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COLDSRING STUDENT NEWS

Students set to compete in robotics competition

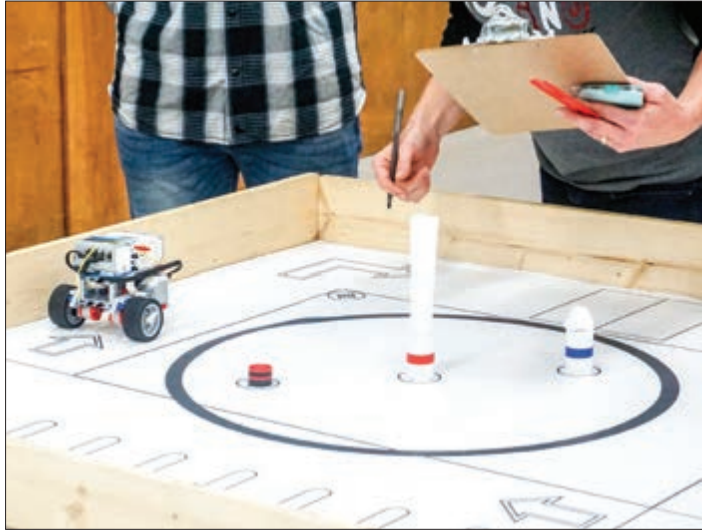
By Jacob McAdams

The Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) hosted its Area VI Robotics Competition on Jan. 12 at Coldspring-Oakhurst High School where four students displayed technological prowess in engineering a small robot to perform the given tasks.

According to Laura Everett of Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD, the competition involves students working together to create and program a robot to accomplish goals set by the TCEA in a set amount of time.

"This competition is not just about robotics," she said. "It's about problem solving."

Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD has had a robotics club for four years and an official



A robot programmed by Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD students performs tasks on Jan. 12 for the TCEA Area VI Robotics Competition. See more photos on page 10.

class for three years.

Four students, Preston Thompson, Faith Shehane, Brendan Haggard and Matt Johnson have worked on creating a competition robot

since Sept. 2018. Judges from TCEA then asked for the machine to perform the set tasks.

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Photos by Jacob McAdams

Ronnie Gonzalez (right) of TCEA presents a trophy and medals to Coldspring-Oakhurst High School students Preston Thompson (left) and Faith Shehane (second from right) for winning the Area VI Robotics Competition. Laura Everett (second from left) of Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD expressed how proud she is of what the team has accomplished.

STATE NEWS

House elects new speaker as legislative sessions starts

By Ed Sterling

Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — The 86th Texas Legislature convened on Jan. 8 with all its customary ceremonies and recognitions— chief of which was the unanimous election of a new House speaker — Angleton Republican Dennis Bonnen.

On Jan. 9, Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, and Speaker Bonnen announced their joint commitment to passing legislation that would improve how public education is funded. That

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Photo by Jacob McAdams

Julie Taff discusses her life story and how it led to the creation of Lucy's Graz'n Green, Lucy's Tea Garden and Lucy's Bites during the Jan. 10 San Jacinto County Women's League Luncheon. To see full story please visit www.sanjacnews.com.

SAN JACINTO COUNTY ARRESTS

Courtney Alldredge, 24, of New Waverly — Assault/offensive touch. Jan. 9.

James Lynn Anderson, 57, of Shepherd — Assault causing bodily injury. Jan. 9

Phillip Matthew Ang, 33, of Trinity — Possession of a controlled substance; sentenced to state jail.

Devyn Elizabeth Blair, 24, of Coldspring — MTA/Abandon endanger child/criminal negligence. Bond: \$50,000.

Matthew Daniel Boychi, 27, of Splendora — Possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1 < 1 gram. Bond: \$3,000. Jan. 5

Krystine Francis Caldwell, 30, of Beaumont — Assault/Family violence. Bond: \$2,500.

Jessica Nicole Chreene, 37, of Shepherd — MTR/Driving while intoxicated, third or more.

Lonnie Patrick Chreene, 53, of Livingston — MTA/Manufacture, delivery of a controlled substance, 4 to 200 grams; MTA/Manufacture, delivery of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, 1 to 4 grams; MTA/Manufacture, delivery of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, 1 to 4 grams. Bonds total \$33,000.

Athena Starr Coldiron, 59, of Huntsville — Driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without financial restitution. Bond set at \$1,000.

Leon Dale Coleman II, 29, of Spring — Driving while intoxicated. Bond set at \$1,000.

Desire Estelle Coons, 31, of Coldspring — Failure to appear/Possession of a controlled substance penalty group 2; Bond surrender/

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Photo by Jacob McAdams

Terry Holcomb explains how property taxes impact citizens of Texas and focuses much of the attention of his discussion on how property taxes fund the public school system.

To see full story please visit www.sanjacnews.com.



Local San Jacinto County citizens attended a meeting on Jan. 7 hosted by the local Republican Club. Terry Holcomb spoke on the topic of property taxes, how they impact the citizens and discussed methods of replacing the current property tax system.



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SHEPHERD BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates fall to Lady Falcons, 52-31

By Jacob McAdams

A rough start for the Shepherd Lady Pirates in the Jan. 11 basketball game against the Huffman Lady Falcons ended with their opponents taking the victory, 52-31.

Shelby Dean scored a two-point shot for the Lady Pirates in the first period. None of the other Lady Pirates scored points during the first period where the Lady Falcons took off and scored 20 points for a 20-2 lead.

Despite the excellent performance by the Lady Pirates in the first period, the Lady Falcons stole the show in the second period when the team scored 12 points as opposed to seven points by the Lady Pirates, who maintained a 27-14 lead.

The Lady Falcons surpassed the Lady Pirates in the third period, but only by two points. Ashley Patterson scored a two-point shot and a free throw for the Lady Pirates while Journey Shipman scored a three-point shot. The Lady Falcons kept



Autumn Phillips (left) of the Shepherd Lady Pirates prepares to make a free throw during the Jan. 11 basketball game against the Huffman Lady Falcons. The Lady Falcons won the game 52-31.

the lead, 35-20.

Unfortunately for the Lady Pirates, the Lady Falcons refused to let them gain an advantage and scored 17 points in the fourth period.

The Lady Pirates scored 11 points divided between a two-point shot and two free throws by Autumn Phillips and two two-point shots and a three-point shot by

Makayla Currie. The Lady Falcons won 52-31.

Coach Danny Pruett of the Lady Pirates commends his team for putting in maximum effort against the Lady



Shepherd Lady Pirate Ashley Patterson (3) moves in to intercept a Huffman Lady Falcon in possession of the ball during the Jan. 11 basketball game.

Falcons.

"We played hard the whole time," he said. "We worked hard all night long. We got out and tried to put some pressure on them early."

According to Pruett, the Lady Pirates need to work on being more confident out on the court.

"We know what to do but sometimes we're afraid to do it," said Pruett. "We're trying

to build that confidence."

The Lady Pirates are set to build their teamwork skills. Pruett says the girls are proving to be formidable and have already exceeded their performance from the previous season.

"We're doing a lot better than we did last year," said Pruett. "We won three games last year and I want to say right now we have seven wins."

SHEPHERD BASKETBALL



Shepherd Pirate Luke Thiessen (left) moves to break past a blocking Huffman Falcon during the Jan. 11 basketball game. The Pirates lost the game 54-42.



Shepherd Pirates Lance Smith (left) and Ryan Harrell (second from left) hold a defensive line against an incoming Huffman Falcon in possession of the ball during the Jan. 11 basketball game.

Early lead for Pirates overcome by Falcons

By Jacob McAdams

The Shepherd Pirates gained the advantage in the

first period of the Jan. 11 basketball game against the Huffman Falcons, but the second and third periods

tipped the advantage in favor of the opposing team, who won 54-42.

Pirates Luke Thiessen, Dezmon Yates, Ryan Harrell, Carlos Renovato and Bradley Davis scored 15 points in the first period, which put the team in a 15-6 lead.

However, the second period turned the tables in favor of the Falcons, who scored a whopping 23 points as opposed to seven points for the Pirates. The Falcons took a 29-22 lead.

The lead only grew for the Falcons, who scored 15 points in the third period. Meanwhile, Renovato scored a two-point shot while Davis scored a two-point shot and four free throws for the team.

"We've got to work on rebounding, guard play ... The guards have got to be strong with the ball. They've got to be able to attack."

JEREMY BENNETT
Shepherd Pirates coach

believes the team needs to work on some of its defensive and offensive skills.

"We've got to work on rebounding, guard play," said Bennett. "The guards have got to be strong with the ball. They've got to be able to attack."

The Pirates are now entering the district season. In the overall season, the team has slightly more wins than losses.

"We're 13-12," said Bennett. "We've been up and down. We've been on a four game winning streak until we lost today."

Bennett says the Pirates are still working hard and have yet to play their best ball game.

The Pirates trailed 44-30.

With the second and third periods setting the Pirates back far behind the Falcons, the team pushed forward in the fourth period and outscored the Falcons 12-10. However, it was not enough for a victory and the Falcons won 54-42.

According to Coach Jeremy Bennett of the Pirates, the team performed well until turnovers took their toll in

the second period.

"Our big man got in foul trouble," said Bennett. "That's when they started hurting us."

The big man in question is Davis. Bennett says Harrell was hurt during the second period. Harrell is described as the team's other big man.

"We just couldn't recover after that," said Bennett.

Bennett says the Pirates need to polish their overall game, but in particular he

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WEEKLY BRIEFS

Listed below are briefs that will run in every issue. To add something to the community calendar please call Jacob at the San Jacinto News-Times at 936-628-6851. Please call Friday by 5 p.m. to get your event added for the upcoming issue.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | THINGS TO DO

Weekly | Every Friday San Jacinto County Democrat Party Chairman Laura Jones will be hosting a **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** event every Friday at 10 a.m. at the Paradise Grille at 15220 Hwy 150 W, Coldspring, Tx 77331. Everyone from the community is invited to attend and encouraged share their opinions and concerns.

Weekly | Every Sunday at 7 p.m.: **NEW NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** group called the High Road Group meets at the 190 Group located at 10891 Hwy. 190 East Point Blank, Texas 77364. For more information, contact James D. at

936-235-9733. **Weekly | BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA** meets every Tuesday from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Coldspring United Methodist Church, located at 1 Cemetery Road in Coldspring.

Weekly | LINE DANCING at Coldspring United Methodist Church every Tuesday at 11 a.m.

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TUESDAY: Fried fish, French fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies and banana pudding
WEDNESDAY: Lemon and herb baked chicken, bake potato with butter and cheese, candied carrots, rolls, salad and fruit

COLDSRING SENIOR CENTER

THURSDAY: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad bar, rolls, dessert and tea
FRIDAY: : Fish Friday, fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, dessert and tea
MONDAY: Closed for Martin Luther King Day
TUESDAY: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert and tea
WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti, Italian mixed vegetables, salad bar, garlic bread, dessert and tea

COCISD STUDENT HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



Photo by Cassie Gregory

COCISD Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) - COCISD's SHAC is focused the wellness of our students through planning, communication and cooperation between parents/guardians, faculty and staff. Pictured from left to right, standing: James Street Elementary Asst. Principal Tammie Duff, Coldspring-Oakhurst High School Asst. Principal Sean McCabe, Alec McGowen, Suzanne Butler, DAEP Director Wes Seagraves, Health Services Director Kristi Benestante, Amanda Dunaway, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction Vikki Curry and Athletic Director Jim Bird; left to right, seated: Child Nutrition Director/SHAC Chairperson Elizabeth "Dawn" Smith and Lincoln Junior High Counselor Aimie Patrick.

SHAC promotes student wellness

Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD has a Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) focused on promoting the wellness of our students through careful planning, communication and cooperation between parents/guardians, faculty and staff. Child Nutrition Director Elizabeth "Dawn" Smith is the current chairperson of the COCISD SHAC, which also includes parents, campus representatives and new COCISD Health and Wellness Director Kristi Benestante. Texas law requires the establishment of

a SHAC for every school district. The group is appointed by the district and should include members from different areas of the community including parents and school staff. SHACs assist school districts with research, planning and implementation of programs that incorporate the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model, with the goal of coordinating policy, process and practice to improve student learning and health. Our SHAC meets four times a year and provides recommendations to the

COCISD Board of Trustees for district health policies and protocols based on input from its members. This year's focus is on allergy protocols and smart snacks in schools. Parents/guardians and community members who are interested in participating are invited to come to the next SHAC meeting at the COCISD administration building on March 25 at 4:15 p.m. For more information, contact Dawn Smith at esmith@cocisd.org, or visit the district website at www.cocisd.org.

STATE NEWS



Deep East Texas Council of Governments President, Houston County Attorney, Daphne Session (left) and Deep East Texas County Commissioners & Judges Association President, Shelby County Judge, Allison Harbison (right) presents the "Legislator of the Year Award" to Texas State Representative Travis Clardy.

Clardy honored as Legislator of the Year at Deep East Texas Reception

AUSTIN – Over three hundred people packed the Longhorn Room of the Omni Austin Hotel Downtown in Austin Monday night for the Deep East Texas Reception. The event, honoring State Officials and Legislators representing the Deep East Texas region, was held the night before the convening of the 86th Session of the Texas Legislature. It provides an opportunity for Deep East Texans and their elected officials to come together in a show of regional unity. Members of the Deep East Texas legislative delegation; Senator Robert Nichols and Representatives Trent Ashby, Ernest Bailes, Chris Paddie and James White attended as guests of honor. "We are so proud of our Senator and all our Representatives and are so blessed to have them working on our behalf in Austin," DAPHNE SESSION (DETCOG) President, Houston County Attorney, Daphne Session. Texas State Representative Travis Clardy was recognized as the "Deep East Texas Legislator of the Year for 2019." Clardy is beginning his fourth term representing Texas House District 57. In presenting the award, Deep East Texas County Commissioners & Judges Association President, Shelby County Judge Allison Harbison noted, "Travis is recognized by his peers – and his constituents – as a leader in the Texas House. He is an effective voice for "the folks back home" and has a record of working with the other

members of the Deep East Texas delegation to get things done!" In addition to and the Deep East Texas Commissioners and Judges, sponsors of the 2019 reception include all 12 counties of the region (Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler); the cities of Crockett, Jasper, Lufkin, Nacogdoches and San Augustine; East Texas Electric Cooperative; East Texas Support Services; Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP; Burke; Georgia-Pacific; Stephen F. Austin State University; Texas Forestry Association; Angelina & Neches River Authority; Corrigan OSB LLC; Crockett EDC; Jasper EDC; Lower Neches Valley Authority; McGuire Woods; Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP; Sabine River Authority; Southside Bank; and the Texas Forest Country Partnership.

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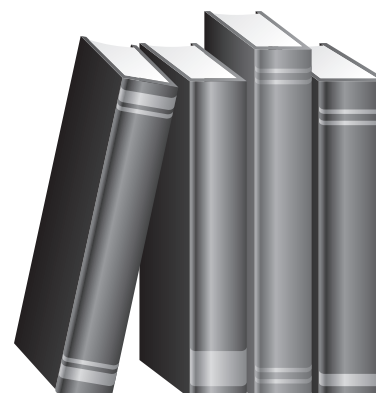
Shepherd High School FCCLA had the honor of attending FCCLA Rocket Day on Wednesday, January 9. The students heard stories from the Rocket staff about their career paths as well as the organizations community service involvement. One of our students participated in a game of "Knock Out" on the Rocket Court and all students were invited to shoot free throws. That evening, Shepherd FCCLA attended the Rockets game. Mrs. Ginger Pippin and Mrs. Samantha Keith would like to thank all of these students for their positive and respectful representation of Shepherd High School and FCCLA.

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SPIRITUAL COLUMN

Looking back: I thought but then I unthought

By James Snyder

Looking back over my life I honestly can say, giving it a great deal of thought, the biggest problem I have is when I actually think. Thinking can get me into more trouble than anything else I do.

This was no more evident than recently when we got a phone call from the bank. I hate it when the bank calls because they never call to wish me happy birthday or wonder how in the world I am doing today. They always have an agenda. Usually, that agenda has to do with my money.

When I answered the phone all I could say was, "Here we go again."

Much to my relief it was not about my account, but rather it was the bank account of the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I cannot tell you the smile that slapped itself all over my face when I heard this.

Immediately I called my wife to the phone and said, "It's your bank calling you about your account." Smilingly I handed the phone to her.

For years, we have had separate accounts and it has worked out rather well. I remember when we first were married, we had a joint account and it was always getting messed up. We had two checkbooks for the same account, which did not make any sense at all. Everything was messed up and checks bounced all over the place.

To solve this dilemma, we decided to have our own checking account in separate banks. I am not quite sure about her account, but the

checks keep bouncing in my account and I am not exactly sure why.

The bank was calling my wife because there had been a suspicious activity on her account. I thought about telling them that other activity on her bank account was also suspicious, but sometimes I know when not to speak.

According to the bank, my wife bought a package of wine costing \$600 and they were wondering if she was buying it for the church communion service. I heard my wife laugh and figured out there is something going on. We do not use wine in our communion service, we use grape juice. However, the bank did not know why my wife was buying wine.

The only wine in our house is me, who whines all the time and believe me, according to my wife, my whining is very intoxicating. At least to her it is.

We finally had to go down to the bank and try to sort this mess out. My wife tried to tell them that she did not make such a purchase.

I would like to tell you how delighted I was to go to the bank with her and see her in a dilemma that I did not create. I know I create a lot of dilemma in our home. The fact that we have been married as long as we have been married says a lot for her tolerance of whiny old people like me.

"We did not think," the bank manager said to my wife, "that you were buying wine like this. We thought perhaps you might have been buying wine for the church communion service."

All three of us laughed a



very hearty laugh because she knew we did not use wine in our communion service.

However, the truth of the matter was there was this activity on her account in the amount of \$600. My surprise was that she had that much

money in her account. I scratched my head a bit and thought, where did she get all that money? Immediately I had to unthought that and get back to the basics of our visit here in the bank. The bank manager got out

all of the paperwork with this transaction.

The first thing of note was that it took place in a liquor store in Southern California where my wife had never been. My wife looked at me and

said sarcastically, "Why are you smiling?"

I thought about telling her, but then I unthought that and got back to the details of the transaction.

In looking at that transaction, the bank manager happened to notice that it was on a particular Sunday when it took place. That Sunday my wife was in church. In fact, the time of the transaction was when my wife was playing the organ.

"Can you verify that she was playing the organ at that time?" The bank manager asked me.

A thought that came into my mind was to tell the bank manager that my wife was so talented that she could be in two places at the same time. After further thought on that, I unthought that idea.

The bank manager finally took care of that transaction and we were able to leave the bank knowing us, or rather she, was free from that transaction. I did not say anything on the way home, but I was smiling on the inside.

Thinking can be a very hazardous occupation, but I was reminded what Paul said. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

I am trying to learn to think about important things and not things that are negative and damaging.

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 Wed. Awana (3yo - 5th Grade) 5:30 PM
 Wed. FLYTE (6th Grade) 5:30 PM
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 Wed. Men's Bible Study 6:00PM

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 Pastor Rev. Mickey Fountain | 936-377-2534
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
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Evening Worship Service 6:00 PM
 Wed. Prayer Service 6:00 PM
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 Morning Worship Service 10:50 AM
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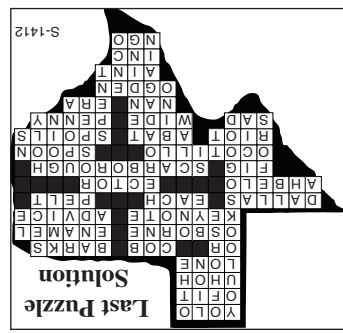
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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On December 31, 2018, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI") filed an application for approval to set a Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"). The proposed TCRF is requested in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act Section 36.209 and 16 TAC § 25.239. A TCRF allows a utility to recover its reasonable and necessary costs that have occurred since the end of the test year in the utility's last base rate case for transmission infrastructure improvement and changes in wholesale transmission charges to the electric utility under a tariff approved by a federal regulatory authority. ETI is seeking recovery of costs for transmission capital investments it incurred from January 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018. ETI also seeks to recover approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through rates.

The proposed TCRF would result in total TCRF retail revenues of approximately \$2.7 million. This amount would be a 0.3% increase in ETI's annualized non-fuel revenue requirement as compared to revenues approved in Docket No. 48371, ETI's most recent base rate case, and a 0.2% increase in ETI's overall annualized revenue requirement including fuel costs as compared to such revenues as approved in Docket No. 48371. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

ETI has requested that the Commission make this change effective 35 days after its application was filed. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission. All customers in ETI's Texas retail rate classes are affected by this request.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this filing may contact ETI at Entergy Texas, Inc., Attn: Customer Service—2018 TCRF Case, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call 1-800-368-3749 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed above.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 49057 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in Commission proceedings is typically 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission. However, ETI has proposed that the deadline for intervention in this proceeding be January 21, 2019. All communications should refer to Docket No. 49057.

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- TX creek: ___
- Digo
- TXism: "got the hang ___"
- "holy moly" (2 wds.)
- Star State
- TXism: "it's root hog ___ die"
- corn on the ___
- "___ like a dog"
- this Paul was 1970's "Bozo" ringmaster in Dallas
- TXism: "___ driller" (dentist)
- TX Ann gave this address at 1988 convention
- this Davy Crockett saying, e.g.: "Be sure you're right, then go ahead"
- Big D
- "to ___ his own"
- animal fur
- parent co. of Dallas Morning News
- in Fannin County on U.S. 82
- Newton (cookie)
- Waxahachie event: ___ Faire
- TX wildflower ("flaming sword")
- TXism: "greasy ___" (cafe)
- TX saying: "one ___, one Ranger"
- TXism: "blind as ___"
- "___ of war"
- Palo Duro's "___ Monkey Railroad"
- TXism: "he blazes a ___ trail" (big man)
- TXism: "costs a pretty ___"
- South TX rancher: Mary ___ West
- USS Texas was a Dreadnaught ___ ship
- UT has largest collection of ___ Nash works
- TXism: "___ got a clue" (don't know)
- Houston-based multi-brand corporation: "Landry's ___"
- "Stop" ' ___
- TX Strait's "___ ___ In Love"
- TXism: "a good judge ___"
- TX Doak Walker was a Detroit ___
- Lake ' ___ Pines
- gator's kin
- TX Willie Nelson tune (4 wds.)
- quitting or killer
- Opie's aunt
- TX Roddenberry Trek line: "Live long ___"
- Palo Duro's "___ hit: "___ On"
- Cameron AM radio
- Branch Davidians, e.g.
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- TXism: "thick as ticks ___ hound dog"
- TX pro golfer, Elder (init.)
- Henry Wade was the ___ who prosecuted Jack Ruby
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DOWN

- 1983 TX hurricane
- citizens' radio
- TXism: "stuffed ___ the gills"
- Travis' Alamo letter: "I shall never surrender ___ retreat"
- Mexican "yes"
- talon
- rare ___ buffalo shot in TX in 1878
- TXism: "she has to sneak ___ mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- TX song: "___ Back to Houston"
- godly
- TX singer Tanya (init.)
- TX singer Nat (init.)
- watching the sheep
- TXism: "worn to a frazzle"
- Exxon predecessor

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WILDLIFE NEWS

UT research shows fish spawn despite hurricane

AUSTIN — Even a Category 4 hurricane doesn't kill the mood for coastal fish — and that's good news for all species, as well as for a multibillion-dollar recreational fishing industry. As extreme weather patterns threaten to bring more and larger storms to the Gulf Coast, new findings from the University of Texas at Austin's Marine Science Institute show some important fish species are able to continue spawning even in a severe storm.

"This data gives us a little insight into how key species will handle changing and unpredictable conditions," said Christopher Biggs, a Ph.D. candidate studying fisheries ecology and lead author on a paper published this week in *Biology Letters*. "They are somewhat preadapted to this. They regularly deal with changing situations. They might be better suited to handle the changing climate in the future."

Biggs and a team of scientists from the University of Texas Marine Science Institute (UTMSI) and the University of Florida discovered that spotted seatrout kept spawning in late August 2017, even as the eye of Hurricane Harvey passed overhead, bringing with it windspeeds of up to 134 miles per hour and a storm surge of 8-10 feet. "These fish are resilient and productive, even in the face of such a huge storm," Biggs said. "On land, it was complete destruction,



FISH SPAWN — Christopher Biggs, a Ph.D. candidate studying fisheries ecology and lead author on a new paper, shows off an underwater microphone used to study spawning behaviors and patterns of fish in the Gulf of Mexico.

but these fish didn't seem disturbed."

Understanding the trout's reproductive patterns and habitat needs is critical for the Texas coast, where sport fishing generates about \$2 billion annually for the local economy, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The murky waters of the Gulf of Mexico can make tracking

the seatrout difficult, so the scientists study spawning patterns and behavior by placing underwater microphones in known spawning locations and leaving them there to record what follows.

Seatrout are actually not trout but a type of drum fish, and males make a distinct pulsing noise when spawning. The sound allows

researchers to map and observe changes at spawning sites — information that state and federal agencies can use to help maintain healthy, sustainable fisheries.

In reviewing recordings captured in 2017, the scientists were surprised to find that the fish were spawning every day during the spawning season. And when Hurricane Harvey hit,

they were more surprised that the storm did not disrupt the spawning. The only difference was that immediately after the storm, the fish began spawning 2.5 hours early. Over the course of the five days after the storm, the spawning patterns returned to normal.

The time difference was possibly due to water temperature differences

brought on by the storm, Biggs noted, as the temperature returned to normal at about the same rate as the spawning patterns.

"Seatrout are an important part of the ecosystem," Biggs said. "They are one of the most popular recreational fish. They are a top predator in the estuary and a favorite food for dolphins."

The data coming out of the hurricane is a bright spot for the Marine Science Institute, which had several other projects severely disrupted by Harvey. Most of the buildings on the campus were damaged, equipment worth millions of dollars was damaged or destroyed, and many experiments were lost or set back as a result of the storm.

Repairs continue on the MSI campus. The Estuarine Research Center, one of three main laboratory buildings, reopened for scientists and students in September. The campus is expected to partially reopen to the public in summer 2019.

Brad Erisman, an assistant professor of marine science based at UTMSI, and Susan K. Lowerre-Barbieri of the University of Florida contributed to the research. The research was funded by the Texas State Aquarium WCCR Fund; a Harvey Weil Sportsman Conservationist Award; a Mission-Aransas NERR Graduate Research Assistantship; the Jack and Valerie Guenther Foundation; and J. and T. King.

STATE NEWS

Rare Spanish mission gate, treaty included in Bullock

AUSTIN — A rare Spanish Colonial mission gate and an original treaty that helped define the borders of Texas will be among the exhibits on display when the Bullock Texas State History Museum opened the new exhibition *Becoming Texas: Our Story Begins Here* on Dec. 10, 2018.

More than 250 years after it was made by a master

craftsman, a Spanish mission gate from the San Antonio area will be a key architectural feature for visitors.

The two halves of the gate will be on view together after significant restoration, reunited for the first time since they protected a San Antonio mission generations ago.

"There are very few architectural Texas mission-related artifacts remaining from the 17th and 18th centuries, and to have one of such importance is incredible," said Bullock Museum Director Margaret Koch. "The gate has such a presence. It's a survivor with a fascinating story to tell."

At different points in the history of the missions in San Antonio, building pieces were sold to locals, including this gate to the Ruiz-Herrera family. Made of mesquite, this gate remained on the family's ranch in Bexar County for decades, with an oral history of its origins passed down through generations.



RESTORATION — The two halves of a gate that once protected a Spanish mission in the San Antonio area have undergone significant restoration work and will be a part of a new exhibit at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. *Becoming Texas: Our Story Begins Here* opened at the museum on Dec. 10, 2018.

"We are so fortunate to be able to share this remarkable artifact with the public, due to the generosity of Evie Herrera Patton, a descendant of the Ruiz-Herrera family, and the Texas State History

"We are so honored to work with the National Archives in bringing this transformational document to the Bullock Museum ... At a time when there is so much focus on the separations between countries, it is important to gain a historical perspective on how our existing Texas borders came to be."

MARGARET KOCH
Bullock Museum Director

Museum Foundation," said Koch.

In 1984, Kay Hinds, City Archaeologist for San Antonio, conducted extensive research on the gate after it was uncovered on the Ruiz-Herrera family ranch. Experts verified that the gate certainly came from a San Antonio mission, and when closed it would have been a formidable deterrent to intruders, designed to protect its inhabitants from attack.

Prior to its removal to the lab, the two leaves of the gate were leaning one atop the other against an exterior wall of a jacal on the ranch, leaving the top leaf more exposed to the elements. Suffering from water and insect damage, the leaf was missing all but one of its vertical stiles, and there were

significant voids within the wooden rails throughout, making it too unstable to display upright.

With funding provided through the Texas State History Museum Foundation, the Bullock Museum gained approval from Herrera Patton to engage Austin conservator Catherine Williams of Silver Lining Art Conservation. Williams utilized handmade paper to fill the voids and provide additional stability for the gate, enabling it to be displayed upright. The paper was then painted to blend discretely with the wood. A special mounted and glass enclosure constructed specifically for the gate will provide the proper support while on view in the exhibition.

"We spent about 200 hours

researching and testing to determine the best materials and processes, and 400 more doing the actual work," said Williams. "The key to this project was finding a solution that included compatible materials that would age along with the gate, and that would not negatively affect the artifact long term."

Also to be displayed is the original American copy of a key 19th century treaty on loan from the United States National Archives. The Adams-Onís Treaty helped create the northern and eastern boundaries of Texas, establishing the state's famous shape as it is known today.

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Signed on Feb. 22, 1819 by Secretary of State John Quincy Adams and Spanish minister Luis de Onís, the treaty gave Florida to the United States and established the Sabine River as the border between the U.S. and New Spain. As a key feature in *Becoming Texas*, the treaty helps to tell the story of how global politics influenced the growth of early Texas and ultimately formed its borders. It will be on view at the Bullock Museum until April 30.

"This is a limited time opportunity for Texans to see a true national treasure in person. We hope visitors will take this chance to view this singular document that has had such a long-lasting impact on our state and national history," said Koch.

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arduous and heretofore divisive task means rethinking and recalibrating what share of the cost would be funded by local property taxes — public education's primary source of funding.

Patrick predicted this legislative session would be different from previous ones. "If the three of us are aligned, that we're going to accomplish a mission and pass legislation, it happens," said Patrick. "This is not just a message to the public and to the media, but I think our members will take note, that this is really unprecedented, that we're addressing these issues at the beginning of session, totally united with one another." Patrick added that he would name a new Senate committee on property taxes to work on a plan.

House and Senate committee hearings will begin as soon as Patrick and Bonnen have selected chairs and members for each panel. Lawmakers must keep in mind that the comptroller's office has estimated the cost of public education, the biggest of all drivers of the state budget, at about \$63 billion in fiscal 2018-2019.

Ideas to streamline and increase the efficiency of public education came last month from the Commission on Public School Finance. Among other things, the commission suggested moving \$3.5 billion in existing state resources away from "outdated programs or obsolete hold-harmless provisions" into new strategies.

The commission's report also calls for a halt to the

continuing decrease in state resources allocated to public education and directing more money toward students who need it most, such as low-income, special needs and English language learners.

Revenue estimate is given

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Jan. 7 released his biennial revenue estimate, this one covering the state's 2020-2021 budget years.

Hegar said a strong national economy and rising oil prices over most of 2018 left the state with 8 percent more revenue than two years ago, or \$119.1 billion in total general revenue available.

However, he said, "Despite this projected revenue growth, the Legislature will again face some difficult choices in balancing the budget. The most pressing and costly budget drivers for the upcoming session include a potentially large boost in education spending to reduce the property tax burden and reform school finance."

"Texas remains economically well positioned compared to other states and we will continue to outpace the U.S. economy in the long term," Hegar added. However, he also noted that the price of oil has been down since October, federal interest rates are up, and both the global economy and U.S. trade policy remain uncertain.

Meanwhile, the state's Economic Stabilization Fund, commonly referred to as the "Rainy Day Fund," currently contains about \$12.5 billion, not counting currently outstanding spending authority. Absent any legislative appropriations, the balance of the fund is expected to be \$15.4 billion

at the end of the 2020-21 biennium, Hegar said.

Monthly revenue reported

Comptroller Hegar on Jan. 9 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special-purpose taxing districts \$734.7 million in local sales tax allocations for January, an amount 3.6 percent more than sent in January 2018. Allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

Julian Castro announces

Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro of San Antonio on Jan. 12 formally announced his candidacy for president in 2020. He is a Democrat.

Castro, 44, a former mayor of San Antonio and twin brother of U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro, is the first Texan to declare his candidacy for the next presidential race.

Oldest veteran laid to rest

Richard A. Overton of Austin, who died Dec. 27 at age 112, was buried in the Texas State Cemetery on Jan. 12 with full military honors.

Overton, who was in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1945, served in the Pacific during World War II. He was America's oldest man and oldest military veteran.

Head of state agency dies

The Texas Workforce Commission on Jan. 7 announced its executive director, Larry Temple, died Jan. 5. He was 66.

Temple joined the agency in 1997, serving first as director of welfare reform for six years. He had served as executive director since 2004.

previous conviction/suspension without financial restitution.

Raymond Paul Davila II, 24, of Shepherd — Driving while intoxicated/open alcoholic container.

Patrick Thomas Forrest,

27, of Cypress — Assault causing bodily injury to a date/family/household member.

Derick Allen Foster, 44, of Huntsville — Possession of marijuana < 2 oz.; Fort Bend County hold.

ARRESTS

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Photo by Jacob McAdams
Preston Thompson (left) and Faith Shehane (right) watch as their robot completes tasks on a simulated toy factory floor.

ROBOTICS

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"This revolved around a factory floor," said Everett. "They had to program their robot in a simulated factory floor that was a toy factory and they had to get their robots to make the toys, to recycle materials and to take things to what we call a trash compactor."

Competitive robots were set inside of a built platform that acted as the factory

floor in question. Lego pieces were used as objects in the simulation.

Creating the robots and programming them is a complex process according to Shehane.

"Whenever we're building it, we're sitting there making sure it fits inside of the loading dock area," she said.

Shehane and Thompson were present for the competition on Jan. 12.

Haggard and Johnson were unable to attend. However, the robot performed to

expectations and the team won a first place trophy. The team will next compete in the state competition.

"We made it to state two years ago," said Everett.

The state competition will be held in April, which means Shehane, Thompson, Johnson and Haggard will be doing thorough research in the meantime to make sure their robot is ready to compete once more.

"I'm really proud of these kids," said Everett. "They've done a good job."



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