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# Post-Beryl cleanup efforts underway

**By Chris Edwards** news@tylercountybooster.com

TYLER COUNTY - On the heels of Hurricane Beryl, cleanup efforts have been ongo-

Beryl, which made landfall last Monday morning, near Matagorda, damaged trees and power lines throughout the region, and left millions of Texans without power for days. The damage in Tyler County was largely confined to downed limbs and a few

ing in the areas hit by the Category 1 hur-

fallen trees, and many residents without power.

According to Entergy Texas, in a power restoration update on Tuesday morning, approximately 248,000 of the 252,460 customers who were impacted had their power

An Entergy news release reminded customers who are still experiencing an outage to safely check for damage to electrical equipment attached to their homes or businesses. Technicians cannot restore power to any location with a damaged meter base, conduit or weather head, which is the metal pipe extending upward from the structure with the cables inside.

A qualified electrician must repair those elements before Entergy workers can begin the restoration process.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has set up within the region and opened an emergency operations center within the county's Office of Emergency Management, located at 201 Veterans Way in Woodville.

The center is open 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. It opens from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and is closed Sunday.

Since Tyler County is one of the 67 counties approved for federal disaster assistance following Beryl's impact, up to 75% of the costs associated with expenses for debris removal and emergency protective measures can be reimbursed.

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**FEMA** 

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Housing assistance

assistance

for Texans

How you can receive help

Special to the Booster

FEMA disaster assistance may provide funds for serious needs, displacement, basic home repairs, rental of temporary housing and other uninsured expenses resulting from Hurricane Beryl. FEMA assistance is not a replacement for in-

Home Repair or Replacement: Money to help you repair or replace your home damaged by the disaster. For example, this may include addressing mold caused by the disaster, or money for hazard mitigation measures. Mitigation measures are actions you can take when making repairs that will help reduce

the amount of damage to your home

in future disasters. The money can also help with pre-existing damage to parts

of your home where the disaster caused

• Accessibility Needs: Money to help survivors with a disability with specific repairs to make sure their home is accessible, such as an exterior ramp, grab

bars and paved path to the home en-

trance. Repairs can be made when these

items are damaged. Improvements can

be made when those features were not

present prior to the disaster, and they

are needed due to a pre-existing disabil-

ity, or a disability caused by the disaster.

• Privately-owned Roads, Bridges, **Docks:** Money for survivors whose only

access to their home has been damaged

• Rental Assistance: Money you can

use to rent housing if you are displaced

from your home because of the disaster.

Serious Needs: A one-time \$750 pay-

ment to help you pay for lifesaving and

life-sustaining items, including water,

food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, breastfeeding supplies, diapers, consumable medical supplies, durable medical equipment, personal hygiene items and fuel for transportation. Displacement: Money to help with immediate housing needs if you cannot return to your home because of the disaster. The money can be used to stay in a hotel, with family and friends or for other options while you look for tempo-

**Personal Property:** Money to help you repair or replace appliances, room furnishings, a personal or family computer damaged by the disaster, books, uniforms, tools, additional computers and other items required for school or work,

Medical/Dental: Money to help you pay for medical expenses because the disaster caused an injury or illness. This money can also be used to help replace medical/dental equipment, breastfeed-

including self-employment.

Other Needs Assistance

available



Progress happening - The new CTE building on the campus of Woodville High School is taking shape. CHRIS EDWARDS | TCB

# WISD board gets buildings update

**By Chris Edwards** news@tylercountybooster.com

**WOODVILLE** – "Go home and get some sleep now," joked Woodville ISD Board of Trustees president Jimmy Tucker, after the board heard a report from Braden Griffin of Gallagher Construction.

Griffin, who serves as project manager for the firm, and is overseeing the bond-funded construction of a new elementary school campus and CTE building at the Woodville High School campus, has indeed been busy.

Prior to the brief meeting, WISD Superintendent Lisa Meysembourg and the board members surveyed the new CTE building site, which is taking shape.

All of the block walls are up, and the crew will start with the block filler in the next

couple of weeks, Griffin said. Electrical has been run overhead, along with in-wall ports and plumbing. For the elementary school building, Griffin said "everything is moving fairly fast over there," with brick installation to start in the next three weeks. All of the overhead and in-wall electrical and plumbing installation has also been completed on that project, he said.

#### **Registration Rally scheduled**

In her regular report to the board, Meysembourg said that the district will hold its registration rally next week, on July 23-24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on both days, for the 2024-25 school year.

The first day of the fall school term will be on Wednesday, August 14.

The summer break, Meysembourg re-

marked, has moved along swiftly.

#### TEA releases tax rate info

WISD's assistant superintendent and financial manager Cody Jarrott reported to the board that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) recently released its figures, statewide, for the maximum compressed tax rate for school districts.

That figure is \$0.6855 per \$100 of valuation. TEĂ determines the maximum compressed rate for a tax year by a formula which, according to TEA, compares the extent to which estimated statewide property value growth exceeds 2.5% and may further reduce the maximum state compression rate, after accounting for additional state

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The picturesque Lake Tejas is still a summertime favorite swimmin' hole for the region, but its future might be in jeopardy. Learn how you can help save it in the latest East Texan magazine, found inside this issue. KELLI BARNES | TCB

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LAKE LEVELS B.A. Steinhagen Lake Level:

• As of 7-16: 82.28 feet • 89.7 % full

Sam Ravburn Reservoir Level: • As of 7-16: 168.85 feet

• 97.3 % full

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#### LIFE TRIBUTES

#### Fate Knighten

Fate Edward Knighten, 19, of Spurger passed away on July 13, 2024. Born in Jasper, to Josh Knighten and Jennifer McClelland, he lived in Spurger most of his life.

Fate was a beloved son with an amazing heart and a true spirit who made everyone around him feel better about themselves. Never without a smile and always there for anyone who knew him, you had no choice but to love him. He treated everyone the way we should treat each other.

Fate was a member of River Acres Chapel in Spurger. A member of the Revelators Motorcycle Ministry, he served as a tail gunner and was known as Skinny. He was an amazing young man who will be truly missed and never forgotten.

His grandfathers, Gilmer Knighten and Scooter Smith preceded him in death.

Fate is survived by his loving family, mother Jennifer McClelland; father, Josh Knighten; sister, Kassidy Flowers and husband, Chance; grandmothers, Shiela Smith and Donna Knighten; aunts and uncles, Michelle and JD Willis, Scott



and Kimberly McClelland, Cody Knighten and Jennifer Knighten; numerous cousins who loved him dearly and countless friends who loved him like a brother.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 11 am at the River Acres Full Gospel Church, County Road 4445, Spurger, Texas. Burial will follow at the Fred Community Cemetery. Visitation will be on Friday, July 19, 2024, from 5 pm until 8 pm at the River Acres Full Gospel Church.

Services are held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home, Woodville. 255





#### Melinda Widner

Melinda Jan Widner, age 58, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Baylor St. Luke's Hospital in Houston, after an intense battle with cancer.

She was born in Jasper on December 27th, 1965. Melinda found joy in good company and life's little moments. She loved to cook and would never miss out on a car ride with good music. Melinda was often found fishing at her home and reveled in nature's goodness.

Melinda is preceded in death by her parents Goldie and W.T. Thomas. She is lovingly survived by her husband of 29 years, Billy Widner II as well as her children: Gary Pierce, Jeremy Pierce, Billy Widner III, and Crystal Rawls.



ter Brenda Schofield.

A Celebration of Life

#### Additionally, she leaves behind two grandchildren, Billy Widner IV and Rhiannon Rawls, as well as her brothers Terry Thomas and David Thomas, and her sis-

will be held on Friday, July 19th at 5 p.m. The memorial will take place at Our Lady of the Pines family center, located at 1601 Pine St, Woodville, TX 75979 176

**Entergy provides** donation for Beryl relief

Special to the Booster

Entergy Texas has secured a shareholder commitment of \$125,000 to the American Red Cross to help support relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Beryl in Southeast

This contribution will help facilitate the provision of essential services such as shelter, food, medical care and other vital resources to assist those affected by the hurricane in their recovery Hur

ricane Beryl's impact has been substantial, leading to widespread damage and displacing many individuals in the area and across the state. The level of damage brought by the Category 1 hurricane underscores the urgent need for assistance and resources to aid those grappling from the storm's impact.

Eliecer Viamontes, president and CEO of Entergy Texas, expressed the company's dedication to providing assistance during this time of need.

"Entergy Texas is proud to stand alongside the Red Cross in supporting the relief efforts for those impacted by Hurricane Beryl in Southeast Texas," he said. "Our commitment to helping communities in distress remains unwavering, and we are hopeful that our contribution will offer relief and comfort to those facing hardships in the storm's aftermath."

For more information on Entergy Texas' restoration following Hurricane Beryl, visit the company's online Storm Center.

#### James Kelley

James "Jimmy" Kelley gained his wings on July 05, 2024 following a brief and intense battle with pancreatic cancer. Often we are left feeling things went unsaid when a loved one passes on, the same cannot be said for Jimmy. Jimmy was a man who always reminded you of his love, he was caring and compassionate and full of life. Not a day went by that you didn't know that he was there for you when you needed him.

Jimmy was the kind of husband that still held his wife's hand, sneaked her secret kisses when no one was looking and danced with her in the kitchen. Being a dad was absolutely the greatest joy of his life. He was the fun dad who never tired of spending time with his three children. Whether it was movie night, teaching them to play chess, engaging in spirited nights of board games, spending time at the deer lease, or having a fun day outdoors on the water, he was committed to the adventure and loved every second of it.

Jimmy was the son who grew up to be a best friend. The kind of man that Susan and Royce not only loved but respected and admired. He was the kind of brother everyone would be so lucky to have. He would not only help Micheal find trouble, he would always be there to help find a way out of it. He was the brother-in-law you always looked forward to sharing a cold beer with, a man you were confident would look after and love his family the way a man should. He was the grandson, nephew, cousin, uncle and great uncle that anyone would love, always full of laughs and always up for

Jimmy was the friend you had for life. No matter the time apart or miles between, you knew he would be there for you. He was always the guy you wanted on your team at play or work.

Jimmy loved being a Captain. He was always at home on the water and could drive any vessel you put him in the wheelhouse of. He was the one you could count on to keep a



level head and be there to stand shoulder to shoulder with you to face any situation. He was also the one you hoped was cooking something in the galley, because you knew it would be good. There are a lot of words that have been used to describe Jimmy, but the best way to sum it all up is that he was truly one of a

Jimmy will be welcomed into Heaven by the loving arms of many family and friends, but the most precious will be his sweet Mama, Susan Kelley. She was his first true love and that adoration endured up to the very final moments of his life on Earth.

Jimmy was a stranger to no one and a friend to most, there are really too many to list of those of us he left behind. However, we must acknowledge those who loved him the most. His wife of seventeen years, Brandy Kelley. His beautiful daughters, Brooke and Abigail, son Cody Curtis, father, Royce Kelley, brother, Micheal Kelley and wife Ann, brother-in-law Micheal Whitten and wife Roxanne, sister-in-law Jenifer Clayton and husband John.

Jimmy's family will lay him to rest on July 16th in a small personal ceremony at Forest Park Cemetery

Please join us for a Celebration of Life ceremony to celebrate the awesomeness that encompassed his entire life on July 21, 2024 at 10:30 am at the Texas City Municipal Police Association Clubhouse located at 300 Ranki Dewalt Rd, Texas City.

Services are held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home, Woodville. 627





Woodville ISD **Registration Rally** July 23 & 24, 2024 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM



**District-Wide Registration for** ALL K-12 Students - Returning and New!

This is a ONE STOP Registration process!

Register your student(s) and complete all paperwork for the 2024-25 school year. You will also be able to get information on the following: Transportation – Health Services – Cafeteria Services – Technology – Athletics

Special Programs - Online Parent Portals/Rooms - Volunteer Opportunities

Registration for Kinder-5th Grades will be held in the Elementary Cafeteria at 505 North Charlton Street Registration for Grades 6-12 will be held on the High School Campus at 700 Eagle Drive

Parent/Guardian must be present – students cannot register themselves for school. Please bring the following documents for each student:

\* Certified Birth Certificate

\* Social Security Card

\* Immunization Record \* Last Report Card or HS Transcript

\* Copy of Parent/Guardian Driver's License \* Proof of Residency (current water/electric bill or lease/rental agreement in parent's name)

**Returning Students:** \* Immunization Record (if updated)

\* Proof of Residency (current water/electric bill or lease/rental agreement in parent's name)

Please note that EVERY student must bring documentation on of Proof of Residency OR have already been accepted as a District Transfer\*.

\*District transfer forms will be available to complete and turn-in, but students cannot register until this form has been accepted and approved by the campus administrator and superintendent.

After completing registration, Elementary/Intermediate students will be assigned to their homeroom class and Middle/High School students will receive their class schedule for the first semester.



# Prescott picked to lead DETCOG

Special to the Booster

Polk County Minority Representative Brandon Prescott has been sworn in as the new President of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments and Economic Development District. The oath of office was administered to Prescott and other DETCOG officers during the organization's Annual Membership and Awards Luncheon held June 27 at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center in Lufkin.

The other officers for 2024-2025 include San Jacinto County Commissioner Mark Nettuno who is President-Elect, Houston County Judge Jim Lovell serving as Vice President, and Lufkin City Councilman Robert

"I am excited to be- COURTESY PHOTO gin my year of service as

President of DETCOG," said Prescott. "This is an organization which provides many valuable services to the local governments and citizens of our region. Our goal is to bring people together to improve the lives of the people of this region. It's an honor to serve."

Organized in 1966, DETCOG is both a Regional Planning Commission of the State of Texas and a federally chartered Economic Development District. It serves an 11-county region encompassing all of Angelina, Houston,



Shankle who is the new New officers of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments are installed at the conclusion Secretary. The immedi- of the DETCOG Annual Membership and Awards Luncheon June 27 at the Pitser Garrison ate Past President, who Convention Center in Lufkin. The officers for 2024-2025 are (left to right): President Branalso serves on the DET- don Prescott (Polk County Minority Representative); President-Elect Mark Nettuno (San COG Executive Com- Jacinto County Commissioner); Vice President Jim Lovell (Houston County Judge); and Secmittee, is San Augustine retary Robert Shankle (Lufkin City Councilman). Administering the oaths of office is San County Judge Jeff Boyd. Augustine County Judge Jeff Boyd, the Immediate Past President of DETCOG.

> Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler counties.

> The organization is governed by a 54-member Board of Directors, composed of elected officials of counties and cities, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, and various other governmental entities in the region.

> The board also includes a minority representative from each of its 11 counties. Prescott has represented Polk County in that capacity since 2019. He has served as a DETCOG officer for the past three years.

#### JAIL BOOKINGS OF

Jail Report for July 8-14

William Matthew Collins, 30, of Fred – Aggravated assault /w/ deadly weapon

Rebecca Michelle Disler, 39, of Village Mills - Criminal trespass treatment center/ motion to revoke; Criminal mischief >=\$100<\$750/motion to revoke

Robert Gustavus Hadnot, 55, of Lufkin - Intoxication manslaughter /w/ vehicle/withdrawal of surety

Patrick Cardell Lewis, 42, of Woodville - Possession of controlled substance 1/1-B <1G; Possession of controlled substance 1/1-B>=4G<200G Alexander Phillips, 39, of Woodville - Driving while intoxicated/open alcohol container/motion to revoke; Possession of controlled substance PG 1/1-B <1 gram/ motion to revoke

Sheryl Dianne Read, 53, Woodville - Burglary of habitation; Criminal trespass; Terroristic threat/cause fear of imminent serious bodily

Carroll Jay Rhodes, 61, of Woodville - Assault causes bodily injury

Kristen Leigh Rumley, 61, of Warren - Possession of controlled substance PG 1/1B<1G

Ricky Sells, 49, of Doucette - Expired driver license; Expired registration; Failure to maintain financial responsi-

Andrew Spencer, 36, of Orange - Driving while intoxicated/failure to appear

Christopher George Tubb, **51,** of Woodville – Failure to maintain financial responsibility; Wrong plate; No registration

#### Scam artists afoot after disasters

Scam artists often follow a large storm or disaster. The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) has tips to help recognize and avoid common contracting scams.

#### **Common contracting**

The scam: A contractor asks you to sign something before giving you a repair

What to do: Read any paperwork carefully. Make sure it's not a contract, or you could get stuck paying a bill without ever seeing an

The scam: A contractor asks you to sign a contract with blank sections.

What to do: Don't do it. Never sign a contract with blank spaces. The contractor could fill those in later with higher costs or different work.

The scam: Contractor offers to waive your deductible or "work it into the bid."

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CALENDAR **STATE REPRESENTATIVE** 

Trent Ashby (R)

TYLER COUNTY **SHERIFF** 

Bryan Weatherford (R) 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.

### TYLER COUNTY NUTRITION CENTER SENIOR MENU

Monday 7/22: Chicken & Rice, Cabbage, Black Eyed Peas, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding. Excercise 9:30, Bingo 10:00

**Tuesday 7/23:** Meatball Subs, Chips, Salad, Orange Fluff. Crafts

Wednesday 7/24: Shepherds Pie, Salad, Roll, Blueberry Cornbread Cobbler. Excercise 9:30, Bingo 10:00

Thursday 7/25: Breakfast Casserole, Biscuits, Gravy, Fruit ParfaitMovie 12:30

Friday 7/26: Fish or Chicken, French Fries, Slaw, Hushpuppies, Assorted Dessert Choice, Exercise 9:30

Chef Salads offered Tuesday and Thursday.

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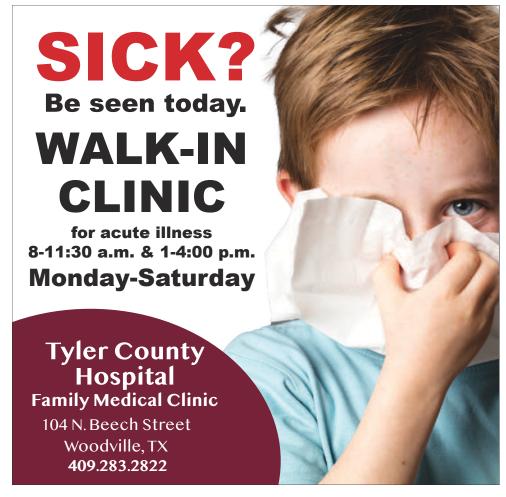
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# Are you over 60 years young?

The Tyler County Booster would like to honor you, our senior citizens, still living your best life in our upcoming Seniors Living special section.

Brag on yourself or someone you know who is proving that age really is just a number.

Fill out the form below and bring it (along with a photo) to our office at 205 W. Bluff in Woodville or email beth@polkcountypublishing.com. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, July 18 at noon.



| Name:   |                                    |
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#### TYLER COUNTY WEATHER FORECAST **THU NIGHT**

# **THURSDAY**

A stray afternoon t-storm; humid

HIGHS: **86** to **91** RF: 99 to 104 POP: 50%

A shower and thunderstorm late

LOWS: **86** to **91 70** to **75 67** to **72** RF: 94 to 99/68 to 73 RF: 78 to 83 POP: 65% POP: **40%** 

**FRIDAY** 

Cloudy with a stray thunderstorm

Some sun with a stray thunderstorm **83** to **88** 

**SATURDAY** 

**68** to **73** 

RF: 93 to 98/71 to 76

POP: **40%** 

t-storms, mainly late **82** to **87 70** to **75** RF: 91 to 96/73 to 78

**SUNDAY** 

Cloudy with

POP: 75%

and a thunderstorm **79** to **84 70** to **75** RF: 87 to 92/67 to 72

POP: 70%

Cloudy with rain

**MONDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 

**AccuWeather** Visit AccuWeather.com

An afternoon thunderstorm or

**82** to **87 84** to **89 71** to **76 70** to **75** RF: 93 to 98/69 to 74 RF: 93 to 98/70 to 75 POP: **75%** POP: **60%** 

Statistics through 7/14 **WEDNESDAY Temperatures** Daily ranges — Normal high — Normal lov 90 91 91 86 86 88

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**WEEKLY ALMANAC** 

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RF: The AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. Shown are the highest and lowest value ranges for each day. POP: Probability of Precipitation.

**CMYK** 

# **OPINION**

# The result was as inevitable as it was planned

My Two

By Tony Farkas

**Common Sense** 

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Two phrases began battling for supremacy in my mind on Saturday evening after news of the shooting at a Pennsylvania rally for Donald Trump.

One was "What else did you expect would happen?" and the other was "threat to our democracy."

The first one, many of you will remember, was one you dreaded to hear from anyone as you were growing up, from parents to teachers to pastors to babysitters, grandparents, etc., when the result of some poorly planned event backfired spectacularly.

Usually this amounted to a feat of derring-do such as building a homemade bicycle ramp or holding a bottle rocket while it was lit, resulting, usually, in some injury to the body or, just as bad, to the ego.

Once the blood and gravel were removed, and sufficient Kool-Aid was applied, the phrase was brought out as a way of admonishment, and hopefully, correction.

After Saturday's events, though, it's hard to only say that.

The chief weapon against the candidacy of Donald Trump, going back for eight years now, has been reviling the man at every opportunity. He's continuously labeled as Hitler, as a threat to

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have read, enjoyed, and been informed by your columns

since they first appeared in the Tyler County Booster. Your

most recent, about the media's reaction to the presidential

debate, was spot on. Too much of our press has chosen to be "not free", abandoning the premise on which it formerly

Thanks for your insight into a very real and scary problem

with our mass media.

-Jim Boone

Colmesneil, TX

media has becoming torch-bearing Chick-

a fascist seal-clubbing, puppy punching climate denier, and of course, their adamantly uneducated followers have been whipped into a frothed

you expect would happen?"

Even after the event, as information began trickling in, the left wing of politics, including the national media, kept their collective feet on the gas. CNN's first headline claimed Trump was rushed off-stage after a fall; MSNBC claims Trump is safe after popping sounds were heard at a rally; even the Associated Press claimed the former president was rushed off the stage after loud noises were heard.

Trump, saying "... it is time to put Trump in a bull's eye."

As part of the concerted effort to erase Donald Trump from public existence, he constantly has been called the second phrase, the ridiculous "threat to our democracy."

This is clearly done only to ramp up the hysteria about candidate Trump, mostly because it is a completely nonsensical, false statement, since the United States is not now, nor has it ever been, a democracy.

It is a republic. Moreover, it is a republic of the people, by the people and for the people.

What that means, in a nutshell, is if the people want to attend a Trump rally, and if the majority of people — and states — want to place Trump back into the White House, then that is precisely their right. It is not now, nor has it ever been, the place of the current elected lemmings to stop it.

So, if there ever was a threat to democracy, or correctly the republic, it's the incitement of a people to commit heinous acts, instead of using reason, debate and compromise to do what

In the current landscape, I bet you can see that very real threat.

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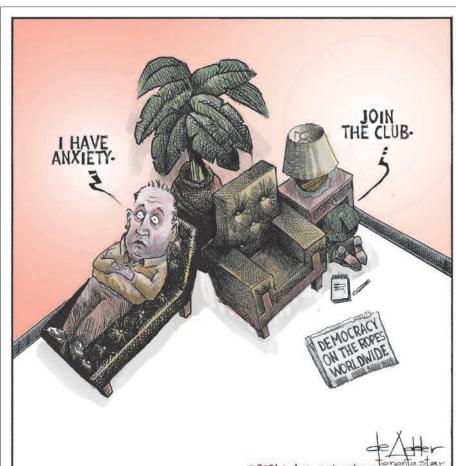
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democracy, a tinpot dictator in waiting, a serial philanderer, a thief, a traitor, and even an insurrection-The national news

en Littles, describing any and every thing Trump does as proof he is

So, after the shots were taken, and the nation was taken aback, I think to myself, "what else did

A sitting Senator from Tennessee, London Lamar, claimed the shooting was caused by MAGA extremism; even President Biden had said that his main purpose in running again was to get



By Trinity S. Smith

My earliest memories of weekends as a child were often spent at Ellen Trout Zoo. I can close my eyes and see the old train and hear it whistle loudly, which I had to ride before going inside the zoo

as well as before leaving again, it was a must! I remember going to the admissions entrance and having to use the penny machine to get my penny stretched with an animal design on my choosing as memory serves, I believe I chose the giraffe more times than not. Next stop would be to the snack booth to

get a drink, and a bag of popcorn which was admittedly less for myself and more so for the peacock's even though we all know we're not supposed to feed the animals popcorn because it isn't part of their diet plan and so, please do not make the same mistake I did from my youth. From there the magical adventure begins.

A zoo's purpose is to educate the public about animals in different parts of the country or world as well as efforts to preserve their conservation in the wild. A zoo for many is where they first see exotic animals, birds, snakes, crocodiles, gorillas, etc. zoos are very important for children to get interested in animals and conservation.

There is a lot of controversy over whether zoos are or are not ethical, well the fact of the matter is this, zoos are here, and the animals that call them home are there to stay. Many animals in zoological settings have little or no concept of what "the wild" is. They wouldn't know how to forage or hunt for their food, or know how to find shelter, and many wouldn't be able to breed for many reasons. Also, many of those animals would die in minutes or hours if they were released so zoos are their forever homes.

It is fair to point out that Ellen Trout Zoo will not measure up in quality to a large zoo such as the Houston Zoo or the San Diego Zoo by any stretch. However, that shouldn't lessen the beautiful mission they have in sight which is to teach about animals and conservation. East Texas natives have probably visited ETZ at least once in their lifetime and can probably agree over the years the zoo's vibe has changed significantly. New animal species have come and gone. Preexisting animals have had their enclosures upgraded, some still need a lot of work done, but it's improving. Animal enrichment could use some addressing as well, such as the big cats are not as exercised as they should be, the tiger many times can be seen pacing which is a sign of anxiety in large cats, but one might argue that it could be bored. The primates could use more enrichment as well they show signs of being bored and elusive. Improvements are needed and in the works.

There is hope, even with unfortunate situations there is always a solution and there are two direct ways you can help. At the top of the list is all of YOU!!! You all are the secret ingredient to the formula to save the zoo. How might you ask? GO TO THE ZOO!!! Take your kids, your nieces and/or nephews, your grandkids,

your relatives, your friends. Hey, if you like to walk and exercise there is plenty of walking to be done and if inside the zoo doesn't get your steps in take a jog across the lake there is a beautiful trail that wraps around the lake. Exercise is good for children too if you don't want them inside watching tv or playing video games take them out to the zoo for an afternoon to get exercise and get all that excess energy out and they might learn something too.

The other way to help is if you are a charitable person that wants to donate to a good cause, might I suggest you consider donating to ETZ? Your donation would go towards helping pay for expenses such as food, medicine, and materials needed for the animals. Zoos are not cheap to operate, and they can only provide as quality of life for the animals as they can afford, so if you are unhappy about the conditions the animals are in, donate, help fund the betterment and enrichment of the animals so their quality of life can reach higher peaks, you can help.

A third method to help the zoo is for businesses in the region to invest some donations into the zoo. Ellen Trout Zoo is a unique attraction for people in the area; something for people to do besides going to the movies or getting food at a restaurant. At the zoo, people have the opportunity to go and see exotic animals. The only other options for this are in Houston or Tyler. Businesses should see that the zoo benefits them by drawing in people to the area, thus upping sales tax revenue. A wise suggestion is that they do their part in helping protect the zoo for both theirs, as well as the zoo's, best interests. Without the influx of people to the zoo, potential business will decrease.

We can help save them, we can save Ellen Trout Zoo.

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#### **CLEAN-UP**

a news release continued from page 1A last Friday that state and local officials are ongoing with response and recovery efforts, and in contact with electrical providers to ensure power is 'quickly restored to all Texans.'

Abbott said in

The county's OEM announced on Monday that debris removal had begun, with crews starting work in Woodville, and working their way into the county. Overall, it will be a

six week long process.

Emergency Management Coordinator John Settlocker said the county has not been provided with a schedule to detail when and where the areas will be worked on, but that anyone with debris should get those tree limbs and other vegetationtype debris out along the roadway.

'Do not place anything beneath low hanging obstacles such as power lines, near water meters, mailboxes or fire hydrants. Place the debris in piles so that a claw truck can easily manage the debris pick up. Inedible food should be properly contained or bagged and placed with the garbage," Settlocker

The crews will pick up debris within city limits of towns as well as all county-maintained roads, but not along US highways 69, 287 and along farm-to-market roads.

FEMA issued guidance on how debris should be placed: along the curbside. It should not block the roadway or access to the property. FEMA also wanted to remind anyone needing debris cleared to not touch, cut, remove or place debris on downed power lines.



#### **FEMA**

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ing equipment, or prescribed medicine damaged or lost because of the disaster.

Funeral: Money to help pay for funeral or reburial expenses caused by the disaster.

Child Care: Money to help pay for increased or new child-care expenses caused by the disaster.

Assistance for Miscellaneous Items: Money to help pay for specific items, (such as a generator, dehumidifier, chainsaw, etc.) that you purchased or rented after the disaster to assist with recovery. The miscellaneous items may be used for gaining access to your property or for cleaning efforts caused by the disaster.

Transportation: Money to help repair or replace a vehicle damaged by the disaster when you don't have another vehicle you can use.

Moving and Storage Expenses: Money to help you move and store personal property from your home to prevent additional damage, usually while you are making repairs to your home or moving to a new place due to the disaster.

Group Flood Insurance Policy: If your home is in a Special Flood Hazard Area and you have flood damage caused by the disaster, FEMA may purchase a Group Flood Insurance Policy on your behalf that gives you three years of coverage.

Clean and Sanitize: Money to help you pay for minor damage caused by the disaster to prevent additional loss and potential health or safety concerns.

#### Apply to FEMA

Homeowners and renters in counties designated for FEMA assistance

- Go online to disasterassistance. gov.
- Download the FEMA App for mobile devices.
- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. CT. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.
- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center. For locations, visit fema.gov/drc. These centers can help with both Hurricane Beryl and the April 26-June 5 storms and flooding.

#### **SCAM**

WISD

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a different contractor. It's illegal for a contractor to waive a deductible or promise

What to do: Hire

will

down a frac-

a rebate for the amount. The deductible is your responsibility, and your insurance company may ask for proof you paid it.

The scam: Contractor asks for a large down payment or full payment up front.

What to do: Never pay the entire bill up front and be wary if a contractor asks for a large down payment. When a disaster is declared, it's against the law for contractors from outside your area to ask for payment before they start work.

#### Select a good contractor

To avoid these and other scams:

Try to use a local company if possible. Don't pay with cash. Paying with a check or credit

WISD taxpayers likely continued from page 1A their school tax rate go

tion of a penny, Jarrott said, due to local compression, which uses individual property value growth compared to 2.5% to determine that compressed tax rate, using the prior year compressed rate for a school district's levy as a starting point. That rate may be lower, according to TEA, than the state maximum compressed rate of \$0.6855, depending on the prior year's rate and the rate of local prop-

card creates a record of your payments to the con-

Get multiple bids to help determine which ones are too high or too good to be true.

Bid should include the company's name, phone number, and address.

Call the Better Business Bureau and check the contractor's references.

Ask for the contractor's certificate of insurance and bond certification. Call the companies listed to verify the coverage.

Ask the contractor to tell you if they contact your insurance company about more work or costs.

Report possible contracting scams to local law en-

Visit www.TDI.texas.gov for more tips to avoid scams, information on insurance coverage for storm damage, and what to do if you disagree with your insurance company's decision. Call the TDI Help Line at 800-252-3439.

erty value growth compared to 2.87%, with a limit

being \$0.6169. With the local compression factor, Jarrott said a projection for the next year's levy could be \$1.12 per \$100 of taxable value, with \$0.6699 being that M&O (maintenance and operations) tax rate and \$0.457 the I&S (interest and sinking) rate, due to the district's bonds.

Jarrott reminded everyone in attendance that

those figures were just projections. For June, Jarrott reported that the district had collection \$61,000 on the current year's levy, and \$13,000 in delinquent taxes, and had brought in 94.69% total of the current year's levy.

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"Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."

#### -- Anne Lamott

# Eating our way through the Kalahari ...



with several of his colleagues at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Round Rock, I immediately said, "Count me in!" We'd had the good fortune to go there last summer for a newspaper convention, so I already knew how nice and fun it was.

Named for the Kalahari Desert in Southern Africa which covers much of Botswana, as well as parts of Namibia and South Africa, the resort is absolutely beautiful. From the regal sculptures of safari animals you first see as you drive up the winding path, to the custom-crafted artwork and furniture throughout the resort, Kalahari delights and excels in on a pretzel bun, served with classic crispy pub chips. For the sharing the beauty of Africa with its guests.

There are only four Kalahari Resorts - Texas, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin - and its biggest claim to fame is that it is home to the largest indoor water park in the nation. We'd done the water park, arcade and escape room last year when Daughter was with us, so we skipped those things this go round. While Hubby was in classes during the day, I with any of them. The first night there on this trip, we joined another couple and dined in the Double Cut Steak House. cive to photographs but suffice it to say we had an incredible friend definitely knew what she was talking about. meal. Hubby opted for a New York strip, and I selected prime

hen I found out several months ago that Hubby  $\,$  baked potato and we split an order of crispy Brussels sprouts. would be attending a rural education conference It was absolutely delicious, but we were miserable we'd eaten so much.

> For lunch the next day we went to Cinco Niños, a modern Mexican eatery and tequila bar with fun, colorfully painted murals throughout. Hubby ordered grilled snapper tacos and I selected a Mexican Caesar salad and a cup of tortilla soup. Every single bite was delicious.

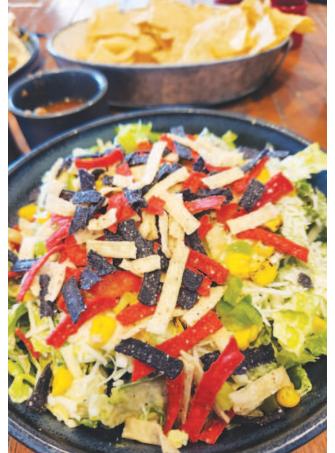
> The second evening we dined at B-Lux Grill & Bar. Hubby enjoyed a pub burger which was a classic double-stacked burger with beer cheese, caramelized onions, cheddar cheese, bacon, spicy horseradish mustard sauce, lettuce and tomato life of me, I can't seem to remember what I ordered. I even pulled the menu up online thinking it would jog my memory, but it didn't. I know it was a burger, but as they have 14 different ones on the menu, I just couldn't remember which one it was. Oh well.

A friend of mine had really bragged on the pizza there, commenting that it was the best pizza she'd ever had. We primarily stayed in our hotel room, working remotely. Like didn't try it last year, so when Hubby had a luncheon to attend so many of our trips, one of the biggest highlights was our on our final day there, I popped into Sortino's Italian Kitchen meals. Kalahari has six distinct dining options for whatever and ordered a slice of "Lotsa Meatsa" to go. It was sausage, your taste may be and I really don't think you can go wrong pepperoni, ham, smoked bacon, ground beef and mozzarella cheese. I think it may be the largest slice of pizza I've ever seen. From the middle of the crust to the tip of the slice it was Like most steak houses, it was very dimly lit and not condu- at least 12 inches long, if not longer. And it was excellent! My

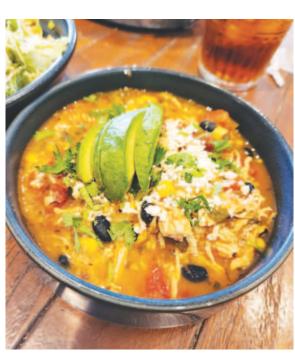
If you get the chance to go to Kalahari Resort, I recomrib with garlic jus and horseradish cream. I ordered a loaded mend it. It's a neat place with lots to see and do.











#### Rosé wine - the essentials



**De Gustibus** By George Hollenbeck

Let's face it ... rosé is not the most popular wine around here, even though it is drunk widely around the world. One reason it's not so widely enjoyed may be that when we think "rosé" the 1980s Lancers or Mateus come to mind. Those Portuguese wines took the U.S. and Europe by storm in the 1980s, setting records for sales. For many of us they were the first wines we ever tasted. They dominated the Portuguese wine market for years, even though Portugal has a long history of excellent red and white wines. They were delightful at the time ... slightly sweet and bubbly. But as their popularity faded (and our tastes changed), much better rosés became widely available that could challenge the reds and whites on the wine shelves and on wine drinkers' tables. Today, rosés can be had at all price ranges and for all tastes.

Another reason people may avoid rosés is that in the U.S. many people think of rosé as a summer wine ... and it can be, but it can also be enjoyed year-round and worldwide. Here are some basics of rosé that might surprise you Our motto, de gustibus, means their rosé, Americans don't ...

next time you buy wine.

been left in the grape juice for a long time during the brewing in for just a short time (an hour or a day, e.g.) and the wine comes out rosé. That's what rosé wine is! The grape skin has been taken out before the wine has a chance to become red. And it is not just the color that changes ... left in the juice, the grape skins cause a whole raft of other changes to the wine. Otherwise, the wine making process is essentially the same.

What does rosé wine taste like? There are so many answers and so many types of rosé that the question is like asking "what does wine taste like?" There is light pink rosé and dark red rosé; sweet rosé and bone-dry rosé (e.g. French rosé Sancerre); there is expensive (\$50+) rosé and cheap rosé ... as little as less than \$5; there is sparkling rosé Champagne and the very popular rosé prosecco.

In the very old days (before modern, wine-making technology), most wine had a light pink color. As technology became the norm.

When do you drink rosé wine?

the skin of the grape. Red wine usually drunk with lighter meals year. is red because the grape skin has or as aperitifs. A bone-dry rosé is perfect with lobster or fish. Rosé is good with any grilled meat or most popular is Moscato, a pink process. Keep the grape skin out, chicken or salad, but not with



barbecue or very salty food.

Sparkling rosé is a great party pleaser. Rosé is almost always drunk on the cold side (40-50 degrees) in white wine glasses. got better, red and white wines Hold the glass by the stem so your hand doesn't heat the wine. Although the French put ice in

and get you to reach for one the "whatever you like." There are unless it is your spouse at home! down on wine and has the best so many rosé wines, it is hard Keep the wine cold. Rosé doesn't What is rosé wine? Remember, to give guidelines, but here are age gracefully, so don't keep a recently, Walmart had about most of a wine's color comes from some preferences. Rosés are bottle around for more than a

What is a very popular pink wine that is not a rosé? One of the wine that gets a lot of shelf space in you get white wine. Leave the skin spicy, savory food like pizza, our stores ... why do I say it is not a rosé? Moscato is made from the white moscato grape, a grape with high sugar content. In addition to naturally high sugar, the wine it, well-priced at about \$10. making stops before all the sugar typically low alcohol sweet wine. How does it get its pink color? A little red wine (often merlot) is added. A pink wine? Yes, but not

matter of fact, it is ... but it is an "accidental" rosé. In 1975 Sutter Home was producing white wine from red grapes and by accident ended up with a sweeter, rosé zinfandel. Rather than throw his mistake away, winemaker Bob Trinchero set it aside, and a couple of weeks later tasted it. "Not bad," so he decided to market it rather zinfandel ... a sweetish popular wine available in most of our stores.

Where can I get rosé locally? Three places I know of – Walmart, grocery business has changed, Walmart seems to have doubled

selection. Much to my surprise a dozen rosé ... my favorite Whispering Angel, two classic French wines and a number of familiar U.S. names - Josh, Decoy, Meiomi, et al., in all price ranges from less than \$10 to \$20 or so. My favorite less costly is La Vielle Ferme Rose Vin de France. The Wall Street Journal described it as "a dry, snappy pink." We like

We couldn't close this without turns to alcohol. The result is a mentioning a little about Whispering Angel. We had never bought a \$20+ bottle of rosé until our neighbor Andrew suggested we try it. It was terrific ... a dry French rosé that can't Is white zinfandel a rosé? As a help but remind you of sitting in an outdoor café in Provence on a lovely afternoon. In the book Cork Dork, a sommelier was asked what he considered a good wine. His reply: "One that you want another glass of." Whispering Angel is a good wine! We have just scratched the surface of "the world of rosé." Get out of your rut and try a than throw it out. Aha ... white rosé ... find the rosé that fits your taste. There is literally one for everybody! If you have to search a little to find the ones you like, there are a lot worse ways to spend your time and money! Brookshires and HEB. As the And remember our motto: De Gustibus Non Disputandum est. There is no accounting for taste.

### Chester board gets asbestos review; construction update

By Chuck Davidson

CHESTER - For the monthly meeting of the Chester ISD Board of Trustees, all of the board members plus Superintendent Dr. Paul Drake along with one district employee and three community members met at 6 p.m. for a short meeting on Monday, July 15.

Drake updated all on the current asbestos review, done every third year, and presented a quick review of the bond construction. Plans are being made to handle parking and access to home football games and they are working with contractors to make the playground area available for use during this school year.

The consent agenda was quickly approved as were two action items, all with 7-0 votes: 1) 2024-25 educator appraisal calendar and 2) renewal of the TASB Risk Management coverage. Board member Sam Handley then was approved to serve on the district's Safety and Security

The board went into Executive Session at 6:09 to discuss real property and returned at 6:33 to approve the sale of about an acre of the district's property; this was approved on vote of 7-0 and the superintendent was given authority to handle the details of this sale. The board then adjourned without setting a date for the next meeting. That meeting date could be August 12 as staff reports July 29, and students return August 7.



# Bluegrass gospel duo playing at Triple Creek

**From Staff Reports** 

**WOODVILLE** – Triple Creek RV Park will host a bluegrass gospel show on Saturday, July 27, at 6 p.m., featuring Jonathan and Jon Gideon Causey.

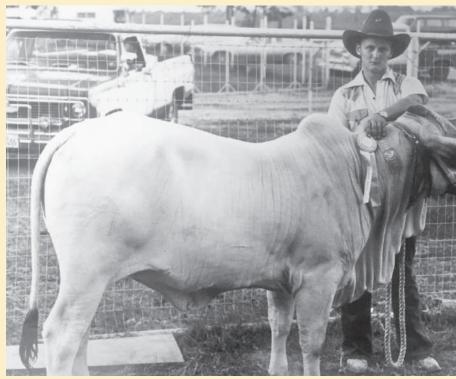
The Causeys, a father and son duo, recently released their first album project titled The Greatest Story, which is focused on gospel songs. The two have shared stages with many giants in the music industry, and no less than

Marty Stuart heaped praise upon them, by saying "I know Jonathan and Jon Gideon, and I know that they believe God will make a way for them, song by song, prayer by prayer, mile by mile, as they journey on the gospel way and continue to proclaim The Greatest Story." As always at Triple Creek, there will have our potluck on both Friday and Saturday at 5 p.m., so please bring a dish to share. Following the show, there will be a jam session around 7 p.m., so bring your instruments to join in the fun. It is a free event. Triple Creek is located at 2850 Private Road #8335, Woodville, TX 75979.

# list it and watch it go

# WBACK URSDAY

Take a trip back in time through the Tyler County Booster





From prize-winning bovine at county fairs of days' past to fires at old businesses in Woodville, our photographic archive covers a lot of ground, as our newspaper has. We sure hope you enjoy these old photographs as much as we enjoy digging them up. As always, if you have a story about anyone or anything in these photos (or have a few of your own you'd like to share) contact us at news@tylercountyboost-

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# UEEK SEASON **NOT THAT FAR AWAY**



We're in the midst of our annual midsummer burn out. A 'cool' day this time of year is when the mercury only reaches 95! But fall and cooler weather is not that far away. Whitetail season is less than a scant three months away. The summer hunting shows will soon be underway in several of the major cit-

ies across the state. This is a time when we deer hunters make plans for fall hunts and devise strategies to outsmart that wily old buck that eluded us this past season. Is he still out there on our hunting grounds, did he move on or succumb to a pack of coyotes after the rut before he had a chance to regain his strength and vitality? Why not fast forward a few months and think about cooler weather and deer hunting, I think it will do

I've been a deer hunter since my early years when I would jump off the school bus at the age of ten during deer season, grab my .410 shotgun loaded with a single rifled slug, snatch a cold sweet potato off the stove and headed to the woods behind our little farm to set on a bucket and 'hunt' deer. This was way back in the late fifties when deer were precious few in northern Red River County where I grew up. I once saw a big buck cross our hay meadow but never after all those amateurish attempts to kill a buck did I see hide nor hair of one. I knew next to nothing about whitetail deer other than that they fascinated me and I had a burning desire to hunt them. It was several years before I killed my first deer, a goat horned spike but that little buck was the trophy of a lifetime for me back in the early sixties.

As a young man with a growing family, dollars were tight but I still managed to get out and hunt the woods of northeast Texas each season. I even managed to take a few deer back in those years but I was well into my twenties before I had the opportunity to travel down to the Texas Hill Country near Llano with a couple of buddies for a glorious three day hunt with an outfitter that offered day hunts. I remember to this day that our cost was \$180 apiece and that included transportation to and from stand and camping rights near the old camp house. We all enjoyed a big barbeque dinner that first evening before opening day. I remember the outfitter kidding me about my little 'brush gun, a iron sighted lever action 30-30. Most of the hunters back then had gravitated to scoped rifles, mostly in 30-06 or .243



Larry Weishuhn aka. "Mr. Whitetail" with a fine very late season West Texas buck taken on a hunt with Luke that past February. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

My stand for that opening morning was a few boards nailed to the lower limbs of an old live oak. Some corn had been sprinkled around the area and just after shooting light, I began to see deer. Several doe approached the area and nibbled on corn and then on the edge of a distant tree line, I saw a deer with its head down to the ground, trotting along like a hound on a hot trail. By this time, had learned the habits of deer and knew this was a buck on the trail of one of the doe that was approaching my stand. Within 15 minutes of shooting light, I had my first Hill Country buck on the ground. I think I stretched the distance of the shot a bit when Herb Stehling the outfitter kidded me about making a lucky shot with that old thutty-thutty but it was an honest 70 paced yards. My friends and I could not have had a better time had we booked a guided moose hunt in Canada. We hunted, cooked and set around the campfire a bit too late on that opening night as my memory serves me.

When I began writing outdoor articles back in the eighties, my deer hunting opportunities increased and I found myself hunting deer over much of Texas but also in North Dakota and several of the mountain states for mule deer. Some of my most fond memories are those early October days I spend hunting with a family that farmed and outfitter deer hunts in the little hamlet of Streeter North Dakota. I hunted with these fine folks for several years. They owned a big house in downtown Streeter (population around 400) which served as a gathering place and dining room for the hunters. Lodging was provided in several homes around the town.

With more than six decades of 'opening mornings' to reflect upon, I feel truly blesses that I have never lost my passion for getting up well before daylight on those cool fall mornings and heading to the deer woods somewhere. I am very thankful that I can still climb a tree into a tree stand and enjoy all elements of deer hunting, everything from practice with my bows and

rifles to skinning and quartering the game. I have always enjoyed cooking venison for my family and at camp and put great value on having a good supply of venison in the freezer.

Granted, I've obviously learned a good bit about deer and how to hunt them through the years but I still learn something new each year, deer are fascinating animals and there is no formula that always results in venison on the meat pole. This past February my good friend Larry Weishuhn aka. "Mr. Whitetail" invited me out to far west Texas for a late season doe hunt. I still needed a couple more deer to round out my supply of venison and his managed lease had several unused permits. I had just obtained a new CVA muzzleloader and I was anxious to put it to use. I honestly thought I would get up in a stand, wait until the feeder went off and be covered up in deer. I was surprised to learn that bucks were dominating the feeders and doe were staying back I the brush, feeding on a plant called filaree and

I had a good supply of a food attractant called Vineyard Max www.vineyardmax.net that I'd heard good things about. It is made from dried, hammer milled grape skins, rice brand and corn chops. I've known for years that deer love wild grapes but to my knowledge there were no wild grapes or vineyards anywhere near my friends lease. The attractant has a very strong grape smell but we were all curious whether these west Texas deer would be attracted to this new smell. We baited several clearings in the brush with Vineyard Max during mid day and returned to hunt them on the late afternoon hunts. We were able to fill our doe permits thanks to the smell of grapes! There's always something new to learn about whitetail deer. I can't wait until the season once again opens and I enjoy my 64th season hunting them. I bet you feel the same way too!

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# Ramsey onboard as Bulldogs' AD

By Chris Edwards

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**COLMESNEIL** – There's a new face in Bulldog Country.

Colmesneil ISD recently announced the hiring of Brian Ramsey as the new CISD athletic director and head football coach.

Ramsey replaces George Taylor, who served in the same capacity for a year. He brings to the Bulldogs' athletics program more than 10 years of experience as AD/ HFC in several programs.

"I am looking forward to kicking off the season as a Bulldog. Our young men and women have been working hard all summer long. It's almost GO time," said Ramsey

Ramsey inherits the helm of a football program that, in its 2023-24 season went 2-7 overall, and posted one district-level win. Following UIL realignment, Colmesneil is sharing a district with

**From Staff Reports** 

**SPURGER** – The Spurger

Lady Pirates volleyball team

will begin mandatory two-a-

day practices beginning on

The practices are for Lady

Pirate volleyball players in

grades ninth through 12,

and will go 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mon-

Additionally, any athlete

who did not get a physical by the end of the 2023-24

school year must have one

prior to practicing with the

days through Thursdays.

Monday, August 5.

Lady Pirate volleyball to start practices

Deweyville; Evadale; Sabine Pass; West Hardin; West Sabine and Hull-Daisetta for the next two years, for foot-

Ramsey and his wife, Amy, are both 2002 graduates of Howard Payne University, and have a combined excess of 20 years of experience in coaching, teaching and winning at all levels in multiple sports. In addition to his administration and football coaching duties, he will also help coach the Lady Dogs' in volleyball and coach cross-country.

He grew up in Celina, where he played for the legendary coach G.A. Moore. Some of the schools he has coached and taught at are DeLeon, Refugio, Van Vleck, Detroit and Merkel.

The Bulldogs will kickoff their football season in Huntington, playing the Red Devils on August 16. The Lady Dogs will start their season at home, on August 9, against the Trinity Tigers.

Athletic clothes and lock-

ers will be assigned the morning of August 5, and

the coaches ask that all ath-

Lady Pirates are set to be-

gin the season with a scrimmage against the Evadale

Lady Rebels at Evadale High

School, which is scheduled

the Lady Pirates will scrim-

mage again, against Lighthouse, on the Spurger home

court, beginning with junior

varsity at 10 a.m. and varsity

to follow.

The following Saturday,

On Friday, August 9, the

letes bring a water bottle.



Chester cheerleaders, pictured back row, left-to-right: Macey Davis; TanaLyn Knox; Ria Tullos; Carlen Sluga and Kyli Handley. Front Row: Addison Credle; Kendal Watton; Lily Payne; Emma Byrd; Sadie Garsee and Madilyn Myers.

BECKI BYRD | TCB

## Yellowjacket cheeleaders attend UCA camp

By Becki Byrd

The Chester cheerleaders attended UCA cheer camp at Stephen F. Austin State University, in Nacogdoches, this week. The squad is made up of two seniors, Emma Byrd and Kyli Handley, Junior Lily Payne, Sophomores Addison Credle, Macey Davis, and Hailey Purvis, Freshmen Sadie Garsee, TanaLyn Knox, Madilyn Myers, Carlen Sluga, Ria Tullos, and Kendal Watton. They are bringing home two spirit sticks and two Superior Evaluation performances as a squad. Captain Emma Byrd was also given the Pin It Forward award for embodying what it means to be a

good ambassador for the sport.

The team also received second

place, overall, in the Medium Varsity Division for Gameday Routine and First Place Sideline Routine.

Coach Amanda Calhoun said "Emma showed remarkable leadership as our captain and was recognized for such." Calhoun went on to say "I am ready to see what this squad brings to the sidelines and State UIL competition this year. We have spent time here at camp participating in team unity activities, learning how to communicate with each other and use constructive criticism, as well as learn a few awesome routines to showcase at games. This is the largest group I've had thus far, and we are using our size to elevate our game! We have created more stunt groups

with varying abilities. We also had

a few members step up when needed and explore talents beyond what they initially expected here. It's been a long week, but these ladies have had fun while working hard.

Emma Byrd and Lily Payne were selected as Captain and Co-Captain, respectively, and they have stepped into their roles with ease. They are taking the lead and helping Chester build a Spirit program to be proud of!"

Four cheerleaders were chosen as All-American Emma Byrd, Kyi Handley, Macey Davis, and Carlen Sluga. You can see these ladies in action at any home football game this fall. The first scrimmage is scheduled for August 16 vs Alpha Omega with kickoff time at 6 p.m.



Warren High School varsity cheerleaders completed their UCA cheer camp and performed an amazing routine for family and friends last week. UCA All American Awards were awarded to: Emma Smith, Taylor Gary, Chloe Johnston, Lakynn Wells, Avery Tibbetts, Madison Schneider, Emily Jones and Grace Hardy. Jump Queen Award was awarded to: Shaydin Reagan. PHOTO COURTESY OF WARREN ISD



#### B.A. Steinhagen

FAIR. Water stain; 80 degrees; 0.72 feet below pool. Bass are good on soft plastics in the cuts, or with frogs over grass. Crappie are good with jigs in flooded timber. Catfish are fair.

#### Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water stained; 90 degrees; 5.11 feet above pool. Lots of floating debris after the recent rains from Hurricane Beryl. Water level is slowly dropping, but fishing conditions and patterns are holding steady. Summer bite is just around the corner when we will see the bass draw to deeper water points and white bass schooling. Bass are good on topwaters, or flipping soft plastics into submerged brush and points, or deeper humps and points with Carolina rigs. Crappie are in 12-16 feet of water, 20-30 feet on timber

and brush. Catfish are in 22 feet of water in the creek channels. White bass are in 26 feet of water off of points on jigging spoons. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. As the lake continues to drop fish are going to be moving to traditional summer locations pending the thermocline depth. Bass are good early morning on shallow main lake points with medium or deep diving crankbaits, and topwaters. Main lake ledges with Carolina rig shaky head and spoons. Brush piles shallower than the thermocline with Texas rigs, jigs or Carolina rigs.

The thermocline is actively fluctuating and will continue to do so while lake level changes. Navigate with caution watching for floating debris, trees, and stumps. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Fishing.

# Fentanyl: A synthetic opioid that kills.

"Simply put, fentanyl is a clandestine killer, and Texans are falling victim to the cartels that are producing it."

Governor Greg Abbott











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# Help possible for loss of tools, equipment

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If you are self-employed, FEMA may be able to provide funds to repair or replace disaster-damaged tools and equipment required for your work. This help is available to a wide range of applicants, including farmers, artists, musicians, mechanics and many other occupations.

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•Visit any Disaster Recovery Center. For operating hours and addresses, go online to fema.gov/drc.

#### Required documentation

To be eligible for self-employment assistance, you must provide documentation that proves you're self-employed, such as federal tax return documents, and must meet the eligibility criteria for FEMA assistance.

Self-employed Texans should provide FEMA with:

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of Trustees voted to adopt a resolution concerning the US 69 Colmesneil-Warren relief route project from the Texas Department of Transportation at its last meeting.

The resolution cites an alternate route which was proposed by Pct. 3 Commissioner Mike Marshall as being "in the best interest of the Colmesneil Independent School The route, which was mapped out by

69 resolution

**By Chris Edwards** 

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**COLMESNEIL** – The Colmesneil ISD Board

Steve Pittman and Greg Adams, utilizes the existing 200 feet of right of way currently owned by the state, which was long touted as the route that TxDOT would use for any expansion projects through Tyler County, and calls for the creation of an overpass above FM 256 East, and continuing over Neyland Street to support local traffic flow.

Several other entities and advisory groups

within the county have adopted resolutions in support of the same route, and have sent them to Senator Robert Nichols, Rep. Trent Ashby and to TxDOT. The resolution was also adopted by the county Commissioners' Court, and Adams and Pittman's services of mapping out the remainder of the route for the county were approved and undertaken by the governing body, at no expense to tax-

The resolution goes on to state that the ROW clearance, if utilized along the old railroad bed, would not effect a single home, business or church within the city limits, or within the boundaries of CISD's area of ser-

The route also calls for a local traffic entry point off of the eventual I-69 to be provided at Recreational Road 255, on the north side of Colmesneil, and another southern point, at CR 2780. That route, according to the CISD board, will have "little impact" on the district's bus routes.

# Wildlife photo contest offers up to \$45K in prizes

Colmesneil ISD adopts

#### Special to the Booster

SAN ANTONIO - Wildlife in Focus, a non-profit organization which targets wildlife and ecosystem conservation in Texas, recently expanded its popular biennial photography competition in order to reach more landowners and photographers across the state.

The expansion includes plans to encourage the owners of any and all privately owned land across the state to participate in the contest. In addition, the organization has added a new category that allows individual photographers to compete for separate prize purses without being part of

a landowner/photographer team. The competition, which has existed for 20 years, has three entry levels: landowner/ photographer team, videographer, and individual photographer. The two photography contests both span 50 categories and the videography contest has 8 opportunities for entries. Total prize purse for all three contests, all categories, is \$45,000. The goal of the competitions is to promote conservationism and to create a visual story of the beauty of native Texas land and wildlife, from insects to sunsets, from borders to bayous. The prize-winning photos for each competition are then used to produce a coffee-table book as well as promoting organization, Kritters 4 Kids, which targets school-age children grades K-8.

"We are very excited to share that our upcoming contests are now available for landowners anywhere in the entire state of Texas," said Miles Phillips, Wildlife in Focus photo contest director. "Photographers and videographers from anywhere and with all levels of skill and time now have additional entry options."

Registration for the competition is now open at the wildlifeinfocus.org website. Deadline for entry is Dec. 1, 2024. The active window for photography is from Feb. 21, 2025 to May 31, 2025. Photographers and landowners can set up their own teams, or WiF will assist in pairing teams.

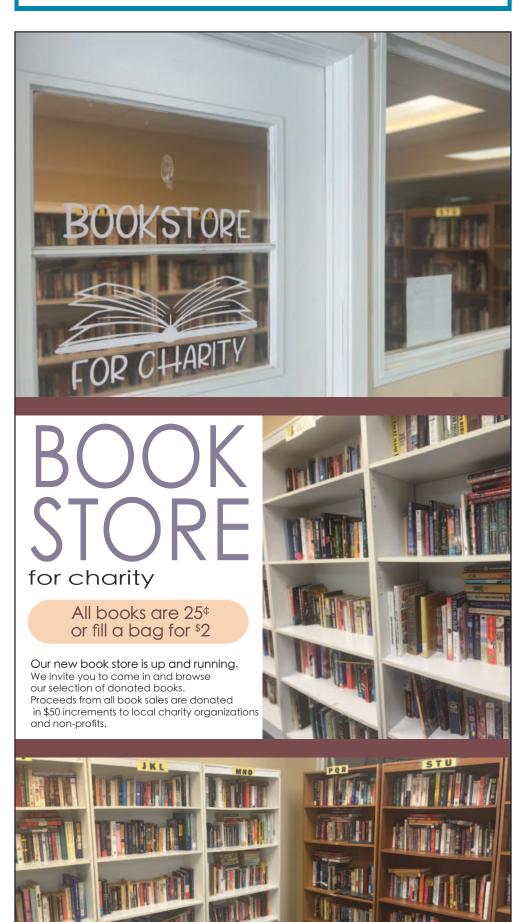
The registration fee is \$500 for each participant on the landowner/photographer teams. The individual photographer entry fee is based on the number of categories and photos entered and includes entry into the videography competition. The fee for entering the videography contest alone is \$100 each for landowner and videographer. Full rules for the contest, including equipment requirements, technology specifications, categories and prize purses, are available at wildlifeinfocus.org.

Any questions or concerns regarding the competition can be emailed to info@ wildlifeinfocus.org or left in a voicemail at

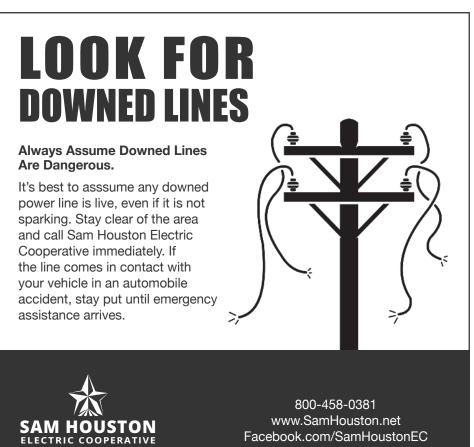


Tyler County Hospital staff recently participated in a DECON training class. The aim of the training acumen was to demonstrate protocol in an emergency decontamination operation Gary Litton and Tim Chapman from the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) provided the class training.

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I have griped and complained about different things that I have had to do during the last nine months because of back surgery and I have re-

Most of you have never seen an iron lung. Then I think about Betty Erickson who because of polio had al-

ready lived in an iron lung for 34 years when we met her. Someone had to take care of her. Someone had to clean up after her. Someone had to get her up out of the iron lung in the morning and someone had to put her back in the iron lung in the morning. She could not take care of herself. She made a lasting

impression on us. We complain about anything and everything until we have a wake-up call. What

would it take for you to wake up? The children of Israel complained about everything, and I am not too sure that we are much like they were.

There were at least three distinct times



about God's provision of food: Exodus 16:1-3, Numbers 11:4:3-4, and Numbers 21:4-9. In Exodus 16 they

bers 11 they complained about the lack of variety, and in Numbers 21 they were again dissatisfied with manna. We complain when the local café falls short on our order. But there are people in

this world who would gladly eat the crumbs. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:8, 9 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that

Christ's power may rest on me. Let's try to be like Paul!





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# STATE

## Abbott demands probe into power outages

More than 2 million Texans lost power when Hurricane Beryl hit the Texas coast, and Gov. Greg Abbott wants to know why. The Austin American-Statesman reported Abbott has ordered the Public Utility Commission to conduct an immediate study into why the Houston area has again been hit by widespread power outages.

"I want to find out, was there a structural flaw with regard to the electrical delivery system?" Abbott said. "Was that the cause of it? If so, what needs to be done to shore up, or was this a personnel issue of not having enough power personnel in all the right locations to get power back up?"

CenterPoint Energy is the primary electricity transmission company serving the Houston area. Its CEO, Jason Ryan, appeared before the PUC last week and was questioned about

"To our customers that not only have power out but have significant property damage from the trees we talked about coming up from the roots, our hearts go out to you and our hearts go out to our community," Ryan said.

As of Sunday morning, CenterPoint's website indicated 461,247 customers were still without power, nearly a week after Beryl made landfall.

To date, 67 counties have been approved for federal disaster assistance, while other counties may be included as damage assessments are concluded. Those counties in the initial list are: Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Colorado, Dewitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Freestone, Galveston, Goliad, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hidalgo, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Webb, Wharton, and Willacy.

#### Forest service assesses tree damage after Beryl

More than 400,000 acres of rural forestland was potentially affected by Hurricane Beryl, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service, which has closed W.G. Jones State Forest in Conroe until a damage assessment can be undertaken. In addition, hurricane force winds potentially affected as much as half of Houston's urbanized area tree coverage, the service

"We used a combination of on-the-ground observation, remote sensing and Forest Inventory and Analysis data to conduct a tree damage assessment for rural forests in East



**Capitol Highlights** By Gary Borders

A&M Forest Service Forest Analytics Department **Texas Press Association** Head.

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and others are urged to use extreme caution when clearing

tree debris.

#### Old pipes lead to billions in lost gallons of water

The state's most populous cities lost approximately 88 billion gallons of water last year because of aging pipes and extreme heat, The Texas Tribune reported. Unsurprisingly, the city that lost the most water, according to self-reported audits, was Houston, the state's largest, at 31.8 billion gallons. Coming in second was San Antonio, which reported losing 19.5 billion gallons.

The main factors for the losses are leaks and water main breaks, problems more often associated with smaller towns with fewer resources to maintain infrastructure, The Tribune

"What we have right now is not sustainable [or] tenable," said Jennifer Walker, National Wildlife Federation's Texas Coast and Water Program director.

An Austin-based think tank, Texas 2036, predicts the state will need to spend more than \$150 billion over the next halfcentury on water infrastructure.

#### 'Real ID' will be required by next May

Is your state-issued identification card, such as a driver's license, a Real ID? Texans have until May 2025 to find out and comply with a federal law passed in 2005 in response to 9/11, the Statesman reported. The state in response began issuing Real ID compliant cards in 2016. These cards have a gold circle with an inset star located in the upper right-hand

Right now, a Real ID card is not required to fly domestically, but that will change on May 7, 2025. After that, a Real ID or a passport will be required to board domestic flights. Anyone renewing their driver's license now will receive an idea that is Real ID-compliant.

Passports are still required to travel beyond U.S. borders.

#### Saltwater fish release nears 1 billion

Hurricane Beryl slowed the official release of the 1 billionth saltwater fish into Texas bays, but it should happen soon, according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. The Texas Parks and Wildlife program has been releasing fish into Texas bays for the past four decades in order to replenish native fish populations.

The fingerlings are raised in local and state hatcheries. The billionth fish is slated to be a red drum fingerling — a highly popular game fish in Texas.

#### Paxton: House committee preparing to impeach him again

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said last week that a House investigating panel once again is attempting to impeach him, though its chairman said the panel is meeting for an unrelated matter.

The committee passed articles of impeachment in May 2023 that were passed overwhelmingly by the House. The Senate then voted by a large margin to acquit Paxton.

'Their bitter obsession with taking me down knows no bounds, and they will stop at nothing to remove me from office," Paxton wrote last week.

Committee chair Rep. Andrew Murr, R-Junction, said Paxton was mistaken.

"There is absolutely no truth to Mr. Paxton's far-fetched fantasy that the House General Investigating Committee is meeting to talk about him," Murr said in a statement.

#### Whataburger app serves as outage tracker

While CenterPoint Energy's outage tracker was down, some Houston residents figured out that an app used by Whataburger, the iconic Texas burger chain, could be used to figure out what areas had power and what didn't.

The Houston Chronicle reported the app allowed folks to look at the Houston area and determine what areas had power. If the Whataburger "W" normally orange logo was gray on the app's map, that area likely had no power.

After a social media user posted the discovery on X, formerly Twitter, on Monday night after the storm, more than a million people had viewed the post. It is unknown how many used the information to head out for a burger or a taquito.

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

#### Statewide sales taxes totaled \$3.9 billion in June

**Special to the Booster** 

**AUSTIN** — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced Monday that state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.94 billion in June, 0.4 percent more than in June 2023. The majority of June sales tax revenue is based on sales made in May and remitted to the

"Monthly state sales tax collections were essentially flat compared to collections in June 2023, following the strong gains seen in May," Hegar said. "The overall trends we have seen through the first three quarters of fiscal 2024 were evident again in June. "Sales tax remittances from the ma-

jor sectors driven primarily by business spending were generally down, except for modest growth in receipts from the construction sector.

"Receipts from consumer spend-



ing-driven sectors were up slightly overall compared with a year ago, with growth in receipts from both retail trade and the services sectors. Within the retail trade sector, remittances from general merchandise stores led the way."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in June 2024 was up 0.5 percent compared with the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

 motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$560 million, down 6 percent from June 2023;

• motor fuel taxes — \$340 million,

up 5 percent from June 2023; • oil production tax — \$493 mil-

• natural gas production tax -\$171 million, down 7 percent from June 2023:

lion, up 8 percent from June 2023;

• hotel occupancy tax — \$71 million, up less than 1 percent from June

• alcoholic beverage taxes — \$160 million, up 2 percent from June 2023.

## State awarded 'Golden Shovel' for job-creating push

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AUSTIN - Gov. Greg Abbott celebrated, on Monday, Texas again being recognized with a Gold Shovel Award by Area Development magazine for leading among the most populous states in attracting high-value economic development projects that will create a significant number of new jobs. This is the 11th Gold Shovel Award for Texas; the state has now been recognized with a Gold or Silver Shovel in each of the 19 years of the award program.

Texas again brings home the gold when it comes to attracting high-value business investments that create goodpaying jobs for hardworking Texans across our great state," said Abbott. "I am proud that Texas is recognized with another Gold Shovel Award by Area Development magazine, and I congratulate our local, regional, and statewide economic development partners on this achievement. Texas offers innovative businesses the freedom to expand and thrive — with each of our regions offering unique advantages. As we continue to work together with our communities, I look forward to building an even bigger, better Texas."

Area Development recognized Texas for \$21 billion in high-value business expansion or location projects. The magazine also named ZT Systems in Georgetown, Texas, a cloud-computing manufacturing facility to create as many as 1,500 jobs, as a Project of the Year. Other economic development investments in Texas noted by the magazine include: \$185 million invested by Toppan Photomasks Inc. in its semiconductor-related manufacturing operations in Round Rock, \$600 million by Google for a data center in the Dallas area, \$375 million by Tesla in a lithium refinery in Robstown, and a billion-dollar investment by Graphic Packaging International in Waco.

Area Development's annual Shovel Awards recognize states for their achievements in attracting high-value investment projects that will create a significant number of new jobs in their communities. The rankings are based on a combination of weighted factors, including the number of new jobs to be created in relation to the state's population, the combined dollar amount of the company investments, the number of new facilities, and the diversity of industry represented.



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#### Estate of Jeffery Armstrong

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION TO ALL PERSONS interested in the estate of JEFFERY ARM-STRONG, Deceased. STEPHANIE RICH-MOND has filed in the County Court of Tyler County, an Application for Letters of Independent Administration by Agreement Section 401.003 Intestate upon the estate of JEFFERY ARMSTRONG, Deceased. The file number of such application and the Probate Docket Number being PR-10093. The style of the case begun by said application being: Estate of JEFFERY ARMSTRONG, Deceased. All persons interested in said estate ARE CITED TO APPEAR in the County Court of Tyler County, Texas, in the Courthouse thereof, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after service is perfected by the completion of such posting, which will be the 22nd day of July, 2024, to contest said application, if they should desire to do so, by filing opposition in writing. The name

and address of the attorney for applicant, or the address of applicant is: DANA T. WIL-LIAMS 310 W. POLK ST, LIVINGSTON, TEXAS 77351. Issued this the 11th day of July, A. D., 2024. The officer executing this Citation shall post the copy of this citation at the Courthouse door of this County in which this proceeding is pending, or at the place in or near said Courthouse where public notices customarily are posted, for not less than 10 days before the return day thereof, exclusive of the date of posting and return the original copy of this Citation to the clerk stating in a written return thereon the time and place where he posted such copy. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Woodville, Texas this the 11th day of July, A. D., 2024. DONECE GREGORY County Court of Tyler County, Texas By: /s/ Janet Brown, Deputy, 116 South Charlton, Woodville, Texas 75979.

#### Legal Notices

# County seeks bids for road/bridge hauling: electronic bidding thru 9:50 a.m. on August 5

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Tyler County is currently seeking Bid Proposals for the following: ID# 08052024H, Hauling for Tyler County Road and Bridge. Tyler County has implemented Electronic Bidding to make bidding easier and more convenient. The website to register is: tylercountyebid. ionwave.net. Sealed bids will be received electronically on the website stated above until 9:50 a.m. August 5, 2024, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened during the regularly scheduled Commissioner's Court meeting at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be awarded on August 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Commissioner's Court. All bidders must be registered with the System Award Management (SAM) at www.sam. gov. Proof must be enclosed with the bid.

FACSIMILES SHALL NOT BE ACCEPT-ED. Product specifications may be obtained by contacting the Tyler County Auditor's Office at 409-283-3652 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday. The County reserves the right to award by unit cost or lump sum discounted. Tyler County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities to negotiate sale. To avoid misunderstandings and potential litigation, it is highly recommended that the bid specifications include notice that the commissioners court reserves the right to award a contract to a qualified local bidder within three percent of the lowest bid. JACKIE SKINNER, COUN-TY AUDITOR, TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS.

#### Estate of Jerrel William Whitworth

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JERREL WILLIAM WHITWORTH, Deceased, were issued on July 3, 2024, in Cause No. PR-10083, pending in the County Court of Tyler County, Texas, to: CAROL JEANETTE WHITWORTH. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the under-

signed within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: J. MICHAEL RIS-INGER, 314 S. Magnolia, Woodville, Texas 75979. DATED the 15th day of July, 2024. J. MICHAEL RISINGER, Attorney for CAR-OL JEANETTE WHITWORTH, State Bar No.: 24000483, 314 S. Magnolia, Woodville, Texas 75979. Telephone: (409) 283-2324, Facsimile: (409) 283-8244, E-mail: jmichaelrisinger@att.net.

#### Estate of Janis Olvik Wilson

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JANIS OLVIK WILSON , Deceased, were issued on July 3, 2024, in Cause No. PR-10082 , pending in the County Court of Tyler County, Texas, to: WILLIAM LEWIS WILSON. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time

and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: J. MICHAEL RISINGER, 314 S. Magnolia, Woodville, Texas 75979. DATED the 15th day of July, 2024. J. MICHAEL RISINGER, Attorney for WILLIAM LEWIS WILSON State Bar No.: 24000483, 314 S. Magnolia, Woodville, Texas 75979. Telephone: (409) 283-2324. Facsimile: (409) 283-8244. E-mail: jmichaelrisinger@att.net.

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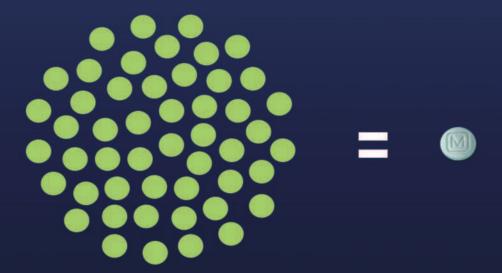
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#### ---- RESIDENTIAL ----

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#### ---- 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 olmsn.\$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 frtg nr Chester. \$1.895MM

-- LAND & ACREAGE ---

280+/- AC: Rolling woods, developable tract, two county rd frtges., home & lake bldg. sites. \$6,500/AC 220+/- AC: Mix woods, Ig. live sandy creek, electricty rolling terrain, camp site, nr. Colmesneil...\$4,990/Ac 196+/- AC:Natural pine/hardwoods fronts US190E 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 tim g creek.\$5,890/Ac 62+/- AC: Hilly mixed acres, huge hardwoods, 2 live sandy creeks, acc. to elec. 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\$6,490/Ac 49+/- AC: Mature mix woods, nr Warren.\$5,990/Ac 43+/-AC: U.S. PENDING hilly woods, elec. avail, perfect home/lake blog sites, Wdvl..\$6,490/Ac 43+/-AC: Rollin PENDING hmsite.\$6,490/Ac 35+/-AC: Warren, De 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 2 access to elect., potential homesite, lv.crk.\$6,490/Ac 19+/- AC: Nice PENDING terrain for building site, end of private ru, access to enctricity. \$6,900/Ac 17+/- AC: Outside of Woodville, fronts two roads, mixed woods w/t 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, elecricity..\$14,500 LOT: 411 W. Wheat St, Wdvile, lot in town.....\$5,000

#### ---- <u>COMMERCIAL ---</u>

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Woodville: 3BD/2BA home w/privacy fenced back yard inside city limits.....\$205,000.00 Woodville: 3BD/1BA home on 1.5 acres inside the .....\$195,000.00 city limits..... **Woodville:** 2BD/1BA home w/spacious LR/Kitchen, large yard, carport, 2 sheds, workshop w/2 garage doors, an RV cover, and a boat .....\$120,000.00 shed... Woodville: 2BD/1BA home situated on 2 acres w/ carport.....**PENDING** \$68,000.00 Woodville: Beautiful 3BD/2BA w/2,964 SF situ-Woodville: Investors! Charming Fixer Upper w/4BD/2.1BA & 1,851 SF.....\$75,000.00 Woodville: Investors! Residential home and commercial office building on a fenced lot w/hwy frontage. 2 BD/1 BA home has an open concept w/1,440 square feet. The commercial building is 720 square feet with 2 BD/1BA.....**SOLD** \$135,000.00 Woodville: Well-maintained 3BD/2BA mfg home situated on 1.9 acres...... ..\$153,500.00 Woodville: Spacious 3BD/2BA mfg home w/Generac situated on 1.7 acres.PENDING \$110,000.00 Woodville: Spacious 2-story home w/4BD/4BA, 2 master suites, above ground pool, concrete driveway, covered patio & storage bldg..., on 3+/-acres....\$350,000.00 Colmesneil: Charming 3BD/2BA home on .69 acre located within walking distance of the school. Large, fenced yard, LR, kitchen w/under cabinet ....\$179,900.00 **Woodville:** 3BD/2BA home with large yard & storage bldg. on 1-acre of land...... **SOLD** \$99,000.00 Woodville: Ideal 2,205 sqft home w/3BD/2.1BA.

Fenced/cross-fenced, storage building, large workshop and a 2-stall horse barn with feed & tack room Colmesneil: 3BD/2BA waterfront home on Lake Amanda w/WBFP, carport, shop, covered boathouse,

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#### **Country Homes/Acreage**

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of trees. ..\$225,000.00 **Woodville:** 3 BD/2BA brick home w/1,216 SF situated on 3 acres. WBFP, above ground pool, fenced front yard, 3-car carport, storage buildings, and more!.. ....\$205,000.00

#### **Lots**

Village Mills: Wooded corner lot located in Wild-Woodville: 2 lots located within walking distance of Lake Charmaine.....SOLD \$16,950.00 Woodville: 0.33+/- wooded acres on a well-paved road in Ivanhoe. Excellent lot for building and is within walking distance of Lake Tristan ......\$15,000.00 Woodville: 3 WATERVIEW Acres with a water spigot already on the Property. Electricity available at the street. Land has been partially cleared **SOLD** \$55,000.00 Woodville: Waterfront! Over half an acre Wooded Waterfront Lot on Lake Galahad in Ivanhoe. The perfect getaway spot or dream home location.....\$ 99,000.00 Village Mills: Wooded lot located on the 16th green of the golf course......\$7,500.00 Woodville: Vacant lot inside the city limits presenting a great opportunity for you to build to your liking with city utilities readily avail-**Hillister:** 0.76+/- acre wooded lot located down a country road..... .....\$12,500.00 Commercial

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