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## City visits variance requests

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**SHEPHERD** — The Shepherd City Council took three different tacks on granting property variances at its Aug. 12 meeting — approve, delay and table.

A request to place a manufactured home built in 1995 at 70 Oak Lane was delayed be-

cause council members had no pictures of the home.

City Secretary Debra Hagler said that since the home was almost 30 years old, city inspectors will need to inspect it for code compliance.

The council did grant a variance for Curtis Ainsworth to place a storage container at 58 Myrtie St., as the structure will not be visible from roadway and will be attached to an exist-

ing garage.

A request from Delsy Gonzales for a manufactured home variance at 260/270 N. Ross Ave. for a 2023 Cavco was tabled as the requestor was not present.

In other business, the council:

- appointed Wendell Williams to the EDC Board following the resignation of Jody Cronin;

- approved the order of election to be held Nov. 5;
- set a budget workshop for Aug. 22;
- approved the purchase of a crane truck for the Public Works Department to pull pumps for required maintenance, to be paid for using ARPA funds; and
- selected Kenneth LaVergne, Liles and Parker of Kingwood as the new city attorney.



U.S. Rep. Morgan Luttrell, R-Texas 8, meets with Homeland Security Investigations Houston Office personnel and other local agencies to address human trafficking. COURTESY PHOTO

## Luttrell joins partners to address human trafficking

Special to the News-Times

**HOUSTON** -- Congressman Morgan Luttrell, R-Texas, met with the Homeland Security Investigations Houston Office, along with representatives from local schools, law enforcement, and community organizations, to participate in a panel discussion focused on combatting human trafficking and child exploitation.

The event brought together a diverse group of stakeholders dedicated to addressing the ongoing challenges posed by human trafficking in the community.

The panel addressed the current state of human trafficking in the region, with experts providing insight into the evolving tactics of traffickers and the multifaceted approaches required to combat this heinous crime. Congressman Luttrell expressed his commitment to supporting efforts at both the federal and local levels to protect vulnerable individuals.

"We cannot tolerate traffickers who force men, women, and children into modern day slavery," Luttrell said. "I am

honored to stand alongside HSI, local law enforcement, educators, and advocates to combat this heinous crime."

The discussion also highlighted the critical work HSI does to combat child exploitation and human trafficking, emphasizing the importance of a Department of Homeland Security campaign, Know2Protect, a national public awareness campaign to prevent child sexual exploitation and abuse. Congressman Luttrell and the panel also received invaluable input from local law enforcement on efforts they believe would be most effective at the federal level.

Luttrell encouraged community members to stay vigilant and actively participate in efforts to protect the most vulnerable among us.

During his time in Congress, Luttrell has introduced multiple pieces of legislation on combatting human trafficking, including Empowering Law Enforcement to Fight Sex Trafficking Demand Act and Stop Human Trafficking of Unaccompanied Migrant Children Act.

Additionally, Luttrell penned an op-ed highlighting the urgency of addressing trafficking in our country.

## Chamber changes for Coldspring benefit

Special to the News-Times

**COLDSRING** — Recent changes that have taken place on the Coldspring Chamber of Commerce Board of directors will keep the agency working on behalf of the San Jacinto County business community, as well as county residents.

While several board members have had to step down for various reasons, vacant positions have been filled and the members are looking to the future.

The current Board of directors is:

- Jennifer Hoff, president
- Calandra Johnson, vice president
- Christian Mallett, treasurer
- Jocelyn Traylor, director
- Manette Farber, director
- Phil Herrington, director

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## Find your prey with newly renamed app

Special to the News-Times

**AUSTIN** — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department launched an updated version of the official mobile app used by hunters and anglers across the state for harvest reporting, electronic onsite registration, digital license display, and more.

Formerly named My Texas Hunt Harvest, the mobile app will have an updated look and a new name, Texas Hunt & Fish, but will have all the same great features users are familiar with from the previous version of the app.

With the Texas Hunt & Fish mobile app hunters and anglers can satisfy mandatory reporting requirements for wild turkey, white-tailed deer and alligator gar harvest, as well as complete electronic on-site registration for most public hunting sites accessed when using the Annual Public Hunt (APH) Permit. Fully digital license holders must use the Texas Hunt & Fish app to execute digital tags for deer, turkey, oversized red drum and spotted seatrout.

One of the newest features, launched during the 2023-24 hunting season, is the app's ability to show Chronic Wasting Disease zones relative to the hunter's location if they have the location services turned on.

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## Shepherd ISD plans for student, district futures

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**SHEPHERD** — The Shepherd ISD Board of Managers hired educational consultants Moak Casey to plan for the next five years.

Superintendent Dr. Jason Hewitt said that the district plans to engage in strategic planning this year, will use the Austin-based firm for that. The approval was made at the Thursday meeting.

Hewitt said they will set the next five-year course of action for academics, finances, and facilities, and establish district priorities, funding needs and make plans to implement the changes.

Some of the needs include maintenance, heating and air conditioning, repaving parking lots, and painting.

Hewitt also said the board discussed strategies for improving both students and staff by passing the regular goals and objectives the board has to approve every year.

In other business, the board:

- approved the 2025 senior trip to Disney;
- approved a resolution calling for an election in November, and Election Administrator Cheri Walker as early voting clerk;
- approved seeking quotes for a new heavy-duty truck for the ag department;
- approved changes to the compensation plan, which include job classification changes; and
- approved TASB delegate Yvonne Johnson and alternate will be John Few.



Shepherd FFA member Ronnie Charles auditioned for the National FFA Band and was selected and will be going to the National FFA Convention in October and playing in the National FFA Band. COURTESY PHOTO

## Homeowners, renters still eligible for hurricane aid

Special to the News-Times

**AUSTIN** — Since May, FEMA has approved two major disaster declarations for Texans impacted by the Spring severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding, and Hurricane Beryl that followed in early July.

As Texans work to recover, nearly 700,000 individuals and families have been approved for disaster assistance following the Spring storms and Hurricane Beryl surpassing \$844 million across both disasters.

While the deadline to apply for federal assistance for the Spring storms has ended, there is still time for Texans who may need assistance following Hurricane Beryl.

It's been nearly six weeks since the disaster declaration for Beryl, and FEMA has worked with the State to expedite Serious Needs Assistance to help more than 602,000 Texans thus far for a total of more than \$451 million in financial assistance.

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



# Library keeps your tots entertained

On Wednesday, Shepherd Library has Tales for Tiny Tots. Lately the Library was full of youngsters absorbing the fun of stories, games, snacks, song and dance and more.

Volunteers are gratefully welcomed and since the tots have their moms with them, they help out. Terri McIntyre, the director of the Library, told me how helpful Allyson Margison was and I enjoyed meeting her for lunch last week.

Allyson has two small children, a 2-year-old son and a 4-year-old daughter. Her husband is a Smart Home Tech, which means he is smart and he works on putting smart systems into homes. Allyson is busy with her family when she is not studying to become an early childhood educator. The family includes dogs, cats, chickens and guinea pigs.

If you want to know more about

## Did You Know

By Yvonne Cones



the Wednesday program, call the Library at (936) 628-3515.

• Coldspring Library is collecting donations for its humungous garage sale in October. You can take your items to the Library, they have storage for them. They are famous for this sale, but please check with them before you take electronic items.

SJC Senior Center will have a Weight Loss Support Group starting on Wednesdays. Call them for times and information. They have acquired more than 10 people to start the group which it is hoped will become part of

Weight Watchers if interest is consistent.

Charline says that the Senior Center will be selling stuffed baked potatoes on Aug. 31, which is Christmas in August round the Courthouse Square. This will be the event which was postponed due to the storm in July. Be Sure to visit and enjoy the vendors, food, activities and fun.

• The Animal Control Shelter on Highway 2025 holds an Adoption Day on the fourth Saturday every month. All dogs have shots and have been spayed or neutered. They are ready for a new home and one who has been there a very long time found a wonderful new home recently when he was adopted by a veteran.

Cinnamon spent some time being trained to follow orders, something at which he has proved to be very good. His new

owner needs to use a walker and Cinnamon is an excellent companion, no pulling or running here. Call the Shelter for more information at (281) 450-9007, leave a message if needed.

• The gift-giving continued this week with checks being given by the Women's League to Shepherd Senior Center and the Education Support Group. Now the organizations will start the new year in September to begin again fundraising for others.

Of course, it is also the intention to enjoy the camaraderie with others while listening to guest speakers and eating delicious lunches. The Garden Club and SJC Women's League have Facebook pages. Both Chambers of Commerce are planning events in the future and have websites and Facebook pages.

• Willow & Grace Aesthetics LLC is the award-winning spa

in Shepherd which was named the Top Spa 2024 at the Monarch Master Injectors Retreat. They were commended for their unstoppable energy, thirst for knowledge and technique. They have treated the highest number of appointments more than other spas.

Owners Guendy and Perla have created the spa from the suite at 11231 Highway 150 where Perla has her nail tech salon. This is a remarkable recognition for such a new business. The spa is certified to do Botox, slimming and vitamin injections, facials and more. Call (832) 966-1000.

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.



SJC Women's League Vice President Gayle Booth gives a check to past President of COCISD Education Foundation Suzanne York. Suzanne is a very generous supporter of the League and other local organizations. COURTESY PHOTO



Allyson Margison is a hard-working Shepherd Library volunteer. COURTESY PHOTO



Cinnamon with his new owner, adopted by a veteran from the SJC Animal Shelter. COURTESY PHOTO



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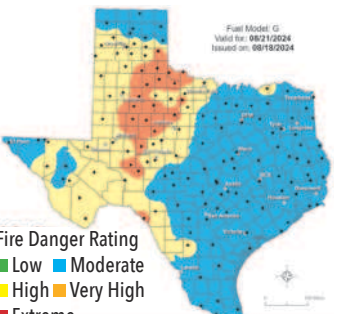
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## SENIOR MENUS

Aug. 26-30  
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 pot pie, zucchini sticks, cup salad, rolls.  
**TUESDAY:** Ham, baked sweet potatoes, green lima beans, cornbread.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Pork lo mein, stir fry vegetables, egg rolls.  
**THURSDAY:** Hamburger tater tot casserole, green beans, rolls.  
**FRIDAY:** Chicken fajitas, chips and queso, charro beans.

• **Shepherd Senior Citizens Center** | 936-628-3733  
Second Tuesday of each month includes birthday cake for dessert.  
Bingo is Aug. 21 and 28. Bag Day is Aug. 30. Craft Days are Aug. 22 and 31.  
**MONDAY:** White chicken enchiladas, cilantro lime rice, ranch beans, dump cake.  
**TUESDAY:** Fried pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach, fruit.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, ice cream.  
**THURSDAY:** Pancakes or biscuits and gravy, bacon, potatoes, eggs, fresh fruit.  
**FRIDAY:** Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, brownies.

## APP

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• Perform mandatory hunt harvest reporting for wild turkey, white-tailed deer, and alligator gar  
• Digitally tag harvested game and fish (requires purchase of an appropriate digital hunting and/or fishing license)  
• Track and view your harvest history  
• Perform electronic onsite registration

(eOSR) for many public hunt areas  
• Download maps of many public hunt areas for use with or without data service  
• View CWD Zone boundaries and, with location service enabled, determine your position in relation to the nearest zone  
• Reportar su cosecha en español o en inglés - report your harvest in English or Spanish  
Users not wishing to use the app can complete mandatory harvest reporting online.  
Users that already have the old version of the app downloaded on their devices will need to update to the new version starting on Aug. 15 to get all the latest features and to ensure proper app functionality.  
Get the free Texas Hunt & Fish app in Apple and Google Play stores (links to download also available at [tpwd.texas.gov/thf](http://tpwd.texas.gov/thf)).

## CHAMBER

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• LaNora Purvis, director  
• Mark Mears, director  
• Jon Burns, director  
• Chris Lee, director  
• Savannah Steffey, director  
• Dianne Griffith, City of Coldspring (non-voting)

Collectively, the new board is working diligently at shifting the course of the Coldspring Chamber in a promising direction. Together, they are keeping focus

and priorities on doing what is best for our members and community.  
The board is focused on developing a stronger foundation for our organization to grow on while providing more opportunities to bring recognition to our members, more than we have ever done before.  
A key factor in making all of this happen is the continued support of the community.  
Executive director Jamie Currie has been working to link arms with other chambers to gain more understanding of what is needed for success — networking, developing strategies and plans for growth and Chamber operations.

## HURRICANE

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FEMA specialists continue working in the 22 counties impacted by the hurricane to help people apply for assistance. They have visited more than 95,000 homes and 1,189 public locations. FEMA has operated 33 Disaster Recovery Centers visited by more than 30,000 residents. More than 900 families with 17,000 members have stayed in hotels temporarily at FEMA expense because they could not return to their homes.  
The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$162.5 million in low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations, and businesses.  
There is still time to apply for assistance. Homeowners and renters in Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties with uninsured losses from Hurricane Beryl who have not yet applied may be eligible for FEMA assistance.  
Homeowners and renters have several options to apply for FEMA assistance:  
• 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 a Disaster Recovery Center. To find a center location near you go to [fema.gov/drc](http://fema.gov/drc).  
The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations and businesses of any size. Applicants may apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at [SBA.gov/disaster](http://SBA.gov/disaster) or by calling 800-659-2955. SBA representatives are available to provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants at the Disaster Recovery Centers throughout the affected area. Business Recovery Centers are operating at University of Houston Downtown, Marilyn Davies College of Business, Trini Mendenhall Community Center in Houston and East Montgomery County Improvement District in Montgomery County.  
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# Methamphetamine use in East Texas: An ongoing battle

Special to the News-Times

John, a resident of East Texas, struggled with methamphetamine addiction for several years. His life took a downward spiral as his addiction deepened, leading to severe health problems, strained family relationships, and legal troubles.  
John vividly remembers the physical toll and the mental struggles he endured.  
Methamphetamine use remains a significant public health challenge in East Texas. This highly addictive stimulant poses a severe risk to individuals and communities alike. A look into the current state of methamphetamine use within our region reveals how crucial to understand its impact, the signs of abuse, and the resources available for those in need.

Despite these challenges, John's turning point came when he was referred to the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council's treatment program. Initially hesitant, John gradually committed to the comprehensive treatment plan, which included detoxification, individual and group counseling sessions, and ongoing support. The compassionate and professional staff at ADAC played a crucial role in his recovery, providing the necessary resources and support to help him rebuild his life.  
Through the program, John reconnected with his family, repaired broken relationships, and found stable employment. Today, John is a strong advocate for addiction recovery, often sharing his story to inspire others struggling with similar issues. His journey underscores the importance of recognizing the signs of methamphetamine abuse early and seeking help from trusted organizations like ADAC.

The rise of fentanyl-laced methamphetamine has added another layer of danger. As Kim Bartel explains, "Due to the fentanyl, there is an increased risk of not only overdose but of severe side-effects." This makes it even more crucial to be vigilant and proactive in addressing this issue.

Methamphetamine, commonly known as meth, crystal, or ice, has seen a resurgence in East Texas over the past decade. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, methamphetamine one of the most reported drugs in substance abuse treatment admissions.

In East Texas, this increase is alarming due to the drug's potent addictive properties and the severe physical and psychological effects

it has on users.  
Bartel, the Region Five Prevention Resource Center Program Manager, notes, "We've seen an increase in fentanyl-laced methamphetamine coming up from Mexico," further complicating the issue. He went on to note that, "fentanyl contamination of other drugs has pushed East Texas to have the highest overdose per capita in Texas."

Methamphetamine use not only affects the individuals who use it but also has far-reaching consequences for families, communities, and the broader society. The drug is linked to a range of issues, including severe health problems, such as chronic dental issues, skin sores, weight loss, and increased risk of infectious diseases.

Mental health issues are also prevalent, with users often experiencing anxiety, paranoia, hallucinations, and violent behavior. Crime rates are notably affected by methamphetamine use, with a rise in both property crimes and violent offenses. Furthermore, the economic costs to the community are substantial, encompassing healthcare expenses, law enforcement efforts, and lost productivity.

Early detection of methamphetamine abuse can significantly improve recovery outcomes. Common physical signs include rapid weight loss, dental issues (often referred to as "meth mouth"), skin sores, and hyperactivity. Behavioral signs to watch for include erratic behavior, paranoia, hallucinations, and social isolation.

For those struggling with methamphetamine use, immediate help is available. Community support is robust, with local organizations like the Alcohol & Drug Awareness Council (ADAC) providing resources, support groups, and educational programs to assist individuals and families affected by methamphetamine use.

Methamphetamine use remains a critical issue in East Texas, impacting the health and safety of individuals and communities. By understanding the scope of the problem, recognizing the signs of abuse, and knowing where to find help, we can work together to combat this epidemic. Remember, recovery is possible, and support is available.

For more information and resources, please visit the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council's website at <http://www.adacdet.org> or contact our office directly at 1-800-445-8562. Let us work together to build a healthier, drug-free East Texas.

## State to keep hot foods coming

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission received federal approval extending the time that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients impacted by Hurricane Beryl can purchase hot foods and ready-to-eat meals with their benefits until Sept. 15.

Bowie, Cass, Fayette, Morris, Panola, Red River, and Washington counties were also added to the list of counties approved in July for hot foods.

"As Texas continues to help communities recover and rebuild from Hurricane Beryl, it is critical that SNAP recipients have access to hot foods and ready-to-eat meals," Abbott said. "This extension and the addition of seven new counties will allow impacted Texans to have access to fresh, quality hot foods to feed themselves and their families. I thank the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for working tirelessly with our federal partners to provide healthy foods for

our fellow Texans."  
"By extending the waiver for hot food and adding additional counties, we're making sure that those still recovering from the storm have what they need," said Molly Regan, HHSC Deputy Executive Commissioner of Access and Eligibility Services. "We're grateful to be able to offer this for Texans in need."

Federal approval allows SNAP recipients to purchase hot foods with their Lone Star Cards at participating retailers through September 15. SNAP recipients initially had until Aug. 14 to make those purchases. Hot foods include rotisserie chicken, grocery store deli items, and other food that is hot at the point of sale.

No action is required by SNAP recipients to receive this additional benefit.

Any Texan in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at [YourTexasBenefits.com](http://YourTexasBenefits.com) or by using the Your Texas Benefits mobile app to manage their benefits. To find local resources, such as food or shelter, dial 2-1-1 and select Option 1.



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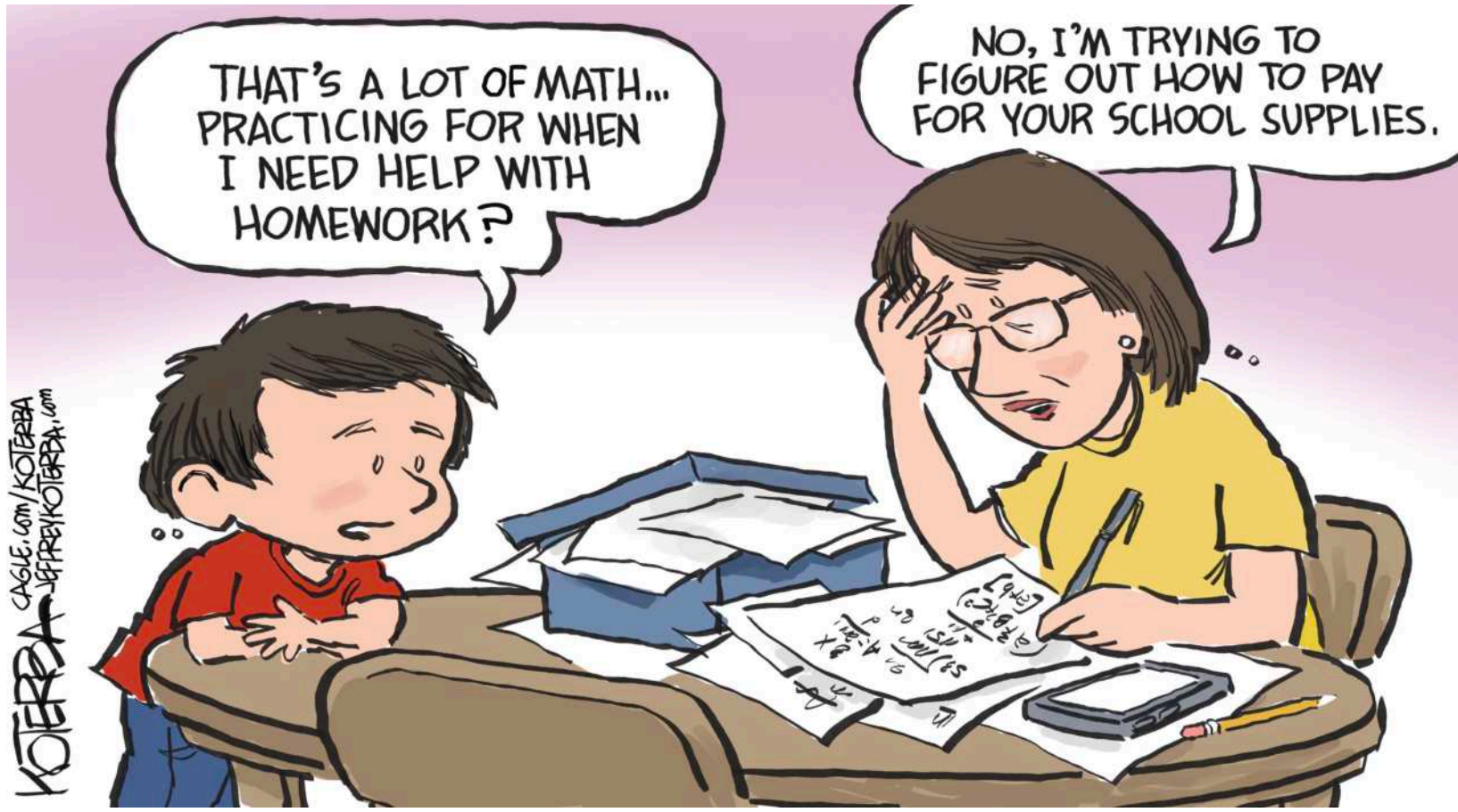
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# OPINION



## We'll fix those pesky high prices for you (that we created): Fed

It's pretty much a given that everyone is upset about the rising costs of everything, particularly food.

For me, the only bright spot in that was that I found that the Kroger version of zero sugar soda was much tastier than Coke's, but it's still dog-gone pricey.

While many have gone with off-brand stuff to try to save a buck, hopefully to feed a family without skipping a car payment, it's still galling that the prices continue to climb.

Since it's an election year, and since we don't have any idea how to solve our other problems, we'll make promises to take on those evil grocery store chains, since the only reason that prices are high is that stores are price gouging.

Umm, yeah. The Democrats' emergency back-up candidate is being faced with ridicule and scorn for proposing to hold price hikes to a minimum. In my research into this, though, it



### My Two Common Sense

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turns out that this kind of reaction will accomplish exactly the opposite of what is intended, since it doesn't solve the underlying causes of high prices.

According to numerous news outlets, including those normally in the tank for the left, this kind of reaction has been tried in many other countries, and in every case, it has failed miserably. It also has another side effect, in that it will first kill off the mom-and-pop stores, then some of the smaller stores, which then lead to food shortages and Soviet-style bread lines.

It's a pretty much accepted that the

cause of high prices stems from the increased cost of production, and in particular, transportation costs, which have increased because the ridiculous policies of the current administration have caused the price of gasoline to almost double.

The government's policy of printing more money to jump-start the economy has played into the rising price of everything, too.

Yet no way, no how will you hear the government, with or without the Steve Urkel voice, saying, "Did I do that?"

While this might have some mass appeal, it's only because the real reasons haven't been made too public, even with the negative reception by the mainstream propagandists.

Even better, since all of those same economic pressures have made home ownership extremely difficult, the replacement candidate is telling folks she has a plan to provide first-time homebuyers \$25,000 in magic

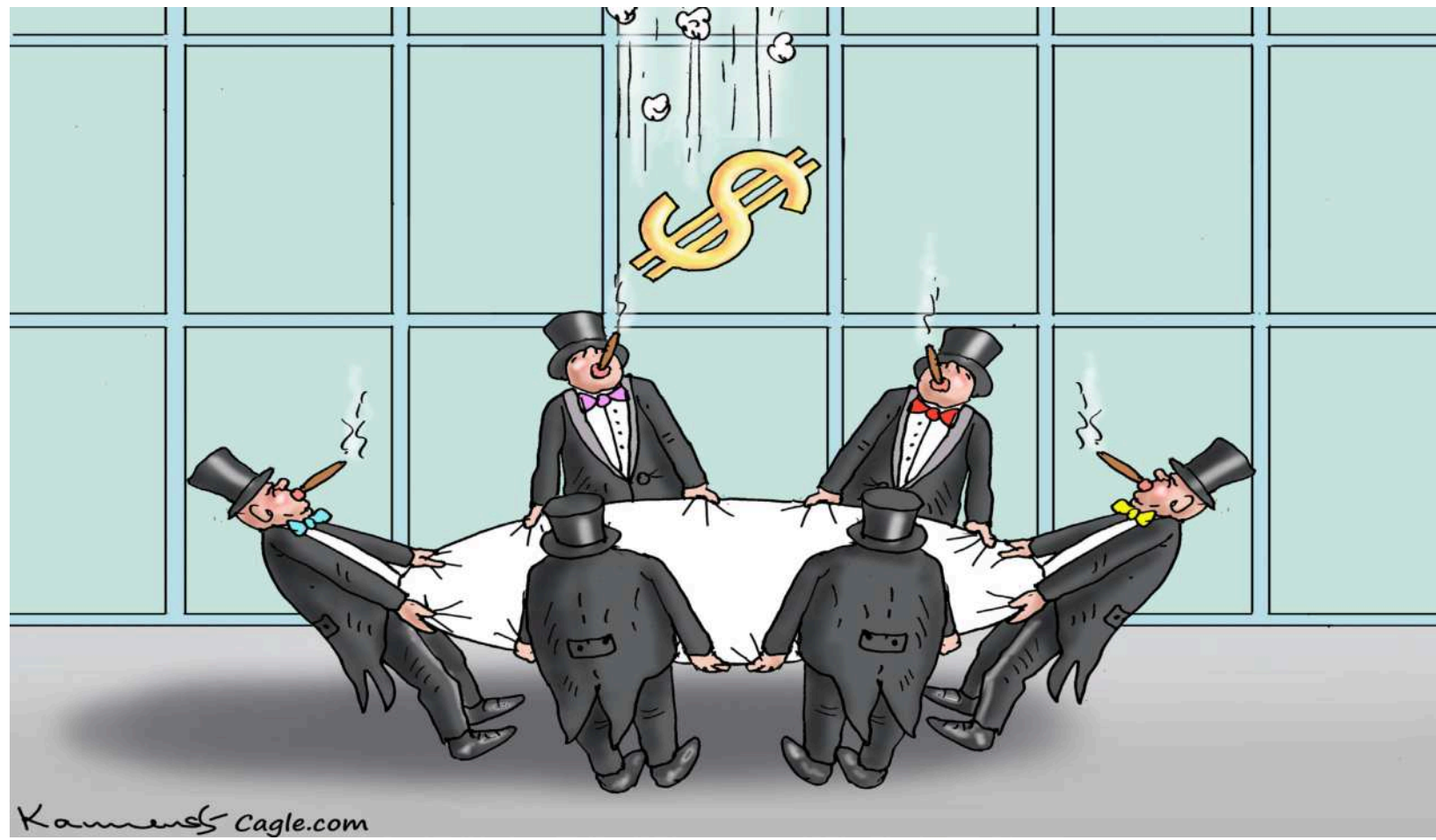
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Many economists and people of financial knowledge have claimed that this will simply make the homes more expensive, since sellers will obviously add \$25,000 to the price, and that will put the home-seeking public in the same boat.

But more to that point, where is all of this money coming from? The country has a trillion-dollar deficit and is more than \$35 trillion in debt, and the best plan is to spend even more money?

I cannot understand why the default setting of our current government to only double down on policies that are at the core disastrous. Better to remove bad policy than to press forward with worse ideas in the guise of fixes.

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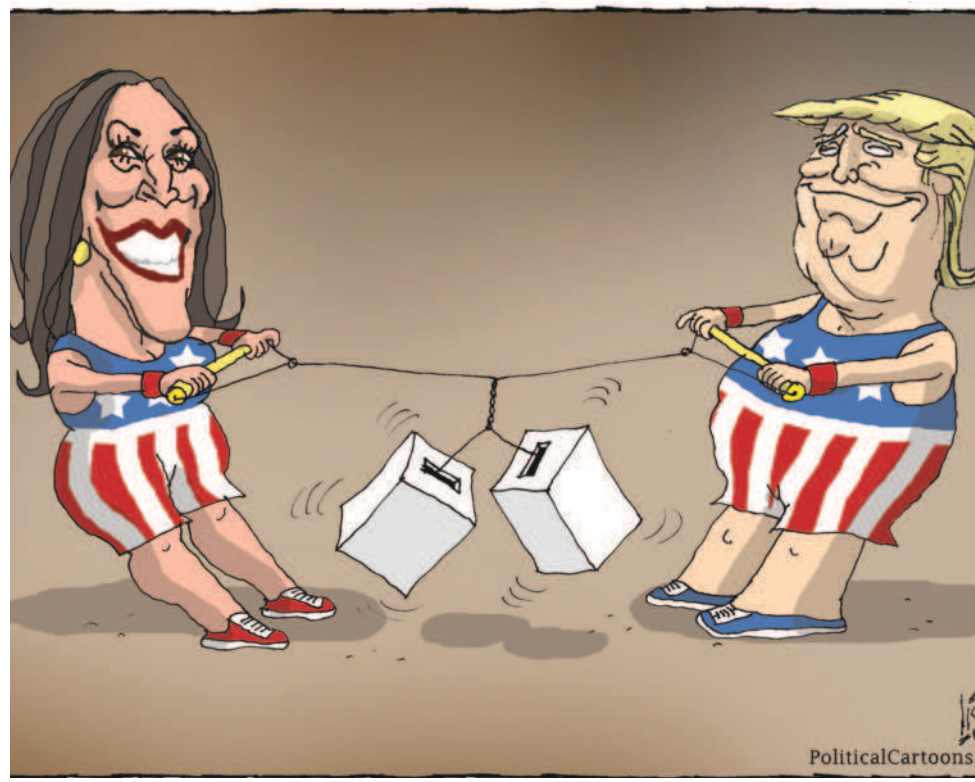
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# Heat-related deaths in Texas likely undercounted

As Texans endure the dog days of summer, experts say deaths related to heat in Texas and nationwide are likely undercounted, the Texas Standard reported.

With climate change causing warmer days and nights, last year was the hottest on record in Texas. Though this summer has not been quite as brutal, those working outside are still at considerable risk.

In 2023, 365 people in Texas died directly from heat, and heat was named a contributing factor in another 197 deaths. Accounting for heat's role in a death is challenging, however.

"The health impacts (of heat) are a little bit more subtle," said cardiologist Sameed Khatana, assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. "They can be delayed. And trying to tease apart whether a death or an adverse health effect occurred due to the temperature is quite challenging."

Heat has been called "the most dangerous phenomenon that workers face," according to the Texas Standard story.

### Overcrowding, understaffing force jails to move inmates

Jails both large and small are struggling to properly house incarcerated people, and millions in tax dollars are being spent to transport inmates to other jails, sometimes in other states, The Texas Tribune reported.

The number of Texas inmates housed outside the county where



### Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders  
Texas Press Association

they were arrested more than doubled from 2019 to 2024, from 2,078 to 4,358. In June 2024, 41 percent of Texas county jails housed inmates elsewhere, according to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

"Counties are having to think outside the box," said Ricky Armstrong, assistant director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. "We know there are some counties housing people out of state. It's not something we recommend or encourage, but we see that as a necessary evil."

Among the factors increasing the number of inmates held elsewhere: a law limiting who can be released from jail while awaiting trial; an overburdened mental health system; and a difficulty in finding jailers.

While law enforcement officials advocate for increased jail space to ease the problem, civil rights advocates and defense attorneys say the state should invest more in mental health services and alternatives to jail.

"We are addicted to carceral solutions," Krish Gundu, co-founder of the Texas Jail Project, which

advocates for people in Texas county jails, told The Tribune. "If we really cared about not having these people in jails, you'd look at why they are ending up in jail and solve the problem at the root."

### Paxton threatens to sue over State Fair gun policy

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton says he will sue the City of Dallas if it does not change a new gun policy. The city plans to ban licensed gun holders from bringing weapons to the State Fair of Texas unless they are active police officers or qualified retired officers. The Dallas Morning News reported the fair announced the change after a shooting last year wounded three people.

A letter from the AG's office to the city of Dallas said the new policy violates state law, which says cities and other entities cannot ban handguns on government property unless there is a legal exception, such as for schools.

More than 70 Texas lawmakers issued a letter last week urging the fair to rescind its new policy, saying "gun-free zones are a magnet for crime because they present less of a threat to those who seek to do evil," The News reported.

Meanwhile, the Houston Chronicle reported Paxton will work at a food bank as part of a plea deal he made in March with prosecutors to close the securities fraud case against him. He is required to complete 100 hours of community service and pay about

\$300,000 in restitution to the victims.

### A cooler and wetter July for most of the state

The drought situation in Texas continues to ease, thanks in part to a wetter and cooler July, according to Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. At the end of July, 20 percent of the state was in drought, down five percentage points from the end of June. That is the lowest extent of drought since October 2021.

"Precipitation varied considerably, with large areas of Central and East Texas getting twice their normal rainfall, while parts of West Texas and the Panhandle got less than 25 percent of normal," Wentzel wrote.

The return of the La Niña weather system is likely to bring warmer and drier temperatures to the state this winter, according to Wentzel. Much of the drought area that remains in Texas is in the Big Bend area, as well as in the Hill Country west of San Antonio.

### TWDB adopts the first state flood plan

The state now has its first comprehensive statewide assessment of flood risk after the water development board voted to adopt the 2024 State Flood Plan.

"Adopting the first-ever state flood plan is a monumental achievement for Texas," said TWDB Chairwoman Brooke Paup.

The plan presents about 4,600 plans and projects from 15 regional flood planning entities. Approximately one in every six people in Texas lives or works in known flood hazard areas.

### Fraudulent banking website reported

The Texas Department of Banking is warning consumers to be aware of a fraudulent banking website purporting to offer online and in-person banking services. A fake bank calling itself "All Finance Bank of Texas," claiming to be located in Houston, and a website, allfinanbnktxs, are not known to be associated with a known bank.

"No bank doing business under the name All Finance Bank of Texas has been authorized to provide banking services in Texas, nor is any bank by that name supervised by the Department of Banking, the FDIC, the Federal Reserve, or other U.S. regulatory authorities," TDB said in a news release.

Anyone with information or questions about the purported bank are urged to call TDB at 877-276-5554.

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## Financial Crimes Intelligence Center, TDLR offer tips for avoiding credit card skimmers

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — The Texas Financial Crimes Intelligence Center and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation have released a new public service announcement with helpful tips for avoiding possible credit card skimmers in gas pumps.

The video on TDLR's YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/M1bhDP722LU>) discusses how thieves sometimes attach credit card skimmers on gas pumps to steal payment card information from customers when they purchase fuel.

Most skimmers have been placed deep inside the cabinet and it won't be obvious that something's wrong, but there are still

some things consumers can check for before using a credit card at a gas station:

- Look at the pump and cabinet — does it look damaged, or like it's been tampered with?
- Wiggle the card slot — is it loose?
- Look at the keypad — is it loose or does it look like something has been placed on top of it?

Additional ways consumers can protect themselves:

- Always use a credit card, not a debit card, if they're not going to pay cash — this protects the PIN and prevents access to a bank account
- Set card usage or transaction alerts for bank and credit card accounts. Most major

banks offer apps that allow real-time monitoring of accounts.

- Regularly monitor credit card and bank statements for fraudulent charges or suspicious transactions
  - When possible, don't swipe the credit card — use tap to pay or use a trusted payment app on a mobile phone to pay for fuel
- Whether a credit card skimmer is found by a consumer, a service technician or a merchant, the merchant is responsible for immediately notifying law enforcement and disabling all dispensers where skimmers have been located until law enforcement or TDLR investigators can remove the device. Merchants also are required by state law to notify TDLR within 24 hours.

Merchants and consumers should report skimmers via the TDLR website: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/Skimmers>.

The FCIC, which coordinates law enforcement investigations into organized financial fraud, was the first statewide unit of its kind in the United States and operates as a partnership between TDLR and the Smith County District Attorney's Office. TDLR regulates motor fuel metering and quality and collects consumer complaints and merchant reports related to credit card skimmers. The Smith County DA aggressively investigates and prosecutes criminals engaging in organized financial crimes such as fraud related to gasoline pump skimmers.

## Texas stars shine bright in Paris



**John Cornyn**  
U.S. Senator for Texas

The Paris 2024 Summer Olympics wrapped up recently, and the United States once again stole the show. American athletes racked up 40 gold medals and 126 total medals, leaving second-place China trailing behind by 35 medals.

But behind the stars and stripes, one state made a name for itself on the global stage: Texas.

In a stunning display of superior athleticism and grit, Texas athletes brought home a staggering 41 medals, including 16 gold, 14 silver, and 11 bronze. If Texas were its own country, it would have ranked eighth in the world in terms of medals accumulated, outshining many established sports nations and cementing its reputation as a global sports powerhouse.

This achievement is no fluke. With our state's vast size, diverse population, and deep-rooted sports culture, Texas has become a breeding ground for the world's most decorated athletes in everything from swimming and track to gymnastics and basketball.

Simone Biles, a Houstonian and world-renowned gymnast, captivated audiences in Paris this year as she made a remarkable Olympic comeback. The crowd erupted in applause as she entered the arena for one of the most technically challenging events in gymnastics: the vault.

Biles delivered a stunning performance, executing her signature vault with precision and power, and earning her seventh Olympic gold medal. At 27, Biles now holds 11 Olympic medals and 30 World Championship medals, securing her place as the most decorated gymnast of all time.

Another Texas icon, Kevin Durant, played a key role in Team USA's gold medal victory in men's basketball. Durant made history as the first men's basketball player to win four Olympic gold medals, having previously led Team USA to victory in London, Rio, and Tokyo. He also became the first Texas Longhorn to medal in four Olympic Games.

The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) also had a stellar showing, with current and former student-athletes winning 16 medals in Paris, including six gold, seven silver, and three bronze. If UT Austin had competed as its own country, it would have ranked 16th in total medals and tied for 14th in golds.

Other NCAA Division I schools in Texas also earned an impressive number of medals, with Texas A&M athletes winning five, the University of Houston earning two, and Baylor University and Texas Christian University each claiming one. The achievements of these schools highlight the incredible talent and competitive spirit that defines Texas athletics.

The 2024 Paris Olympics will go down in history as a defining moment for sports in Texas. The Lone Star State's impressive medal haul is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and competitive spirit of our athletes. But more than that, Texas' Olympic success reflects a deep-rooted sporting culture that values and produces excellence at every level.

As our state continues to produce world-class athletes, its influence on the global stage is bound to grow as the legacy of the 2024 Olympics inspires future generations of Texans to dream big and achieve greatness. Texas has proven that it's not just a state, but a formidable force in the world of sports — a force that will continue to shape athletics at the Olympic level for generations to come.

*U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence, and Judiciary committees.*

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PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.50776 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.48071 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.50776 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for San Jacinto County from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that San Jacinto County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that San Jacinto County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 4, 2024 AT 9:00 AM AT SAN JACINTO COUNTY SHELTER, 255 LIVE OAK ST., COLDSRING TX 77331.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, San Jacinto County is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the San Jacinto County of San Jacinto County at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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**FOR the proposal:** Laddie McAnally, Fritz Faulkner, David Brandon, Mark Nettuno

**AGAINST the proposal:** none

**PRESENT and not voting:** none

**ABSENT:** Donny Marrs

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

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

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by San Jacinto County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by San Jacinto County this year.

	2023	2024	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.53043	\$0.50776	decrease of -0.02267 per \$100, or -4.27%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$158,030	\$172,404	increase of 9.10%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$838.24	\$875.40	increase of 37.16, or 4.43%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$13,401,901	\$14,513,173	increase of 1,111,272, or 8.29%

### No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

#### State Criminal Justice Mandate

The San Jacinto County Auditor certifies that San Jacinto County has spent \$662,270 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. San Jacinto County Sheriff has provided San Jacinto County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00015/\$100.

#### Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures

The San Jacinto County spent \$206,455 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 on indigent health care compensation expenditures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$59,567. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00215/\$100.

#### Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The San Jacinto County spent \$28,747 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$15,226. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.00002/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for San Jacinto County at 936-653-3292 or , or visit [www.co.san-jacinto.tx.us](http://www.co.san-jacinto.tx.us) for more information.

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# Relaxing with family in a beautiful setting

Known for its trout and bass, beautiful Broken Bow Lake is filled with cool clear water from the Mountain Fork River.

Earlier this summer, we marked off the first full week of August on our calendars for a family vacation. Unlike most of our trips where we have numerous things planned to see and do, this one was different. We didn't plan a thing. We simply wanted to get away, rest, relax and spend quality time with our daughter who is about to head off for college.

Having discussed multiple options, we ultimately chose to rent a cabin in Broken Bow, Okla. We didn't realize until we got there that the cabin was actually located in Hochatown. Hochatown and Broken Bow are both charming little towns located in McCurtain County in the southeastern corner of Oklahoma, in the foothills of the Ouachita Mountains. The area is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts with its nearby Broken Bow Lake.

Hochatown is the second to hold the name after the first was flooded by the damming of the Mountain Fork River to create Broken Bow Lake. The lake was constructed in 1968 and filled and opened in 1970. Located along the Mountain Fork River, the lake is about eight miles north of the town of Broken Bow.

The land that would become Hochatown was owned by the Choctaw tribe, with 12 families moving into the area in the 1880s. Like Broken Bow, Hochatown grew around the Choctaw Lumber and Coal Company, gaining a post office in 1894 and becoming a bustling little town by 1900.

During the 1920s and 1930s, prime lumber supply dwindled and the lumber company moved to other

local areas. Meanwhile, the community became noted for its moonshine production. The town's heyday soon passed, however. The post office shut down in 1963 and the last family left the site in 1966. The cemetery and town church were moved to higher ground while all the other buildings were destroyed and the area is now underwater. Today, the local economy is primarily supported by the influx of tourism around the lake and numerous parks.

Our cabin was comfortable and charming and located near Beavers Bend State Park. We spent several days exploring the park, as well as Broken Bow Lake and the Mountain Fork River. The entire area was absolutely beautiful.

Construction of the park began in 1935 by enrollees of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) through FDR's "New Deal" program. Donations from local citizens were instrumental in the purchase of 1,200 acres of land for the park. Beavers Bend State Park is one of seven state parks in Oklahoma that were constructed by CCC enrollees.

Located within Beavers Bend State Park is the Forest Heritage Center, a museum and learning center "designed to explore humanity's continuing relationship with the forest." The center welcomes visitors to the heart of the Ouachita National Forest. The center was educational and fascinating with its various displays showcasing the integral impact of the timber industry throughout the area.

An unexpected surprise for us was the center's temporary exhibit of the famous Smokey Bear paintings in celebration of Smokey's 80th birthday. The historic paintings, created by Artist Rudy Wendelin between 1977 and 1995, depict Smokey's iconic image and message, "Only YOU can prevent wildfires."

In addition to sightseeing and relaxing, we also enjoyed some good food at Buffalo Grill, Hochatown Saloon, Hochatown Swamp Booger Mercantile and one of our favorites, Grateful Head Pizza Oven & Tap Room.

Inspired by the love and fellowship of DeadHeads – fans and followers of the band the Grateful Dead – two brothers wanted to share the experience of all the joy and fun of a live Dead show. Their dream was found in the bones of an old abandoned school house in the Ouachita Mountains where they sell "hippie-inspired pizza pies and cold draws of draft beer" and their slogan is "Make pizza not war."

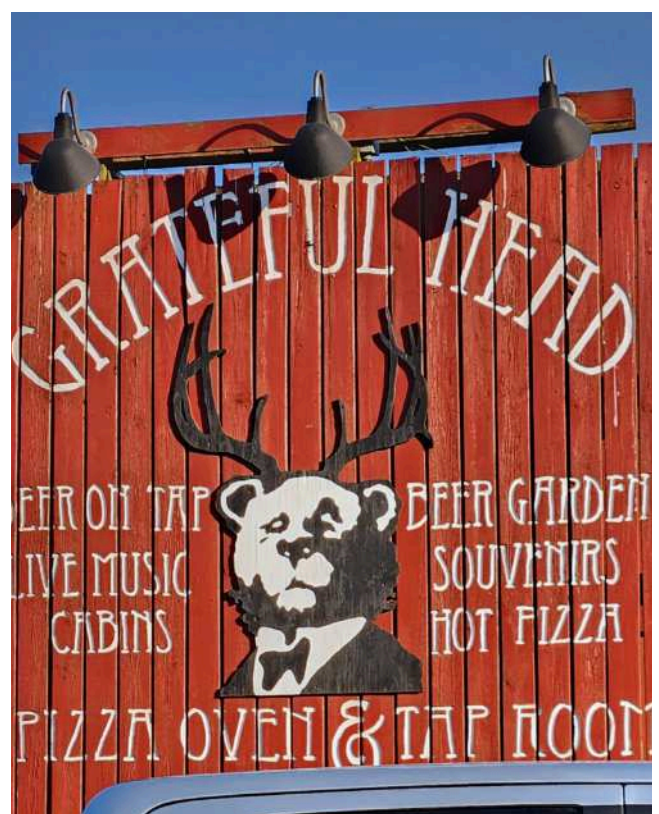
We wouldn't have even known about Grateful Head had it not been for our friend Gary Davis who was there earlier this year with some of his BMX racing friends and enjoyed it and recommended it.

Our week relaxing went by all too quickly, but we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and saw some beautiful country we'd never seen before. In fact, now that we're familiar with the area, Hubby and I are already talking about returning, perhaps later this fall after we get Daughter settled in at college. It's not a bad drive either – just a short four and half hours from Livingston. ■

“What’s your favorite place?’ I don’t have a favorite place, I have my favorite people. and, whenever I’m with my favorite people, it becomes my favorite place.”  
 – Unknown



This year marks the 80th birthday of Smokey Bear.



Grateful Head Pizza Oven & Tap Room is the perfect place for pizza and cold beer.



Brisket nachos at Buffalo Grill.



Hubby prepared “surf and turf” at the cabin one evening.



The classic burger and fries at Hochatown Saloon.



We selected the “Dire Wolf” (Old World Italian sausage, pepperoni, bacon, hamburger, Canadian bacon & Genoa salami) with jalapenos.



# SAN JACINTO COUNTY SPORTS

## Shepherd looking for a bright new football year

By Charles Ballard  
SJNT correspondent

**HARDIN** — The Shepherd Pirates found their way to Hardin to scrimmage the Hornets, in the first of two scrimmages for the new year. The scrimmage started with a 10-10 plan, 10 plays offense and then 10 plays defense. No Kickoff and no direct tackle of the QB.

Landen Dellinger found himself under the center again this year to lead the Shepherd Pirates. Again, His passing was on target and the running backs were deadly, finding the running lanes and hitting the openings on key.

Head Coach and Athletic Director Miles

Robison said, "I thought overall it went well. Like most teams after their first scrimmage, we have a lot of things to correct. There were a few mental mistakes and a few plays that needed to be corrected, but overall, they looked very sharp and in shape for the new season."

Robison also said, "I was really proud of our kids' effort, and I thought our defense played great and our offense got rolling in the live quarters."

The first scrimmage of the new year always posts new problems and a new playbook to try and figure out before the new season starts. Robison said, "Our Coaching staff will work the kinks out and figure out what it will take to

make it better next week."

The Shepherd Pirates are on the right track to enter a new District, a new Division this year. It is not going to be easy as the teams they will be facing are very good but the Pirates are looking forward to the new challenge.

### Coldspring-Livingston scrimmage

Thursday's Livingston-Coldspring football scrimmage at Livingston was highly anticipated, and highly contested.

It did not take long for the Trojans to put 6 points on the scoreboard. Only 2 minutes had expired, and a rushing touchdown was posted. Coach Ken Stanley, AD for Coldspring,

said, "I was proud of the effort we made, but the mental mistakes we made have to be corrected."

The hustle the Trojans had on offense and defense was very good. Stanley also said that, "If the mental mistakes were not there, it would have been a different story in the scoring."

Coldspring has never been without speed on the field, and Thursday was no different. The Trojans matched the Lions the rushing speed, and the receivers were able to break free from the Lions defense so David Row could connect for more yardage.

The downfall was simple fatigue.



Shepherd Head Coach Miles Robison said, "Our offense got rolling in the live quarters." PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Shepherd Athletic Director Miles Robison said, "I thought our defense played great." PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Coldspring's David Rowe hands off to his running back for a nice gain during the Thursday scrimmage against the Livingston Lions. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



The Coldspring-Oakhurst Trojans open the scrimmage with two minutes off the clock with a nice running TD. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

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# It's time to think deer



We Texans are blessed to live in the best state in the country for hunting deer. I've enjoyed hunting those big body deer up in North Dakota, the Golden Triangle in southwest Illinois and many other places but give me a good old fashioned Texas deer hunt any day.

The choice is ours whether to hunt the woods and fields of east Texas, venture down to the famous Texas Hill Country for a hunt or possibly head way south to the brush country for a chance at one of the heavy horned monarchs the region is known for. Looking for some mule deer venison and antlers for the wall? Head to the beautiful Trans-Pecos region or for some really big mule deer, the Texas Panhandle.

August is the month when we deer hunters begin to get fired up each year. It's about 6 weeks until the opener of bow season and on many Texas ranches that are permitted by Texas Parks and Wildlife, all legal means for taking deer are allowed at the beginning of archery season and on through the end of February. The hunting shows have been in progress across the state with vendors displaying the latest and greatest thing in everything related to deer hunting.

As deer hunters our goal is to ultimately get the deer out of the brush to present an ethical shot as close as possible and through the years, we have employed many ways to accomplish this.

The use of baits and scents has always been legal in Texas and I'm positive it will remain so. There are few Texas ranches that do not use corn feeders during the fall months to concentrate deer, both bucks and doe. Buck hunters know that the does that pattern to the feeders during the summer will still be in the area come the breeding season (rut) and bucks will be on the move

checking for receptive doe.

A deer's primary defense mechanism is its nose but deer also use that highly refined sniffer to attract mates as well as locate food. I've long been a believer in using scents to attract deer, both sex based scents as well as food.

About this time last year, I met Mr. Paul Moore who by accident discovered the very best food attractant I've used for deer. His company is called Vineyard Max and is based in Nacogdoches. The name might be a giveaway for you. Grape skins that previously were a throw away, the by product of making wine is the primary ingredient in Vineyard Max Deer Attractant.

Paul knew there must be a good use for those many tons of grape skins that were going to waste. At first he thought they would make a great mulch for flower beds and he used them for that but he soon learned that deer were flocking to his yard in record numbers, munching on the newly distributed grape skins.

After testing the product for a season, Moore discovered deer were naturally attracted to the smell and taste of grape skins. His product is primarily hammer-milled grape skins with a little corn chops and rice brand added.

My first time to put Vineyard Max to the test occurred on a hunt out in Sterling County with my good friend Larry Weishuhn. There were still a number of doe permits that needed to be filled in late February. When Larry invited our mutual friend Jeff Rice and I out to hunt, I mentioned to my friends that I wanted to bring of this new grape based attractant to try out. I remember Larry telling me this would be a great testing ground because as far as he knew there wasn't a grape vine, either wild or domestic anywhere near his least situated out in far west Texas.

I was hunting with my .50-caliber CVA Optima muzzleloader and hoped to get good video of a few deer being harvested. Larry had informed me that deer were plentiful on his lease and taking the required number of doe should be no problem. It wasn't but we had to alter our hunting strategy a bit. I planned to set in an elevated blind over a corn feeder and post haste shoot the first fat doe that appeared on the scent.

Soon after Larry dropped me off at a

prime spot, I began seeing antlers coming from all points of the compass to the feeder. I had the camera rolling and waited for a doe, and waited and waited. At one point I had four bucks inside the feed pen and a couple younger bucks waiting for their chance to jump the fence and enjoy a late afternoon snack. After a couple hours of seeing plenty of bucks including a couple of impressive wall hangers, I begin to wonder what was causing this phenomenon.

Weishuhn arrived just after dark to pick me up and he also had seen only bucks. The reason, he explained was not a lack of doe but the fact that the more aggressive buck was dominating the feeding stations, we needed to formulate a plan, and fast. We only had a couple days to hunt.

"Why not bait several areas around the junction of heavily used deer trails with this new Vineyard Max attractant? We can set up downwind in the brush during the afternoon hunt and see if we can pull those doe out of the brush. It won't take long to see if the deer will come to this 'new' grape scent," Weishuhn said as we were driving back to camp.

After another morning hunt of watching numerous bucks but seeing zero doe, we proceeded to bait several spots with the grape based attractant. That afternoon, we each positioned ourselves in the thick juniper brush downwind of the baited areas. I actually shot my doe while walking up to my spot. She and other deer had obviously found the bait pile earlier in the day as most of the attractant was gone. Jeff had several doe and a yearling spike come to his bait pile just before dark and Weishuhn later shot a fine buck.

I'm sure we probably could have used the spot and stalk method and taken a few doe at longer range on this hunt but for filming



Luke is baiting an area for deer with Vineyard Max Deer Attractant, made primarily with dried grape skins. There are many attractants on the market but this food based product that emits the smell of grapes brings deer in from a great distance. PHOTO BY LARRY WEISHUHN

we needed to get the deer in closer. After spending over 60 years hunting deer, I learn something new every season. My take away from last year is that deer love the smell and taste of grapes, regardless where one might be hunting. Deer also love corn and every hunter knows the golden kernels are the 'go to' bait in feeders across the state. But I've found a bag of Vineyard Max mixed in with the corn or simply piled on the ground brings in traveling deer that would otherwise pass by. The smell brings in and there's just something about the flavor of grape that deer are attracted to and caused them to keep coming back.

To learn more about this grape based attractant, visit [www.vineyardmax.net](http://www.vineyardmax.net) Luke's radio show, *Catfish Radio with Luke Clayton* now becomes a podcast each week and can be heard wherever podcasts are found.

## Lady Trojans split at Fairfield Volleyball Tournament



Shepherd outside hitter Abbey Anderson goes up to send the ball to the Lady Dogs side in the scrimmage against Corrigan. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

### TCNS staff

The Coldspring-Oakhurst Lady Trojans finished with the consolation trophy during the early season Fairfield Volleyball Tournament.

Coldspring went into the tournament with a 3-3 total record, and finished with a 2-1 record in the gold bracket, beating Corrigan-Camden 2-1 and Corsicana 2-0.

Standout players were Ella Phillips with 51 kills, 6 solo blocks and 6 serving aces; Cali Crowder with

90 assists and a 97 percent serving percentage; and Ashlynn Holley with 37 kills and 39 digs.

### Lady Pirates falls to Lady Dogs

Although the score showed Corrigan Lady

Dogs took the scrimmage, a lot was learned by the Lady Pirates.

The Lady Pirates did not give up an inch during the scrimmage against Corrigan. Chloe Fuller showed she could dig out a ball on the floor and set it up for a team member to send to the Corrigan side, even if it caused her to remove some of the paint on the floor.

A very determined team entered the Lady Dogs gym and was met with a lot of power. Corrigan showed a very good and experienced volleyball team. The scrimmage was a learning experience for the Lady Pirates and will use it as a scrimmage to build on.

The first set was 25-13 Corrigan, while the second set was 25-18 Corrigan.

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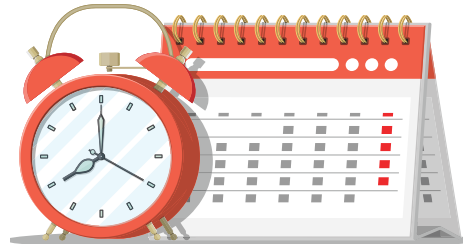
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Fundraiser set

The SAAFE House annual Lures & Lace bingo fundraiser has been delayed until Aug. 23, 2025.

Organizers feel that in light of the serious weather events of the last several months, it is better that the community focus on rebuilding.

The event will be held at the San Jacinto County Storm Shelter, 255 Live Oak Drive, in Coldspring, to support SAAFE House and its endeavors in San Jacinto County. Money raised at the event stays in the county to help residents in need.

Call SAAFE House at (936) 291-3529, Shelby at (936) 284-5580 or Tammy at (936) 284-5547 for information.

Christmas in July rescheduled

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

The original event was cancelled due to

weather.

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

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

Certification training offered

San Jacinto County's SJC Master Gardeners is offering master gardener certification classes to interested individuals.

The 10 classes, which provide 50 required class hours, cover a wide range of gardening topics such as soil characteristics, trees, earth-kind landscaping, insects, roses, rainwater harvesting and drip irrigation, native grasses and weeds, vegetables and herbs, lawn care and propagating plants.

The classes are held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., including lunch, at the new Innovations Center, 220 Live Oak St., in Coldspring on Tuesdays beginning Oct. 1.

There will be a meet-and-greet luncheon for students to pick up books and materials on Sept. 24 at 80 Berry St. in Coldspring.

The club, an education-oriented organization certified through Texas A&M AgriLife Extension comprised of about 65 members, works together to provide educational opportunities to residents and

property owners based on research and effective, sustainable practices on all matters related to gardening.

Registration is open to people regardless of county of residence. To register or for more information, contact Dianne Chrestopoulos at diannelmusic@gmail.com.

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.

The goal is to help the individuals avoid sacrificing healthy nutritious food just so they can pay for their other expenses.

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

Libraries seeks donations

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

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

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

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

For more information on the program, please visit 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.

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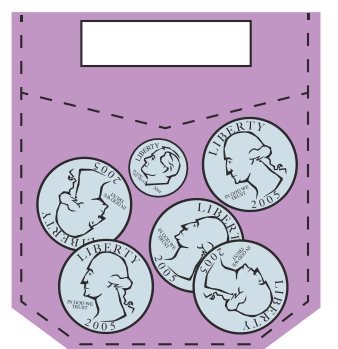
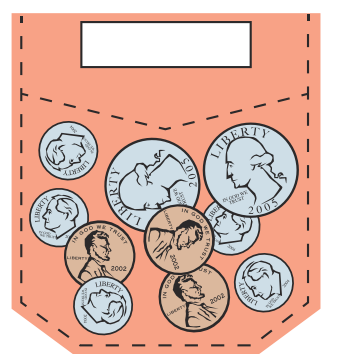
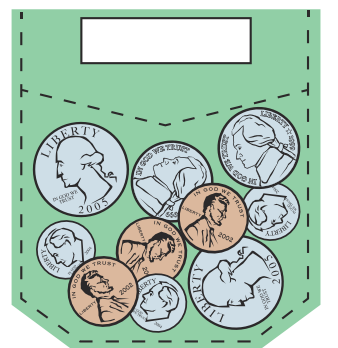
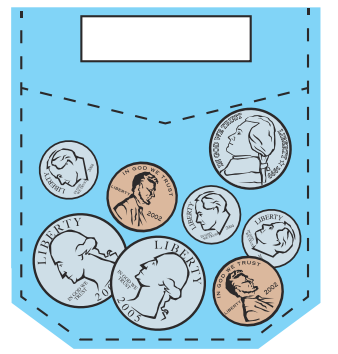
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This week's word: **OPPORTUNITY**  
The noun **opportunity** means a chance, especially one that offers some kind of reward.

Taylor got the **opportunity** to see his name in print when his essay was published in the newspaper.

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

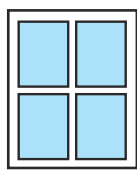
# SUMMER JOBS FOR KIDS

Are you looking to earn some money this summer? You can become an entrepreneur! That's a person who starts a business.

Fill in the missing vowels to discover some ideas for types of businesses YOU can start this summer!



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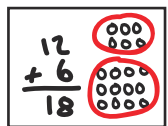
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### What's an entrepreneur?

An **entrepreneur** (on-trah-preh-nyur) is a person who sees a way to earn some money by solving a particular problem.

For example, lots of kids have learned that thirsty people on hot days will pay for a cold glass of lemonade.

### Entrepreneurial Thinking

Can you see the job opportunity in each of these pictures? Look at each picture. What problems do you see here? What kind of help might they be willing to pay for?



you see here? What kind of help might they be willing to pay for?



**Standards Link:** Economics: Students know that entrepreneurs are people who use resources to produce innovative goods and services they hope people will buy.

## Who wants to make money?

One way to make money is to get a job. But that is not possible for everyone. Often times kids can't get jobs because they are too young.

But that hasn't stopped kids around the world from finding clever ways of earning some cash. Some kids, like Jason, turn doing something they love into a way of earning money.

Look at each of the following pictures. Write down ways a business you could start might be able to help.

**PROBLEM:** Litter around the neighborhood.

**SOLUTION:**

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**PROBLEM:** Neighbor who works all day has new kitten.

**SOLUTION:**

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**PROBLEM:** Weather heat wave.

98°	101°	104°	106°	103°	99°	95°
SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

**SOLUTION:**

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**Extra! Extra!**

### Business Search

Look through the newspaper and make a list of all the businesses mentioned. Group these businesses into groups such as restaurants, stores, manufacturers, etc. Put each list into alphabetical order.

**Standards Link:** Research: Organize information from research into categories.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to reveal the answer to this riddle.

**What has a mouth but doesn't eat, a bank with no money and a bed but never sleeps?**

22      26      5      27      9      26

13 + 9 = A      33 + 6 = G      15 + 11 = R  
24 - 6 = D      28 + 4 = H      18 + 7 = S  
17 - 8 = E      16 - 11 = I      34 - 7 = V



**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Addition and subtraction to 40.

## Double Double Word Search

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BANK

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

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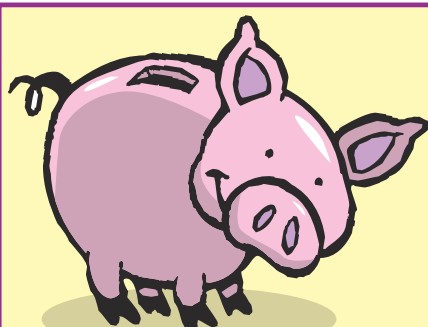
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### Round It

Look through the newspaper for five prices under \$100. Round each one to the nearest dollar. Then look for five prices over \$100 and round them to the nearest dollar. Have a parent or friend check your work.

**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Round to the nearest dollar.



**Why is an empty piggy bank always the same?**

ANSWER: There's never any change in it.

## Write On!

### What's the Difference?

What is the difference between a "want" and a "need"? Give an example of each.

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

Tax Sales Information\*

- 1) Tax foreclosure sales are conducted by the Sheriff or Constable of the county where the property is located. These sales are held on the first Tuesday of the month between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at a place designated by the commissioner's court.
- 2) All sales are without warranty of any kind. Purchasers receive a Sheriff or Constable's deed that is without warranty. Bidders should satisfy themselves concerning title and location of the property and improvements on the property including any encroachments prior to bidding. Neither our firm nor our clients can guarantee the title to any property. The tax sale is an "as is," "where is," and "buyer beware" sale. If you have any questions about specific liens or ownership of the property, you may research the title yourself or through a title company. The judgments in these cases list the parties included in the tax suit.
- 3) Taxes may be due beyond what is listed in the minimum bid amounts and must be paid independently of the bid amount.
- 4) After the sale, successful bidders must fill out a Bidder Application form (\$10.00) and make payment for their sale purchase to the San Jacinto County Tax Office by 3:00 pm the day of sale. (The Tax Office accepts cash, money orders and all types of checks- personal, business or cashier's checks)

For more information regarding any sale listed below, please contact the Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP Conroe office at (936) 242-6815

Cause No:	District Court:	Style of Case:	Legal Description:	Adjudged Value:	Estimated Minimum:	Account #
D-10,000-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. KEVIN LEE THOMS ET. AL.	Lot 12 in Block 7 of Unit XIA (aka 11A) of GREENTREE VILLAGE OF WATERWOOD, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as more fully described in Volume 224, Page 428 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. & Lot 11 in Block 7 of Unit XIA (aka 11A) of GREENTREE VILLAGE OF WATERWOOD, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as more fully described in Volume 224, Page 428 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$11,000.00	\$4,010.21	R66250 & R66249
D-10,018-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RACHEL ROBLES ALSO KNOWN AS RACHEL VASQUEZ	AN UNDIVIDED 1/2 INTEREST IN 15.18 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, KNOWN AS TRACT 3 IN ABSTRACT 64, THE J A GUINN SURVEY, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING THE TRACT DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED UNDER COUNTY CLERK'S FILE NUMBER 20037535 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$83,380.00	\$15,958.11	R342517
D-10,029-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RONALD C. GOLEMON A/K/A RONNIE GOLEMON ET. AL.	LOT 24 IN SECTION 10 OF THE LAKE RUN-A-MUCK SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY TEAM. AS SAME IS DESCRIBED IN PLAT OF RECORDS OF SAID SUBDIVISION IN VOLUME 1 PAGE 18 OF THE PLAT RECORDS SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS. & LOT 22 IN SECTION 10 OF THE LAKE RUN-A-MUCK SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY TEAM. AS SAME IS DESCRIBED IN PLAT OF RECORDS OF SAID SUBDIVISION IN VOLUME 1 PAGE 18 OF THE PLAT RECORDS SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$1,040.00	\$1,040.00	R71494 & R71492
D-10,046-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. BECKY GREENHAW ET. AL.	Lot 345 in CHERRY CREEK Subdivision, Section Two, a subdivision in said County, according to the Amended Plat thereof recorded under File No. 2237 in San Jacinto County, Texas. & Lot 344 in CHERRY CREEK Subdivision, Section Two, a subdivision in said County, according to the Amended Plat thereof recorded under File No. 2237 in San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$72,870.00	\$20,705.74 SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT YEARS 2023-FORWARD	R54951 & R54950
D-10,082-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. SIDNEY A. SAMMONS ET. AL.	PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOTS OR TRACTS 12, 13 & 14 OF HIDDEN PINES, APPROXIMATELY 0.6228 ACRES OF LAND IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING THE TOTAL OF THE TRACTS DESCRIBED IN TWO DEEDS. ONE RECORDED IN VOLUME 234 PAGES 728-729 AND THE OTHER RECORDED IN VOLUME 190 PAGES 771-772, BOTH IN THE DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$5,700.00	\$4,423.60 SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT YEARS 2023-FORWARD	R58281
D-10,107-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. DAVID L. SHELLY (DECEASED) ET. AL.	Lot 10, Block 10, Waterwood Country Club Estates, Unit Three (3), a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, according to the map plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 31, Plat Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$4,600.00	\$2,818.92	R61007
D-10,130-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. DAWN R. VITALE ET. AL.	WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, BLOCK 7, LOT 17, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the Plat recorded in Volume 7, Page 4, Plat records of San Jacinto county, Texas.	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	R68484
D-10,130-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. DAWN R. VITALE ET. AL.	WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, BLOCK 7, LOT 2, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the Plat recorded in Volume 7, Page 4, Plat records of San Jacinto county, Texas.	\$9,020.00	\$9,020.00	R68469
D-10,130-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. DAWN R. VITALE ET. AL.	WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, BLOCK 7, LOT 8, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the Plat recorded in Volume 7, Page 4, Plat records of San Jacinto county, Texas. & WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, BLOCK 7, LOT 9, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the Plat recorded in Volume 7, Page 4, Plat records of San Jacinto county, Texas.	\$14,690.00	\$14,397.20	R68475 & R68476
D-10,146-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. WILLIAM DEWAYNE MIZELL JR	BEING 0.500 ACRES PARTIALLY OUT OF A 12 ACRES LOT 3 AND PARTIALLY OUT OF A 6 ACRES LOT 4, BLOCK SEVEN, PONDEROSA ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT #11-134, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$27,770.00	\$8,172.25	R365117
D-10,160-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. FM 1127 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	Lots 59 and 60, Block 1, FLOWING WELLS, Section 1, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 99, Page 344 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$34,160.00	\$8,066.25 SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT YEARS 2023-FORWARD	R56633 & R56634
D-10,160-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. FM 1127 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	Lots 28 and 29, Block 10, FLOWING WELLS, Section 1, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 99, Page 344 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$7,160.00	\$4,211.58 SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT YEARS 2023-FORWARD	R56814 & R56815
D-10,172-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. MARY ETTA QUIN, ET AL	LOT 2, BLOCK 2, RIVERVIEW TERRACE, SECTION 2, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 176, PAGE 856, OR CLERK'S FILE NUMBER 4457 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$1,840.00	\$1,840.00 SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT YEARS 2023-FORWARD	R77228
D-10,180-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. LARRY J. AYERS JR, ET AL	BEING LOT 1526 OF CAMILLA TWIN HARBORS #5 SUBDIVISION, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN THAT TAX RESALE DEED RECORDED IN DOCUMENT # 02-3738, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS. & BEING LOT 1525 OF CAMILLA TWIN HARBORS #5 SUBDIVISION, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN THAT TAX RESALE DEED RECORDED IN DOCUMENT # 02-3738, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$4,200.00	\$3,655.12	R51287 & R51286

D-10,215-23	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. ANNE RONDEAU, ET AL	WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, BLOCK 5, LOT 9, A SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 7, PAGE 4, PLAT RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$4,620.00	\$4,620.00	R68436
D-10,301-23	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. JOAQUIN R. MURCIADIAZ	WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, BLOCK 4, LOT 16, A SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 7, PAGE 4, PLAT RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$3,760.00	\$3,760.00	R68413
D-10,350-23	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. TRACY DEAN ELLIOTT, ET AL	BEING LOTS 5, 6 AND SOUTH 20 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 51, CITY OF SHEPHERD, A SUBDIVISION OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 313, PAGE 213 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCOUNT NO. R78086/8040-051-0050)	\$50,370.00	\$12,617.33	R78086
D-10,350-23	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. TRACY DEAN ELLIOTT, ET AL	BEING 8.2 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF THE ROBERT W. L. BOOTHE SURVEY, A-404, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 235, PAGE 219, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY.	\$265,000.00	\$12,600.44	R49075
D-9154-16	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GEORGE RIFFLE, ET AL	BEING LOT 20, BLOCK 5, WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT # 07-3453, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$4,890.00	\$4,890.00	R68447
D-9351-16	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. VEGA EVA MARTIN	BEING LOT 13, BLOCK 2, TRAILS END #1 SUBDIVISION, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT # 09-4870 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$72,250.00	\$2,258.55 SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT YEARS 2017-FORWARD	R89230
D-9422-17	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. MICHAEL DWAYNE MUIRHEAD, ET AL	BEING LOT 2075, CAMILLA TWIN HARBORS #5 SUBDIVISION, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT #2014-1735, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$41,800.00	\$5,266.42 SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT YEARS 2017-FORWARD	R51789
D-9696-18	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. LISA HEATH (DECEASED), ET AL	LOTS 257, 258, 259 TANGLEWOOD FOREST SUBDIVISION, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT # 11-5116, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$166,120.00	\$55,469.72	R79139 & R79140 & R79141
D-9710-18	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. STACY V. HANSON	BEING LOT 1020, CAMILLA TWIN HARBORS SUBDIVISION #4, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 309, PAGE 92, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00 SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT YEARS 2021-FORWARD	R50818
D-9801-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. LISA GUNNELS	LOT 10, IN BLOCK 22, SECTION V, NORTHWOODS, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE ISAAC JONES SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 23, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION DULY OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, RECORDED IN VOL. 6, PAGE 17, WHICH PLAT WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 23, 1979, UNDER FILE #2184 AND A RE-PLAT RECORDED IN VOL. 6, PAGE 18, WHICH RE-PLAT WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 23, 1979, UNDER FILE #2183.	\$4,580.00	\$965.33 SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT YEARS 2023-FORWARD	R74618
D-9801-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. LISA GUNNELS	LOT 16, BLOCK 11, SECTION II, NORTHWOODS, A SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 147, PAGE 585, DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$3,540.00	\$2,331.86 SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT YEARS 2023-FORWARD	R74438
D-9801-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. LISA GUNNELS	LOT 17, IN BLOCK 21, SECTION V, NORTHWOODS, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE ISAAC JONES SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 23, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION DULY OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, RECORDED IN VOL. 6, PAGE 17, WHICH PLAT WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 23, 1979, UNDER FILE #2184 AND A RE-PLAT RECORDED IN VOL. 6, PAGE 18, WHICH RE-PLAT WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 23, 1979, UNDER FILE #2183.	\$1,760.00	\$4,352.21 SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT YEARS 2023-FORWARD	R74607 & R74608
D-9801-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. LISA GUNNELS	LOT 18, IN BLOCK 21, SECTION V, NORTHWOODS, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE ISAAC JONES SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 23, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION DULY OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, RECORDED IN VOL. 6, PAGE 17, WHICH PLAT WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 23, 1979, UNDER FILE #2184 AND A RE-PLAT RECORDED IN VOL. 6, PAGE 18, WHICH RE-PLAT WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 23, 1979, UNDER FILE #2183.	\$3,360.00	\$1,947.83 SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT YEARS 2023-FORWARD	R74653
D-9997-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GREAT SOUTHERN MORTGAGE LLC ET. AL.	Lot 71, Block 24, Section 1, HOLIDAY SHORES SUBDIVISION NO 3, San Jacinto County, Texas, described in the Judgment recorded in document #00-7534, Official Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. Tax account No. R59605/2103-124-0710	\$3,900.00	\$1,097.22	R59605
D-9997-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GREAT SOUTHERN MORTGAGE LLC ET. AL.	Lot 788, Block 300, HOLIDAY SHORES, SUBDIVISION 4, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, described in Volume (OR) 315, Page 46, of the Official Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. Account R60070/2104-300-7880	\$1,000.00	\$357.73	R60070
D-9997-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GREAT SOUTHERN MORTGAGE LLC ET. AL.	Being Lot 57, LAKE WATERWHEEL ESTATES, SECTION 3, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, described in Volume (OR) 140, Page 467 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. Account No. R73564/5413-000-0570	\$1,180.00	\$447.92	R73564
D-9997-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GREAT SOUTHERN MORTGAGE LLC ET. AL.	Lot 20, Block 2, POINT LOOKOUT ESTATES, Section 1, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas described in Document #01-357, Page 1223 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. Account R75719/6031-002-0200	\$10,310.00	\$1,188.41	R75719
D-9997-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GREAT SOUTHERN MORTGAGE LLC ET. AL.	The North half of Lot 142, QUAIL CREEK, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, described in Volume 169, Page 190, Document #02-4916, and Document #02-4917 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$37,280.00	\$6,217.70	R93282 & R76587
D-9997-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. GREAT SOUTHERN MORTGAGE LLC ET. AL.	The South half of Lot 142, QUAIL CREEK, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, described in Volume 169, Page 190, Document #02-4916, and Document #02-4917 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. Accounts No. R93282/6095-000-1421/R76587/6095-000-1420			

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PROPERTY (SUCH AS ADDRESSES, MAPS, ETC.), VISIT <https://www.sjad.org/>

**Legal/Public Notices**

**TRA accepting bids for slide repair**

**LEGAL NOTICE** As authorized by V.T.C.A. 8280-188, the Trinity River Authority of Texas (TRA) hereby gives notice of its intention to receive bids for the following: The Trinity River Authority (AUTHORITY) Lake Livingston Project (LLP) is soliciting bids for slide repair on the earthen embankment of Lake Livingston dam. Bid Packets and project specifics can be obtained through contact of Rick Davis at Lake Livingston Dam Office. A pre-bid walk through will be held Thursday, August 29 at 10:00 am. Sealed bids will be received by the Assistant Project Manager of Operations, Lake Livingston Project, until 2:00 P.M., on Thursday, September 19, 2023, at the Trinity River Authority of Texas, Lake Livingston Project Office, P.O. Box 360, Livingston, TX 77351, such office located at 5170 South FM 1988, at the dam site, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read. Any bids received after 2:00 P.M. that date will remain unopened. Bids which do not present the fair market value of the work to be accomplished may be rejected. All bids must comply with all applicable laws and regulations. The Authority welcomes bids from Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. Contractors and suppliers submitting bids shall encourage Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to participate in the performance of the Contract. To obtain specifications, a bidding form or any additional information, please write or call Mr. Rick Davis, Assistant Project Manager of Operations, Lake Livingston Project, P.O. Box 360, Livingston, Texas 77351, (936) 365-2292. Any changes in the specifications will be in the form of a written addendum issued to all holders of the specifications. No addenda will be issued later than three days prior to the bid opening date. The Trinity River Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.

**San Jacinto County requesting bids**

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

**Estate of Karl Michael Reid**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION CAUSE NO. P2024-85 THE ESTATE OF KARL MICHAEL REID TO ALL UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF KARL MICHAEL REID , DECEASED FEAGAN HUCKINS ,** filed in the San Jacinto County Court of San Jacinto County , Texas, August 8, 2024 an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP , requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of KARL MICHAEL REID , Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in said estate . The Court may act on said Application and any opposition at any call of the docket on or after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the San Jacinto County Courthouse located at 1 State Highway 150, Coldspring, Texas 77331 in San Jacinto County, Texas . All UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS of this estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to said Application before the above stated time and date should you desire to do so . To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any contest, objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of San Jacinto County, Texas, on or before the above noted date and time . Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Coldspring, Texas, on August 14, 2024 . Dawn Wright, County Clerk San Jacinto County 1 State Highway 150 Room 2 Coldspring, Texas 77331 By: Jessica Swords, Deputy /S/ Applicant's Attorney Candace Beth Kaiser P.O. Box 792 La Grange, Texas 78945 (P) 979-429-4600 Email: candace@cbkaiserlaw.com

**Notice of hearing Sept. 12**

**SAN JACINTO COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR, AUDITOR'S ASSISTANTS AND PROPOSED COUNTY AUDITOR BUDGET** Notice is hereby given that the Board of District Judges of San Jacinto County, Texas will conduct a public hearing at 8:30 A.M. on the 12th of September, 2024, in the San Jacinto County Courthouse Annex, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 Court Room, located at 111 State Hwy 150, Room A2 Coldspring, Texas 77331. The purpose of the public hearing is: 1. To receive public comment on the proposed budget for the County Auditor's Department for the budget year ending September 30th, 2025, and 2. To set annual compensation for the County Auditors and set the budget for the Department listed above.

**Estate of Edward Russell Rohrback, Jr.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Edward Russell Rohrback, Jr., Deceased, were issued on July 30, 2024, in Cause No. P2024-46, pending in the County Court of SAN JACINTO County, Texas, to: Gary Thomas Rohrback. 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: Jonathan B. Randolph The Randolph Law Firm, PLLC 800 Rockmead Drive, Suite 163 Kingwood, Texas 77339

**Legal/Public Notices**

**Water District  
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate**

The Cape Royale Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on August 29, 2024, at 3pm @1330 Cape Royale Dr. Coldspring Tx 77331. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners. Visit Texas.gov/Property Taxes 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.

**FOR** the proposal: Dale Toronjo, Richard Masterson, Alex Onjanow, Douglas Pulgini, Lynn Watkins  
**AGAINST** the proposal: N/A  
**PRESENT** and not voting: N/A  
**ABSENT:** N/A

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year		This Year	
	Adopted	/\$100	Proposed	/\$100
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.3800		.3600	
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ -0.02		/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		5.4		%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 374,729		\$ 455,397	
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 90,024		\$ 143,633	
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 284,705		\$ 311,764	
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,081.87		\$ 1,119.74	
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ 37.87		
and percentage of increase (+/-)		3.44		%

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate the N/A proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of N/A

If the district is a district described by Section 49.23602:

**NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE**

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate.

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

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TO PLACE your classified ad in the Polk County Enterprise or the San Jacinto News-Times call (936) 327-4357 ext. 1002, for the Trinity County News-Standard call (936) 642-1726, for the Tyler County Booster call (409) 283-2516.

### Auctions & Sales

**INDOOR SALE** Thursday-Saturday, August 22nd-24th, 9am-5pm 70 Magnolia Place, Coldspring. Contents of a 3-bedroom 1-bath home. Everything must go! (34-1t-cc-SJNT)

**DOWN-SIZING ESTATE SALE** by Four Sore Feet, Friday, August 23, 9-4, Saturday, August 24, 9-4, 536 FM 1745 Moscow, Tx, 75960. (34-1t-cc-TCB)

### Free

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

### Work Wanted

**Vickery Dirt**  
Dirt, Clay, Sand  
Free Delivery  
Rock, Dozer Work, Land Clearing, Tractor Work, Driveways, House Pads  
www.vickerydirt.com

936-329-4159

**Vickery Propane Tanks & Service**  
936-327-HEAT (50-tfn-b-PCE)

LLOYD'S REMODELING located in Tyler County (Serving all areas) Add-ons, decks, metal roofs, cabinets, piers, docks, and boat houses. No job too small. Call 409-429-6164. (1-tfn-b-TCB)

### TLC

**Toole's Lawn Care & Landscaping**  
\*Drainage  
\*Retaining Walls  
\*Residential \*Commercial  
Year round full service maintenance- design, build & install flower beds, hydroseeding.  
Fully Insured  
Tree Removal, Irrigation  
Livingston, TX  
936-646-2661 (1-tfn-b-PCE)

**Field's Paint Contracting**  
PROFESSIONALS  
\*Commercial & Residential Painting  
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Free Estimates  
INSURED  
40+ Years Experience  
DAVID FIELDS/OWNER  
936-933-7454  
www.fieldspaintcontracting.com  
(34-12-cc-PCE)

**Lester Bros. Tree Service**  
Trimming, Top Removal, Haul Off, Tractor Work. Now accepting credit cards.  
Call for Free Estimate  
Insured  
25 yrs experience  
936-223-9265  
or  
936-365-4955  
Livingston, TX (23-tfn-b-PCE)

I WILL clean out your garage, barn, old building and/or haul off your old junk like cars, trucks, tractors, etc. (936)328-1679. (31-4t-pd-PCE)

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### Announcements

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

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

**CHRISTINE'S PLACE** Resale Shop accepts donations and is open M-F, 501 W. Bluff in Woodville. 409-331-9939. www.westrengthenthefamilies.org. (1-tfn-nc-TCB)

### Work Wanted

**HARD WORKING TYLER COUNTY WOMAN**, Landscaping, fence line clearing, painting, clean out flower beds, any outdoor jobs. Christal-409-224-5293. (31-tfn-p-TCB)

**Fenced Yard or Field Stump Grinding**  
Remote Controlled Precision Work  
Any Size or Amount  
Insured  
Free Estimates  
David Holley  
936-433-2371 (1-tfn-nc-PCE)

### Home Repair Specialist

Can repair any type of siding, piers, decks, stairs, ramps, and hurricane and weather damages. Can install windows, doors, ceiling fans, and flooring. Can build pergolas and room add-ons. No job too big or too small  
Call 903-330-9011 (ask for Jerry) (32-4t-cc-PCE)

**HOKE STUMP Grinding**- No job too large or too small. Call (936)295-6089 or (936) 581-3781. Trinity, TX. (11-tfn-b-TCNS)

### Auctions & Sales

Call or Come by Today  
Livingston  
Senior Citizens  
Country Store  
1310 North Houston  
Open 8:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Weekdays  
Open during noon hour  
Come by for bargains anytime  
(1-tfn-nc-PCE)

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

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### Work Wanted

**S & L Tree Service**  
Tree removal, clean up, stump grinding  
New bucket truck  
Fully insured  
Serving the local and surrounding areas  
Call Richard  
832-401-4081 (2-tfn-b-PCE)

**AMTEK**  
House Leveling  
Leveling-  
Water leveling-  
Beams- Pylons  
Concrete Blocks  
Roof Covers- Decks- Floors  
Senior Citizen Discount  
For your protection  
Insured since 1980  
Lake Livingston area  
936-328-1434 (1-tfn-b-PCE)

**Vickery Lawn Service**  
\*Stump Grinding  
\*Land Mulching  
\*Land Clearing  
\*Tractor Work  
\*Driveways  
Fully Insured  
936-329-1653  
Livingston, TX (1-tfn-b-PCE)

**Plumas**  
House Leveling  
w/Water Level  
& Concrete  
20 Yrs Exp, Senior Citizen Discount  
Insured  
936-433-6304  
if no answer call for appt  
Livingston, TX  
936-513-0783 (1-tfn-b-PCE)

### Cleaning Services

**S & S Cleaning and Maintenance**  
Residential  
Commercial  
Construction  
936-714-6226 (32-tfn-b-PCE)

### Employment

**NOW HIRING**; Local cleaning company looking for new hires, must have your own transportation and be reliable. Call or text (936) 714-6226. (33-4-pd-PCE)

Actively seeking a dynamic individual from the Trinity area to fill a part-time sales position. The position offers a base pay plus commission, and bonuses. The ideal candidate should be enthusiastic, highly motivated, and well acquainted with the local community. If you're interested in joining our team, please email your resume to ashley@polkcountypublishing.com. (5-tfn-nc-TCNS)

**Notice of Position Opening**  
SCHOOL-BASED POLICE OFFICER  
August 1, 2024  
The CITY OF LIVINGSTON is accepting applications for (1) SCHOOL-BASED POLICE OFFICER for the Livingston Police Department. Experience preferred, but not required. This is a full-time position with benefits. Subject to emergency call-in and weekend duty. Must be Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) certified. Applications will be accepted at the Police Department, 208 W. Church Street, Livingston, Texas from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday. The deadline for accepting applications will be through Friday, Aug. 16, 2024, at 5:00 pm. For more information, a copy of the job description and summary of benefits, please contact Trisha Patton, Administrative Assistant to the Police Chief, at 936.327.3117. The City of Livingston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. (31-3t-b-PCE)

### Now Hiring!

Looking for honest, hard working, outgoing, self motivated individuals with a good attitude looking to build a career in the fast food industry. Looking for a Team Leader with one year experience and an assistant with 2-3 years experience. Must have good references, Livingston, TX.

Apply at www.burgerworkshr.com (1-tfn-b-PCE)

**1st Quality Hospice Woodville, TX**

**Homemaker for Hospice needed, full or part-time**

409-331-9909  
(33-2t-b-TCB)

LOOKING FOR A MANAGER for a world-famous restaurant, the Pickett House Restaurant, a mainstay of the Woodville community and a hot spot for tourists since 1965. The right person must have prior experience in restaurant management, current food manager certification within the state of Texas and the ability to supervise a staff of kitchen workers and waitstaff. Ideally, the candidate will also be a great "people" person with enthusiasm about the restaurant and with new ideas to help market our brand further. For a list of job requirements and an application, please email president@heritagevillage.org. (33-4t-b-TCB)

### For Sale

**FOR SALE** Set of 4 20" rims and low profile tires. Fits 2016 Buick Regal or comparable. \$300 for all. 409-594-7408. (2-tfn-nc-TCB)

**SQUARE BALES** of sprayed, fertilized Jiggs hay in a barn, Livingston, (281)830-2810. (30-6t-cc-PCE)

**70x12' MOBILE HOME**, 3BD, two hallways, kitchen, dining room, antique window bars. Call 409-489-8095. (34-2t-p-TCB)

**98 MUSTANG SVT Limited** Convertible, \$11,500.00 OBO. Tigerkits68@gmail.com. Cash only, 5 speed, (34-2t-pp-TCB)

**LAND FOR SALE**, 6.8 Acres, 5 minutes from town, Woodville. \$7,000 per acre. Call 409-719-8888. (34-4t-p-TCB)

### Rentals

**1-BEDROOM HOME** available for rent in Leggett, DIRECTV/ water/trash pick-up included \$600/month plus deposit Call (832)277-3737. (49-tfn-cc-PCE)

**2-BEDROOM home** with lake view in Indian Hills, Livingston, large yard, \$810/month. For info call (409)256-8365 (31-6t-cc-PCE)

**3-BEDROOM 2-BATH** mobile home in Port Adventure. Call (713)702-0523 or (713)702-0683. (34-2t-cc-PCE)

**BRICK HOUSE** in quiet neighborhood. 3/2/2, central AC, fireplace, office, big garage, 148 Cardinal, Livingston. No pets. No smoking. \$1,400/month (936)329-2213. (28-tfn-cc-PCE)

**Darling 1+1 fully furnished cottage.** Washer/Dryer, WIFI, all utilities included. \$1050 / month plus deposit. Short or long term lease. 956-279-8071 (33-4-cc-PCE)

**HOUSE FOR rent** in Woodville area, good references and deposit required. Call 409-283-8286. (43-tfn-b-TCB)

### Pets & Supplies

**THREE MONTH** old kittens, vaccinated and dewormed. Free to good home(s). (936)327-0014. (32-tfn-nc-PCE)

### Storage

**ENCLOSED BOAT STORAGE** - Also climate & self storage. White Rock Storage. 6216 FM 356 Trinity (936)594-9283 or (713)249-1033. (25-tfn-b-TCNS)



**TexSCAN Week of Aug. 18-24, 2024**

### AUCTION

**Three Development Site** in Austin, TX, minutes from UT Austin and downtown. Bankruptcy sale. Bid deadline Oct. 7. 855-755-2300, HilcoRealEstateSales.com.

### CHARITY

**Donate your car**, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-855-808-4152 today!

### CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE

**Consumer Cellular** - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/month. For more information, call 1-855-493-3803.

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**Prepare for power** outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-855-704-8579 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

### LEGAL ASSISTANCE

**Wesley Financial Group**, LLC Timeshare Cancellation Experts. Over \$50,000,000 in timeshare debt and fees cancelled in 2019. Get free informational package and learn how to get rid of your timeshare! Free consultations. Over 450 positive reviews. Call 855-501-6864.

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### Employment

**DAVID NORTON TIRE CENTER**, Woodville, TX is accepting applications for a mechanic. Apply in person, 1116 S. Magnolia. (46-tfn-b-TCB)

**INDIVIDUAL NEEDED** for general yard work and maintenance, no mowing, part-time. Call (936)327-5109. (33-1t-cc-PCE)

### Employment/Medical

**TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL**  
OPEN POSITIONS  
Dietary Cook-PRN  
Environmental Services Technician-PRN  
LVN-Med Surg. Nights-FT  
Pharmacy Technician-FT  
RN ED Nights-FT  
Vocational Nursing School Instructor @ Woodville-PRN  
Clinic Receptionist-Coder-FT  
Equal Opportunity Employer. To inquire about positions at the hospital, check the employment section of our website at: www.tchospital.us Human Resources Department: (409)283-6590 • 1100 West Bluff • Woodville

