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Downed limbs, such as this one in Woodville, along with some debris from trees strewn about, marked the typical damage from Hurricane Beryl in Tyler County.
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Beryl barrels through Texas

2.7 million residents left without power

By Chris Edwards
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Hurricane Beryl, which roared across islands in the Caribbean last week as an extremely dangerous Category 4 hurricane, made landfall in Texas around 4 a.m. Monday as a Category 1, according to the National Hurricane Center.

The storm, which diminished into surges of flash flooding and high winds made its way north, from the coast into East Texas eventually leaving 2.7 million Texans without power.

Meteorologist Matt Lanza, of Space City Weather, posted online that the storm, with “widespread wind gusts of 75 to 85 mph so far inland was really unnerving.”

In Tyler County, emergency management officials encouraged residents to shelter in place and to stay off the roads during the storm surge on Monday. This same protocol was recommended by officials in neighboring Hardin; Liberty and San Jacinto counties.

Most of the damage, according to reports, has been confined to downed power lines and

trees through the region. The National Weather Service (NWS) issued a tornado watch until 10 p.m. on Monday for counties between Montgomery and Texarkana, and into northwest and north central Louisiana and southern Arkansas, and a wind advisory was in effect until Tuesday morning.

Tyler County Judge Milton Powers issued a declaration of disaster on Monday, citing the county being in imminent threat of widespread and/or severe damage, injury, or loss of life, or property.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who is acting as governor while Gov. Greg Abbott is out of the country, representing Texas in South Korea at an economic development conference.

Patrick said on Tuesday, in a press conference with Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) chief Nim Kidd that nearly three million power customers were without power, as 10 transmission lines were down.

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Dogs rescued; man charged with animal cruelty

By Chris Edwards
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IVANHOE — An Ivanhoe man was arrested on charges of animal cruelty last Tuesday.

According to Ivanhoe Mayor Skip Blackstone, there were eight emaciated dogs discovered at a house on Marion Drive. They were held by logging chains and had been in the sun and mud for two days without water or food.

The dogs, according to Blackstone, had tags, much like what one would see on livestock animals.

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Fun times at Heritage Village Fourth celebration — Heritage Village hosted a Fourth of July celebration last Thursday evening. The event featured live singing and playing multiple instruments. Jim Boone was the guest speaker and provided a lively speech on some lesser-known heroes of the American Revolution. His speech included poetry and an informative overview of the events leading up to the nation's birthday of July 4.

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LAKE LEVELS

B.A. Steinhagen Lake Level:

- As of 7-9: 82.28 feet
- 89.7 % full

Sam Rayburn Reservoir Level:

- As of 7-9: 169.53 feet
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LIFE TRIBUTES

James Mitchell Wood, Jr. (aka JR Wood)

On June 29, 2024, God called JR home. He was born February 8, 1979 in Lufkin, Texas. JR was preceded in death by his sister Ashley Baldwin of Colmesneil, his grandmother, Marie Harris, of Lufkin, and his aunt, Frankie Weatherly, also of Lufkin.

JR is survived by his wife Leeann Wood, of Hemphill, his children, Victoria, Brandon, Jakob, Jaden, Triston, Gracie, Bentley, and Remington. He is also survived by parents, James and Gloria Wood of Colmesneil, mother, Donna Craig of Houston,



sister and brother-in-law Darla and Heath Martinez of Deweyville, sister and Brother-in-law Dana and Rodney Edgemond of Oakwood, sister, Elizabeth Dyer of Houston, and God Father Luther Rains of Huntington.

He loved fishing and motorcycle riding, but most of all, he loved his family. 130

Marilyn McCabe

Marilyn Odom McCabe was born on January 11, 1955, in Woodville, Texas to Kenneth and Alice Odom. She graduated from Woodville High School in 1974. After high school, Marilyn married Gordon McCabe in Mesa, Arizona on April 23, 1977. They raised their two boys in Odenville.

Marilyn loved crafting and cooking. She liked to feed everyone from family to friends, and everything, including deer and birds. Marilyn loved being outdoors with her boys. She hunted, fished and traveled around in the camper with Gordon in their retirement years. She cheered on her sons and grandchildren at their sporting events.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and loved to serve others. Working with the children in Primary was her favorite. Her extended family said she had a heart full of selfless love and compassion.

Marilyn passed away on Friday, July 5, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Earl



Wayne Odom. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, sons Justin (Caryn), and Marcus (Brianne), 8 grandchildren, Hunter, Taylor, Tucker, Austin, Cali, Peyton, Tatum, and Jordyn, siblings Alice Dale Haralson (Joe) and Milton Odom (Betty), and sister-in-law Linda Odom.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow at the Town Bluff Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 10, 2024, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. 245



Pat A. Riley, Jr.

Pat A. Riley, Jr., 72, of Woodville (formerly of Nederland), passed away Saturday, June 15, 2024 at Memorial Hermann Hospital in The Woodlands.

Memorial services will be held 5 p.m., Friday, July 12, 2024 at First Baptist Church in Warren. Officiating will be his longtime friends, Dr. David Mahfouz and Chris Colletti.

Pat was born April 15, 1952 to Pat A. Sr. and Gladys Lavelle Best Riley in Tyler County, Texas. A 1970 graduate of Nederland High School and attended Lamar University and was a member of Lamda Chi Alpha Fraternity. In 1973 he attended Ahrens Real Estate School in Houston. A graduate of Commonwealth Mortuary, at the age of 23, he opened up and operated the Pat A. Riley Funeral Home and ambulance service in Nederland. In the mid 1990's, he opened a branch of Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Port Neches, Texas. He was also a licensed realtor. He was a lifetime member of Houston Livestock & Rodeo and the YMBL where he served as committeeman for both organizations. He was widely known as "Jelly Bean" the rodeo clown. He served as a lifetime speakers committeeman for the Houston Livestock & Rodeo. A past member of both the Nederland and Pt. Neches Chamber of Commerce, where he had formerly served on the Board of Directors. He was a past member of the Nederland and Woodville Lions Club as well as the Masonic Lodge and El Mina Shrine.



Pat was elected Business Man of the Year for Nederland in 1990. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Warren and formerly a member of First Baptist Church in Nederland and Central Gardens. Pat had a passion for serving his fellowman and he will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pat A. Sr. and Gladys Riley.

He is survived by his daughter, Holly Hicks and husband, Clyde; sister, Jo-Ellen Riley; brother, Terry Riley and wife, Melissa; granddaughter, Cadance Hicks; niece and nephew, Teri Lynn Riley and Cody Riley and wife Candice; great nephew, Mikal Miller; and numerous other family and friends.

Memorials may be made to El Mina Shriners, 2610 Sweetgum Lane, Beaumont, Texas 77703, Houston Livestock & Rodeo, 3 NRG Park, Houston, Texas 77054 and or YMBL, 7250 Westpark, Beaumont, Texas 77705.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville. 393



TYLER COUNTY NUTRITION CENTER SENIOR MENU
JULY 9-15

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Names within this calendar will appear in this column until election date. Candidates wishing to have their names appear in the calendar must contact the Tyler County Booster in person. Names are listed under each office according to the order in which candidates apply with the newspaper.


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William Earl Hawthorne

William Earl Hawthorne, 78, was born in Long Beach, California on August 5, 1945, and passed away on July 3, 2024.


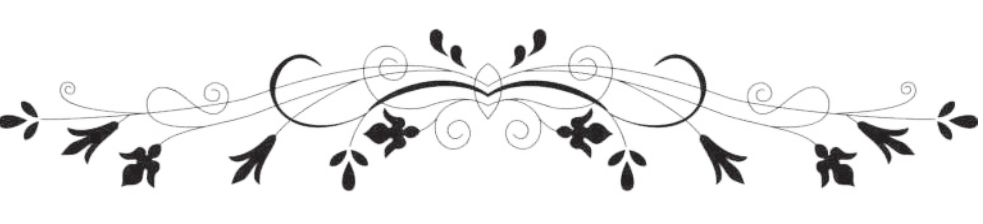
A Navy Veteran, Billy served his country during the Vietnam War on the USS Saratoga and the USS Lexington. After serving his country, he was employed by Texaco in Port Arthur in the early 70's retiring in 1996. He moved to Colmesneil where he lived until his passing. Billy loved fishing and hunting. He was a good friend to everyone and could tear down and put back together an entire engine. He loved being outside and loved collecting a variety of guns.

Billy was preceded in death by his mother, Juanita Hawthorne, father, Walter Hawthorn, brothers, Elmo and Craig Hawthorne, and a sister, Mary Dodd.

He is survived by his loving wife, of 39 years, Michelle Hawthorne; daughter, Shanna Gussman and son, William Hawthorne and wife, Jennifer; grandchildren, Jace Tarver and Amanda, Ashlyn Oliver and Daniel, Richard Guy, Wade Guy, and Aspen Hawthorne; great-grandchildren, Anna and Devon Oliver; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Belinda Biscamp, Charline and Gerald McDonald, Joann and David Bedore, James and Tessey Ross, James and Melissa Read and Jeff and Amanda Read; and a host of nieces, other family members, and friends.

A Celebration of Life visitation will be held Thursday, July 11, 2024, from 5 pm until 7 pm at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel.

Services are held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home, Woodville, Texas. 241

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Flag Retirement at Wild Bill's Grill sent off about three dozen flags in solemn honor on Saturday, July 6. Army Lt. Joseph Fortenberry led in prayer. Robert Poynter read the Flanders Field poem. Mark Tolar led all in the National Anthem. Rev. Clark Mahoney read the 13 Folds of the Flag with Michael Hogan and Michael Maness folding a huge flag in sync with Mahoney. Representatives of the VFW and American Legion aided in flag burning. Then as all veterans delivered the flags to the retirement fire pit Tolar and Bill Spurlock sang a melodious duet of Taps. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL G. MANESS



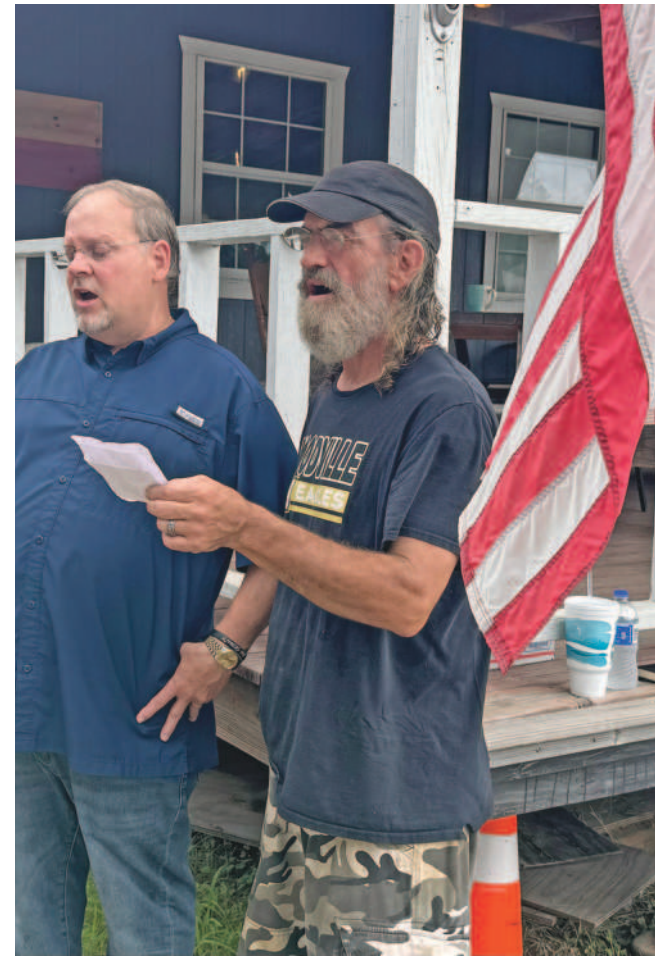
JAIL BOOKINGS



Jail Report for July 1-7

Glenda Ann Ard, 43, of Woodville – Possession of controlled substance, PG 1/1-B <1G/motion to adjudicate
Malcolm Isaiah Lewis, 36, of Woodville – Cruelty to non-livestock animal: failure

to provide/abandon/transport
Eric Edward Poniewierski, 35, of Woodville – Possession of controlled substance PG 1/1-B <1G
Arturo Cardenas Yopez, 18, of Beaumont – Public intoxication; Running stop sign



In Flanders Fields

“For seventeen days and seventeen nights none of us have had our clothes off, nor our boots even, except occasionally. In all that time while I was awake, gunfire and rifle fire never ceased for sixty seconds ... And behind it all was the constant background of the sights of the dead, the wounded, the maimed, and a terrible anxiety lest the line should give way.”

When you think of World War remembrance and what's the first image that comes to mind? Chances are it's a single blood-red poppy.

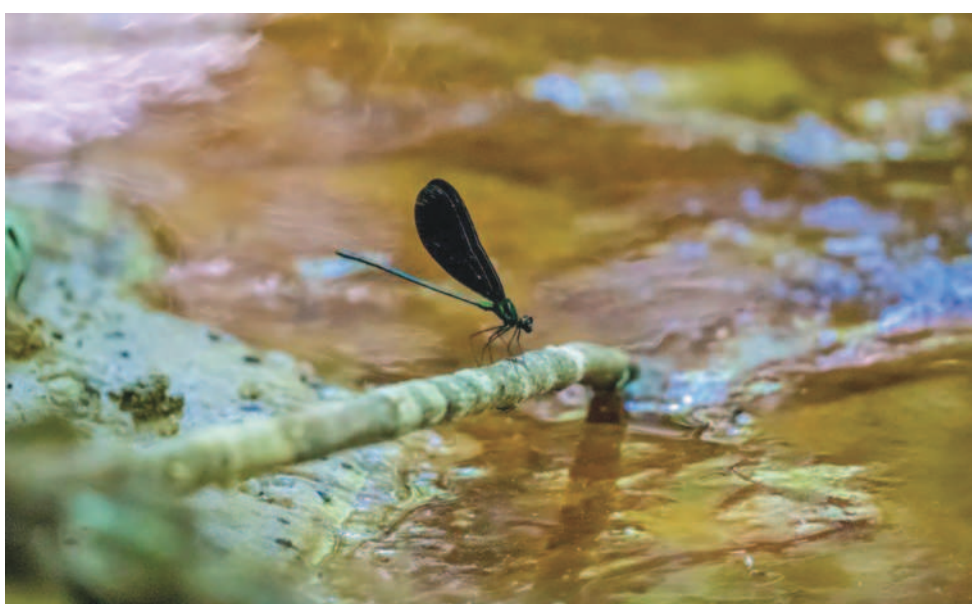
The little flowers, which bloom over the former battlefields of Belgium, are one of the defining symbols of commemoration and remembrance in the UK. But where did it come from? The answer lies In Flanders Fields.

The poem is evocative of the sights Lt. Colonel John McCrae saw while serving on the Western Front:

Written: May 3, 1915

In Flanders Fields the poppies grow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.
 We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We live, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders Fields.
 Take up our quarrel with the foe;
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.
 If ye break faith with us who die
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders Fields

Robert "Chappy" Poynter,
 Mayor,
 City of Chester



Ruth Talley of Woodville captured this magnificent photo of a dragonfly perched over a pool of water along the Big Woods Nature Trail. The dragonfly, a predator, is sometimes called a "mosquito hawk" and this one is probably poised to hunt for mosquitos or other insects. The photo was selected by the Tyler County Art League judge as the Big Woods Nature Trail's June Photo-of-the-Month. Everyone who walks the Big Woods Nature Trail is encouraged to snap photos of sights that catch their eye and share them. Instructions for submitting photos to the Photo-of-the-Month contest are posted on the kiosk at the trailhead, located across from the Pickett House at Heritage Village in Woodville. Benches are placed throughout the woods for your comfort and wayfinding signs will ensure that you can always find your way back to the Village.

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TYLER COUNTY WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY	THU NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
An afternoon thunderstorm or two	Mainly clear	A brief t-storm in the afternoon	Humid with a thunderstorm in spots	A t-storm around in the afternoon	Sunshine and patchy clouds	A morning shower; variable clouds	A strong morning t-storm in spots
HIGHS: 90 to 95	LOWS: 70 to 75	86 to 91	88 to 93	91 to 96	90 to 95	92 to 97	91 to 96
RF: 101 to 106	RF: 75 to 80	RF: 98 to 103/79 to 84	RF: 101 to 106/76 to 81	RF: 102 to 107/75 to 80	RF: 100 to 105/78 to 83	RF: 100 to 105/76 to 81	RF: 101 to 106/77 to 82
POP: 65%	POP: 15%	POP: 55%	POP: 40%	POP: 55%	POP: 5%	POP: 40%	POP: 40%

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Temperatures
 Daily ranges — Normal high — Normal low

95	97	93	97	95	90	91
77	75	77	75	75	73	75
7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7

Precipitation (in inches)
 Daily totals — Normal amount

-0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7

Month to date/normal 0.17 / 0.72
 Year to date/normal 47.44 / 24.04

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OPINION

Media almost remembers how to do its job

I'm sure by now you've heard or read about the pretty rotten, awful, horrible performance by President Biden during the televised debate. While my previous column dealt with what was said, this will deal with how it was perceived, particularly in the delivery and what it says about the candidates.



My Two Common Sense
By Tony Farkas
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We'll start with the obvious, in that the former president barked and chirped and fired back every time his foibles, both real and perceived, were put on display, because true to form, liberals will attack credibility and propriety when facts just won't do.

While I don't begrudge any man for defending himself against baseless accusations, particularly those that were based on fallacious information, wouldn't the American voters be better served hearing about how their lives will be made better and how problems will be

solved?
On the even more obvious side, the sitting president came off like an addled old man, mispronouncing words, jumbling phrases, and claiming accomplishments that were not his while touting victories that didn't exist.

I'm not going to fact-check every claim, because there isn't a point. What I will do is point out that the fallout of that debacle, and the subsequent speeches and interviews, has left the national news media, the supposed cream-of-the-information crop, aghast at Biden's con-

dition.

What has been obvious to many for the last three years has just landed with a wet thump in the laps of the overly paid talking heads and so-called journalists, and that is the commander-in-chief doesn't really have command of much.

These journalists are reporting that there are serious issues with the president and are coming off like they've been duped for the majority of his presidency and before. They're also eagerly reporting on how many other similarly uninformed members of both the media and political classes have not only been duped but are now calling for Biden to be replaced.

All of this is being presented to us as if the media has swooped in to be the champions of truth, justice and the American way.

Reporting the truth always was considered a hallmark of government. Even Thomas Jefferson extolled the necessity of a free press,

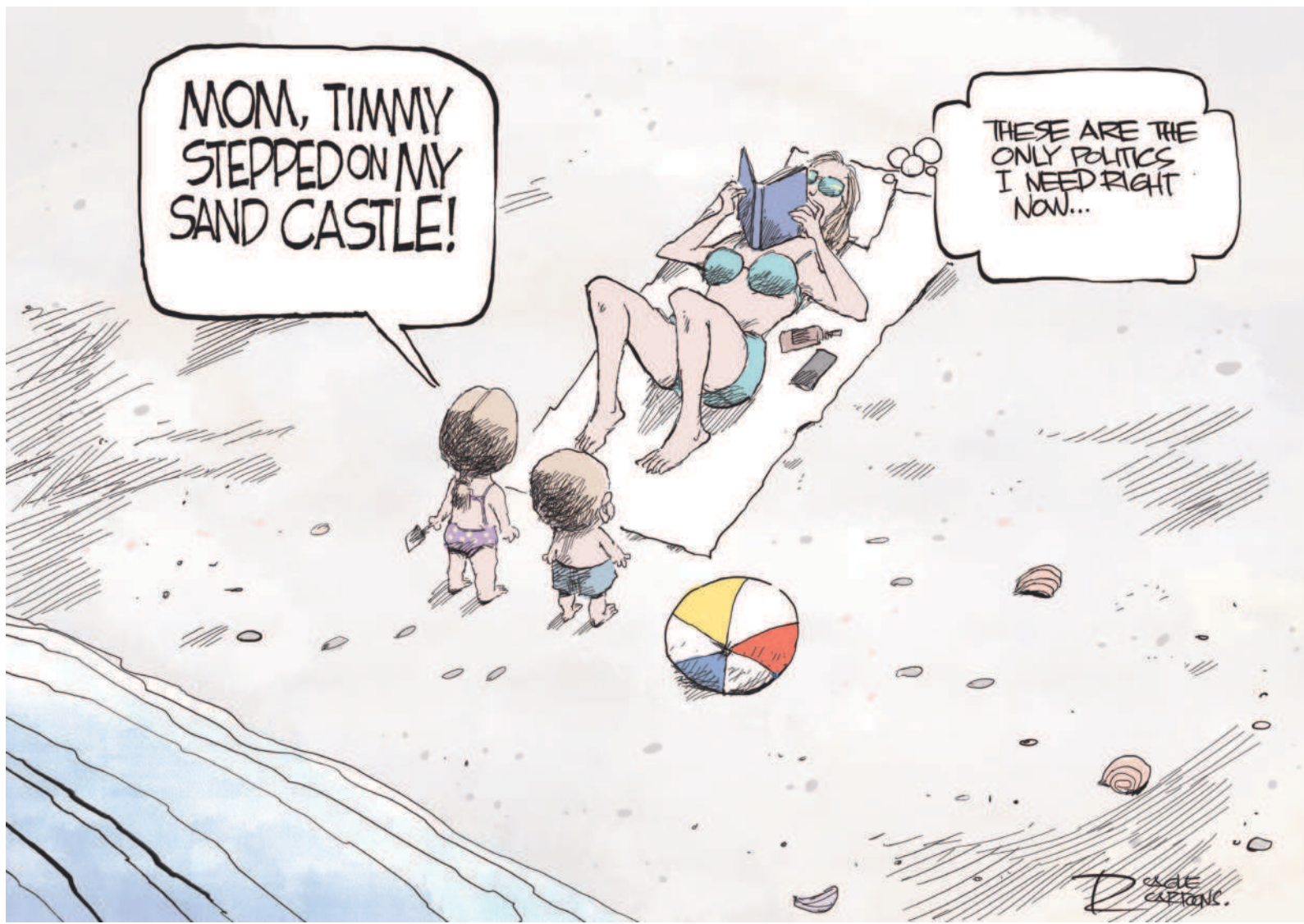
saying that "... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Essentially, news sources, no matter the size, are the watchdogs of government, and because of that, need to be above reproach. Objectivity is a necessity, and most of all fully as truthful as they may be.

Because the alternative is years of bad decisions and crumbling society while we are told that everything is sunshine and puppy dogs.

Or, as Vladimir Lenin said, "The press should be not only a collective propagandist and a collective agitator but also a collective organizer of the masses."

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ESCAPE or ENDURANCE

(Part 8)

Final thoughts:

There are many other scriptures used by those who teach a Pre-Trib doctrine but I will not, for time's sake, delve into all of them because these articles could go on for several more weeks and I think eight weeks is long enough. I have given more than enough scriptural proof that this teaching is not biblical. I think one of the biggest errors overlooked by Pre-Trib camp is that they don't associate the "catching up of the church" as also the resurrection of the dead. They are so focused on "the church" not going through tribulation they forget or ignore this is THE RESURRECTION proclaimed throughout the whole bible. The prophets spoke of only one resurrection (Job 19:25-27; Ps 71:20; Isa 26:19-20; Eze 37:7-10; Dan 12:2-3). Yashua taught one resurrection at the end of the age (Matt 24:3; John 6:39,40,44,54; 11:23,24; 13:24-30; 36-43). The apostle Paul, who received his theology straight from the mouth of Yashua (Gal 1:11,12), wrote of only one resurrection (Heb 9:28; 1Cor15:23,24; 1Ths4:13-17; 2Ths2:1). The apostle John wrote of only one resurrection (1Jn2:28; Rev 1:5,7; 20:4-6). Christian, it's not Yashua or the prophets, nor the Apostles John and Paul who are confused.

Over the last couple years, I have wondered many times why the Pre-Trib teachers go to such great lengths and take such liberty with the scriptures to try and prove the coming of Yashua in two phases when all scriptural evidence points to only one coming "at the end of the age". Why can't we just believe the scriptures rather than try to come up with secondary theories? With all due respect to our pastors and teachers who continue to teach this false doctrine, if one was reading the Bible on their own without prior teaching on this subject, it is not a foregone conclusion that one would come to the same understanding as the pretrib teaching suggests. It is not a doctrine that is "clearly" defined in scripture without taking enormous liberties with scripture. What Yashua said and the apostles repeated is clearly defined.

Are we so spiritually weak here in the US that we cannot see ourselves suffering persecution, tribulation and even death for our testimony of Yashua? Is that what's re-

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ally going on here. If that is the case, then the "church" has definitely fallen prey to the Apostle Paul's prophecy of 2Tim4:3 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears (the greek says, "who will tickle the hearing"). I have written twice in the last seven articles that the teaching of a Pre-Trib rapture of the church prior to a time of great tribulation is well received here in the US. We are so accustomed to our religious freedoms being protected by the Constitution's Bill of Rights that we easily forget other countries are not so fortunate and the results are persecutions, tribulation, and even death for many of our brothers and sisters in Messiah. As you observe the decay and destruction of everything we hold dear in this country, just imagine what would happen if the protection of the First Amendment was stripped away (Mat 24:9). You don't believe me? You think this could never happen here? Test your theory then. We here in the US are "comfort believers". Dear Christian, the time is coming when that's going away and God will be looking for those who will endure to the end. Search your hearts now and prepare it for that day. If the prophets, the Messiah Yashua and the apostles were not spared tribulation, persecution and death why would anyone expect there faith not to be tested? I will end this series with these comparisons. None of which, allude to Yashua coming in two phases. For there is only one coming of our great God and Messiah Yashua. Allow scripture to interpret scripture.

EVENT OF YASHUA THE APOSTLES	WORDS OF WORDS OF
Resurrection/rapture 40,44,54	Joh 6:39, 1 Cor 15:23-24;
1 Ths 4:16-17; 1 Ptr 1:7;	Rev 20:4,5,6
Saints face tribulation	Matt 24:2
1	1Ths 3:3; 1Ptr 1:7
Trumpet sounds	Matt 24:31
1 Cor15:52; 1 Ths 4:16; Rev10:7; 11:15 (the last trumpet)	

Angels	Matt 24:31
1 Ths 4:16; 2 Ths 1:7	
In the clouds	Matt 24:30; Mar 13:26
4:17; Rev 1:7	1 Ths
Power and glory	Matt 24:30;
Mar 13:26	2 Ths 1:9;
Cosmic disturbance	Matt 24:29
29	Rev 6:12-17
End of the age	Matt 24:3
1 Cor 15:23-24	
Gathering to Him	Matt 24:3
1	1 Cor 15:23,24;
1Ths 4:13-17; 2 Ths 2:1; 1 Ptr 1:7; Titus 2:13	
Watch / be sober	Matt 24:42-44
1Ths 5:6-8	
Like a thief in the night	Matt 24:43
2Ptr3:10	1Ths 5:2;
Deception	Matt 24:23-25
25	2 Ths 2:3,9,10
Falling away	Matt 24:10
2 Ths 2:3; 1Tim 4:1	
Anti-christ revealed	Matt 24:15
15	2 Ths 2:3, 6-8

Just a quick word about Yashua coming as a "thief in the night" scriptures. The Pretrib doctrine camp concludes that 1Ths 5:2 is speaking about the rapture of 1Ths4:13-18. However they maintain that Mt 24:43 and 2Ptr3:10 is speaking about Israel because it is after tribulation. So according to the Pretrib camp, Yashua comes twice as a "thief in the night". First coming secretly as a thief; second coming publicly as a thief. 1Ths5:2 is a "rapture" thief in the night while 2Ptr3:10 and Mt 24:43 are "end of the age" thief in the night. On what basis do they make this assumption? On the basis of defending the Pretrib doctrine at all cost even though it makes no sense. Think of it scripturally; if 1Ths5:2 is a "rapture" verse, then, scripturally speaking, it follows that Mt24:43 and 2Ptr3:10 should be as well. This is letting scripture interpret scripture. Coming as a "thief in the night" is a very specific phrase and is not used to describe two separate events.

Now consider this: Pretrib theorist teach that Mt 24:29-31 is speaking about Israel because the angel's gather His "elect". Yashua was talking to His disciples at this time. He was also talking to them in Lk 21:9 describing the events leading up to the

tribulation. He was also talking to His disciples in John 14:1-4, the cornerstone verse of the "rapture" doctrine. Yashua is speaking to His disciples in all three instances. On what basis do they make the assumption that He is speaking about Israel in Mt and Lk but to the church in John 14? Again, defending the Pretrib doctrine at the expense of the truth. As for "the elect" in Mt 24:31 meaning Israel; Paul wrote about "the elect" at least four times (Col3:12; 2Tim2:10; Tit 1:1; 1Ptr1:2) referring to them as brethren (the church).

Paul and Silas were sent to Berea (a place in Macedonia) to the synagogues of the Jews to deliver the good news of Messiah Yashua. Scripture records the following:

Acts 17:11 "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, WHETHER THOSE THINGS WERE SO".

Christian, I want to be like the brethren in Berea. Searching the scriptures daily so that I can "rightly divide the word of truth". Don't accept everything you are taught as truth. That is unbiblical. Search for yourself.

Just know this. My intent for these articles the last eight weeks was to expose what I believe is a false teaching to the body of Messiah. Just because a doctrine is taught at famous seminaries does not make it truth. I went to great length in Part 4 to document how this fabrication was spread in the US and how it became so popular in our churches. I hope I have at least stirred your curiosity enough to examine the scriptures yourself and prove to yourself what you believe is true or could, quite possibly, prove to be wrong. Be aware that we could be that generation that will see the fulfillment "of all these things" (Matt 24:34). I want to be prepared spiritually for this time should I live long enough. I do not want to be caught unaware and become fearful but rather looking for the signs that signal the coming of the Son of man, knowing my redemption draws close (Mt 24:33; 1Ths 5:4-6). God bless.

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BERYL

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Patrick said that the state has deployed assets throughout the Coastal Bend region; the Houston area and Deep East Texas, moving into recovery mode.

The state's Public Utility Commission chairman Thomas Gleeson said during a news conference that he asked Texans for their patience as crews are out doing their best to restore energy across the state.

Entergy Texas issued an update Tuesday morning that as of 6:30 p.m. on Monday, approximately 247,000 Entergy customers were without power, but crews of more than 1,300 workers were tending to the problems, "but the company anticipates that it will take several days to fully restore power."

Sam Houston Electric Cooperative (SHECO) stated that its system had sustained "several damage" in the storm surges, and as of Tuesday, more than 5,500

customers' power had been restored.

SHECO estimates that some customers in "some areas" might be without service for 48 hours or more.

Patrick issued a statement Tuesday afternoon, following a phone call with President Joe Biden, requesting federal emergency disaster declaration through FEMA to cover all costs for debris and emergency protective measures.

Patrick said Biden granted the request and that FEMA's assistance will expedite the recovery process.

In the wake of the storm, with many Tyler County residents still without power, a cooling center is being made available.

The center is open at First Baptist Church, located at 205 West Wheat Street, in Woodville, and began serving in this capacity on Tuesday. The center will be open from noon to 6 p.m. each day.

According to the county's emergency management office, anyone affected by the storm, can go and stay cool inside the shelter, and charge up electronic devices.

DOGS

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Ivanhoe Police Lt. Steven Lemons, described the conditions the dogs were being kept as "inhumane," and were being kept chained with heavy steel chains.

Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace Tina Self signed an arrest warrant for Malcolm Isaiah Lewis, 36, who was determined to be the owner of the dogs.

Lewis was arrested on Tuesday and charged with cruelty to a non-livestock animal (failure to provide/abandon/transport/overwork) and issued a bond of

\$2,500.

On Wednesday, the dogs were taken into custody by the Polk County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). Blackstone said that of the eight dogs, seven were rescued, as it appeared someone had gone in after dark the previous day and collected one of them.

City council members, along with Blackstone and some community members helped by getting water to the dogs, according to Lemons.

The dogs are being housed in one of SPCA's kennels, and will later be worked with a trainer to begin rehabilitation.



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Enjoying a fun, Fourth of July adventure at Crystal Beach

We made a spur of the moment decision and got up ridiculously early (for a holiday) Thursday to travel to the Bolivar Peninsula to spend the Fourth of July at Crystal Beach. It's what Daughter wanted to do and as she'll be heading off to college in approximately six weeks, we're generally granting her requests as long as they're within reason. The beach – specifically, water – has always been her happy place. She was three years old the first time we took her to a beach. There's no telling how many photographs I've taken over the years of her and her Daddy joyfully playing in the surf.

The ferry ride from Galveston to Bolivar is always part of the charm and anticipation. We've accumulated a passel of family ferry stories over the years. There was the time years ago we were traveling in a caravan with a group of people and everyone's vehicle made it onboard the ferry except for mine. In more recent years, there was the time we were stuck sitting in the car on the Galveston side waiting to return to our Airbnb and the ferries were unable to run due to a power outage on the peninsula. We sang a lot of songs and whiled away nearly two hours with Daughter posing trivia questions from her phone before the electricity was restored and we were able to cross over.

On Thursday, we drove as far out as we could in an attempt to get away from the crowds. We set up the EZ-up and anchored it, pulled out chairs and coolers, played some music on the wireless speaker and then took turns applying sunscreen to each other. Those two immediately headed for the surf as I sat for a while in the shade, listening to the sound of the waves and watching the seagulls.

We spent the better part of the day just relaxing, taking turns both playing in the water and sitting in the shade enjoying some snacks, as well as each other's company. I'd packed some cheese and crackers, granola, strawberries, blackberries and chunks of fresh pineapple.

The people-watching was entertaining as usual. A couple of people were trying their best to get upright on a paddleboard. After numerous attempts, one of them gave up, but the other persisted and finally got up. A man a little way down was chest deep in the water wearing a cowboy hat as he continued to cast his fishing line. I don't know if he got any nibbles, but I do know we never saw him pull anything in. A boy who looked to be 12 or 13 spent an inordinate amount of time driving a four-wheeler and hauling sand piled high on a boogie board that was tied by rope to the back of his four-wheeler. We were never clear why he was doing it, but it held our attention for a while, with Daughter even commenting on his work ethic.

We watched five or six grown men dig a hole in the beach and then put a plastic kiddie pool in it – flush with the ground – for a toddler to sit in. After all their work, however, the toddler was not the least bit interested in sitting in that little pool.

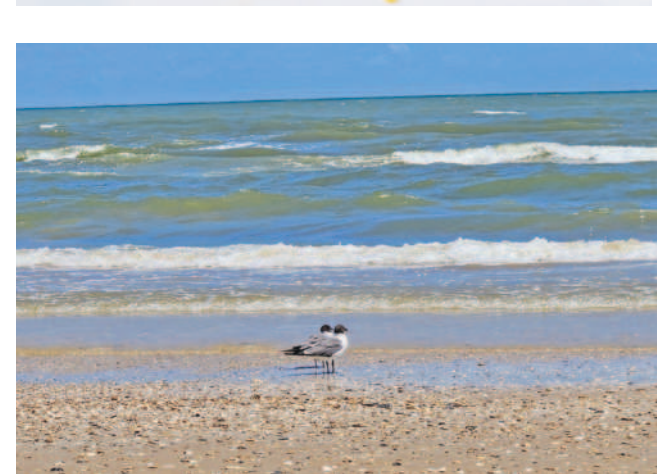
One of the more entertaining things was watching several women attempt to build a balloon arch, something Hubby said was probably futile due to the strong coastal winds. It started off a bunch of blue balloons and we assumed it was a birthday party for a little boy. As time passed, the finished effort ended up being half blue and half pink. As we saw an extremely pregnant woman round the corner, we realized the group was preparing for a gender reveal.

Curiously enough, the same woman large with child later re-appeared in what appeared to be a full-length, cream-colored wedding dress. We looked on as she, her fellow and the aforementioned toddler stood in the rolling surf as two additional ladies took photographs of them.

Shortly thereafter, some type of modified mode of transportation that strongly resembled a pirate ship replete with jolly roger flags rolled past with approximately two dozen young men in varying states of attire – some even sporting eyepatches – hanging on it. They were having an especially good time and from their exuberant boisterousness, we deduced that they had been partaking of cold refreshing beverages all day long. As they rolled past the balloon arch, they hollered out, “Is it a boy or a girl?” To which, the folks that had just been the subject of the surfside photography session hollered back, “We don't know!”

Before we ever left town that morning, I predicted our trip would be an adventure and Daughter gave me the same side-eyed look to which I've grown accustomed. We'd had a fun and relaxing day but as we realized we'd all gotten a little pink in spite of the sunscreen, we knew it was time to pack it up, change clothes and enjoy a good seafood supper before heading home. We'd planned to go to Miller's Seawall Grill, a place Hubby first took me to during our courtship. However, because the seawall was blocked to through traffic – why, we never figured out – we couldn't access the restaurant and ended up instead at Fisherman's Wharf, which ended up being a good call. Daughter selected char-grilled shrimp with steamed veggies and a side of mac and cheese. Hubby selected tuna tacos that came topped with pico de gallo, shredded lettuce, red cabbage, sliced avocado, cilantro, ranch and spicy mayo. I opted for the crab-stuffed tilapia in a lobster cream sauce with spinach and topped with a couple of shrimps.

It was truly an adventure – and like most of our adventures – it was a day we'll talk about forever.



Summer Wines - 2024

Last week we covered summer fishing. When it's too hot to fish at 5 p.m., what does an old man think about? You guessed it ... summer wines! Our wine-drinking habits change along with the rising temperatures – more light, chillier, white wine and rose, and fewer heavier reds and chardonnays. Today we will suggest a few wines that fit the bill at this time of year, wines you might want to try.

First of all, pinot grigio, the light, dry, slightly fruity wine from Italy. Although how you pronounce it doesn't affect the taste, here's my approximation of how serious wine-drinkers say pinot grigio: pee-no-gree-jo, with the accent on the gree and forget the t. One of our favorites is a box wine, Bota Box Pinot Grigio. It runs about \$16 at both Walmart and HEB – that may sound high, but it is really inexpensive ... the box hold three liters of wine, equivalent to four ordinary wine bottles. In fact, the Bota Box is not really a box of wine at all ... there is a plastic bladder in the box that holds the wine. Like all the box wines, a great virtue is that when you pour a glass, air does not get to the wine. As a result, the wine stays fresh for 30 days or more. The downside is that three liters is a LOT of wine. If you like to try a different wine every night, you may end up with a fridge full of boxes. For us, a box is very handy and has become our summer house white, and if one of our wine-drinking friends stops by, we don't have to scramble to find a cold glass of wine. By the way, the Bota Pinot Grigio is not from Italy, it's from California. One wine-drinker described this as, “Lively aromas of golden delicious apple, ripe pear and fresh spring flowers. This medium-bodied wine has



flavors of honeysuckle and apple with a light, vibrant finish.”

You will find plenty of pinot grigios to sample. If you want to go upscale, try the real Italian Santa Margherita (around \$20 at Total Wines) which is smooth and delightful.

Another of our summer favorites is Sauvignon Blanc, originally French, but thanks to an enterprising Frenchman who took the grapes to New Zealand, it has become a New Zealand staple. How do you pronounce that? About like this: sō-vēn-zyān-ō-blānj, with or without the k. What does it taste like? Here is the vintner's description of the Oyster Bay, a wine available in most of our stores: “Elegant and assertive with glorious fruit flavors. Brilliant clarity, extraordinary aromatic flavors and refreshing zest. Citrus notes and tropical flavors, youthful, elegant, and fresh.” Want a fancier wine? Try the Cloudy Bay (\$25+), a truly refreshing Sauvignon Blanc. I won't list some tasting notes for the Cloudy Bay ... if I did, I'd probably be compelled to jump in my car and drive south to get one! One good thing about Sauvignon Blanc is that at all price ranges it is delightfully delicious.

Bota Box also has a boxed Sauvignon Blanc. It is notable because the Wall Street Journal wine writer, Lettie Teague, recommended it a couple of weeks ago: “Both well-made and well-priced ... a soft, fruity, easy drinking white made from

Chilean fruit and produced in Napa Valley.” The vintner notes were, “... a zip of citrus, melon and a touch of minerality on the palate.”

We tasted both the Bota Pinot Grigio and the Sauvignon Blanc. Our tasting reminded us of a saying about husbands from an old friend in rural Arkansas: “Not a dime's worth of difference.” We liked them both. The Sauvignon Blanc did show the minerality in the finish and it stayed on your tongue.

One good thing about the Bota wines is that they have small, three-glass boxes available for about \$4, giving us a chance to taste it without investing in a whole box. The small box is indeed a box, not a bladder in a box, so once opened, it is open and like a regular wine bottle is subject to air getting to the wine.

A very dry white wine, Torrontes is an Argentinian wine. You won't find it locally, but the big stores to the South usually have more than one. It reminds us of the dry mountain slopes where it is grown around Salta in northwest Argentina. Like sauvignon blanc, it doesn't age well, so buy it only a year or two old. We had a bad experience at Specs one time when we were very glad to find Torrontes from a vineyard that we had visited, Columne. We were so glad to find it that we didn't bother to check the date on the wine. When we got home both our bottles were 2016 wines – too old, and even had a yellow color. Cynics that we are, we guessed that Specs had probably put the 2016 (this was 2022) on the front of the shelf to get rid of them. We took the wine back to Specs and had no trouble exchanging it for the year-old vintage. Sometimes it helps to

know a little (about as much as we know) about what you are buying. Drink those whites young!

We couldn't end this without mentioning a very popular summer bubbly, Asti Spumante. Available in all price ranges, a quality Asti Spumante is fresh, light-bodied and has a delicate palate of oranges, pears, apricots and peaches, which balances against the crisp acidity. Although sometimes thought of as an aperitif or dessert wine, it goes well with many summer dishes. It also does not age well, so get a bottle as close to the bottling date as you can. One advantage of Asti is that it is typically only 7-9% ABV, so an extra glass doesn't send you reeling.

Are there summer chardonnays? Yes, indeed. In summer, my friend Dave and his wife change their house wine

from Franzia Cabernet Sauvignon to Franzia Chardonnay. We haven't tried them, but we'd guess a bit “charonnay-ish” for our taste. A crisp, Sancerre or Chablis Chardonnay may be a bit pricey, but can be a wonderful light summer wine!

As you can see, when summertime comes there are lots of choices for summer wines. One notable wine we have left out is rose. Why did we leave it out? Because that is our next article! As usual, our advice is find wine to your taste. If you have a favorite that we didn't mention, let us know and we will share it with everyone. In the meantime, send us your comments, degustibus@livingston.net. Remember, nobody has the right to criticize your taste: de gustibus non disputandum est – there's no accounting for taste.





Michael and Kim Seago sing a duet of Johnny and June Carter Cash's "Jackson" accompanied by Chance Sims. MOLLIE LA SALLE | TCB



Visual artist Robert "Sunflower" Hurt, of Xaflora Designs and singer/songwriter Tommy Simpson enjoyed the Black Creek Rising festival. MOLLIE LA SALLE | TCB

Black Creek Rising:

A toe-tapping good time

By Mollie LaSalle
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WARREN – Black Creek Ranch in Warren hosted their inaugural music festival, Saturday, July 6.

Black Creek Rising: A Grassroots Music Fest attracted top-notch entertainment, vendors, and sponsors galore. Melody and Steve Daigle, with help from a multitude of friends put this event together in record time.

The event garnered top-notch sponsors including Tyler County Hospital, Texas Farm Bureau, Amy Bythewood Legal Services, Ariel Digital, Streamline Production Services, Read Logging, Riley Funeral Home, Angela Marie Photography, the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce and Giglio Distributing.

Several vendors were on hand including: Hog Heaven BBQ, That Food Truck, Country to Classy Boutique, Republican Women of Tyler County, Xa Flora Designs, Dana Martin Insurance, VFW Post 2033, Rustic Tumbleweed Homestyle Food Truck, Angela Marie Face and Body Painting, H2EAUX AIR, Valentine Family Lemonade, Bobby's Smokehouse, Crane's Farm, Sweet Treats by JodieTreats by Jodie, and Honey Hollow Custom Designs, Blingz by Divaz Paparazzi Jewelry, and the Sweet Life Bakery.

Sal Baldovinos, who served as emcee for the day's activities, got the ball rolling by offering up a prayer, followed by a stirring rendition of the national anthem by Colmesneil ISD Elementary Principal Shelby Tillery.

VFW Post 2033 Commander Mike King gave a moving speech about what they do for our veterans, and introduced the first music act, Army Veteran Troy Seale from Hudson. Next up was Spurger native Tyler Dozier, accompanied by Jace Nunnally. The two, who are frequent performers at festivals, and in bars and clubs throughout the region, performed in a song-swap style set.

The Miller Highlights, a family trio from Nacogdoches were up next. Paige Price took the stage at 3:15, offering up soulful tunes and powerhouse vocals.

Local musicians Chris Edwards and Chance Sims participated in a song swap, followed by the debut performance of Warren's own Micheal Seago. With his strong voice and playing a vintage Gibson guitar that once belonged to his great-grandfather, Seago was accompanied through most of his performance by Sims on guitar. Also appearing with Seago was his own "June Carter," mom Kim, and they performed "Jackson," karaoke style.

The last performers of the evening were the full bands Tommy Simpson and the Loaded Dice, and No Chaser.

Both bands served up tuneful southern rock songs with a country influence. Simpson's set mixed covers of songs by bands like Lynyrd Skynyrd with several original tunes like "Rusty's Pool Hall" and "Hippie Hiatus."

No Chaser, fronted by singer/songwriter Josh Mullin, mixed '90s alternative rock anthems like "Cumbersome" with classics like Toby Keith's "Should've Been a Cowboy."

There was a spectacular fireworks display in the pasture prior to No Chaser's performance.

There was royalty in attendance, as four beautiful young ladies from the Miss Woodville pageant, looking every inch a queen, were accompanied by organizer Kamryn Grammer.

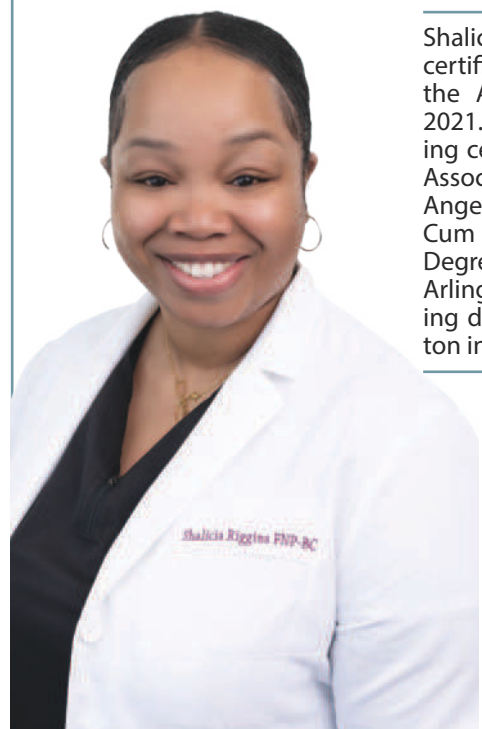
Sal Baldovinos offered these words of praise when it was all said and done: "Thank You to all involved, sponsors, vendors, performers, volunteers, friends, and family who made this event possible". Tommy Simpson added, " outstanding venue and people. Thank You so much for having us out".

Melody Daigle had the final say on the days events: " we're so grateful to the sponsors, vendors, performers, helpers, and YOU all who showed up for a great time. The rain stayed away all day and we couldn't be more thankful for that. If you missed our inaugural music fest, plan on being here for Veterans Day in November".

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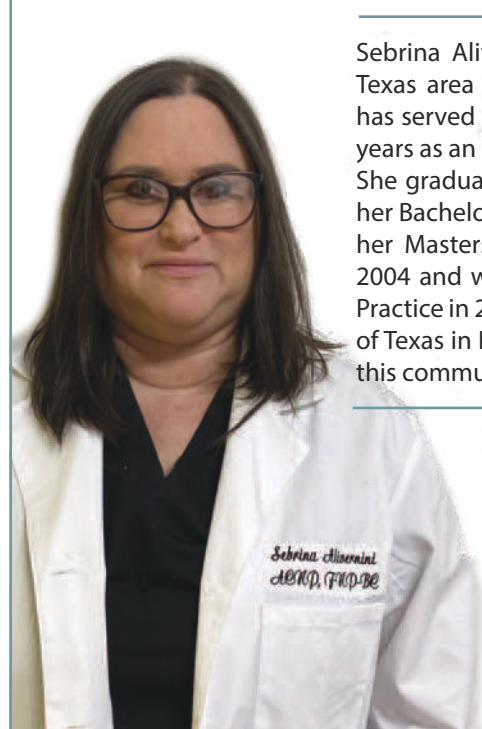
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GRILLING THE PERFECT STEAK: VENISON OR BEEF



I absolutely love steak, regardless if it's from the back strap of a whitetail or loin of a grain fed beef but there are vast differences in the way each are cooked, or I might say the way each should be cooked. I'm referring to grilled steaks here, not chicken fried. Tenderness and fat or marbling is

the primary difference between venison and beef. Beef are 'fed out' and fattened but deer use all their muscles for survival and their meat is naturally not as tender. All fat must be removed from that thick cut venison back strap steak. Fat is what gives venison that gamey flavor some folks complain about. Remove ALL fat from venison, regardless how you plan to prepare it. On the other hand, fat is a good thing with beef, it's what keeps the steak moist when cooking and adds a great deal of flavor.

I must address a disclaimer here in the beginning; I like steaks-all type steaks- well done. Not charred but cooked to the point there can only be a trace of pink in the center of the steak. I fully understand why the majority of hunters want their grilled back strap steaks cooked medium rare or even rare. Without the fat to marble the venison steak when cooking over a very hot fire of charcoal or wood, it becomes as tough as a boot, yes even the back strap or inner loin steaks which are the most tender cut of the deer would become tough if cooked well done directly over coals.

A couple weeks ago, I bought several pounds of sirloin beef steak on sale at a very good price. My wife loves a grilled steak and so do I but I happen to have a supply of venison back strap in the freezer that I wanted to cook along with the sirloin. As most know, sirloin is not the most tender cut of beef. Oh, it's tasty when grilled over coals but also a bit chewy.

I have a method of grilling less than tender cuts of beef or venison back strap that makes both not only well done and flavorful but tender as well. I cut my venison steaks about three quarter inch thick and dust them liberally with garlic powder, salt and coarse ground black pepper. The sirloin beef steak is seasoned the same and both are placed into a freezer bag in the frig for a couple days to marinate. I add a bit of Louisiana Hot Sauce to help distribute the dry seasonings.

I like a bit of smoke flavor on grilled steaks and put the steaks over a charcoal or wood ember fire until almost done to my liking. If cooking with wood, make sure and let the fire burn down to embers before putting the steaks on to cook, this will avoid getting too much smoke on the steaks. Next I finely chop several garlic cloves and heat some cooking oil and butter in my cast iron skillet. Butter alone will scorch when exposed to high heat and the oil seems to allow the steaks to finish cooking without charring. I'll begin at medium temperature and sear the steaks on both sides then add the diced pieces of garlic and flip the steaks to insure garlic is thoroughly distributed on both sides. When the steaks are seared on both sides, it's time to place a lid on the skillet and turn the head down very low. Let the meat sim-



These 'tougher' cuts of steak have been grilled over hot coals until medium well done and now being finished in a cast iron skillet with butter and fresh garlic. Thirty minutes of slow heat will make them tender and the butter will insure they don't dry out. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

mer for twenty minutes of so, this will further help tenderize it. After this slow cooking period, remove the lid, turn the heat back up and again sear each side of the steak.

I always reserve a bit of the garlic butter to drizzle over the steak before serving. I'm not saying steaks cooked in this manner are as tender as a choice rib eye but they are very flavorful and much, much more affordable. Obviously, if you like your steaks rare or medium rare, this is not the method for you. Slow cooking in moisture is the key to making tougher cuts of meat tender and this method uses butter and a bit of oil to do the trick. The finished product is a well done and tender steak. Through the years, this is the only way I've found to tenderize grilled venison. But if you like venison rare, simply pull your steak off the grill when it reaches the desired doneness. I've watched many of my friends cook their venison at camp in this manner. Ole' Luke always has his cast iron skillet handy with some butter and garlic and after the steak gets a bit of wood smoke flavor, off the grill and into the skillet it goes!

I also love chicken fried venison and use the same marinade as when grilling. A couple days marinating in the frig works wonders on venison regardless if you're using ham steak or back strap. I always tenderize steak I use for the chicken fry method. This can be accomplished many ways, everything from scoring with a sharp knife to running the

meat through a tenderizer works. Some cooks dip the steak in egg and milk then into flour twice before frying but I prefer a lighter batter. I simply lightly season flour and thoroughly coat each of the side of the steak. The trick, just like when frying fish, is to have the oil really hot but not smoking. It only takes 6 or 8 minutes to chicken fry a venison steak to the point that the crust is crunch and the meat well done.

Chicken fried venison is the perfect candidate for a liberal amount of cream gravy and rice served on the side. After the steaks have been cooked, remove most of the cooking oil but not all, leave enough to moisten a few tablespoons of flour and be sure to leave the little bits of browned flour, they add a lot of flavor to the gravy. Stir the flour constantly for a few minutes to make the roux or gravy. I like to season with a bit more coarsely ground pepper and salt to taste then stir in milk or water to finish the gravy. If you're at camp, canned milk is much easier to work with and the flavor is excellent. Served with some hot homemade biscuits, this is a meal fit for a king or queen, regardless if cooked at camp or home.

Email Luke through his website www.catfishradio.org and check out his radio show on many radio stations across the state or listen to his weekly podcast *Catfish Radio with Luke Clayton and Friends* wherever podcasts are heard.

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Eagle volleyball hosts camps

By Jason Drake

WOODVILLE – Luciana Babin, or “Coach Lou,” as she is known, hosted volleyball camps held at the Woodville Eagle Summit.

Babin was an All-Conference player at Louisiana State University. The camp was one week long and had two sessions. The morning session was sub-varsity and the afternoon was a varsity camp. Campers that attended came from all over the state of Texas.

Woodville had several young ladies attending the week-long morning clinic. These athletes were Rylee Flowers, Kynli Foxworth, Adelyn Johnston, Jillian Harrington, Hadlee Marshall, Rilynn Borel, and Makenzie Johnson. Babin was assisted by former Woodville High School and Texas Lutheran University standout Emily Mixon. All-District volleyball player Tara Greer assisted with the younger level players as well. Even though this was a junior camp, the athletes attending were given varsity intensive training.

Several members of the volleyball team represented Woodville in the afternoon session including Claire Tucker, Aleiah Yanock-Sebastian, Karson Weaver, Gracen Cox, KK Foster, Aeva Corbin, Kelsi Risinger, Taylor Greer, Emmie Jean, Kaylee Clack and Heidi Spurlock. Head volleyball coach Kayla Connor complimented on Babin how much effort and hard work she put into the camp. She also noted, “These girls will have a head start when two-a-days start August 5 at 6:30 a.m.” The expectation of effort, intensity, and attention to detail was well received by all the campers. Citizens State Bank helped sponsor the camp.

Avery Gazzaway was not present because she was attending the Air Force Academy Camp. She will also be attending Baylor University and University of Central Arkansas camps this summer. Clack will also be attending Stephen F. Austin State University’s camp as well.



The Lady Jackets teamed up with Corrigan Lady Bulldogs for scrimmages at the TC Thunder Volleyball Camp. Back Row L-R: Coach Emily Mixon, Saydi Handley, Audrie Caballero (Corrigan), Addison Garcia (Corrigan), Kaylee Garcia (Corrigan). Front Row L-R: Emma Byrd, Kyli Handley, Carlen Sluga. BECKI BYRD | TCB

Colmesneil hosting three-day Bulldog Football camp

By Chris Edwards

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COLMESNEIL – Are you ready for some football? Colmesneil ISD is hosting its Bulldog Football Camp for three days, Monday, July 15 through Wednesday, July 17.

The camp is for any incoming CISD students, from fourth grade through eighth grade, and the camp will go from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. each day.

The cost of admission for attendees is \$30, which can be paid with either cash or check, and includes a camp T-shirt. The forms for the camp can be picked up at the CISD front office, or by emailing Brian Ramsey, at brian.ramsey@colmesneilisd.net.

Also happening in Bulldog Country is the athletic physicals for students who are participating in any UIL-sanctioned activity, or for new student drivers in the 2024-25 school year.

Physicals are scheduled for Thursday, July 11, at the R.B. Moffett Gym, and are \$20 cash. The physicals are for incoming seventh graders, ninth graders, 11th graders and anyone with a major injury.

Jacket baseball players still earning accolades

By Becki Byrd

Texas High School Baseball published the state leaders for the 23-24 baseball season. Several Yellowjackets finished well overall. Will Thomason overall state stats: Finished 25th in the state with a .443 batting average, 12th with 35 hits, seventh with 29 RBIs, third with eight wins pitching, 10th with 80 strikeouts, and an ERA of 2.72 landing him in 19th.

Turner Johnson overall state stats: Finished 31st in state with a .425 batting average, tied for 6th with 37 hits, tied for 10th with 9 doubles, tied for 11th with 25 RBIs, and 4th with 42 runs scored. Jaxon Gay overall state stats: Finished 33rd in state with a .418 batting average, 2nd with 41 hits, tied for 12th with 7 doubles, 1st with 10 triples, tied for 16th with 20 RBIs, 1st with 60 runs scored, and 11th with stolen bases at 23. Waylon Sturrock overall state stats: Finished 44th in state with a .378 batting average, tied for 6th with 37 hits, tied for

fourth with 12 doubles, tied for fifth with three triples, second with 35 RBIs, tied for 8th with 37 runs scored, 16th with 18 stolen bases, tied for 5th with six wins pitching, and 28th with 50 strikeouts. Jesse Bittick overall state stats: Finished tied in 13th with 34 hits, tied for 9th with 10 doubles, tied for 11th with 25 RBIs, 11th with 34 runs scored, and 31st with 46 strikeouts. Cutter Lowe overall state stats: Finished tied in 13th with 34 hits, tied in 9th with 10 doubles, tied in 10th with 26 RBIs, and tied in 8th with 37 runs scored. Rex Gilzow overall state stats: Finished 25th with 27 hits, tied in 12th with seven doubles, tied in 13th with 23 RBIs, and tied for 18th with 27 runs scored. Trayce Knox overall state stats: Finished 20th with 26 runs scored. Brad Davison overall state stats: Finished tied in 15 with 19 stolen bases and tied in seventh with four wins pitching.

More awards have come in for the Yellowjacket baseball team. THSCA Super Elite teams were named this past week

with several Jackets making the list and Coach Butter being named Coach of The Year. Will Thomason was named Player of the Year, Gold Glove awards were given to Jesse Bittick, Jaxon Gay, Turner Johnson, and Cutter Lowe.

The Lady Jacket volleyball team has been preparing for next season by playing summer league games hosted by Central Heights High School. A few Lady Jackets also attended TC Thunder Volleyball camp directed by Luciana Babin at Woodville High School. Camp was three days of competitive drills and skills. On the last day campers split into teams arranged by school. Lady Jackets teamed up with some Corrigan Lady Bulldogs and TC Thunder Coach Emily Mixon to complete the team for the scrimmages. Other teams were made of schools from Woodville, Warren, Diboll and other out of area teams.

Volleyball season will soon be upon us and the work done now will pay off at the beginning of August.

Big Bass Splash tournament founder Bob Sealy dies

By Chris Edwards

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BROOKELAND – Bob Sealy, who put Lake Sam Rayburn on the map with his Big Bass Splash fishing tournaments, died last Wednesday, following a battle with cancer, at the age of 75.

In an interview with Sealy, for a feature story in an issue of the East Texan magazine in 2019, Sealy said that he’d “always been a firm believer that we’re put on this earth for a purpose.”

“I want this legacy to continue. I count my blessings every day,” he added. Sealy, as CEO and creator of the Big Bass Splash tournaments, created quite a legacy.

The friendly Sealy, who was a gifted storyteller, had a lifelong love of bass fishing, and competed in several Bassmaster tournaments in the 1980s. He was able to convince B.A.S.S. founder Ray Scott to bring a Bassmasters tournament to Sam Rayburn.

Since 1984, the Big Bass Splash has been able to give amateur fishermen the chance to “win like the pros,” as Sealy Outdoors’ motto states.



SEALY

The concept for the Big Bass Splash tournament went back to nearly 50 years ago, when Sealy, along with the owners of three radio stations, partnered to put on an event on Lowe’s Creek on Toledo Bend.

After six years of putting the event on at that location, and with partners in the radio business, Sealy went out on his own, initially sponsored by Burger King for a couple of years.

A meeting with Jack Schwartz,

then owner of the Jasper McDonald’s franchise, set the wheels in motion. Schwartz was interested in helping Sealy, but under one condition: that the event benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Sealy, who had not heard of the Ronald McDonald House, agreed to tour one of the facilities in Houston.

“It didn’t take very long,” he said. “That Ronald McDonald House in Houston is an amazing facility, and they do amazing things for families of kids who are being treated for catastrophic diseases.”

The first year that McDonald’s sponsored the tournament, it was a one-day event with 692 entries. “We only guaranteed \$10,000, overall,” Sealy said. By year three, the tournament boasted 2,267 entrants, a top prize of more than \$16,000 and two boats to give away.

Through the years, the ranks of entrants grew in number, and so did the prize payouts. Big Bass Splash and its host lake became such a force that Texas Parks and Wildlife stated through a recent economic impact study that within five days, the tournament and all of its accompanying activities gener-

ated \$17 million for the five-county area around the lake. “Fishing is not a luxury, it’s an industry,” he said.

In 2017, he was inducted into the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame. As the East Texan piece noted, there are names in popular culture synonymous with certain things, like “Colonel Sanders” as a synonym for fried chicken. With Sealy, it was common to hear people say “the fishing guy” in reference to him.

Sealy attributed his passions, namely his desire to help others and to give back to his community, to his upbringing.

He grew up in Thornton, Texas on a ranch, where hard work was the daily norm, and pleasure came in the form of fishing, which his grandfather introduced him to.

Sealy wound up at Lake Sam Rayburn when he was selling real estate in Illinois for a company called Boise Cascade, a firm which was right across the highway from McDonald’s corporate headquarters. An associate asked him to come to the area after he’d completed a resort project. This was in 1969 and after helping his associate with a project, he knew he’d found

home. In the 70s Sealy got to know B.A.S.S. founder Scott, who was something of a mentor to him. Sealy was fishing professionally at the time but admits that he couldn’t compete with the likes of Scott.

The economic growth of the fishing industry helped push Sealy in the direction of his tournament concept: events where amateurs could win, and be treated like pros.

At present, the Big Bass Splash events are held on locales like Lake Guntersville, Alabama and Lake Chickamauga, Tennessee, among others.

The Sam Rayburn event has drawn the attention of statesmen and celebrities alike, and placed Sealy on National Geographic programs, as well as inductions into the Legends of The Outdoors National Hall of Fame and the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame.

Sealy’s obituary ended with the phrase, which might have been popularized at one time by the Bachman-Turner Overdrive song, but has become synonymous with Sealy, from those who’ve attended a Big Bass Splash tournament: “You ain’t seen nothing yet!”

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Painting depicting both the kitchen and cabin as it would have looked in 1870.



The Tolar Cabin today, facing east on a hill near Hillister



Inside of the Tolar Cabin: note the meticulous restoration



The Tolar Cabin Kitchen on display at the Heritage Village Museum in Woodville.

THE TOLAR CABIN – THE OTHER HALF OF THE STORY

By Col S. Edward Boxx, USAF (ret)

The Tolar Cabin “dog trot” kitchen remains one of the more popular venues at the Heritage Village museum. Built in 1866 and originally located with the “main house” of the Tolar Cabin near Hillister, it was moved to the museum in 1965.

The “squared-and-notch” log structure with its “mud-cat” chimney represents an affluence not usually found in frontier buildings. However, after viewing, many inquisitive

visitors (out of town and local) will ask the understandable follow-up question: “Where is the main cabin?” Thanks to the preservation efforts of Ray Hensarling and his family – we can tell you the Paul Harvey-like “rest of the story.”

Originally constructed by Robert Jackson Tolar for his bride Mary Versailles “Versie” Durham, the cabin and kitchen were adjacent to each other but not connected (see painting). Understandably, the threat from wood-fueled kitchen fires along with the desire to keep the heat away from the rest of the house (especially

in summer) made sense. Today, the main cabin remains in the same location – a few miles west of Hillister and situated on a ridge. Although ownership has changed over the last two centuries, Al Pritchard ultimately saved the building in 1975. Twenty years later, Ray Hensarling (current owner and steward) and Pat Foster fully restored the cabin in 1995. Nowadays, the building is meticulously maintained and decorated and serves as a unique architectural heritage to a bygone era. Additionally, the cabin (and kitchen) represents a

connection to two important Tyler county families – the Tolars and Shivers. Robert Jackson Tolar was a nephew to Nancy (Tolar) Shivers (1813-1890), a fearless widow who moved her family via wagon to Texas in 1858 and settled 600 acres west of Woodville. According to the 1850 census, the westward move to Texas was a joint family undertaking as the Tolars lived next door to the Shivers in Simpson County, Mississippi. Located today near the Tyler County airport, the Magnolia Hills estate remains in the Shivers family. Nancy ultimately became the great-grandmother to one of the most influential politicians in Texas history – Gov. Allan Shivers. The quintessential log cabin remains identifiable to American, Texas and Tyler County history. When Woodville’s own Gov. Shivers (the ever-astute politician) was running for office (and his family’s Magnolia Hills cabin had long ago cease to exist) jokingly quipped, “I wasn’t born in a log cabin, so I built one.”

To learn more about the Tolar cabin or to see for yourself a wonderfully preserved 1866 pioneer kitchen, please visit the Heritage Village Museum or call (409) 283-2272 / (800) 323-0389 or visit the Village’s website at: <https://www.heritage-village.org>.

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Seeing past the storm

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come,"



The Preacher Says
By Keith Bellamy

he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son

of God." When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. (Matthew 14:22-33)
It was an act of great faith to even try it in the first place. Peter climbed out of the boat, and instead of sinking, he stood. Soon he was walking on the water, looking at Jesus. It was a miraculous event. But then he saw the waves and wind and he took his eyes off Jesus.
Don't we do that. Another hurricane has hit our area. God will get us through this. Whatever you are facing, I believe God's word, that He cares for you and me (1 Peter 5:7).



Pastor and wife anniversary at Pilgrim Rest

WOODVILLE – Join Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in celebrating the 27th pastor and wife anniversary of Pastor Michael Hadnot and First Lady Jeanine on Sunday, July 14, at 3 p.m. at 80 Cobb Mill Rd., Woodville. The event will feature Pastor Larry Mitchell from Little Flock M.B.C. as the guest speaker and Sis. Pam White as the Mistress of Ceremony. Celebrate with us as we honor their dedicated service and leadership.

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Proposed fed rule would protect workers from extreme heat

A year after a new state law ended mandatory water breaks in Texas, a proposed federal rule would protect millions of workers from the risks caused by extreme heat, The Texas Tribune reported.

The rule would require employers to create plans to prevent heat injuries and illnesses and ensure workers get access to drinking water, rest breaks and control of indoor heat. It would apply to all employers whose businesses are under the jurisdiction of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Last year, Texas legislators passed House Bill 2127, which barred cities and counties from passing ordinances that go farther than state law in a number of areas, including labor regulations. That measure eliminated ordinances in Austin and Dallas that mandated water breaks for construction workers, The Tribune reported.

"Greg Abbott tried to take rest breaks away from everyday Texans, but now we're one step closer to securing heat protections for all Americans on the job," U.S. Rep. Greg Casar, D-Austin, said last week. "Employers can adopt OSHA's proposed rule and protect their workers today."

The proposed rule still has to go through the regulatory approval process. It likely will face opposition from industry groups.

AG's office must collect fines from its boss

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton owes the state of Texas more than \$11,000 in fines for



Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

filing late campaign finance reports, and the office he heads is now charged with collecting the money, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The Texas Ethics Commission referred Paxton's unpaid fines to the attorney general's office in April, according to public records. Paxton is not the only elected official who owes the state for campaign violation fines. Hundreds of candidates and elected officials together owe the state more than \$700,000. His office has declined to sue to collect the unpaid fines, according to the Chronicle.

The executive director of Common Cause, a watchdog group, called the situation a clear conflict of interest.

"If I didn't pay a parking ticket and incurred a fine as a penalty, most Texans would find it absurd if I also got to review my fine and have a role in deciding whether any action should be taken to collect that fine," Anthony Gutierrez said.

The office has only filed one lawsuit against a public official who owes ethics fines since September 2023.

Abbott's border wall decades away from completion

The state-funded border wall announced by Gov. Greg Abbott three years ago is proceeding at about a half mile a week, The Tribune reported. At that rate, completion of the wall along the state's 1,254-mile border will take about 30 years and cost around \$20 billion to complete. Thus far, 34 miles of wall have been completed at a price tag of about \$25 million per mile.

State lawmakers thus far have approved more than \$3 billion for the wall, out of the \$11 billion allocated for the border crackdown known as Operation Lone Star. The remainder of the money has gone to sending state troopers and National Guard soldiers to the border, as well as transporting migrants to Democrat-controlled cities outside of Texas.

Some Republicans are expressing concern about the rising costs of the wall.

"I am, too, concerned that we're spending a whole lot of money to give the appearance of doing something rather than taking the problem on to actually solve it, and until we do that, I don't expect to see much happen," state Sen. Bob Hall, R-Edgewood.

Abbott's office did not respond to a request for comment.

TxDOT asks for feedback on 10-year plan

The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking input on a proposed 10-year plan that proposes spending a record \$104.2 billion for transportation to improve safety, address congestion and improve roadways.

The plan also addresses public

transportation, maritime, aviation, rail, freight and international trade, and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, according to TxDOT.

The Unified Transportation Program is updated annually and serves as the agency's 10-year blueprint for statewide projects.

"Collaborating with our transportation partners and communities ensures that we continue connecting you with Texas while prioritizing safety, delivery, innovation and stewardship," said Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director.

The comment period is underway and ends on Aug. 5. To learn about different ways to comment, go to: <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/utp/utp-public-involvement.html>.

Report: Weed is essentially legal in Texas

A Texas Monthly investigation into eight hemp dispensaries across the state found that all were selling cannabis with potent levels of THC, the psychoactive compound still considered illegal in Texas beyond low levels.

In 2018, the Farm Bill passed by Congress said cannabis plants with less than 0.3 percent delta-9 THC is considered hemp and not restricted under the Federal Controlled Substances Act. Texas adopted these standards the following year, making hemp legal in the state. That resulted in hemp dispensaries sprouting across the state.

Russell Gold with Texas Monthly told the Texas Standard that samples purchased at dispensaries

across the state were sent off for testing.

"The lowest amount of THC we found was nine times the legal limit, but we actually purchased some that was 40 times the legal limit," Gold said. "And what that means is that this isn't hemp. It is marijuana by any definition."

Gold said he was unaware of any dispensary in the state being shut down for selling what is essentially cannabis.

"I mean, there are penalties because they're not supposed to, but nobody's paying attention," he said.

Shark attack injures 4 on the Fourth at South Padre

Four people were injured after a shark attack on South Padre Island, the Austin American-Statesman reported. A news release from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said two people were bitten and two slightly injured when encountering the shark.

Authorities believe a single shark was behind all four incidents, occurring over two hours. Such attacks are rare, with 36 reported last year in the United States, according to the University of Florida's Shark Attack File.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com

TDEM prepared for Beryl impact

Our region of Texas is all too familiar with the impacts of hurricane season. With Hurricane Beryl moving west across the Caribbean, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) is urging Texans to keep a close eye on the Gulf, heed local officials' warnings, and have a plan in place should tropical weather reach Deep East Texas.

I want to reiterate TDEM's call for preparedness which includes staying informed, monitoring local weather forecasts, having an emergency plan, and preparing an emergency kit.

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) recommends that you prioritize acquiring non-perishable food, water, and essential supplies for your emergency kit. You can find DSHS's Disaster Sup-



Capitol Update

By Trent Ashby
State Representative, District 9

ply Checklist at <https://texasready.gov/build-a-kit/disaster-supply-checklist.html> to ensure that you and your loved ones are ready for any disaster that may occur.

With that, we'll dive back into our examination of House interim charges. . .

House Interim Charge: State Affairs

The House Committee on State Affairs has jurisdiction over all matters relating to state policy, the

regulation of electric utilities and the electric industry, cybersecurity, telecommunications utilities, and many other important issues that affect our state. The committee also oversees many state agencies, such as the Public Utilities Commission, the Texas Ethics Commission, and the Department of Information Resources.

The committee has been charged with monitoring the implementation of five important bills passed during the 2023 Legislative Session, including SB 1699, HB 2555, HB 5174, SB 2627, and HB 9.

SB 1699 allowed distributed energy resources, which are small-scale power generators such as home solar panels, small wind farms, or backup natural gas generators, to become part of the ERCOT grid system to provide more

power to the grid. HB 2555 allows electric utilities to formulate and file resiliency plans with the Public Utility Commission to plan for extreme weather events that may impact electric services. HB 5174 established the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium to formulate a strategic long-term plan for research, design, and manufacturing of semiconductors in Texas.

SB 2627 created the Texas Energy Fund, which set aside \$5 billion for low-interest loans to construct new power plants, which we desperately need. The bill also allocated funds to repair existing power plants, fortify the grid around hospitals, and upgrade grid infrastructure outside of the ERCOT service area.

HB 9 created the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund, which allocated \$1.5 billion to expand broadband internet services to the nearly 7 million Texans who currently lack reliable home internet access. I was proud to author HB 9 and pass it through the Legislature, and I was equally pleased to see voters overwhelmingly approve the program in the November constitutional election.

Additionally, the Committee is charged

with reviewing how state agencies have carried out Operation Lone Star along our southern border and make recommendations on how to increase the safety and well-being of our military and agency personnel, as well as the overall efficiency of our border security operations.

The committee is also charged with reviewing the operation and funding of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and evaluating the ability of state agencies to secure the Texas coast's ability to produce energy while maintaining adequate coverage for policyholders.

Finally, the committee is tasked with evaluating the findings of the Investigative Committee on the Panhandle Wildfires and developing legislative solutions for preventing future wildfires and improving wildfire mitigation, preparedness, and response.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can help you in any way. My district office may be reached at (936) 634-2762 and my Capitol office may be reached at (512) 463-0508. Additionally, I welcome you to follow along on my Official Facebook Page, where I will be posting regular updates on what's happening in your State Capitol and sharing information that could be useful to you and your family: <https://www.facebook.com/Rep-TrentAshby/>.

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ACROSS

- 1 TX Daniels who starred in 1931 "The Maltese Falcon"
- 5 what a panhandle road does in a winter storm
- 6 TX Dabney 1987 sitcom: "The Maxwell Story"
- 7 Houston or Dallas "___ and downs"
- 9 Alamo commander, Travis (init.)
- 12 bumper sticker: "No ___ But Texas"
- 17 Reba sang "___ Life Out There"
- 19 TXism: "___ Cadillac bumper"
- 21 one way to spell the capital of Iran
- 22 TXism: "useless as a screen ___ a submarine"
- 23 "I ___ news"
- 28 in Concho County on U.S. 83/87
- 29 once an apt AM station in Post, TX
- 30 historic "___ Farm & Ranch" in Corpus Christi
- 31 a few of the thinnest coins
- 35 WWII atomic bomber ___ Gay
- 36 TXism: "green ___"
- 42 "Popeye the ___"
- 44 Mayberry's Pyle
- 46 TX Orbison's early group (2 wds.)

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- 1 TXism for "waitress" (2 wds.)
- 2 Texas was 1st state to see this in 2024
- 3 Luka ___ buzzer with a last second basket
- 4 this Cecil stole a mess of bases for Rangers (1987-90)
- 9 TXism: "___ seein' eye to eye" (agree)
- 10 TXism: "you're ___" (interfering)
- 11 ___ gallon hat
- 12 degree held by most Texas profs.
- 13 TX Strait's "You ___ in Love" (1983)
- 14 "Pop ___" was first recorded by TX Nat Stuckey (1966)
- 15 Texas Pulitzer-winning journalist, Brown
- 16 "those" in Mexico
- 18 TXism: "___ argue with a fence post"
- 20 TXism: "bat ___ eyelash" (blink)
- 23 George of "The Dirty Dozen" with TX Trini Lopez (init.)
- 24 golfer's hole in ___
- 25 Sam Houston statue weighs 25 ___
- 26 gas swell in cattle
- 27 D-Day, an invasion of ___ forces
- 32 TXism: "cashed ___ his chips" (died)
- 33 ___ Pleasant (abbr.)
- 34 TXism: "size ___ up"
- 36 Noah's boat
- 37 TXism: "just a ___-gen" (small amount)
- 38 Denzel 2004 thriller: "___ Fire"
- 39 wanderer
- 40 nail file abrasive
- 41 TXism: "is the pope Catholic?"
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- 45 former Cowboy Staubach (init.)
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Doggett doubles down on push for Biden to step aside

By Isaac Yu,
Texas Tribune

WASHINGTON — Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, dug in his heels during a meeting of House Democrats on Tuesday morning, urging the party to rally around an alternative candidate to President Joe Biden.

Doggett, who was the first House Democrat to publicly call for Biden to step aside, told reporters as he walked out of the closed-door meeting that he made his case once again to his colleagues that Biden is too weak to defeat Donald Trump.

“The debate cannot be unseen,” Doggett said of the June 27 debate, where Biden was raspy and at times incoherent. “The president has been running behind. We needed a surge; we got a setback.”

Biden is scheduled to visit Doggett’s district on Monday, speaking at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library in Austin.

Doggett said Tuesday that he would support Biden in November if he stayed in the race. But Doggett said he had received a “tremendous outpouring” of support in his district after he initially called for Biden to step aside and pledged to continue voicing his concerns.

“I share admiration for his work in office, but the dangers of a Trump presidency are so significant that we have to put forward our strongest candidate,” Doggett said, though he did not name a preferred alternative candidate. Caucus leaders sought to prevent leaks of

the discussion and did not allow representatives to have cellphones inside the room. Most representatives declined to comment as they exited the meeting.

The caucus meeting and Doggett’s latest comments come just one day after Biden sent a two-page letter to Democratic lawmakers insisting that he is staying in the race and that it’s time to move on.

“The question of how to move forward has been well-aired for over a week now. And it’s time for it to end. We have one job,” Biden said.

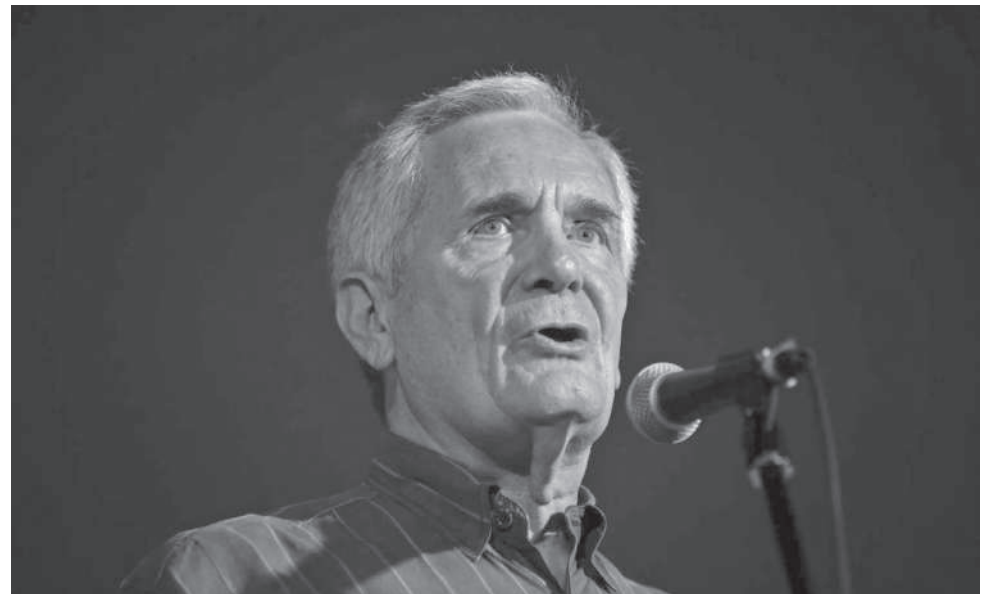
Four Texas Democrats have yet to say publicly whether they still support Biden as the party nominee: Rep. Henry Cuellar of Laredo, Rep. Joaquin Castro of San Antonio, Rep. Marc Veasey of Fort Worth, and Rep. Colin Allred of Dallas, who is running for Senate in November.

Veasey said he did make a case at the caucus meeting but did not say which position he took. He had warned fellow Democrats last week to be cautious and “chill a little bit.”

“Everyone had an opportunity to have their voices heard,” Veasey said on Tuesday. “I think that you’re going to continue to hear from a variety of people on how they feel about this.”

Castro stayed mum on Tuesday morning, though a campaign spokesperson said last week that Biden’s speech in North Carolina the day after the debate was a “much stronger reflection of the leader Americans have seen over the last three and a half years.”

Most other Democrats, meanwhile, have held the line for Biden. Rep. Veronica Escobar of



U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett speaks at the Turn Up the Vote event in Austin, Texas Oct. 23, 2022. Photo by Azul Sordo | The Texas Tribune

El Paso, who is a Biden campaign co-chair, conceded last week that the debate wasn’t what she had hoped for but emphasized the party’s focus on defeating Trump. Houston-area Reps. Sheila Jackson, Sylvia Garcia, Al Green and Lizzie Fletcher have all made public comments supporting the president, as did Rep. Jasmine Crockett of Dallas, who said on MSNBC that “so long as the president says that he can do this job, then that is our ticket.” Rep. Greg Casar of

Austin said on KVUE that he would “support the president, or if the president decides for someone else to be the nominee, I’ll support them until victory in November.”

Rep. Vicente Gonzalez of McAllen, also expressing support for Biden, said on Tuesday that he believed the president could still win in November.

Asked if he thought Biden would stay in the race, Gonzalez said, “Time will tell.”

TxDOT asking for feedback on record \$104 billion 10-year plan

Special to the Booster

AUSTIN — To help keep a thriving Texas economy moving, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is drafting a record-breaking 10-year transportation plan, and the public is invited to weigh in on potential projects in communities across the state.

The draft 2025 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) proposes \$104.2 billion in transportation spending, making it the second year in a row that the UTP plan exceeds \$100 billion.

The UTP provides a road map to help develop projects around Texas to improve safety, address congestion and connectivity, and preserve roadways for Texas drivers. The UTP also addresses public transportation, maritime, aviation, rail, freight and international trade, and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity. TxDOT works with its transportation partners to identify projects to be included in the UTP and updates it every year.

TxDOT invites the public to offer comments during a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, July 31, at 2 p.m. (CDT).

The draft 2025 UTP public comment period began on Friday, July 5, and ends Monday, Aug. 5, at 4 p.m. (CDT). To learn more about different ways to comment, visit the UTP Public Involvement webpage. Both the public meeting and hearing presentations will be recorded and available for viewing at a later time.

Contacted about long-lost relative’s life insurance policy or an inheritance? It’s a scam

By Jim Kreidler
Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

People are getting letters in the mail from a law firm saying that one of their clients has died and they’re looking for the heir. You are, they say, that heir! (Spoiler alert: you’re not.) The letter goes on to explain their offer: they want to split the proceeds between you, some charities, and their law firm. But what’s really going on?

This is not a lawyer — it’s a scammer. That’s the most important thing to know. But the letter sounds convincing, explaining that the firm has tried to contact family members. No heir, they say, has come forward to collect the multi-million-dollar life insurance policy or inheritance. It might be tempting to reply, just to see if you really can get some of the money. But that’s where the scam kicks in. If you contact them, they’ll try to get your personal and financial information,

like your Social Security or bank account numbers, your money — or all of the above. Oh, and that life insurance policy or inheritance? It doesn’t exist at all. It’s a scam.

Here’s what to do if you get one of these letters: Don’t respond. Keep your money and information to yourself. Never send money or information to a stranger who promises big rewards. That’s always a scam. Pass this information on to a friend. You probably throw away these kinds of letters. But you also probably know some-



one who could use a friendly reminder that these are scams.

Report it to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Want to stay on top of the latest scams? Get the FTC’s Consumer Alerts delivered to your email inbox. Sign up: ftc.gov/ConsumerAlerts.

Disaster unemployment assistance applications deadline is July 16

Special to the Booster

AUSTIN — The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is issuing a reminder that individuals whose employment or self-employment was impacted by April and May’s severe weather events have until July 16 to file for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). The Presidential Disaster Declaration includes Austin, Bell, Calhoun, Collin, Cooke, Coryell, Dallas, Denton, Eastland, Ellis, Falls, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Henderson, Hockley, Jasper, Jones, Kaufman, Lamar, Leon, Liberty, Montague, Montgomery, Navarro, Newton, Polk, San Jacinto, Smith, Terrell, Trinity, Tyler, Van Zandt, Walker and Waller counties.

Workers and self-employed individuals in the designated counties who have been unable to work due to damage sustained from the severe weather may be eligible for DUA ben-

efits. Individuals can apply for benefits online through Unemployment Benefit Services or by calling TWC at (800) 939-6631 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Individuals should specify that their applications are related to the damage caused by severe weather. Applications for DUA benefits under this declaration must be submitted by July 16, 2024.

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

- Have applied for and used all regular unemployment benefits, or do not qualify for unemployment benefits;
- Worked or were self-employed or were scheduled to begin work or self-employment in the disaster area;
- Can no longer work or perform services because of physical damage or destruction to the place of employ-

ment as a direct result of the disaster;

- Establish that the work or self-employment they can no longer perform was their primary source of income;
- Cannot perform work or self-employment because of an injury as a direct result of the disaster;
- Became the breadwinner or major support of a household because of the death of the head of household; or
- Were unable to reach their job or self-employment location because they must travel through the affected area and are prevented from doing so by the disaster.

To receive DUA benefits, all required documentation must be submitted within 21 days from the day the DUA application is filed.

Required documentation includes Social Security number, and documentation to support that you were working or self-employed when the disaster occurred or were about to start

work or self-employment and could not do so due to the disaster.

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

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

Texas Workforce Commission

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Visit the TWC website for more information about connecting with local Workforce Solutions offices to access job search resources, job postings and training programs, as well as assistance with exploring career options, résumé and application preparation, career development and more. Customers also may connect with potential employers through TWC’s online job-search engine by visiting WorkinTexas.com.

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

Legal Notices

Estate of Doris Tubbs

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DORIS TUBBS, Deceased, were issued on July 3, 2024, in Cause No. PR-10087, pending in the County Court of TYLER County, Texas, to: CAROLYN GRAY. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the man-

ner prescribed by law. c/o: BRAD ELROD, ATTORNEY AT LAW, PLLC. Attorney at Law, 130 South Charlton Street, WOODVILLE, TX 77664. 3. DATED the day of July, 2024. ввссл. BRAD ELROD, ATTORNEY AT LAW, PLLC Attorney for CAROLYN GRAY, State Bar No.: 24087471 130 South Charlton Street WOODVILLE, TX, 77664 Telephone: (409) 283-8288 Facsimile: (409) 283-8078 Email: brad@elrodlawtx.com.

Estate of Joe Allen Neil

Notice to Creditors Cause Number PR-10080 On the 6th day of June 2024 Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of JOE ALLEN NEIL, Deceased, were issued to ERIC NEIL ALLEN, Independent Executor, by the County Probate Court of Tyler County, Texas, in Cause Number PR-10080 pending upon the docket of said Court. All persons

having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present them within the time prescribed by law at the address shown below. The name where claims may be sent is Mitchell Avila Katine, Katine Nechman McLaurin LLP, 2000 Bering Drive, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77057, 713.808.1001 or (fax) 713.808.1107 TX Bar Number: 11106600.

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the manner prescribed by law. c/o: BRAD ELROD, ATTORNEY AT LAW, PLLC, 130 South Charlton Street, Woodville, TX 75979. DATED the 3 day of July 1, 2024. Becsl Eal. BRAD ELROD, Attorney for BEVERLY HATCH State Bar No.: 24087471 130 South Charlton Street WOODVILLE, TX 77664 Telephone: (409) 283-8288 Facsimile: (409) 283-8078 Email: brad@elrodlawtx.com.

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Estate of John Houston Means

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the manner prescribed by law. c/o: BRAD ELROD, ATTORNEY AT LAW, PLLC, 130 South Charlton, WOODVILLE, TX 75979. DATED the 3rd day of July, 2024. BRAD ELROD, Attorney for ALVINA MEANS State Bar No.: 24087471 130 South Charlton Street WOODVILLE, TX 77664 Telephone: (409) 283-8288 Facsimile: (409) 283-8078 Email: brad@elrodlawtx.com

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EAST TEXAS LAND

HOMES - RANCHES - ACREAGE - WATERFRONT



NEW LISTING: Beautiful untouched natural wooded 299+/- acres on FM 1745 offers creek, fishing lake, & neat 3BR/1BA cabin...\$1,895,000



NEW LISTING: Spendid 3BR/3BA/2GA open design stucco/stone home on 2 acres, salt water pool & pavillion, Colmesneil...\$529,000

RESIDENTIAL

WOODVILLE: 3/2 Cott. Res. 1,869 sq ft, on Pecan & W. Bluff Sts, large shot, prominent locat... **\$199,500**

CUSTOM: Recent 3BR/2BA on .69 ac lot... **\$324,900**

2.4 ACS: Stylish 3BR/3BA brick on lg. wood lot in Colmesneil, recent updates, lg. workshop. **\$329,000**

HOMES ON LAND

20+ ACS: Wildwood 3BR/2BA/2GA on 20+/- acs, golf/boating, but room for horses/cattle/hunting! **\$749,500**

HILLISTER: Sprawling 3BR/2BA hill top home, 1BR/1BA guest apt, pond, 19 open acres... **\$539,652**

6+AC: 1BR/1BA **PENDING** colmsn. **\$129,500**

2 AC: Splendid stucco/stone 3BR/3BA/2GA, open floorplan, saltwater pool, nice landscaping **\$529,000**

15 AC: 3BR/2BA, workshop, live sprg lake **\$494,500**

299+/- AC: Rolling mature woods, neat 3BR/2BA Cabin, creek, lake, FM 1745 ftrg nr Chester. **\$1,895MM**

LAND & ACREAGE

280+/- AC: Rolling woods, developable tract, two county rd frtgs., home & lake bldg. sites... **\$6,500/AC**

220+/- AC: Mix woods, lg. live sandy creek, electricity, rolling terrain, camp site, nr. Colmesneil... **\$4,990/AC**

196+/- AC: Natural pine/hardwoods fronts US 190E and co. road, live creek, elect., homesite... **\$5,390/AC**

152+/- AC: Nr. Fred on FM 92, mixed woods, creek, great hunting, lake/home sites, electricity. **\$5,490/AC**

126+/- AC: Good hunting & timber land. **\$3,595/AC**

103+/- AC: Rare untouched rolling hardwood forest, elect. avail, poss. home/lake sites, Wdvl... **\$5,500/AC**

77+/- AC: Rolling tin **PENDING** g creek **\$5,890/AC**

62+/- AC: Hilly mixed acres, huge hardwoods, 2 live sandy creeks, acc. to elect. great hunting... **\$5,990/AC**

53 AC: Remote mixed timber, rustic camphouse, electricity, 2 creeks, pretty rolling terrain... **\$5,500/AC**

50 AC: Live crk, hilly terrain, good hunting... **\$5,490/AC**

49+/- AC: Mature mix woods, nr Warren. **\$5,990/AC**

48+/- AC: On U.S. Hwy. 287, mixed woods, live creek, access to elect, potential bldg. site. **\$6,500/AC**

43+/- AC: U.S. **PENDING** hilly woods, elec. avail, perfect homesite/lot sites, Wdvl. **\$6,490/AC**

43+/- AC: Ideal develop site, US 69S W/ve. **\$430,000**

35+/- AC: Warren, **PENDING** bldg site. **\$5,990/AC**

27+/- AC: Woods on U.S. 190E, Newton. **\$3,460/AC**

28+/- AC: Mixed woods on CR 3000, long frontage, sloping terrain, elect. available, pot. bldg. **\$6,990/AC**

25+/- AC: Beautiful fenced pasture, electric avail, homesite over looking lake, near Warren. **\$9,995/AC**

22+/- AC: Heavily mix-wooded acres on CR 2150, access to elect., potential homesite, lv. crk **\$6,490/AC**

19+/- AC: Nice **PENDING** terrain for building site, end of private rd, access to electricity. **\$6,900/AC**

17+/- AC: Outside of Woodville, fronts two roads, mixed woods w/ **PENDING** electr. **\$6,900/AC**

9+ AC: Acreage nr. Chester, fenced/elect. **\$119,900**

LOTS: Woodville lots ready-to-build, off 69. **\$24,900**

LOTS: .50 wood ac. on US 69N, electricity. **\$14,500**

LOT: 411 W. Wheat St, Wdvl, lot in town... **\$5,000**

COMMERCIAL

18.96 AC: Woodville cleared on US 69S. **\$495,000**

9+/- AC: Ideal develop site, US 69S W/ve. **\$430,000**

INDUSTRIAL: 20 **SOLD** build., office. **\$999,000**

KIRBYVILLE: Com property, downtown... **\$384,560**

IN TOWN: 3/2 Con **SOLD** 9sf, W. Bluff. **\$199,500**

2+/- AC: Outstanding bldg. lot on US 69S. **\$200,000**

6.9+/- AC: 600ft of comm front. US 69S... **\$230,000**

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