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## No tax change will still cost 9 percent

SJNT staff

**SHEPHERD** — While the Shepherd City Council voted to keep the tax rate at the current level, the change in property values will mean owners will see a 9.37 percent increase in their tax bills.

The council approved the 2024-25 budget

and tax rate, which is .16442 per \$100 valuation, at its Sept. 9 meeting.

City Secretary Debra Hagler said the city will realize an additional \$17,000 in income in the coming fiscal year.

- In other business, the council:
- delayed action on a manufactured home variance for Margarito Deleon; the structure

was built in 1990 and the council wants an inspection done on structure to see if it meets city code;

- delayed action on a request from Joe Munke to purchase an alley behind his property until the city attorney could research city regulations;
- gave annual approval to the city investment policy;

• approved the repair of the roof on the community center for \$26,000 to Harden Enterprises, to be paid through an insurance claim; and

- approved the use of \$297,000 of ARPA funds to repair two roads, purchase a rotor for sewer plant, replace the floor in City Hall and enclose a bay in the city yard to be used for inventory.



## Coldspring to crack down on critters

By Tony Farkas  
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**COLDSRING** — Along with other end-of-the-fiscal-year items, the Coldspring City Council discussed creating new ordinances.

Mayor John Benestante said that at the Sept. 9 meeting, the council touched on the development of a loose-dog ordinance, as well as creating zoning ordinances for used car lots and auto repair areas.

Benestante also said that a survey on the community center, which recently has been taken over by the city, is completed, and by the end of the year, the council will be able to look over designs for replacing the aging structure.

Those will then be put before

the community for comments.

In other business, the council:

- discussed a report from the Visit Coldspring group, which plans to become involved in bringing tourism to the city;
- discussed city financials and investments, and closing out of several grants;
- approved hiring Langford and Associates as grant administrator for a TX-CDBG grant for a sewer project;
- approved closing a highway for the San Jacinto County Fair parade; and
- approved an easement with the county over portions of Live Oak Street to give authority to create a perimeter fence for the County Jail, if necessary.

## Point Blank sets annual budget

SJNT staff

**POINT BLANK** — The Point Blank City Council set next fiscal year's spending amounts, which come to \$670,400, mostly to be used on streets.

Mayor Mark Wood said that the city has been spending \$100,000-\$120,000 a year on street repairs, and while

next year's budget at this time only shows \$30,000 allotted, the city is due to receive \$533,000 in grants.

That means the city of Point Blank will have more money spent on streets than ever, he said.

Since the city has property tax income, the only income is from franchise taxes, sales tax and short-term rental

funds.

"Financially, we're in good shape; we have over \$100,000 in our operating account and \$100,000 in the rainy-day fund," he said.

The budget also contains a grant of \$2,200 for the San Jacinto County First Responders, matching what is typically given to the Point Blank Volunteer Fire Department.

## Luttrell works to prohibit DHS from paroling dangerous illegal aliens

Special to the News-Times

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — U.S. Rep. Morgan Luttrell, R-Texas, cosponsored Congressman Nick Langworthy's (R-N.Y.) Safeguarding Americans from Extreme Risk at the Border Act.

This legislation would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from paroling migrants who are designated as Known and Suspected Terrorists or Special Interest Aliens.

"The SAFER at the Border Act is a vital step toward restoring law and order at our south-

ern border," Luttrell said. "Texans are on the front lines of this border crisis and this legislation prioritizes the safety of American families by strengthening border enforcement, enhancing resources for our agents, and holding the Biden administration accountable for its failed policies. I proudly support this bill and urge my colleagues to do the same for the safety of our great state and nation."

The Biden Administration has allowed more than 1 million illegal immigrants, some of whom were later arrested for

potential ties to terrorist organizations, to be paroled into our country. In Fiscal Year 2024 alone, U.S. Customs and Border Protection have encountered 359 individuals at or in between Ports of Entry who are known or suspected terrorists — and those are just the ones we know of.

The SAFER at the Border Act is supported by Heritage Action, Federation for American Immigration (FAIR), America First Policy Institute, Immigration Accountability Project, and NumbersUSA.

## FEMA assistance applications cut off Oct. 10

Special to the News-Times

**AUSTIN** — Texans who sustained losses from Hurricane Beryl have less than one month remaining to apply for federal assistance.

The deadline is Oct. 10. Since the disaster declaration in July, FEMA has helped nearly 673,700 Texas households with \$704.7 million in financial assistance. FEMA specialists have been working in 22 counties helping people apply for assistance.

FEMA crews have visited 174,203 homes and 9,285 public locations. More than 45,000 residents have visited the 42 Disaster Recovery Centers located within the state. More than 26,100 fami-

lies have stayed in hotels temporarily at the expense of the State and FEMA because they could not return to their homes.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$247.8 million in low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations, and businesses affected by Beryl.

Homeowners and renters in Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties with uninsured losses from Hurricane Beryl may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

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

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

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## TxDot campaign offers hitch, towing safety tips

Initiative promotes safety tips to prevent trailer-related crashes and saves lives

Special to the News-Times

**AUSTIN** — Whether it's taking a boat on a lake or operating a business, millions of Texans hitch a trailer to their vehicle every year. Knowing how to safely attach or tow a trailer can save lives. That's why TxDOT is urging drivers to learn how to properly attach a trailer and drive safely, once it's attached.

Wife and mother of three Kelly Hall of Tyler was tragically killed on March 8, 2021, when a food

trailer became unhitched from the truck that was towing it and struck her vehicle.

To help avoid crashes like these, TxDOT is sharing these safety tips:

Choosing the correct equipment:

- Check your vehicle's tow rating in the owner's manual to confirm it can tow the trailer's weight when fully loaded.
- Ensure your hitch ball is the correct size and capacity for the coupler, trailer and load. Hitch

balls and couplers are stamped with their size and maximum weight capacities. Improper ball size or capacity could cause the trailer to detach from the tow vehicle.

- Check the tires' pressure on the tow vehicle and trailer, including spare tires. Your vehicle's tires may require a higher pressure while towing. Check the vehicle owner's manual.

Tips for safely hitching a trailer:

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Weekly rainfall total .....	0.14 in		





# New source of food coming to Shepherd

Houston Food Truck is partnering with First Baptist Church of Shepherd to bring a food truck four times a month from Sept. 23. The truck will be in the church parking lot and will start serving at 8 a.m.

People can come earlier of course and line up. You can stay in your car so the line will move through faster. The Rev. Chester Holloway has posted a short video on First Baptist's Church Facebook page. The parking lot is large and for those who do not know, is located close to the railroad tracks at 10850 Highway 150 in Shepherd. Call (936) 628-3130.

The Food Truck will come on Sept. 23 and 30, and Oct. 7 and 15, (the 14th is a holiday). Holloway thanked Ken and Trelis Urban for their hard work to make it happen.

• Coldspring Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for new member — Hot City Automotive — on Friday last week. O'Reilly's Auto parts partnered with them and add-

## Did You Know

By Yvonne Cones



ed a car show to the festivities. Hot City Automotive services all automotive mechanical, paint and body needs. It is located at 1155 Highway 150 in Coldspring, call (936) 286-3238.

CEO Leroy Tafoya, COO Stefano Pascente with staff members Jared Davenport, Nico Luna, Kendra Woodyard, Talyiah Davenport and team members and guests all enjoyed the beginning of this very welcome business to the Coldspring area.

• The Women's League held its first lunch of the fiscal year last Thursday. The tables were beauti-

fully decorated, Lucy's Country Kitchen catered the delicious meal, and our guest speaker was LaNora Purvis.

She talked about her life and how she had come to create a home for women with traumatic events in their lives. Some had addictions, some had been trafficked and some were escaping from abusive relationships. She set up a program which after finding 6 months were too short a time to bring the women out of their problems expanded it to a one-year program.

Called Heaven's Army and located in Cleveland, she has been able to expand to a home for men which is run by her son Koltan Purvis. LaNora recently opened a coffee shop with lightly used resale goods in Shepherd. Last Saturday was the first day of a new event, a local farmers' market. It attracted a lot of local vendors and buyers and will be a monthly affair. Homegrown fruit and vegetables, eggs, preserves and

handmade crafts were on sale as well as a very popular baker with bread, kolaches, rolls, etc.

• SJC Senior Center in Coldspring is changing the time for their Healthy Choice Weight Loss Group. It will be at 10:45 a.m. on Wednesdays, and there is no charge for this. The Center will have a lot of things to do in the coming weeks, so look at their calendar online, or SanjacoCountyBulletinBoard.com for information on this and so much more that is coming.

• Friends of Shepherd Library will hold a Master Gardeners event on Thursday from 1-3 p.m. This is a chance to ask questions from the experts and to see how it is done. Call Director Terri at (936) 628-3515 for more details and to RSVP.

The following week on Sept. 26 from 2 p.m.-3 p.m. the first Home School Connection will be held. If you homeschool your child and want to connect with others who are also homeschooling, this is an

excellent way to find support and fellowship. Children are welcome too.

The Friends of the Library are planning a Trivial Pursuit Evening on Oct. 18. Bill Powell, DJ and MC for such events, will lead this game. Teams of four people or less will play and there will be other amusements along with snacks and sodas and prizes. More details on this are coming.

• Christmas in Shepherd will be on Dec. 7, and in Coldspring on Dec. 14. Shepherd Chamber will parade entry forms on their website as well as forms for vendors. There will be some forms available at Shepherd Library in the near future.

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.



The Shepherd High School Student Council had its first meeting with new President Easton Wolfe. Plans for upcoming events are in the works. COURTESY PHOTO



LaNora Purvis talks to the Women's League during the monthly lunch. COURTESY PHOTO



Hot City Automotive ribbon cutting with Coldspring Chamber of Commerce, and is partnered with O'Reilly Auto Parts. COURTESY PHOTO

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## SENIOR MENUS

Sept. 23-27

potatoes, ranch beans.

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:** Cheesy chicken broccoli casserole, fried green beans, carrot salad, rolls.  
**TUESDAY:** Mexican taco loaf, Spanish rice, Mexican corn, chips and queso.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Oven fried pork chops, rice and gravy, Italian green beans, rolls.  
**THURSDAY:** Albacore tuna croissants, vegetable soup, potato chips.  
**FRIDAY:** Cheeseburgers, wedge

**• Shepherd Senior Citizens Center** | (936) 628-3733  
 Second Tuesday of each month includes birthday cake for dessert.  
 Bingo is Sept. 18 and 25. Bag Day is Sept. 27. Craft Days are Sept. 19 and 26.  
**MONDAY:** Barbecue chicken, loaded baked potato salad, baked beans, cookie bar.  
**TUESDAY:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, fruit.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, greens, garlic bread, ice cream.  
**THURSDAY:** Chili dogs, tater tots, pickle wedges, cake.  
**FRIDAY:** Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, brownies.

## FEMA

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operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday.

To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations and businesses of any size. Applicants may apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at SBA.gov/

disaster or by calling 800-659-2955. SBA representatives are available to provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants at the Disaster Recovery Centers throughout the affected area. 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.

For more information, visit fema.gov/disaster/4798. Follow FEMA Region 6 on social media at x.com/FEMARegion6 and on Facebook at @femaregion6.

## HISTORY

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- Verify each part of the hitch system is in good condition.
- Ask a friend or coworker to help you line up the vehicle and trailer.
- Determine the appropriate rise or drop of the ball mount. The trailer should ride parallel to the ground when being towed to ensure stability. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to properly attach the coupler to the ball mount and install a safety pin. Double-check that the hitch is secured properly before towing.
- Always use safety chains. They are required by law and are your first line of defense if the trailer detaches. Make sure the safety chains are properly crisscrossed and connected. Check that the trailer lights, running lights and brake lights are working.
- Properly distribute and balance your

trailer load weight and secure all cargo.

Tips for driving safely when towing a trailer:

- Slow down, stay alert and leave plenty of stopping distance. It will take longer to stop with a trailer than with a vehicle alone.
  - Watch for trailer sway. If you see the trailer swinging back and forth, remove your foot from the gas and gently apply the trailer brakes until the swaying stops.
  - Take extra care when turning or changing lanes.
- TxDOT's Be Safe. Drive Smart. campaign will spread these messages across the state to help raise awareness of trailer safety and how to attach and tow a trailer.
- Be Safe. Drive Smart. is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

## AREA DIGEST

### Chamber seeks help

The Coldspring Chamber of Commerce is seeking donations for goodie bags to be given to car show contestants at this year's Wolf Creek Car, Truck, and Bike Show.

Only the first 250 contestants to register get a goodie bag filled with these items.

Contestants travel from all over to attend our car show, and this is a great opportunity to advertise a business; there also are many area residents who participate in the event.

Items that are car-related, as well as pens, notepads, air fresheners, key chains, lanyards, stickers, chip clips, magnets, etc. are examples of the things that can be used.

The chamber needs 250 of each item. To donate items, drop off items at the Chamber office during our hours, Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

### 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, veggies 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 diannelcmusic@gmail.com.

### 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.

### 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.

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

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

### Libraries seeks donations

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

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

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

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

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

### Veterans museum hosts events

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

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

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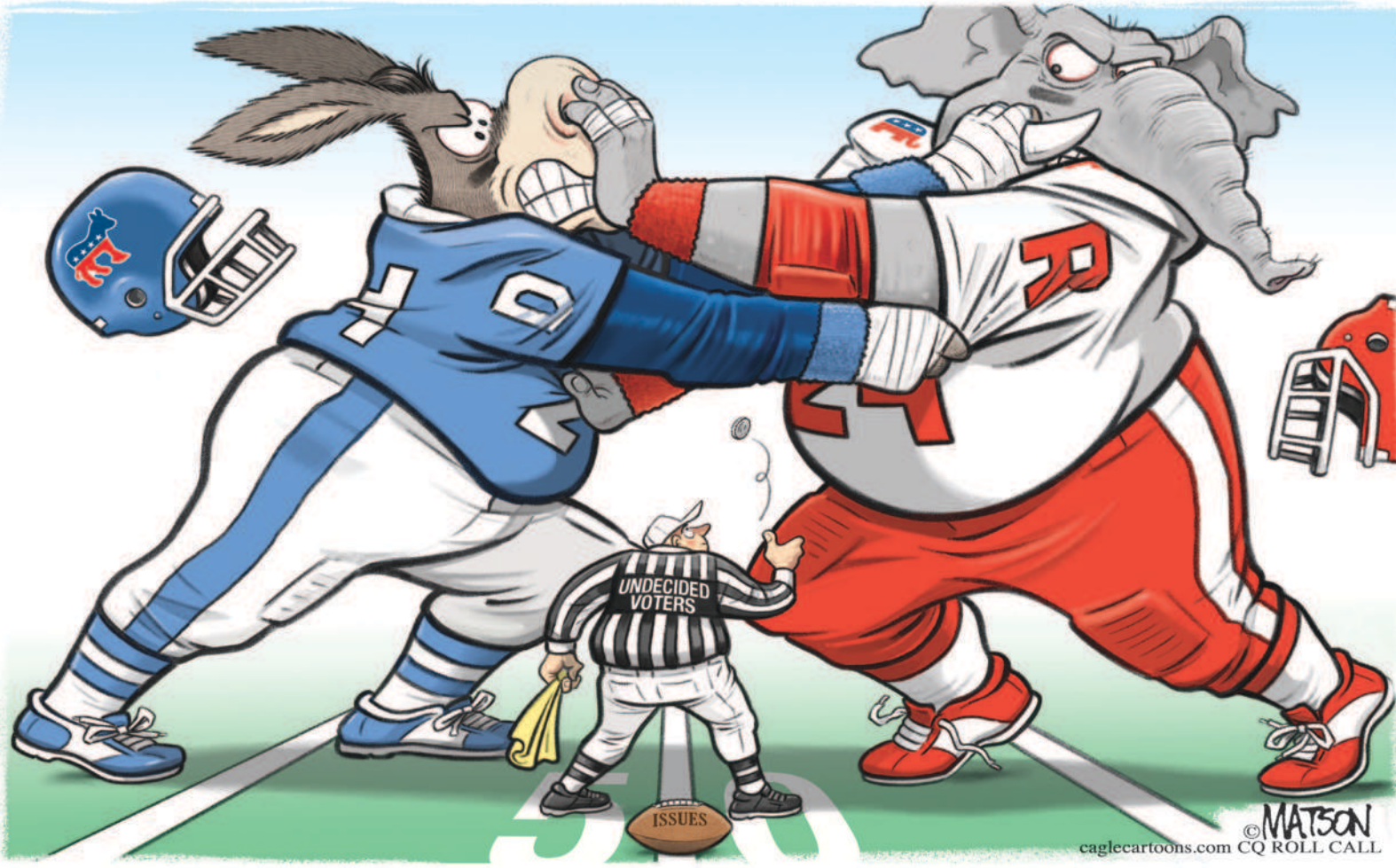
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# OPINION



## While you were concerned about that, there's this

Most weeks, I scroll through so many different feeds looking for that one thing that jumps out at me, screaming to be discussed and analyzed.

In many cases, it's politics on a state and federal level, and this time, it's connected to that, but in a more ridiculous way.

Ridiculous should be expected, since this is an election season, and all manner of weirdness will be brought to light to ensure free and fair elections for the proper candidate, because nothing says I can fix a country's problems by claiming the other candidate is a blithering, nonsensical idiot.

For instance, President Donald Trump has proclaimed that the Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, are noshing on Fido and Fluffy. There's been chorus after chorus from every talking head about just how silly that sounds.

Conservative media outlets are



### My Two Common Sense

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having a hay-day (misspelling intentional) over the very bizarre accent shifts Vice President Kamala Harris uses in her campaign speeches, most notably in the South.

Both Taylor Swift and Brittany Mahomes are getting heat from both the public and each other (probably) over their positions on their respective favorite candidates.

It's all just smoke and mirrors, though, because this version of bread and circuses is designed to deflect attention from the fact that the country is in pretty dire straits, and neither candidate will be able to

right the ship of state. Trump wants to cut government and regulations but will have to fight the extremely overprotective and entrenched bureaucracy, as well as the legislative branch of government; Harris just wants to make much more government, as well as much more — very much more — debt by giving away more money and other things to non-citizens while mugging the actual citizens of the country. Especially the rich, but that always goes without saying.

It's increasing hard to find information that's worthwhile out there; the internet is the worst, being a miasma of half-truths, talking points and conspiracy theories, and the national media outlets have become less about reporting news and more about reading press releases that fit their narrative (after that, they interview each other and supposed experts and feel they've saved the nation from certain disaster).

This pattern has been dialed up to 11 because of the election, because we want to keep Trump out because he's the devil or something and keep Harris out because she's dumber than a box of hammer handles or something.

As bad as that all is, there is information out there that can help you find your answers, because regardless of the kabuki theater of painful insights, you should be well-informed before voting. The ballot box is the only real way we have to affect change, and it's up to us to keep our government from sinking even further than it has.

Remember, early voting starts in a month — Oct. 21 — and hyperbole notwithstanding, it's an important one.

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# WHAT WE NEED



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

Evangelist Billy Graham said, "There is a God-sized hole in every heart." It is true that at the center of our being, our greatest need is for fellowship and unity with God. We have a desire to feel good about God and know that we are loved by God.

In response to our need, Jesus died on the cross for us that we might know that God loves and cares for us. God wants us to be His children. He values us and cherishes us. Believe it or not, we are "the apple of His eye."

Jesus said to his disciples, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:4-5).

Jesus has chosen us to be branches that exist as part of Him,

the vine. To live life well, we need Him every day. Without Him, we will experience loneliness and frustration in life; we will be lost and not experience fruitful lives. But with Him, our lives will be abundant and fruitful.

Having God in your life, however, is not enough. You also must have other people. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 says, "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their hard work. If either should fall, one can pick up the other. But how miserable are those who fall and don't have a companion to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they can stay warm. But how can anyone stay warm alone? Also,

one can be overpowered, but two together can put up resistance. A three-ply cord doesn't easily snap."

I use this passage in pre-marital counseling, telling couples that husbands and wives need each other, and that with each other they can accomplish great things in life as they work together as partners. I also tell them that if God is at the center of their relationship, then they will be like a three-ply cord that is not easily broken.

If they are working together to do God's will and abide in His presence, their goals in life will align and they will be working for the same thing. They won't operate from selfish ambitions but will work together to accomplish God's plan for their lives. They will be strong in life because of their partnership with each other and with God.

Many people, of course, are single, but single or married, we all need the love, support, and partner-

ship of others. You might say that in addition to there being a God-sized hole in every heart, there is also a community-sized hole in every heart. It is part of our human nature. We need other people.

Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." When we come to a sense of community with other people, we feel complete, hopeful, and full of faith in God. We have hope for tomorrow.

When Moses asked God His name at Mt. Horeb, God replied that His name is "I am." He clarified that by saying, "I am the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14 & 15). Thus, God defined Himself as being the God who exists in relationship.

God is the One who is in relationship with the descendants of Abraham, including those who believe in Jesus. He is the One who is in relationship with all the creatures

of Heaven and earth, and all that he has made. We are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). We were created to be in relationship with God and to other people.

One of our deepest needs is to be in unity and fellowship with the Church, the relational Bride of Christ. We must have the support of other Christians and worship God with them on a regular basis. Others need our gifts and talents to build them up and help them grow spiritually. They need our companionship and support, just like we need theirs.

Our deepest needs in life are for a healthy relationship with God and for existing in community with people around us. Both of those needs can be met through our fellowship with the Church, participating in worship and investing our lives in others with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Dr. Dan Darby is a retired United Methodist pastor.

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# Border patrol faulted in Uvalde school shooting

A 200-page report from the Department of Homeland Security faulted U.S. Border Patrol agents who rushed to the Uvalde school shooting in 2022, concluding they "failed to establish command and had inadequate training" in one of the deadliest classroom attacks, The Dallas Morning News reported.

A lone shooter killed 19 students and two teachers inside a classroom during a 70-minute standoff before a tactical team led by the Border Patrol went inside and killed him.

"The failure of arriving law enforcement personnel to establish identifiable incident management or command and control protocols led to a disorganized response to the Robb Elementary School shooting," the report stated. "No law enforcement official ever clearly established command at the school during the incident, leading to delays, inaction, and potentially further loss of life."

Two Uvalde school officers have been indicted for allegedly failing to act promptly and have pleaded not guilty. The victims' families have filed a \$500 million federal lawsuit against those who responded to the shooting.

**Vehicle inspections end in**



**Capitol Highlights**  
By Gary Borders  
Texas Press Association

2025

Texas car safety inspections will no longer be required in 2025, after HB 3297 passed the Legislature in 2023. The Austin American-Statesman reported inspections end Jan. 1, though drivers living in and near major Texas cities will still be required to take their vehicles in for emission tests.

Although actual inspection is ending, all noncommercial vehicles in Texas still will be charged a \$7.50 inspection fee when the vehicle is registered with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Counties requiring emission tests to comply with federal clean-air requirements are Brazoria, Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ellis, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Johnson, Kaufman, Montgomery, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, Travis and Williamson. Costs range from \$11.50 to \$35.50, depending on what tests are required.

Diesel vehicles and motorcycles are exempt from

emissions testing.

**Deer disease threatens state's breeding industry**  
Texas deer breeders say their livelihoods are threatened by steps being taken by the state to limit chronic wasting disease, The Texas Tribune reported.

The easily transmissible disease has been detected in Texas since 2012. As of August, 387 cases have been reported this year in 31 of the state's 254 counties. This includes cases in 34 captive breeding facilities. The disease gradually erodes a deer's neurological functions. It is not known to infect humans.

"This disease is literally eating holes in the deer's brain," Kip Adams, a wildlife biologist with the National Deer Association, said.

Breeders in areas where CWD has been reported can't sell or transport their deer outside the state-declared containment zone. Breeders have complained that having a facility inside a containment zone has hurt business. Breeders who have a deer with CWD are required to either euthanize their remaining deer herd or perform additional testing in order to segregate deer who test negative.

**PUC secures refunds, credits**

The Public Utility Commission has secured refunds and bill credits totaling \$502,982 for Texas electric, water and telecommunications customers for fiscal year 2024, which ended Aug. 31. Nearly 13,000 complaints were filed by consumers during the fiscal year.

"Protecting consumers is the first commitment listed in our agency's mission statement, and our staff works every day to make sure Texas utility consumers are treated fairly and receive high quality service," Chris Burch, with the PUC, said.

The bulk of refunds and credits were for electric customers.

Customers who believe they were unfairly charged can file a complaint at [puc.texas.gov/consumer/complaint](http://puc.texas.gov/consumer/complaint).

Bitcoin plant expansion faces backlash in North Texas  
A proposal to build a new 300-megawatt power plant next to two existing neighborhoods in Granbury drew about 150 angry residents to a public meeting hosted by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality last week.

Marathon Digital, a Florida-based cryptocurrency company,

operates a 300-megawatt bitcoin mine on property owned by Constellation Energy, according to the San Antonio Express-News. Residents have complained about the constant noise coming from thousands of fans used to cool the banks of computers processing bitcoin transactions.

Constellation hopes to erect eight new turbines powered by natural gas to generate additional electricity and has applied for air permits to release nearly 800,000 added tons of carbon dioxide each year. Residents near the plant objected.

"It's not right. Y'all moved in on top of us. We didn't move in on y'all," said Nick Browning, who lives about 800 feet from the property.

Texas leads the nation in bitcoin mining, which is an electronic payment system that forgoes use of banks and credit card companies and requires vast amounts of computing power. TCEQ officials have not decided whether to grant a permit for a new plant. Constellation says the new plant would only operate about 40 percent of the year and "would be prohibited from directly serving industrial load," such as bitcoin. However, opponents say the new plant would allow existing plants

to be used for more bitcoin mining than being done now. **Texting scams target TxTag customers**

Toll customers in Texas are being targeted by scammers claiming the customer has a balance due or past due, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. The agency is working to have fraudulent websites taken down.

While TxTag does communicate with customers via email, text and phone, it does not send text messages concerning final payment reminders or past-due balances. Customers can report messages they believe to be fraudulent by calling 1-88-468-9824 or going online to [TxTag.org](http://TxTag.org).

"TxTag takes customer account security and verification very seriously," the news release said. All customers are required to confirm their account information and verify their identity upon contacting TxTag.

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# SPORTS



Coldspring Quarterback David Rowe finds an open receiver downfield and fires a bullet during the non-district game against the Eagles. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Tyga Parker Senior Running Back for the Coldspring Trojans turns the corner for a first down against the Woodville Eagles. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

## Coldspring falls to Woodville 39-14

By Charles Ballard  
SJNT correspondent

**COLDSRING** — The Trojans moved to 2-1 on the season after a loss to former district rival Woodville on Friday.

Since Woodville is no longer in the same district due to the new realignment of the UIL, the loss does not count against the playoffs.

Coldspring won the opening toss and elected to defer until the second half to control the ball. This gave the Woodville Eagles the ball and within minutes they marched downfield for the first score. The Eagles marched from midfield for

another score and the momentum was in the Eagles hands.

Coldspring did not have an answer for the Eagles passing or rushing attacks during the evening, but did manage 14 points toward the end of the fourth quarter.

Coldspring posted 352 total yards for the night which contained two fumbles and 1 interception. Total rushing yardage was 276 yards, of which Tyga Parker had 115 along with Caydyn Barton's 82. David Rowe had 18 yards along with T.J. Johnson's 12 yards. David Rowe passed for 76 yards and 1 TD. Antoine Phillips had a 25-yard receiving TD for the night.

Cookie McGowen Senior running back posted 38 yards rushing for the night.

Coldspring will travel to face Kelly Catholic on Friday at 7 p.m.

### Shepherd

The Pirates downed Buffalo 52-22 and moves to 1-2 on the young season.

On Shepherd's first possession, the Pirates marched 76 yards from the 24-yard line and Javaris Marsh, Gage Murphy and Preston Stevens combined for the first score of the night.

Taking over at their own 6, Shepherd posted two plays before Preston Stephens trotted for an 86-yard run and the second

score of the night.

The Pirates managed to score all night and punish the Buffalo defense all night long; on the third possession the Pirates marched to the Buffalo 20-yard line and Gage Murphy pushed the ball in for another score.

In all, the Pirates had 404 total yards offense, with 394 rushing and 10 passing yards.

Preston Stevens led the way, with 239 yards rushing and 5 TDs. Javaris Marsh and Gage Murphy each contributed a TD.

The Shepherd Pirates return home to host the Anderson-Shiro Owls on Friday at 7 p.m.



Abbey Anderson sets a ball during the Shepherd-Livingston game. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Kiona King sets the ball during the Livingston volleyball game in Shepherd. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

## Livingston takes 3 from Shepherd

By Charles Ballard  
SJNT correspondent

**SHEPHERD** — The Livingston Lady Lions came away with three wins from host Shepherd Lady Pirates.

The first game was close, showing potential for the Lady Pirates to advance. However, the score was in favor of the Lady Lions 25-23. The Lady Pirates clearly lost their focus in the second match with only a score of Livingston's 25. With the third and final set going to the Lady Lions with a score of 25-15, it gave the win to Livingston.

Head Coach Ashley Brockner said it was the first district match of the season, and despite Shepherd coming out fired up in the first set, Livingston continued to pull

ahead and win the match.

Chloe Fuller was player of the game for her hustle and energy on the court throughout the match, she said.

Nevaeh Murphy had 1 ace during service while Jazilyn Richardson had 3 and Collie Dean 1. Addison Kowis had 1 block while Jayci Wilson had 2, Faith Montgomery 2 and Callie Dean 3.

### Coldspring

The Coldspring Lady Trojans took on St. Joseph's of Bryan on Sept. 10, winning in straight sets 25-16, 25-12, and 25-23.

Tess Phillips and Ashlynn Holley each led the team with 8 kills. Ella Phillips had 6 blocks and Cali Crowder had 32 assists.



# Frog gigging fast becoming a lost art

If there were a frog gigging tournament series back in the 60s, my dad, Fred Clayton of Red River County, would have been the Bill Dance of the gigging world. I remember vividly standing behind him on a remote pond bank shining that big four cell silver flashlight into the eyes of a hapless bullfrog.



A bit of knowledge of frog anatomy is necessary regardless of the type of gig one uses. When shining frogs at night, which is by far the best time to go after them, only their eyes and top of head are visible above waterline but after a bit of practice, it's easy to determine when the critter's body position underwater by the angle of the head. This sounds a bit technical I know but it really isn't — a bit of practice and most beginner froggers quickly become proficient.

Dad with gigging pole in hand, poised like a great blue heron, ever so slowly eased the gig within striking range of what would soon become the centerpiece of some of the best eating in freshwater.

So many folks today have never eaten fresh frog legs dusted with flour and deep fried in hot lard until they were a golden brown and fork tender. I've eaten frog legs at some very fine seafood restaurants, but while the frozen legs they prepare are tasty, they are no comparison to those freshly caught and cooked.

There are several methods of procuring your fresh frog legs from the wild but the most popular is gigging or spearing them with a gig mounted on a lightweight but strong pole. There are two basic types of gigs used; the grab gig which cocks open and is spring loaded, and the prong gig comprised of three or four sharp points.

My dad used the grab gig, and this is the only method I knew about until I was well into my teens. The position of the gig when striking the frog is very important. The trick is to strike the frog in the back so that the sides of the gig clamp tightly together and holds the frog. It's possible to catch the frog by the head but not nearly as efficient as a good body catch.

the ground, I was quickly reminded of the task at hand.

There was very little deviation from the way I was trained to gig frogs. Ol' dad had a system that worked, and he stuck to it.

When I grew up and moved away from home, I carried my love of gigging and eating frogs with me. When I moved to the suburbs as a young man with a growing family, I found the ponds close to town loaded with uneducated frogs. My new friends were often reluctant to go out with me for an evening gig, but they usually got caught up in the excitement and once I fed them some of the fruits of our harvest, they became serious froggers.

I later learned there was more than one way to put frogs in the croaker sack. While in my early 20s, one of my neighbors was from Arkansas and he grew up catching and eating frogs, just like me but using a far different method. He used a boat paddle instead of a gig.

When he first told me about his system, I thought he was joking but after our first outing, I learned there was more than one way to put frogs in the skillet. We used a jon boat and after shining a frog, paddled quietly within a few feet, raised the boat paddle and came down, hard on Mr. Froggie. Just as my friend had said, the frog simply sprawled out the water surface and was promptly put in the bag.

I later learned that frogs have a weakness for a Texas rigged worm slowly twitching in front of their nose. My longtime friend, the late Bob Hood (who enjoyed a long career writing about the outdoors)



Fresh frog legs fried to perfection cannot be compared to the frozen, farm raised variety served in most restaurants. COURTESY PHOTO

and I were fishing a 10-acre pond near the Trinity River in Texas many years ago.

Bass fishing was great on Texas rigged worms and Bob spotted a bullfrog setting within inches of the water.

"Want some frog legs to go with our fish dinner, Luke?" Bob asked. He tossed the worm up on the bank a few feet about the frog and as soon as the soft plastic was within pouncing distance, the jumbo size frog made a leap, landing square on the worm and engulfed it. Bob was then solidly hooked to a critter that made catching a bass seem boring.

That frog jumped up on the bank then backed into the water and made a couple of dives. My buddy soon had him in the boat and for the next couple hours, we both abandoned our quest for largemouth and proceeded to boat several

big bullfrogs which were later the centerpiece for a frog leg/bass dinner fit for a couple of kings.

Don't think for a moment that only the legs of a bullfrog are edible. My dad always skinned the frogs from the head down and removed the back. The flavor of the meat is exactly the same as the legs, there is no dark meat on any part of a frog, and it's all delicate white meat.

On one evening outing dad and I had a banner night our croaker sack was half full of frogs. My dad placed the bag in an ice cooler but forgot to close the lid. The cooler was put in our little outbuilding/tool shed with a dirt floor. The plan was to get some sleep and skin the frogs in the morning.

The next day when we opened the door to the shed to retrieve our frogs and begin butchering them, the sack was on the

floor, empty and there was not a sign of a frog anywhere. The little shed was tight but did have a dirt floor. To this day, we wondered what might have stolen our frogs. There was no sign of a raccoon or other critter entering the building. Later we decided it had to be a snake or snakes that made away with what was to be a huge frog leg feed that evening.

In recent years, I have used my .25 caliber PCP air rifle to shoot frogs I spotted on the bank, but avoid shooting them in the water for safety reasons. I'm sure if my dad was around to read this, he would probably be reminding me gigging is the only accepted method of harvesting a frog dinner and ... "to keep that light on the frog."

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**Conroe**  
GOOD. Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.46 feet below pool. Catfish are scattered, but there are plenty to be caught. With consistent high winds pretty much all fish are stacking up on wind blown banks and ledges. Bass have been up shallow early and on offshore structures and docks later in the day. Some can be found schooling on shad. Report by Brad Doyle with Bradley's Guide Service. Hybrid stripers have been scattered as well with some nice schools in 16-24 feet of water. Fish can be caught trolling with a deep diver and a pet spoon trailer, or using slabs from Bradley Outdoors to jig for them.



Crappie have been a hit-or-miss, finding in 13-21 feet of water. Minnows and hair jigs have been producing better than plastics. Smaller jig-head has been working best. The bite turns off just as quickly as you get a few. Always wear your life jacket & stay hydrated in this heat. Report by Mike Cason, Fishical Therapy. Lake is nearing the end of turnover but this has not seemed to have had much effect as we

are fishing shallow. Look for herons and white birds to lead the way to shallow bait activity. Largemouth bass can be caught in the grass. Cover water until you find where they are at. Throw swimbaits, flukes, and swim jigs then slow down with a senko. Report by Hugh Cosculluela, Hugh Fishing Guide.

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

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

**Sam Rayburn**  
FAIR. Water stained; 82 degrees; 0.25 feet below pool. Water continues to be off-colored but should clear by next week. Bass are fair in shallow water over grass with topwaters, or on secondary points Carolina rigs and dropshots. Crappie are

fair on brush piles with the best bite on minnows over jigs. Blue and channel catfish are fair in 15-25 feet of water on cut bait and minnows. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service.

**Toledo Bend**  
FAIR. Water normal stain; 83 degrees; 3.90 feet below pool. Fishing has picked up some, but we received heavy rain from Hurricane Francine. Weather forecast should clear by the weekend. That is the best news we have had in a while, and should bring the shallower fish. Casting chatterbaits, buzz baits and top water will be key baits with the new flooded grass. Some of the creeks are going to be mud-

dy to stain, but will clear up in a couple of days, once the water clears the back of creeks should be good for next weeks, shad will start moving in and spinnerbaits and small crankbaits in 4-6 feet will be good! The deep bite will slow back down with the rising water, this should only last a few days, and get back going. Texas and Carolina rigs with 7 and 9 inch worms being best bait. This is really going to hurt the crappie fishing for a week, or so until conditions calm back down. It is always slow this time of year, but with the cooler temperatures, we should start to see them pick back up. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

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- TXism: "I'm all \_\_\_" (attentive)
- 9/11 perpetrators \_\_\_ terrorists
- TXism: "\_\_\_ hill for a stepper"
- in the past
- prohibit
- TX Hunter's "Since \_\_\_ You Baby"
- appropriate TX Dan Blocker tree farm?
- TXism: "couldn't find hide \_\_\_ of it"
- spinning toy: whir \_\_\_
- TXism: "can't \_\_\_ old dog new tricks"
- TXism: "hen fruit"
- Castroville is "The Little \_\_\_ of Texas"
- TXism: "eatin' hay is \_\_\_ good for" (poor horse)
- in Henderson County on U.S.175
- TX George Foreman victory (abbr.)
- easily ignited
- TX Willie's "On the \_\_\_ Again"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ over but the shouting"
- Texas prisoners
- voided a marriage
- vision or graph beginning
- Juan de \_\_\_ named El Paso
- TXism: "two \_\_\_ in a pod" (alike)
- ID card, e.g. (abbr.)
- character Dobbs in Texas-based "Lonesome Dove"
- in Anderson: Fanthorp \_\_\_ Historical Site
- Texas-born Steve Martin album: "\_\_\_ Crazy Guy"
- disease microbe
- "have a \_\_\_ it" (try)
- lower back: \_\_\_bar
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**DOWN**

- TXism: "gave \_\_\_ song and dance"
- TXism: "bend your \_\_\_" (talk)
- U.S. Rep. Kay from Fort Worth
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- TXism: "\_\_\_ of the box" (beginning)
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- TXism: "my stomach is \_\_\_ a knot" (nervous)
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- TXism: "big fish \_\_\_ pond" (important person)
- TXism: "when \_\_\_ fly" (never)
- weed whackers
- of long standing (hyphenated word)
- chills & fever
- "\_\_\_dah!" (fanfare)
- Santa's helper
- TX Collin Raye's "\_\_\_ Can Be"
- Mass music?
- TXism: "let bygones \_\_\_ bygones"
- Texas moonwalker, Bean
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How many things on this page can you find that start with the letter S?

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Standards Link: Follow multiple step directions; recognize safe features of recreational activities; connect information in texts to life experiences.

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- Trash on the ground
- Things you could trip over
- Broken parts
- Missing parts
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## Dress Safely on Playgrounds

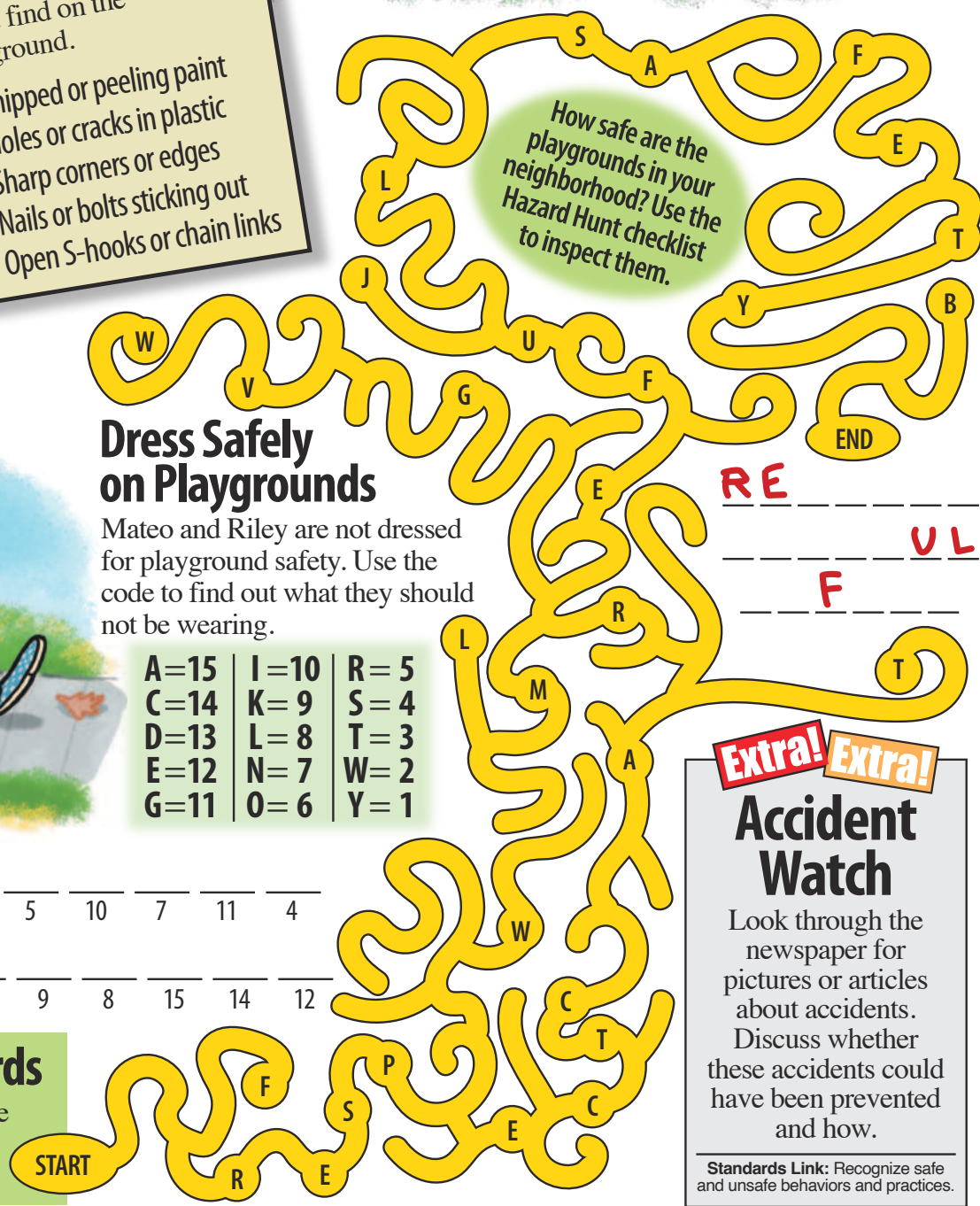
Mateo and Riley are not dressed for playground safety. Use the code to find out what they should not be wearing.

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

13 5 15 2 4 3 5 10 7 11 4  
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## Playground Safety Words

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



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

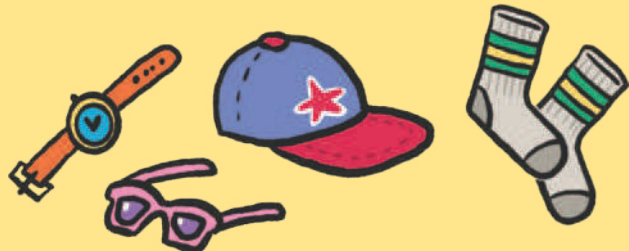
## Extra! Extra! Accident Watch

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

Standards Link: Recognize safe and unsafe behaviors and practices.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

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



Circle every third letter to reveal the answer!

T Y S J F U Y T N V W S E L  
C I B R H R E V C E P A N  
S

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

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

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

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

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

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Safety Poem

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

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



Why did the chicken cross the playground?

ANSWER: To get to the other slide.

## Write On!

### Safe on the Playground

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



# E

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# Wood smoke touches off Fair Week

**SJNT staff**

**COLDSRING** — Starch up the Wranglers and shine the Tony Lamas, it's once again time for the San Jacinto County Fair and Rodeo.

From Sept. 20-28, it will be Rodeo Nights and Neon Lights at the SJC Fairgrounds, 50 Bar Park Loop in Coldspring.

There will be rodeo events, live music and dancing, a barbecue cook-off, competitions and, of course, animal shows and queen contests.

Full details can be found at [sjcfairandrodeo.com](http://sjcfairandrodeo.com).

**2024 Fair Schedule of Events**  
**Thursday, 9/19/24**

5-8 p.m., barbecue early bird move-in as scheduled by Doug  
Camper move in per Doug Lilley

**Friday, 9/20/24**

8 a.m.- 6 p.m., barbecue Team move in  
5:50 p.m., Registration and practice for Cornhole Under the Barn  
7 p.m., Cornhole Tournament  
6 p.m., barbecue cook-off activities as scheduled  
Campers move in per Doug Lilley as scheduled  
Concessions/vendors move in

**Saturday, 9/21/24**

9 a.m., varsity cheer-off and Battle of the Bands on the Square  
10 a.m., Parade, followed by State 4-H Roadshow Fun and Games  
Noon, baby contest registration  
1 p.m., baby contest  
4 p.m., barbecue contest winners announced  
5 p.m., Queen's First Horsemanship pattern  
6 p.m., 3rd annual Tame the Beast Bull riding  
8 p.m., Still Broke Band

**Sunday, 9/22/24**

Quiet day

**Monday, 9/23/24**

3-4 p.m., Swine check-in  
4-7 p.m., Educational Barn Projects check-in  
4-5 p.m., Poultry (4:30) and Lamb (4) check-in

5 p.m., Poultry Show begins  
7 p.m., Lamb Show begins-junior and senior

**Tuesday, 9/24/24**

9 a.m., Fine Arts/Handicraft interviews  
4:30-5 p.m., Rabbit check-in and pre-inspection  
4-5 p.m., Goat check-in  
5 p.m., Rabbit Show begins  
7 p.m., Goat Show begins-junior and senior

**Wednesday, 9/25/24**

9 a.m., Horticulture/Food Interviews  
3-4 p.m., Steers and all heifers check-in  
TBA Carnival  
6 p.m., Market Swine Show- junior then senior

**Thursday, 9/26/24**

9 a.m., Ag Mechanics Judging  
TBA Carnival  
5 p.m., Ed Barn Awards  
7:30 p.m., Rodeo and Queen's 2nd Horsemanship

**Friday, 9/27/24**

9 a.m., Breeding Heifer Show, followed by Commercial Heifer Show, followed by Market Steer Show  
1 p.m., Auction set up. Volunteers appreciated!  
2 p.m., Species Chair Notify Sale Committee of Non-Sale animals after show until 4 p.m.; Non-Sale Animal check-out — all animals must be released by species chairman; Carnival  
7:30 p.m., Rodeo

**Saturday, 9/28/24**

10 a.m., On-site buyer registration and exhibitor pick up numbers  
10:30 a.m., awards and recognition  
11 a.m., Youth Project Auction (Sale animals will not be released until Sunday)  
TBA Carnival  
7:30 p.m., Rodeo and crowning of 2024 Queen  
9 p.m., Dance-DJ

**Sunday, 9/29/24**

8 -10 a.m., mandatory: all exhibitor grounds clean-up, includes Ed Barn; Animal Check out and Load out  
7-11 a.m., Concessions/vendors move out

**2024 SAN JACINTO COUNTY FAIR & RODEO**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
9:00 AM VARSITY CHEER OFF AND BATTLE OF THE BANDS ON THE SQUARE  
10:00 AM PARADE  
5:00 PM QUEEN'S FIRST HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
5:00 PM POULTRY SHOW BEGINS  
7:00 PM LAMB SHOW BEGINS

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
9:00 AM FINE ARTS/HANDICRAFT INTERVIEWS  
5:00 PM RABBIT SHOW BEGINS  
7:00 PM GOAT SHOW BEGINS

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
9:00 AM HORTICULTURE/FOOD INTERVIEWS  
6:00 PM MARKET SWINE SHOW

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
9:00 AM AG MECHANICS JUDGING  
5:00 PM ED BARN AWARDS  
7:30 PM RODEO/QUEEN'S 2ND HORSEMANSHIP/FFA STEER SADDLING

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
9:00 AM BREEDING HEIFER SHOW  
FOLLOWED BY COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW  
FOLLOWED BY MARKET STEER SHOW  
7:30 PM RODEO

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
10:30 AM AWARDS AND RECOGNITION  
11:00 AM YOUTH PROJECT AUCTION  
7:30 PM RODEO/CROWNING OF 2024 QUEEN/FFA STEER SADDLING  
9:00 PM FFA BOOSTER CLUB DANCE

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<p><b>ANAYA-LUNA, Christopher Israel</b> Hispanic / Male DOB: 11/28/94 Height: 5'03" Weight: 140 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Warrant: #23-11-17580 Bond Forfeiture Assault Fam/House Mem Impede Breath LKA: Erwin Rd, Houston</p>	<p><b>BELTRAN, Tomas III</b> White / Male DOB: 07/03/98 Height: 5'08" Weight: 170 Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-05-08466 Bond Forfeiture Continuous Violence Against the Family LKA: Fall Creek Preserve Dr, Humble</p>
<p><b>COLE, Alora Danielle</b> White / Female DOB: 12/11/98 Height: 5'02" Weight: 140 Hair: Brown Eyes: Hazel Warrant: #24-09-13592 Capias on Info Assault Family/House Mem w/Prev LKA: Bluejean Ln, Porter</p>	<p><b>GOMEZ, Rene Anthony</b> Hispanic / Male DOB: 01/14/91 Height: 5'09" Weight: 220 Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-09-13612 Capias on Info Assault Family/House Mem w/Prev LKA: Obion Rd, Houston</p>
<p><b>HUGHES, Bryan Oneal</b> White / Male DOB: 11/24/87 Height: 5'11" Weight: 147 Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue Warrant: #24-08-13175 Capias on Indictment Violation Bond/Protective Order 2+ W/I LKA: Forest Woods Ln, Montgomery</p>	<p><b>MILLER, Max Malcolm</b> White / Male DOB: 09/03/93 Height: 5'09" Weight: 160 Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Warrant: #22-09-11607 Ex Parte Protective Assault of Pregnant Person LKA: Chickasaw Dr, Conroe</p>
<p><b>MONTELONGO, Oscar Guadalupe</b> Hispanic / Male DOB: 01/21/91 Height: 5'08" Weight: 200 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-09-13523 Capias on Info Assault Family/House Mem w/Prev LKA: S. Bender Ave, Humble</p>	<p><b>RILES, Cory Jontrae</b> Black / Male DOB: 09/25/89 Height: 6'00" Weight: 190 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-04-05079 Set Aside Bond Evading Arrest Det w/Veh LKA: Mattison, Houston</p>
<p><b>RIVERA, Christopher Sebastian</b> Hispanic / Male DOB: 12/30/1987 Height: 5'07" Weight: 210 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-08-12708 Bond Forfeiture Assault Int/Reck Breath/Circ Fam Pre C LKA: Autumn Sage Ct, Conroe</p>	<p><b>WALLACE, Justin Deon</b> Black / Male DOB: 3/28/1992 Height: 6'00" Weight: 200 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Warrant: #22-08-10638 Set Aside Bond Assault Int/Reck Breath/Circ Fam Pre C LKA: Gospel Hill, Huntsville</p>

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Estate of Thomas Mark McIntosh

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in the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Devan D. Dawson Attorney at Law 1300 11 th Street, Suite 405 Huntsville, Tx 77340 DATED the 9th day of September, 2024. Devan D. Dawson Attorney for Margaret Catherine Ferguson State Bar No.: 24104106 1300 11th Street, Suite 405 HUNTSVILLE, TX 77340 Telephone: (936) 295-3712 Facsimile: (936) 295-3714 Email: ddawson@hmp-attorneys.com

Estate of Margaret Kay Countis

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of MARGARET KAY COUNTIS, Deceased, were issued on September 10, 2024, under docket number P2024-74, pending in the County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas to GRETCHEN BRUBAKER HOLTER, Independent Executrix. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate addressed as follows: Kerry C.

Hagan Attorney at Law The Estate of MARGARET KAY COUNTIS, Deceased. 90 Live Oak Street Coldspring, Texas 77331 All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 11th day of September, 2024. By Kerry Carl Hagan Attorney at Law Attorney for the Applicant

Public hearing scheduled for Oct. 10

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested persons within San Jacinto and Polk County, Texas: The Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 9:00 AM at the Polk County Office Annex, Room #150, located at 602 E. Church Street in Livingston, Texas. The public hear-

ing will take public comments on considering a new water well drilling and operating permit for the SAN JACINTO SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT. The well will replace an older well serving Coldspring's, TX. A draft copy of the proposed well application can be viewed at the District's office before the hearing.

Automatic tabulating equipment use

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the 2024 General/Joint Election held on November 5, 2024 will be tested on September 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the San Jacinto County Elections Administration Building 51 E. Pine Ave., Rm A-1, Coldspring, TX 77331 to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures. (date) (time) (location) // Cheri Walker// Signature of Officer AVISO PÚBLICO DE PRUEBA

DE AUTOMÁTICO EQUIPO DE TABULACIÓN Por la presente se notifica que el equipo de tabulación automática que se utilizará en las Elecciones Generales/Conjuntas de 2024 celebradas el 5 de noviembre de 2024 se probará el 23 de septiembre de 2024 a las 10:00 a. m. en el Edificio de Administración de Elecciones del Condado de San Jacinto 51 E. Pine Ave., Rm A-1, Coldspring, TX 77331 para asegurarse de que contará con precisión los votos emitidos para todos los cargos y en todas las medidas.m//Cheri Walker// Firma del de la Oficial

Estate of Cynthia Kay Jones

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the estate of CYNTHIA KAY JONES, Deceased, were issued on September 10, 2024, under docket number P2024-25, pending in the County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas to GEORGE MICHAEL BLAIKIE a/k/a MICHAEL BLAIKIE, Independent Administrator. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate ad-

ressed as follows: Kerry C. Hagan Attorney at Law The Estate of CYNTHIA KAY JONES, Deceased. 90 Live Oak Street Coldspring, Texas 77331 All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 11th day of September, 2024. By Kerry Carl Hagan Attorney at Law Attorney for the Applicant

Legal/Public Notices

City of Coldspring accepting bids for improvements

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS The City of Coldspring will receive bids for Pea Patch Lift Station Improvements (ARPA-CLFRF) until 11:00 AM on October 10, 2024 at City Hall located at 14211 S.H. 150, Coldspring, Texas 77331. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this location. Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows: 1. Removal of existing submersible pumps / motors and related appurtenances. 2. Provide and construct two (2) new submersible pumps / motors / controls / power wiring and lifting rails with related improvements. 3. Removal and relocation of the existing standby power generator. 4. Provide and construct a new three (s) phase standby diesel electrical power generator with matching automatic transfer switch and related electrical improvements. Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at GLS, 1609 South Chestnut, Suite 202, Lufkin, TX 75901. Bid/Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at www.civcastusa.com. A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid [for those contracts that exceed \$100,000]. A certified check or bank draft payable to City of Coldspring or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must

be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin. City of Coldspring reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by City of Coldspring for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award. All contractors/subcontractors who's System for Award Management (SAM.gov registration is not active or that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project. City of Coldspring John Benestante, Mayor September 19, 2024

Estate of Joseph Lewis Kuykendall

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION CAUSE NO. P2024-59 THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH LEWIS KUYKENDALL TO ALL UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH LEWIS KUYKENDALL, DECEASED KATHLEEN KUYKENDALL, filed in the San Jacinto County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas, June 5, 2024 an KATHLEEN KUYKENDALL'S APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP OF JOSEPH LEWIS KUYKENDALL AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION - INTESATE, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of JOSEPH LEWIS KUYKENDALL, 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 June 6, 2024. Dawn Wright, County Clerk San Jacinto County 1 State Highway 150 Room 2 Coldspring, Texas 77331 By: Jessica Swords, Deputy /S/ Applicant's Attorney Kerry Hagan 90 Live Oak Street Coldspring, Texas 77331 (P) 936-653-4444 Email: kerryhagan@gmail.com

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<p><b>Bid # 2200-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2201-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2202-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2203-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2204-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2205-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2206-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2207-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2208-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2209-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2210-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2211-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2212-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2213-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2214-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2215-09-24</b>  <b>Bid # 2216-09-24</b></p>	<p><b>Aggregate Rock</b>  <b>Road Repair Mix – Hot &amp; Cold Mix</b>  <b>Premix</b>  <b>Road Materials (Asphalt)</b>  <b>Ungraded Post Oak or Iron Ore</b>  <b>Mined / Unmined Caliche</b>  <b>Culverts</b>  <b>Gasoline</b>  <b>Diesel</b>  <b>Lubricants</b>  <b>Lay Down Work</b>  <b>Hauling/Delivery of Materials</b>  <b>Cement</b>  <b>Stabilization of Road Way</b>  <b>Stabilized Sand</b>  <b>Stabilized Base</b>  <b>Lime/Fly Ash</b></p>
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Bid deadline is 3:00 PM, Thursday, September 26, 2024. For the "Required Forms" and bid package specifications, contact **Brandi Birdsong**, in the Auditor's office at (936) 653-4461. **Sealed bids should be plainly marked as "2024-2025 Material and Contracted Services Bids" with bid number and should be addressed to Dawn Wright, County Clerk. Mail to 1 State HWY 150 RM 2, Coldspring, TX 77331 or Deliver to the 1st Floor, County Clerk's office of the San Jacinto County Courthouse, Coldspring, TX 77331.**



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

**ESTATE SALE** 891 W. 1st St. Groveton, TX. Thursday, September 19, 9am-11am-FLASH SALE. Friday, September 20, 8am-3pm and Saturday, September 21, 8am-3pm. Cash or Check only. Washer, dryer, sleeper sofa, maple table & chairs, china cabinet, queen bed, kitchen items, Fall, Halloween, Christmas decorations, trunks, rocker recliner and dresser. Sales by His & Hers Mercantile. David Carter, 936-707-9120. (38-1t-cc-TCNS)

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**THE CITY OF CHESTER** Water Supply Corp. and the Chester Gas System is taking applications for a Public Works Director Position. Please submit your resume to seccityofchester@eastex.net or drop off at city hall in Chester, TX. Office hours are: 8-Noon, M-F. (38-4t-b-TCB)

**ADVANCED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LLC** is hiring a skilled laborer and operator. Call for an Interview, 409-224-6674, Woodville. (37-3t-cc-TCB)

**THE CITY OF Groveton** is hiring for the Utilities Clerk position  
Quickbooks and Microsoft Office Suite experience preferred. Applications may be picked up at Groveton City Hall, located at 115 W. Front St., Groveton, Texas. Please submit application and resume by 5:00 pm, Friday, September 30, 2024. Please call (936)642-1122 with any questions. The City of Groveton is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer. (37-2t-b-TCNS)

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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)

## Financial Secretary Position Available

The Pine Forest Baptist Church is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Financial Secretary. Criminal background check, drug test and adequate credit score required for further consideration. Responsibilities include managing church finances, preparing reports, and maintaining accurate financial records. Requirements: - Previous financial/accounting, strong organizational skills, Proficiency in accounting software, and a commitment to confidentiality and integrity  
This is a part-time position (16 Hours). To apply, please send your resume and references to the pfbc@eastex.net or stop by Tues - Thurs 9 am-5 pm - 10537 US HWY 190 W, Livingston, TX 77351 For more information, contact 936-646-4803 (37-2-cc-PCE)

NOW TAKING applications at Red Barn Builders Supply for yard help. Apply in person only 4683 St. Hwy. 146, Livingston. Ask for Randy. (36-tfn-b-PCE)

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

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## Land For Sale

**LAND FOR SALE,** 20 Acres, parcel# 001-03387-000 on Charcoal Rd, Searcy County, Arkansas. 20 Acres, parcel #001-03388-000 on Charcoal Rd, Searcy County, Arkansas. Call 409-201-5472 or 832-285-7641. (37-4t-cc-TCB)

## Employment

**Nursery Worker**  
Part-time nursery worker wanted for Pine Forest Baptist Church 10537 US HWY 190 W Livingston Tx. Sunday AM & PM services and Wednesday PM services. Background check and drug test required.  
Call 936-646-4803 or stop by for more information. (37-2-cc-PCE)

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## For Sale

**1968 FORD MUSTANG,** numbers matching, 289 motor, automatic transmission, factory AC. It has been sitting for a while, motor has been stored in a shed, \$3,500 OBO. Can be viewed in the Goodrich area. Call (936)252-1833. (37-tfn-nc-PCE)

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**FOR SALE,** Travel Trailer, 2020 Jayco JayFlight SLX 8 264BH. Includes: Enclosed wood deck, storage shed, and metal cover. Location: Rented lot at Pen-waugh Marina, Livingston, TX. Contact: wkv1965@gmail.com. (37-1t-pp-TCB)

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