property offers convenience and charm. Don't miss the opportunity to tour this must-see property conveniently located near Hwy 59/69. Schedule your visit today!.....**\$339,000**



**MLS#89155111** - Country living just minutes from town. Acreage property in the popular FM350 N location!! Spacious 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home with office situated on just over 9 acres of beautiful wooded property. Great floorplan with formal living and dining as well as large den. Two circle drives; one to the front and another leads to the rear of the home and attached carport. Separate metal shop with carport (perfect for that tractor!). Area around the home is partially cleared and the rest is beautifully wooded. Make your appointment to tour this property today!..... **\$499,000**



**MLS#43883430** - Wooded lot located in a lakeside subdivision. A few large trees and a lot of small trees to underbrush. Sitting on a high and dry spot. The subdivision features several lakes to enjoy. Not far from the Trinity River. ....**\$24,900**



**MLS#80875938** - 4.76 acres of UNRESTRICTED land nestled at the end of a quiet country road! The front of the property is mostly cleared with fruit trees and a mixture of scattered hardwoods towards the back & right side. Electricity, water well, and an aerobic septic system have already been installed. It includes a 2 bed/1 bath mobile home, 2 camp houses, & 12 RV hook-ups that have water & electricity. This property was previously used as a hunting camp. It provides endless possibilities for the next owner, depending on your needs! It could be restored to a hunting camp & the the RV spaces could be leased. There are multiple homesite options to build your dream home and plenty of room to add a shop or barn. Perfect for a full time residence, weekend escape, or a great place to raise animals. It is within 30 minutes of Livingston for boating/fishing, shopping & restaurants. 25 minutes to Naskila Gaming. Located in the highly sought after school district of Big Sandy. Make your appointment today! ..... **\$178,500**



**MLS#54728120** - Very Nice. 3 bedroom 3 1/2 bath home on a corner lot in a very nice neighborhood. Just remodeled. Imported Marble in the kitchen, 61"x84" waterfall island, counter tops and back splash. Custom Cabinets, pot filler, farm house sink, new appliances. High end fixtures throughout. Wood burning fireplace, high ceilings. Primary living space features double closets, double sinks, seamless glass shower, separate tub, glass enclosed water closet. Large room up media or game room. 2 large bedrooms with their own bath. Sunroom attached to the family room. Lots of open yard with a small storage shed, French drain on the back of the house. Sitting on a corner lot 2 car carport with a circle driveway. Very friendly neighborhood, quiet and peaceful.....**\$479,900**



**MLS#68542199** - Charming home in a Lake side subdivision on Lake Livingston. This home has been remodeled. There is a living room on the first floor with a family room on the second floor along with a nice fire place. Covered decks on the first and second floors over looking woods and wild life. ....**\$249,500**



**MLS#78894029** - 14 acres located just off Hwy 190 W 8.5 miles from Livingston and just minutes from Lake Livingston. Property sits behind new truck stop on Hwy 190 with 2 access points to the Hwy. Call for more details..... **\$675,000**

**MLS#5234282** - TWO lots in the gated lakeside community of Holiday Villages! Make this your own private retreat for weekend getaways or vacations. Utilities and culvert are already in place. Mostly cleared but some mature trees were left to provide shade. These lots would also be a great place to build your dream home or install a manufactured home. This golf cart friendly community offers year round social activities including fun runs, cook offs, car shows, music, fireworks, and more! Amenities include community boat launch, covered fishing pier, waterfront pavilion, clubhouse, several playgrounds, sandy beach, swimming pool, and other perks for your enjoyment. Be sure to bring your Real Estate Agent with you for entry to this gated community. Don't let these get away! .....**\$58,000**



**MLS#77411449** - This property offers approx 14.99 acres of unrestricted country living and just minutes from downtown Willis Tx. Consisting of 20+ year old timber throughout the property. Boggy creek flows from north to the south on the west side of tract. Opportunity awaits for a new build or small cabin, offering an escape from the everyday hustling and bustle of the City. Allow your imagination to run and bring your ideas to life! ..... **\$275,000**



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Pictures don't do this one justice! Come see this 3 bedroom 2 bath 1390 ft.<sup>2</sup> house that was built in 2015. This home is in the gated community of Cedar Point just outside of Onalaska on Lake Livingston. The neighborhood has 2 boat launches, a community pool and a Civic Center. The home has an open concept kitchen/living/dining room with refrigerator, microwave, range, and dishwasher. The private owner's suite features an attached bath and walk-in closet. The home comes complete with a 2 car garage and front and back porches. Don't miss out on this one. Come take a look today! MLS#46005858 ..... \$220,000

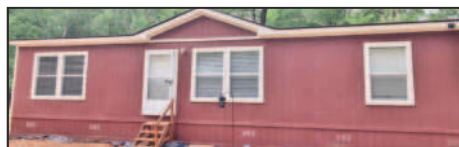


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Discover the perfect setting for your dream home in the highly coveted neighborhood of Twin Harbors. This exclusive waterfront lot not only boasts a breathtaking panorama of Lake Livingston. Enjoy the luxury of a pristine pool, basketball and tennis courts, all conveniently located within the subdivision. Additionally, residents benefit from a private boat launch, making it effortless to explore the beauty of the lake at your leisure. Situated to face the open water, this lot offers an unparalleled view of Lake Livingston. What sets it apart are the unique features, including a sandy beach, a private boat ramp for launching your water toys, and the potential to build your custom water dock. Don't miss the chance to witness the beauty and potential of this property firsthand. No appointment is necessary—come and see it for yourself! The survey is included, providing you with all the details you need to make this waterfront dream a reality. MLS#54344011 ..... \$207,000



This charming home in a tranquil lakeside community offers endless possibilities for relaxation and recreation. With access to a community club house, boat launch, and putt putt golf, every day will feel like a vacation. The home itself is practically new, making it a perfect choice for first-time homebuyers or those seeking a weekend retreat. The spacious lot is ready for your personal touch, allowing you to create the landscape of your dreams. Don't miss out on this opportunity - schedule a showing today! MLS#36841360 ..... \$139,999



Book a showing appt. with your realtor. Lake Livingston is so beautiful. Sip your coffee while looking at the water view. Entertaining family and friends on the backyard deck building memories. Two story, 2-(3) bedrooms, two bathrooms upstairs. Very large bedrooms can sleep several. First floor large family/game room, Livingroom, kitchen, dining. Measurements are approx. Survey is at buyers expense if needed. MLS#22611642 ..... \$279,900



Beautiful waterfront home nestled along the serene shores of Lake Livingston. Situated on a secluded lake cove, this well-maintained home offers unparalleled privacy and seclusion, making it an ideal retreat for those seeking refuge from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. The home has an open living, a primary bedroom on the 1st floor with a private bath, 1/2 bath on 1st floor, & plenty of space with 2 guest bedrooms & 1 bath upstairs, a modern kitchen with stainless steel appliances, spacious bedrooms, a wood-burning fireplace, 2-car garage, and a deck or patio area for outdoor dining and relaxation. New Roof July 2024! Desirable location and great amenities this property has excellent income potential as a vacation rental. The neighborhood amenities include a clubhouse, marina w/private boat launch, tennis court, playground, pool, basketball court, and many activities throughout the year. Buy together: available Lot w/boathouse next door mls#50264801. MLS#60258245 ..... \$535,000



This 15-acre property features a 50x60 metal shop with 3 bay doors attached with a 20x60 awning. The shop has been insulated and plumbed for a restroom. With no restrictions, this property is ideal for agriculture, suitable for horses or farm animals. With the endless possibilities you could even turn this into an RV Park overlooking the spring fed pond. Experience the ranch life with a water well & electricity already on site. This is more than a piece of property, with the newly built metal shop and being just far enough from the hustle and bustle but just a quick drive to either Interstate 45 or Highway 59 this piece of property has endless potential to be turned into your next piece of heaven! If you're not working with a realtor, please contact listing agent prior to driving by the property to confirm showing and access. unscheduled showings will be denied. MLS#48747541 ..... \$625,000





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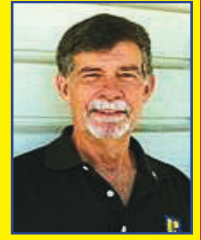
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**MLS#58099219** - Nice 3/2 Palm Harbor home Model TL1372F4, single wide 1260 sq.ft. 72'x17.5'. Good layout, AC vents in ceiling, primary bath has double sinks and separate shower and garden tub. Storage shed is 8x12, Garage/shop is 12x23 with roll up door and extra wide walk in door. Entire yard is low maintenance with weed barrier covered with white rock. No lawn mower needed here. Quiet end of gated subdivision. Has rec center with large pool, bath house, party/meeting room, exercise room, snack bar. Subdivision also has fishing pier, boat ramp with park area..... **\$149,900**



**SOLD**

**MLS#15619766** - Great property, unrestricted, 9.5 acres, 5 bedrooms 3 full baths. Living/dining area, large kitchen with lots of cabinets and counter space, pantry. Home is located on a very private location but close to town, shopping and schools. Small creek runs through property. 10x6 front deck and 8x16 side deck. 12x24 storage/workshop with lofts for storage on each end. New gravel on entry drive, new A/C, inside and outside units June 2023. Great place for kids and grandkids to enjoy exploring and watching the wildlife..... **\$299,900**



**SOLD**

**MLS#12723763** - Nice and clean double wide in Holiday Village. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully fenced, nice covered front porch for relaxing and watching neighbors go by. Subdivision is golf cart friendly, has boat ramp, fishing pier, rec center with exercise room and pool. Gated entry. Home has attached and detached carports, storage shed/workshop has another full bath but water is not turned on..... **\$164,000**



**MLS#98334545** - Waterview lot in Yaupon Cove has slab where house was before 2020 tornado. Subdivision has public water, public sewer, natural gas, and 3 boat ramps for residents use. No manufactured homes in this section of subdivision ..... **\$45,000**



**SOLD**

**MLS#16961621** - Lots of potential with 208' Hwy 190 frontage. 3 parcels, just over 2 acres. UNRESTRICTED Residential or commercial has drives in place off of Hwy 190 and Vivian. 20x30 Shop could be converted to living quarters, great RV cover. Has RV hookups, 30amp and 50amp with sewer connected to septic system. 16x28 storage shed on back of property. Has slab where home was prior to fire with separate aerobic sewer system in place. 2 water meters in place. 50x50 slab includes 20x20 carport, 20x30 shop, and 50x30 RV cover which has 14' height clearance for RV.. **\$150,000**



**REDUCED**

**MLS#32607831** - Lot in Yaupon Cove, has electric, water, and sewer connections in place. 10x30 slab where mobile home used to be. Subdivision had 3 boat ramps for resident's use, public water and sewer. Mobile homes allowed in this section..... **\$12,500**



**MLS#73533722** - Holiday Village, 2 large lots approx 200' deep in Sec. J. Partially cleared, electric installed with two 30amp hookups for RV. Subdivision boat ramp, fishing pier, rec center with pool. Gated subdivision..... **\$65,000**



**MLS#7650114** - 4 nice partially cleared lots in Putnam's landing. Ready to build on or bring your manufactured home. Subdivision is close to Lake Livingston State Park and Beacon Bay Marina. Also has private boat ramp and park area for subdivision residents use, just across FM 3126 ..... **\$32,000**



**SOLD**

**MLS#27342116** - Like new 1 bedroom 1 bath 2021 manufactured home would be great home or weekend getaway. Super clean, oven and dishwasher have never been used. 25x12 RV or boat cover with 30amp hookup. 20x30 shop area with roll up door and side walk in door. Has unfinished room with many possibilities. Game room craft room or bunk room. All on cleared lot with great views of wildlife from covered front porch or covered side porch. Subdivision has 3 boat ramps for resident's use ..... **\$145,900**



**WATERFRONT**

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**MLS#81820272** - Great Waterfront Lot on Kickapoo Creek with views of creek, cove, and Hwy 190 bridge over Kickapoo Creek. Very private and quiet on cul-de-sac and peninsula, Wonderful full time living or weekend retreat. This property previously had a home that was destroyed by tornado so utilities in place and piers for stilt house if you desire. Has pier and boat lift. Condition of lift, lake water pump, and sprinkler system not known because no electricity since tornado. No mobile homes allowed in this section of Yaupon Cove. 3 boat ramps in subdivision and park area. Close to grocery, hardware, dining and Onalaska schools. Water is low in pictures because of drought..... **\$140,000**



**PENDING**

**MLS#75696779** - Great lot to build on in Memorial Point, a gated subdivision on Lake Livingston. Subdivision has Clubhouse, boat ramp, tennis/pickleball courts and playground. Lot is level and completely cleared. Has limited waterview. .... **\$26,000**



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**MLS#61263626** - Very nice and clean lakehouse in quiet subdivision. Limited waterview has 1 or 2 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths. Updated kitchen and main bath with granite and tile. Room on back has been used as bedroom. All concrete drive, carport, wraparound porch and 28x14 workshop/storage shed. Public water and sewer. Wonderful weekend place to gather with the family. Comes fully furnished with all furniture/furnishings and appliances. Subdivision has boat ramp and park area for residents use. 1/2 mile to grocery and restaurants..... **\$149,900**






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**MLS#78698108** - Build your dream home on this stunning waterfront lot in Indian Hills. Enjoy wide open water views, deep water access, and a level, cleared lot with shade trees. The property features a large boathouse, steel bulkhead (currently on schedule for minor repairs-see photo), and comes fully equipped with a boat, fishing gear, and water toys. Public water available. Partially fenced with wrought iron fencing, this lot is ready for you to start planning your lake home. Don't miss out on this opportunity to live the lakefront lifestyle you've always dreamed of!.....**\$435,000**



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**MLS#27454833** - Welcome to this stunning lakefront home on a spacious lot (just shy of an acre)! Enjoy the open living room with a cozy fireplace and picturesque water views, a dining area with built-ins, and a recently updated kitchen with breakfast bar. The breakfast room overlooks the lake and leads to a large partially covered deck, perfect for entertaining. The primary bedroom boasts a beautifully updated en-suite with dual sinks, a large walk-in shower and private water closet. Spacious guest bedrooms. High ceilings and crown molding throughout. Fully furnished with lawn equipment and a golf cart included. Two garages offering parking for 3 vehicles. Boathouse replaced in 2014, and water craft are available for purchase. See documents for list of updates and replacements. Don't miss out on this spectacular property! Contact us to schedule a viewing today..... **\$749,400**



**MLS#69749229** - Nestled on 2.34+/- acres, this charming Austin Stone home boasts 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, and an office space that could easily be a 4th bedroom. The open concept layout features a spacious living room, formal dining room, and kitchen overlooking the breakfast area and living room. Bedroom layout is a split plan with the office area on the opposite side of the home. Step outside to enjoy the 14 x 20 covered porch and above-ground pool surrounded by extensive decking. The property also includes a 30 x 40 workshop with a covered porch, RV parking with hookup, and ample storage space. Four Corners Estates is situated about midway between Livingston and Onalaska and just a few minutes from the lake. Some furniture is negotiable. (See documents). Outdoor furniture remains with the exclusion of the rocking chair. Don't miss out on this private oasis with endless possibilities for relaxation and entertaining. .... **\$545,000**

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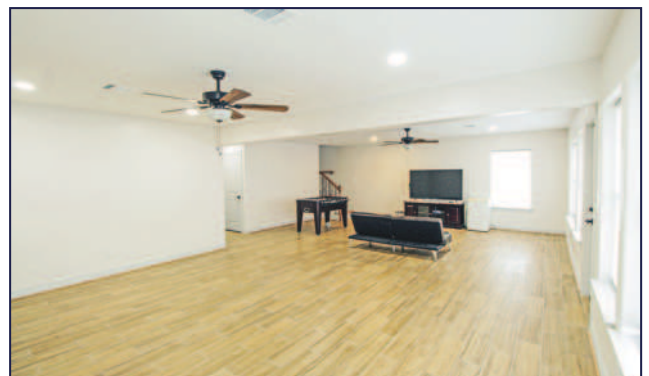
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**MLS#39636687** - CITY OF LIVINGSTON - Elegant 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers a formal living area with high ceilings, crown molding, and fireplace with gas log. The open kitchen, dining and breakfast concept offer a great area for entertaining your guest. All kitchen appliances will convey. There is a extra room adjacent to kitchen that can be used as office/study or library. The primary en-suite offers double sinks, whirlpool soaking tub and separate shower, along with a spacious walk in closet. The home has a two car attached oversized garage. The home has a screened porch, open patio and open deck and a brick workshop build-ing. Situated on two lots, home is situated on one lot and additional lot is vacant ..... **\$409,000**



**MLS#32034808** - Waterfront - Cedar Point - This Newly constructed home (2022) is located on an open cove facing the Kickapoo bridge, with awesome views of Lake Livingston from all three levels! The main level offers open concept with living, dining and kitchen area, primary en-suite and powder room. Upstairs, there's two bedrooms and one bath and downstairs there is an oversized game room, private bedroom, full bath, and utility room. Great covered porches to entertain your guest! Call us for a viewing today! ..... **\$929,000**





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**MLS#31493559** – City of Livingston- located on an oversize lot in Oak Forest subdivision, this well constructed three bedroom, two bath, brick home offers an open concept living, dining and kitchen area. Solid surface countertops, an abundance of custom made cabinets, plus island with extra sink add to the appeal of this home. Split floor plan with spacious primary en-suite, craft room for two, and double car garage gives you so much extra space. Then step outside and you will find an open sun deck, oversized workshop, storage shed, and almost totally fenced back yard. You will want to put this well maintained home on your list to view. Offered at..... **\$329,000**



**MLS#5770941** - Bold Springs Area- Located just off FM 350 North a short distance this 3 BRM, 2 Bath Brick home is situated on 12.8 manicured acres. Property offers two ponds, water well and community water, shop with garage door, greenhouse, shed, dog pen and RV Hookup. Home has a spacious family room with stone fireplace, kitchen and dining room, oversized primary en suite with whirlpool tub, two vanities with sinks and large walk in closet. There has been recent foundation repair and home has a lifetime transferrable warranty. Exterior has recently been painted. This property won't stay on the market long at the price of ..... **\$449,000**

**MLS#4983777** - Corner of Matthews and Oakhurst - You will find this 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath manufactured home with with add on garage, storage area and carport. Home has recently been leveled with new skirting installed and New outside CA unit. This home is located near Matthews Street Park and would make a great investment property to add to your rental portfolio. Priced to sell at ..... **\$119,900**



**MLS#46030808** - COLITA LOOP - LIVINGSTON - You will feel right at home at this 31 plus acre ranch that offers a beautiful 3/2.5 home. Front porch runs the width of the home & beckons you to enter through a spacious foyer into a living area designed to entertain your guest. Open living, dining & kitchen concept provides ample seating for every-one. Breakfast bar with seating for six & the kitchen offers antiqued cabinets, granite counters, custom made wood vent hood, island with vegetable sink, a six-burner propane cookstove, an abundance of cabinets plus a pantry. The living area has coffered ceilings, and fireplace with gas log. Back porch that spans the entire length of the home. Covered B-B-QUE pavilion..... **\$899,000**





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**MLS#21899776.....\$424,710**



**Acreage!** Nestled on a serene cul-de-sac, this spacious 3-bed, 2-bath home rests on 4 lots. With vaulted ceilings, French doors opening to a large deck, and a wet bar with a wine fridge, entertaining is a delight. The primary bedroom boasts an oversized closet, sitting area, and private deck access. Enjoy sightings of deer in the area. Shopping in Livingston is just 15 minutes away with plenty of dining options. Onalaska offers local shopping and amenities like gyms and the Heritage Society. Room sizes are approximate. This property offers a peaceful retreat with ample space for relaxation and leisure.  
**MLS#11099016.....\$509,000**



**Waterfront on Lake Livingston!** Very neat and clean waterfront home. Home has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths with an extra room for an office, family room with a wood burning fireplace, and an island kitchen. Wonderful decks on the front and back of the home. Deck on the lakeside of the home is partially covered and great for entertaining or taking in the beautiful open views of the lake. Situated on almost a half acre. Wood bulkhead and boat lift that is equipped for 2 jet skis which are included in the sale. Great location on Lake Livingston. Rare find on the water for the price.  
**MLS#51557508.....\$254,900**



**Waterfront!** Nestled on a serene cove on Lake Livingston, this charming waterfront home boasts genuine hardwood floors, ample windows, and lush shade trees. Enjoy the tranquility on the spacious front and back decks. Large kitchen and dining room is an entertainer's delight. The split-level layout offers a cozy living area with a stunning water view. Two bedrooms and a full bath on the first floor, while the second floor features a primary suite with a walk-in closet, full bath, and a cozy sitting area. Experience lakeside living at its finest in this peaceful retreat.  
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**Lake Access home on over an acre.** 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. Property fronts 3 streets (on 2 corners). Island kitchen. Primary bedroom is on the 1st level. Office or second bedroom is also on the 1st level. Half bath and laundry off of the kitchen area. Upstairs is an open bedroom with a full bath. Large front porch. Plenty of storage under the backside of the house. Include a large storage building. Call today for an appointment.  
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**Waterfront on Lake Livingston!** 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with attached carport. Perfect for entertaining family and friends. Home offers spacious kitchen with large island, granite countertops, stainless appliances, walk-in pantry, large family room with separate den, 4th bedroom or office. Primary bedroom with en-suite bath, guest bedroom and 2nd full bath on 1st floor. Large 3rd bedroom or game room with half bath upstairs. Located on a deep water cove. New boat house with sitting area, boat lift, double jet ski lift, rope swing and storage room. Enjoy the beautiful view from large rear deck, second story balcony or sitting area on the dock. Perfect for a vacation rental and can be sold furnished. Great location close to restaurants and shopping.  
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**Lake Access!** 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 1 level home with attached 2 car carport. Home sits on one lot with fenced back yard and includes a second lot. Home is in move-in ready condition. Open concept. Covered front porch, screened in back porch, firepit in back yard and large storage building. Comes with some furniture and includes appliances. **MLS#37940273.....\$194,900**



**Waterfront on Lake Livingston!** 3 BR, 2 ba townhouse. Open concept with spacious living area perfect for entertaining guests. Family room with fp, dining area/sunroom with natural light, updated island kitchen with plenty of storage space. Primary bedroom is downstairs, has rear deck access. Enjoy morning coffee or the breathtaking sunsets on your large partially covered deck overlooking the lake. Beautiful shade trees around the house provide shelter from the summer heat. Assigned boat slip, and boat parking on premises. Walk out to the boat dock and enjoy the tranquil ambiance of the water or take your water toys for a spin! Community has 800' of community owned waterfront. Fish anywhere along this area or off of 1 of 2 piers. The townhome is located in a quiet and friendly community, offering two community pools and a peaceful reserve to take walks. This townhome is the perfect place for full-time or weekend living. No yard work except the flower beds! Comes mostly furnished! **MLS# 86475529.....\$299,900**



**Lake area.** 3 BR- 2.5 BA - 1 Car Carport, double wide concrete drive. Completed Remodeling 6-2024. Very nice take a look at this one. **MLS# 91789294..... \$229,000**



**Waterview!** 2 Bedroom + Loft, 2 Bath home, built in 2022. Two lake view lots. 24' x 40' shop, foam insulated with central air and heat. Home offers an open floor plan. Island kitchen with granite countertops. Family room with fireplace. Primary suite with soaking tub, double sinks and walk-in shower. Guest bedroom and guest bath. 15'x14' loft is great for game room, office or additional bedroom. Enjoy breath taking sunset from the covered patio. Central utilities (no septic). Gated subdivision with many amenities. **MLS# 56381442.....\$349,900**



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### Service HVAC Systems Regularly

To ensure the best cooling performance and efficiency possible, find a licensed contractor to keep your heating and cooling system well-maintained and serviced throughout the year. There are some tasks many homeowners can handle on their own, like keeping outdoor units free of debris and changing air filters. However, bringing in a professional 1-2 times a year for maintenance and to ensure proper function of ductwork and electrical components is also essential.

### Use Appliances During Non-Peak Hours

Rather than using stoves, ovens and clothing dryers in the afternoon hours, consider doing so early in the morning or late in the evening. Peak time for many electricity providers is noon-6 p.m., meaning using appliances that heat up your home outside of this timeframe when conventional heating and cooling systems are likely running full throttle can help lower energy costs.



### Upgrade Your Systems to an Energy-Saving Heat Pump

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) incentivizes homeowners who opt for energy-efficient HVAC upgrades, including qualified heat pumps, which can boost seasonal energy efficiency ratios and increase efficiencies. For example, Mitsubishi Electric heat pumps provide more energy-efficient cooling that may equal cost and energy savings as well as a reduced carbon footprint for homeowners. These systems are equipped with inverter or variable-speed technology that allows systems to automatically ramp up or down the required amount of energy depending on the room's capacity. Although annual savings vary, some homeowners can save as much as \$1,000 per year by switching to an all-electric heat pump.

### Fire Up the Grill

When temperatures soar, use the grill for cooking to help lower energy usage and save on air-conditioning costs. Alternatively, toaster ovens, air fryers and slow cookers use less energy than larger conventional stoves or ovens. Get creative by cooking a pizza in a chiminea or smoking favorite meats as alternatives to using your oven.

### Stop Cooling Empty Rooms

One mistake many homeowners make is forgetting to adjust their temperature settings when leaving the

house. Whether you're headed to the beach for the weekend or just headed to work for the day, blasting the air conditioner in an empty house can result in unnecessarily high utility bills. Multi-zone, all-electric heat pumps like those from Mitsubishi Electric allow homeowners to set the comfort level and adjust the temperature in each room, so you don't have to waste energy cooling unoccupied rooms. With a smartphone app, you can even adjust the settings remotely.

### Install a Smart Electric Panel

Installing a smart electrical panel alongside an all-electric heat pump enables homeowners to monitor and control energy consumption on-site or remotely using a smartphone for better overall efficiency and utility cost savings.

### Harness the Sun's Energy with Solar Panels

According to the Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, the amount of sunlight that strikes the Earth's surface in 90 minutes could power the world's total energy usage for a full year. Investing in solar panels can help decrease energy bills and increase your home's sustainability. Additionally, some utility providers and government entities, including the IRA, offer incentives to help reduce installation costs. Plus, solar-sourced power pairs well with all-climate heat pumps, which require minimal electricity to operate.



# Creating a Pet-Friendly Palace

## FAMILY FEATURES

As much as you love your pets and work hard to make them part of the family, they're also a big responsibility. Part of that responsibility includes setting up your home so it's equal parts stylish (for you) and functional (for Fido).

Show furry friends a little love, beyond the walks and snuggles, by making your home more pet friendly.

### Set Up Their Space Near an Entry

It's common for pet owners to desire a space to keep all their furry friends' belongings and avoid clutter. Ensure convenience and cleanliness by establishing an area near the door where you can store leashes, collars, toys and more. Consider keeping a towel or two nearby for wiping paws (and snouts) after going outside. You can also keep your pets' beds, food and water bowls in this space so it feels like their own little "home" when returning from a walk or going to sleep at night.

### Consider Stain-Resistant Fabrics

From furniture to decor, avoiding fabrics that attract pet hair is a no-brainer for pet owners looking to escape a constant mess. Silk and velvet are virtual magnets for fur, while alternatives like leather offer more practical choices that are easy to clean and durable.

### Install Resilient Flooring

Reduce your fear of zoomies causing damage

to your floors by installing resilient flooring focused on reducing wear. Both durable and beautiful, a variety of Beautifully Responsible floors take on some of the burden of pet ownership with built-in durability for the everyday and the unexpected. With options designed to bridge the gap between style and function, numerous water-resistant and waterproof floors give you and your pets room to live your best lives for years to come without wet shakes triggering worries. Plus, many resilient floors don't flinch when it comes to addressing muddy paws, often only requiring the mud to be easily wiped away, without harsh cleaning products.

### Decorate with Pets in Mind

Displaying Grandma's fine China and your favorite sports memorabilia may not go hand-in-hand with pet ownership – that autographed baseball may look more like a chew toy than a treasured artifact. Instead, prioritize decor that's washable and sturdy so you can avoid coming home to a delicate family heirloom shattered on the floor.

### Pet-Proof the Yard

If you plan on your pets being outside on their own, it's a good idea to carefully inspect your outdoor spaces before letting them roam. Look for gaps in the fence, identify potentially harmful plants and ensure outdoor structures like grills and furniture are secure.



## How Pet Owners Can Benefit from Resilient Flooring

It's likely you want your pets to live their best lives without sacrificing your own gorgeous spaces. With a variety of attractive options to fit your aesthetic, Beautifully Responsible resilient flooring provides durability against dirt, spills and sprints. Consider these benefits of floors that fit your style and give furry friends room for fun:

### Deny Dirt and Dander

Once playtime outside is over, that mess can sometimes make its way inside. Designed to make cleanup easier, many resilient flooring options can make removing messes, odors and pet hair a cinch. From sheet solutions to modular configurations, resilient flooring can typically be cleaned without harsh chemicals – just make sure to follow the manufacturer's recommended cleaning instructions.

### Zoom On

Many Beautifully Responsible resilient floors are durable enough to stand up to those zoomies. These options are ready for your dogs' and cats' fastest sprints, and make for quick clean up when they accidentally turn over a favorite flowerpot or their own water bowls.

### Reduce Water Worries

Those vigorous tail wags near a fresh bowl of water lead to even good boys and girls causing a spill now and then. With many waterproof and water-resistant options for even the messiest of pets, you can be more confident in resilient floors standing up to spills so you can forgive puppy-dog eyes even faster.





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