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Babin, other Texas lawmakers weigh in on Biden

By Chris Edwards
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WASHINGTON, D.C. – On the heels of the historic withdrawal of President Joe Biden's re-election bid, Rep. Brian Babin (R-Woodville) made a statement on social media about Biden and the coming presidential election.

"It doesn't matter who the Democrats put up, Joe Biden, Kamala Harris or anyone else. It's the Democratic policies that are killing our country," said Babin.

Babin, who represents the 36th congressional district in Congress, made a statement that Republican nominee, former president Donald Trump, will win the election.

Since Biden announced his intention to step down from the campaign, following questions about his health, which have nagged him and his campaign since a debate performance in June, he endorsed his vice president, Kamala Har-

ris, to be his successor.

Babin released a statement to media that Trump, since an assassination attempt at a rally two weeks ago, has demonstrated "tremendous" leadership.

"The fact he stood up after he was shot in the ear and pumped his fist and shouted 'fight, fight, fight,' demonstrated what kind of leader he is. He's never been stronger. This is the worst, weakest, most disastrous administration in U.S. history. Worse than Jimmy Carter. They've botched the economy, crime, the oil industry," Babin said.

Babin is not the only Texan in Congress weighing in on Biden's withdrawal from the race. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, a Democrat representing the Austin area, was the first to call for Biden's stepping down, and Rep. Marc Veasey (D-Fort Worth), called on Biden to step aside as the party's presumptive nominee.

In a statement Veasey signed on with two other lawmak-

ers, he wrote: "We must face the reality that widespread public concerns about your age and fitness are jeopardizing what should be a winning campaign," the statement reads. "We believe the most responsible and patriotic thing you can do at this moment is to step aside as our nominee while continuing to lead our party from the White House," prior to Biden's announcement on Sunday.

Biden announced that he will not run for re-election, but will serve out the remainder of his term. The Democratic National Convention will occur August 19-22 in Chicago. In a story published by the Associated Press, the national party plans to push forward with a virtual roll call in which delegates to the convention can choose a nominee before the actual event.

Harris has been overwhelmingly favored to replace Biden at the top of the ticket. The 273 delegates from Texas voted 260-6 to back Harris.



Bro. Jim Maddox uses his love of motorcycles in ministry. COURTESY PHOTO

'Black Creek Thunder' to welcome motorcycle ministries

By Chris Edwards
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WARREN – Bro. Jim Maddox has been riding motorcycles for most of his life, and for about five years now, the friendly pastor from Wells has jettisoned the suits he used to wear in the pulpit for a more comfortable, casual mode of attire, and has been involved in using his enthusiasm for motorcycles in his ministry.

"Motorcycle ministries are starting to plant some hope in the world of motorcycle enthusiasts," Maddox said. "They're just like you and I, once you get them to lay down their chains for a bit."

Maddox referenced a misconception in popular culture associated with bikers, which dates back to the leather-clad,

rule-snubbing depictions in films such as "The Wild Bunch" and "Easy Rider."

"A lot of bikers are tired of rules, so they make their own," he said.

Motorcycle ministries are a growing effort, with groups such as Bikers for Christ; the Priesthood, and Faith Keepers, the latter of which Maddox is affiliated with.

Maddox is calling on motorcycle ministries from the region to meet up at Black Creek Ranch in Warren on Saturday, August 3 for the "Black Creek Thunder," which, at noon will commence with a church service, followed by a potluck lunch and a planning session toward an event that Maddox hopes will take place the first part of September.

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Ivanhoe gets bingo gaming on Nov. ballot

By Chris Edwards
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IVANHOE – At its regular meeting last Thursday, the Ivanhoe City Council, Ivanhoe Mayor Skip Blackstone brought up a charity bingo event, which had been conducted by Friends of Ivanhoe, and missed by the community.

Blackstone said the bingo had to be put on the ballot for the citywide general election on Nov. 5, to be voted on by the community, to be legal.

"It's like Catholic church bingo," Blackstone said. "We'd just allow them to conduct the bingo games within the city limits."

According to statute, bingo is one of the few forms of legal gambling in the state of Texas. State law only allows for certain organizations to conduct bingo games. The proceeds from the games can only be used for charitable purposes.

Bingo games are only allowed in areas of the state that have held local elections approving their use. Local elections can be countywide or within a justice court precinct.

The agenda item to put the bingo measure on the ballot passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

In Ivanhoe mayor Skip Blackstone's regular report, he said he has been trying to make everyone in the community aware that the Tyler County Commissioners' Court and County Judge Milton Powers have

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- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Help is available in most languages.

If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

- Visit any Disaster Recovery Center. For locations and hours, go online to fema.gov/drc.



SUGARMOONS IN CONCERT

The renowned regional western swing act the Sugarmoons will play a gospel concert at Mount Carmel Baptist Church near Colmesneil on Friday, August 2. The band includes (pictured left-to-right): Will Lewis; Shane Mathews and Sarah Humphries. See story on page 3B for more info. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SUGARMOONS

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LIFE TRIBUTES

Carla Fowler

Carla Cathleen Couch Fowler passed away on July 15, 2024, in Greenbrier, Arkansas. Carla was born on April 6, 1944, in Beaumont, Texas. She was preceded in death by her father, William Carlton Couch, her mother Fannie Vera Adams Couch, and her brothers Ted Glenn Couch and Junious "Jim" Couch.

She leaves behind her son, Chris Galloway, and wife, Christina. Granddaughter, Ashley Jahnsen and husband Joe. Grandson, Caleb Galloway, and wife Jessica. As well as her sister-in-law, Vallie Couch, niece Glenda Boe, and many family members that she loved dearly.

Carla's life had two distinct phases, before Chris and after Chris. Before Chris she loved horses. She took piano lessons, a wish her mother had, in exchange for having a pony. The piano didn't stick, but horse riding did. She later became an accomplished "cutting horse" rider and was a proud Texas Cowgirl. Her strong extroverted personality allowed her to make friends easily (she never met a stranger) and she would speak of fun times at The Big Oaks Dance Hall. After Chris, she devoted herself to raising him with all the love she had. She drew much closer to Christ and loved to Praise the Lord! Being a single mom, she had to be strong, and she was. She left Texas and her entire family and moved to Arkansas with very little, not even a car so that Chris could be near his father. Carla found



working success at Beverly Enterprises and provided a good life. Later, Carla would return to Texas to work for Watson-Sysco. She retired in 2006 and moved to Greenbrier Arkansas to be near her son and his family. She adored her grandchildren, Ashley and Caleb, always careful to take lots of photos with them. Carla always loved to give the gift of joy. Nothing brought her more happiness than to see the excitement and genuine appreciation in the eyes of the recipient. During her retirement years, she loved the company of her dog "Mercy Me" and had a passion for gardening as she served as a Master Gardener.

Funeral service was held Friday, July 19, 2024, at 2 pm at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with burial following at the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation was held Friday from 1 pm until 2 pm at the funeral home.

Services are held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home, Woodville. 394



Deanna Cross

Deanna Cross, 53, died on July 16, 2024, at her home in Fort Worth, Texas.

Deanna was born in 1971, in northeast Texas, to Buddy and Becky Cross. She was raised "at the intersection of the two dirt roads" in Warren, Texas, and graduated from Monsignor Kelly High School in Beaumont, Texas, in 1989. She attended Texas A&M University and earned her bachelor's degree in bio-environmental sciences in 1993 and a doctorate in plant pathology in 1999. She earned an additional master's degree in genetic counseling from BayPath University in 2019.

Deanna married Clay Maugans in College Station, Texas, on March 12, 1994. Clay and Deanna met during their freshman year at Texas A&M and recently celebrated 30 years of a loving and joyful marriage.

After receiving her doctorate, Deanna worked at the Marshfield Clinic in Wausau, Wisconsin, for 12 years as a medical researcher. In 2012, Deanna returned to Texas, where she served the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) as a professor teaching classes in genetics and evidence-based medicine. She was most recently a genetic counselor with GeneScreen Counseling.

Deanna was a member of the Fort Worth Club, a runner of half-marathons and 5Ks with friends, and a valued patron of the Fort Worth Lab fitness center. She loved walking and biking the Trinity River Trail, traveling to foreign countries with her husband, reading trashy romance novels, celebrating the change of seasons, and cooking gourmet meals for her friends and family.



She lived in the Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood of Fort Worth in a historic house that she dearly loved.

Upon her diagnosis of stage 4 colorectal cancer in 2022, Deanna endured chemotherapy and surgeries with poise, grace, and a positive demeanor.

Survivors of Deanna Cross include her husband, Clay, of Fort Worth, her mother and father of Warren, Texas; two sisters, Patricia, of Clarksville, Texas, and Daphne, of Houston, Texas; mother-in-law Susan Maugans of Humble, Texas; brother-in-law Rexford W. Maugans and wife Lori of Humble, Texas, and brother-in-law Wade Maugans and wife Alma of Pearland, Texas; many beloved nephews and nieces, and hundreds of friends and colleagues who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Rex Maugans.

At Deanna's request, her body was donated to the University of North Texas Health Science Center for the advancement of science, and cremation will take place at a later date.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her name to Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School's tuition assistance fund at (409)866-2351 or to the UNTHSC Medical Foundation at foundation@unthsc.edu. 437

Merline Johnson

Merline Johnson, 78, of Fred, died Saturday, July 13, 2024. She was born on September 15, 1945, in Silsbee.

Survivors include her sons, Matthew Johnson and his wife, Teresa, of Fred; and Mark Johnson and his wife, Kimen, of Warren; grandchildren, Rebecca Wiseman of Colmesneil, Cody Johnson and Lindsey Renick of Fred; Garrett Johnson and his wife, Amy, of Fred; Chase Fondren and his wife, Maci, of Lumberton; and Madison Young and her husband, Cole, of Warren; great-grandchildren, Jayden Johnson; Macy, Colton, and Weston Wiseman; Tinsley and Kelton Johnson, Camry Broxton, Grant Johnson, and Harp-



er Young. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald Johnson; and two brothers.

A graveside service for Mrs. Johnson was at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at Cunningham Cemetery, Highway 92 North, Silsbee under the direction of Broussard's, 490 Cemetery Road, Silsbee. 141

Jane Worthy

Jane Worthy, 87, currently residing in Beaumont and formerly of Village Mills, Texas, passed from this life to go be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on July 22nd, 2024, at Harbor Hospice in Beaumont, Texas. She so looked forward to this day, when she would be reunited with the love of her life, her husband of 57 years, Ben Worthy, who left this world 13 years earlier to go make a place for her in Heaven.

Jane was born on November 11th, 1936 to Elbert Ameul and Clara Mae Drodody Stephens in Camden, Texas. A longtime resident of Warren and Wildwood, Texas, she was currently residing at Brookdale Dowlan Oaks Senior Living Center. She was the retired office manager for Dr. Curtis Garner in Woodville, Texas, where she had worked for many years prior to her retirement. Jane was a former member of the Wildwood Baptist Church, where she served as the church treasurer and was often asked to perform the special music on Sunday mornings. She was an avid reader and had bookshelves full of books she had read over the years, having given away many boxes as she no longer had space and needed to make room for new books to read! Jane also enjoyed traveling and spent many trips enjoying the time exploring the many beautiful places her God had created. When she wasn't traveling with her husband or reading a book, she enjoyed painting shirts for her family, and cooking, especially trying new recipes to share with her friends and family. She loved to gather with her friends to play games but especially enjoyed time with her family when they would come to visit.

Jane was an active member in her community, always helping with the school activities of her children, assisting her husband Ben, for many years behind the scenes with the Tyler County Western Weekend, the Tyler County Dogwood Festival and the Tyler County Fair. She was also a Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Warren.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, Elbert Ameul and Clara Mae Drodody Stephens, her husband Ben Worthy, and his parents E. Jay and Octavia Ransom Worthy. Sisters Cora Wilkerson and Ethel Bell and brothers Paul Stephens and Marion Stephens. Brothers-in-law Roy Jay, Claude, Cecil and Edward Worthy. Also her son-in-law John Deggs.

Jane is survived by her daughter, Laura Deggs of Groves; three sons, Bruce Worthy and his wife Stacie of Beaumont, Wade Worthy and his wife Gina of Fredericksburg, and Brad Worthy and his wife Deris of Tomball. Eight grandchildren; Dana Howard, Allison Costa, Wesley Deggs, Heather Chisholm, Ashley Bundick, Jay Worthy, Joshua Gibson and Jayson Worthy, and sixteen great and step great grandchildren. Additional survivors include sister-in-law Naomi Stephens of Longview, Faye Worthy Prothro and husband Charles, and many beloved nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be on Friday July 26th from 9:00 to 10:00 am prior to her funeral service at 10:00 am being held at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas. Interment will be at the Village Mills Cemetery following her service.

Pallbearers will be Jayson Worthy, Joshua Gibson, Wesley Deggs, Jay Worthy, Matthew Chisholm and Kevin Bundick.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville. 549

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



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- July 26 (Fr): Summer Reading-Gators; 2-3pm
- July 27 (Sat): Dungeons & Dragons; 10am-2pm
- July 29 (Mon): TDCJ Recruiting; 9am-3pm
- July 29 (Mon): Summer Reading-Roller Coasters; 2-3pm
- July 30 (Tu): Senior Reading Group; Noon-2pm; new members welcome
- July 30 (Tu): Summer Reading-Bird Watching
- July 30 (Tu): Trivia Night; 5-8pm
- July 31 (Wed): Toddler Time; 10am
- July 31 (Wed): Creative Zone; 10am
- July 31 (Wed): Summer Reading-Wetlands; 2-3pm
- Aug 1 (Th): Summer Reading Party-CARNIVAL; 10am-noon
- Aug 2 (Fri): Used Book Sale; 9am-4pm
- Aug 2 (Fri): Dungeons & Dragons 3.5; Noon-5pm
- July 18 (Th): Summer Reading-Rice Crispy Mountains; 2-3pm
- July 19 (Fri): Used Book Sale; 9am-4pm
- July 19 (Fri): Dungeons & Dragons 3.5; Noon-5pm

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Information sourced from weather.com

JAIL BOOKINGS

Jail Report for July 15-21

Harvey Deon Davis, 20, of Newton – Burglary of vehicles; escape from custody
Ashley Nicole Dryden, 27, of Kountze – Prohibited item in correctional facility
Frank Dean Fowler, 42, of Warren – Unauthorized use of vehicle; tamper /w/ identification numbers; display fictitious license plate
Dakota Michael Hargis, 23, of Spurger – Driving while license invalid
Aubrey Benjamin Hartford, 37, of Spurger – Burglary of habitation
Steven Newton Jordan, 35, of Fred – Driving while intoxicated BAC >=0.15
Tasha Marie Lee, 41, of Huntington – Interference with child custody
Michael Shane Pittman, 55, of Kirbyville – Driving while intoxicated; Possession of controlled substance PG 3<28G

Rose Oma Reynosomunoz, 37, of Silsbee – Burglary of habitation
Zachary Schaefer, 33, of Houston – Unauthorized use of vehicle
Demonte Rashaan Siggers, 27, of Colmesneil – Possession of dangerous drug
Yolanda Foster Thomas, 56, of Hillister – Assault, class C
Jennifer Jean Travazos, 47, of Colmesneil – Invalid license plate; Disregard stop sign; Driving while license invalid; Failure to maintain financial responsibility (insurance); Possession of drug paraphernalia; No registration
Chrysta Renee Webley, 50, of Cypress – Credit card or debit card abuse; Fraud use/possession of identifying info # of items <5 (x2); Theft of property >=\$30K<\$150K
Victor Jermaine Williams, 42, of Hillister – Theft of property



ABOVE: Artist Doretta Remy unveils her creations during mass at Our Lady of the Pines, with Father James Ahern and deacon David Luther. LOWER RIGHT: One of the icons painted by Remy, of the mother Mary with one of Remy's cats. PHOTOS BY MAUREEN PELTIER

ICONS CREATED IN WOODVILLE

By Maureen Peltier

WOODVILLE – Did you know that the City of Woodville has three new Byzantine icons? How unlikely is that? Considering the nature and history of Byzantine icons, it is very unlikely. Even more improbable is the fact that Woodville's three new icons were brought about by the 50th anniversary of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church and a rock thrown through a glass window, plus the interest and talent of a local artist.

But first - what is a Byzantine icon? To answer that question, it might help to review a little ancient history which readers may or may not have ever known or remember (or have cared to have known or remembered).

Begin with the Roman Empire around 300 AD. The western part of the Empire was in Rome, and the Roman emperor was Constantine, the first emperor to become Christian. Because he wanted a capital that was closer to the center of the Empire, Constantine moved the capital east to the Greek colony of Byzantium, later renamed Constantinople but now Istanbul. The religion of the Empire became Christianity, and the official language changed from Latin to Greek.

Out of that eastern branch of the Christian church came what we call "icons," a very distinct form of religious art developed to teach and strengthen the faith. They were valued primarily for their aesthetic value and accorded extraordinary, even miraculous, power to answer prayers, heal the sick and provide protection. They were present and accorded great respect in homes as well as churches. In 626 an icon of Christ was credited with saving Constantinople from a Persian assault. Icons were painted using different media but were mostly painted with tempera on wood. The tempera was colored pigment suspended in a solution of egg yolk mixed with water. Our Woodville icons are prepared with modern acrylic paint on wood.

Then, as now, they were filled with symbolism. As "theology written as colors," Jesus is painted wearing a blue outer garment because He is believed to be divine and puts on humanity. The Virgin Mary's under garment is painted in blue because she is a human being and is believed to be divine by bearing Christ.

Thus, every detail in an icon, even the

most insignificant, expresses a concept and alludes to a superior meaning, a reference to an evangelical episode or a spiritual message. The creator of an icon is known more as a "writer" than a painter, with a theological mission to teach more than to create art. The viewer focuses not on what is seen in the piece of art, but rather on what is seen through it, which Christians believe is the love of God expressed in the art.

Faces do not appear as they do in realistic paintings because they are meant to reflect the person beyond this world, as if in Heaven.

That brings us to Our Lady of the Pines and the recent celebration of its 50th anniversary. To commemorate the event, Doretta Remy, the talented artist mentioned above, was commissioned by the church to create a memorial that was unveiled during Mass on July 14, 2024. Her creation is an exquisite Greek icon of the Child Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary on a background of the three crosses in front of the church, embellished with 24 karat gold. Father James Ahern blessed it. As part of the celebration, Deacon David Luther gave a brief history of Our Lady of the Pines before it was unveiled.

Doretta also painted the other two Greek icons in Woodville. They can be seen on the south side of her coffee shop and art studio, which is on the southeast side of the courthouse and known as Doretta's Lair. Shortly after Doretta had taken a class on icons, vandals broke one of the large glass windows on the building. That event inspired her to replace the glass with original pieces of Byzantine art. She relates that over the many months it took to complete the projects she observed the rules that define the painting of icons. Appropriate to her art studio and coffee shop, Doretta depicted Christ as an artist holding a paint palette and his mother Mary holding a cup of coffee and one of Doretta's beloved cats.

Today, Greek and Byzantine icons are seldom encountered outside of a Greek Orthodox church or a large metropolitan museum of art and would certainly not be expected to be found in a small East Texas town, but thanks to the anniversary of Our Lady of the Pines, the work of vandals and Doretta Remy, three new icons are here and do indeed link Woodville to ancient Byzantine history.

Icons, unlike Western pictures, change the perspective and form of the image so that it

is not naturalistic. This is done so that we can look beyond appearances of the world, and instead look to the spiritual truth of the holy person or event. Icons can only be created with the blessing of the Church, as they are writings of Truth.

Purpose of Icons The Orthodox Church uses icons to assist in worship. Icons are a 'window to heaven' and they help us to focus on the divine things. While the icons still contain material aspects, like are taught not to reject our physical life but instead to transform it, as was done by the holy people represented by the icons. It is important to note that the icons themselves are venerated only, not worshipped; we only worship God in the Holy






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OPINION

It looks like this whole democracy thing is a placebo

One of the "so good it's bad" movies I enjoy is "War of the Gargantuas," which is a Godzilla-adjacent flick and one that in my head I was equating to the upcoming presidential election (it happened to be playing when I heard the news. Go figure).

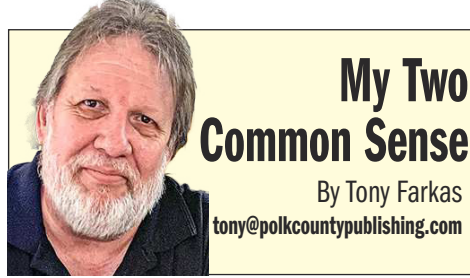
That is until Sunday, when President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic nominee, up and quit, calling the move as one that was in the best interest for his party and for the country.

Odd phrasing, that, putting party ahead of the country, but then again, only the most steadfast of sheep believe that the government actually cares about what happens to the country.

Before things get indignant, good intentions do not make good policy, and most policy decisions coming down the pike have been solely for the purpose of retaining power, irrespective of party.

It's that retaining power stance that perplexes me now.

For years, particularly in the Trump era, we've been told that our democracy is under attack, and that the only way to keep it viable and keep the American dream alive was to not vote for neo-fascists. We've also been told that voting is sacrosanct and inviolate, and how can anyone mistreat people of color by requiring an ID to vote?



My Two Common Sense
By Tony Farkas
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Except now, that no longer seems to matter. Most states by now have either caucused or held primary elections, and those results have followed both Trump and Biden to their conventions. While the Democrats will not hold theirs until August, it was pretty much assured Biden was a lock.

That, I believe, presents several problems; several states have already locked their ballots, meaning changes now shouldn't be made; but the worst is that everyone that cast a ballot for Biden in the primaries have been told their votes are immaterial.

As in, yeah, you wanted Joe, but since you didn't read the fine print, you get (insert name here).

In his surrender letter, Biden threw his weight behind Vice President Kamala Harris. Other names that have been floated are Gov. Gavin

Newsom of California, former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and former First Lady Michelle Obama.

While I'm sure that's name dropping to gin up some kind of interest, it not only speaks to the lack of care for the will of the people (which is the founding principle of our republic), it speaks to the need for the current "powers that be" to not become the "powers that was."

I've even heard that in order to force the acceptance of whatever candidate is called from the bullpen, the lawsuits will fly fast and furious.

Even in a democracy, that kind of underhanded bait-and-switch is frowned upon. But since voting rights are only a matter of discussion to keep the other guys out of office, it really isn't a surprise.

At the end of his statement, Biden claims he will focus on the remainder of his presidency. While the debate on whether he is fit to lead since he is not fit to run for re-election is not part of this right now, it is yet another example of governmental disconnect with the people.

Let's hope 2025 is the great reset.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

First I want to say that I thank God for saving President Donald J Trump's life. Only God could have intervened and turned his head at the exact moment saving his life. I may be running for President myself, but if I am not elected there is no better other choice than President Donald J. Trump.

Secondly I am watching Congress questioning the Lady in charge of the Secret Service. No doubt that committee is a disgrace. I think that there is no one more disappointed that President Trump was not killed than Democrats and they will lie and blame the Secret Service and turn the whole thing into a campaign to take our guns. I predict it. You wait and see if that doesn't happen. They say that no 20-year-old needs to have a AR-15 and that no one else does either, but a 17 year old and up can be given an M4 (fully automatic AR-15) and trained to kill people in the military and that is OK with them. Pistols can kill, Rifles can kill, but it is the finger on the trigger doing the killing not the gun. Cars kill, knives kill, hammers kill and even Doctors kill more people than guns, but no one is banning them. Punish the finger on the trigger and don't take guns away from good American Citizens doing nothing wrong. When we no longer have guns to protect ourselves only criminals will have guns and don't forget foreign invaders will come when we are disarmed. God has the right idea. Thou shall not Murder and an eye for an eye. Wake up America.

Floyd Petri for President
2nd Amendment Party

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am a friend of Rep. Brain Babin, I admire him as a man and friend, but I can't stay quiet and not tell what a bad thing it would be if Donald Trump wins the Presidency.

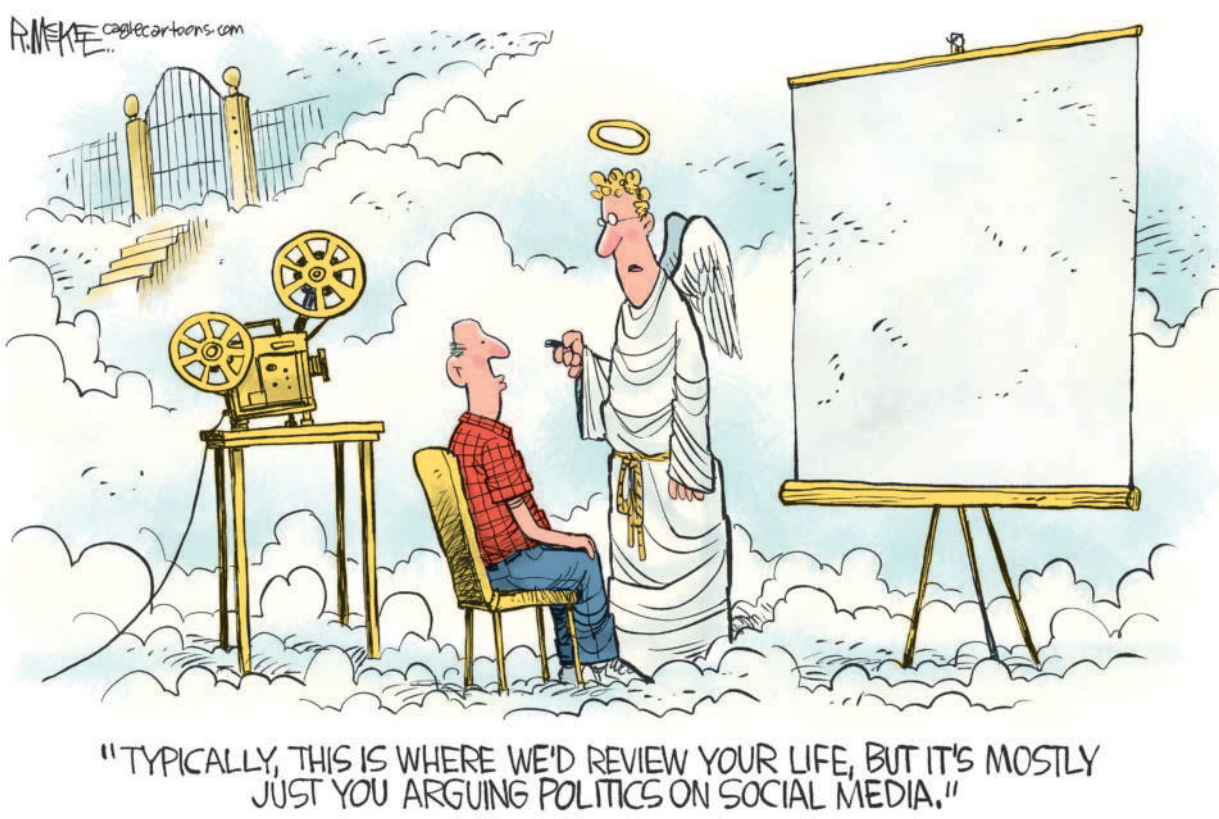
I watched the debate and Biden looked like a man that couldn't believe what Donald Trump was saying. It was a pack of lies.

Donald Trump is a personal friend of Putin's (who is the dictator of Russia).

DONALD TRUMP is a GLORY HOG that cares only about himself and not our Country.

WAKE UP AMERICANS!
One bad bean can spoil a whole pot of stew!

Margaret Young



Washington's wake-up call: How America lost its way And how we can find it again

By Sal Baldovinos

"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence,—it is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant, and a fearful master; never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action."

These words, attributed to George Washington, encapsulate the spirit of caution and responsibility that permeates his Farewell Address.

As a naturalized citizen and veteran, I've always been fascinated by the foundations of American democracy. Washington's Farewell Address, penned in 1796, is a treasure trove of insights that seem almost prophetic when we look at our nation today.

Let's break it down, shall we? First and foremost, Washington warns against the "baneful effects of the spirit of party." Sound familiar? In an era where political polarization is tearing at the fabric of our society, it's as if Washington is reaching through time, shaking us by the shoulders, and yelling, "Wake up America!"

He stresses the importance of national unity, cautioning against sectionalism and emphasizing the need for citizens to prioritize national interests over regional concerns. Yet, here we are, red states and blue states, urban and rural divides, each faction more concerned with winning than with the good of the nation.

Washington also advises against "permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world." Fast forward to today, and we're entangled in a web of international commitments that would make the Father of our Nation spin in his grave.

But here's the kicker: Washington emphasizes the importance of morality and religion in maintaining a stable republic. Now, I'm not here to preach, but when was the last time you heard a politician talk about moral character without it sounding like a campaign strategy?

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports," Washington wrote. Yet, in our rush to separate church and state (a noble goal), have we also divorced our politics from any sense of moral responsibility?

And let's not forget his warnings about public debt. Washington advocated for "cherishing public credit" and avoiding "the accumulation of debt." Meanwhile, our national debt clock is ticking faster than a Time Square taxi meter.

Is any of it real? I mean, look at this America we've built. Look at it! A nation drifting from its foundations, built on a fantasy of endless progress without responsibility. We've got synthetic patriotism in the form of flag-waving, psychological warfare in the form of partisan media, and mind-altering propaganda in the form of political advertising. Brainwashing seminars masquerading as news channels. Controlled isolated bubbles in the form of echo-chamber

social networks.

You want to talk about the America that Washington envisioned? We haven't lived in anything remotely close to it since... well, maybe we never have. We turned off our critical thinking, took out the batteries of civic responsibility, and snacked on a bag of empty campaign promises. At the same time, we tossed the remnants of honest political discourse into the ever-expanding dumpster of partisan bickering.

We live in branded states, trademarked by political parties, built on bipolar poll numbers jumping up and down on digital displays, hypnotizing us into the biggest political slumber our republic has ever seen. You have to dig pretty deep, my fellow Americans, before you can find anything real, anything that resembles the nation our Founding Fathers imagined.

We live in a kingdom of political bullshit, a kingdom we've tolerated for far too long. So don't tell me about how we're honoring Washington's legacy. Our current political reality is no more reflective of his vision than a fast-food patty is of real, nourishing food.

But here's the thing—we can wake up. We can dig deep and find the bedrock of principles that Washington laid out for us. It's not easy, but real freedom and democracy never were.

So, what do we do with this information? How do we, as citizens of this great nation, honor the wisdom of Washington while navigating the complexities of the 21st century?

Here's my call to action:

1. Educate yourself. Read the Farewell Address. It's not light reading, but neither is the responsibility of citizenship.
2. Think critically about your political allegiances. Are you supporting a party or the nation?
3. Stay informed about foreign policy decisions. Are they in line with America's long-term interests?
4. Demand fiscal responsibility from your representatives. The national debt is not just a number; it's a burden on future generations.
5. Consider the moral implications of policies, not just their political expediency.
6. Engage in respectful dialogue with those who hold different views. Unity doesn't mean uniformity.

Remember, "Your votes are PRECIOUS RIGHTS." Use them wisely, not just to support a party line but to uphold the principles that have guided this nation for over two centuries.

As Washington said, "The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government." It's time we look at how far we've strayed from Washington's vision and ask ourselves: Are we still the nation he and the other Founding Fathers envisioned?

The power to course-correct is in our hands. Let's not waste it.

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IVANHOE

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have signed a contract with a debris collection company, which will be collecting debris from Hurricane Beryl in the coming weeks.

"If you have trees, branches or rubbish, get it all to the side of the road," he said.

Regarding infrastructure projects and repairs around the city, several roads are as completed as they're going to be, he said, including Galahad Loop, Lake Camelot Circle and Ivanhoe Drive, east and west.

On dam projects, Blackstone said the city has submitted drawings for the dam at

Ivanhoe Lake to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the first round of questioning, which was kicked back with additional questions and re-submitted.

All of the plans for Camelot Dam were sent to TCEQ for approval, which will likely take about six months, Blackstone said.

Of the two lakes with dam projects to be rebuilt, Lake Ivanhoe will likely be the one with construction beginning first, Blackstone said. The drawings for that project have been with TCEQ for the longest time, and also, the city wanted to start on the northwest side of town, moving to the east side, thus minimizing the heavy equipment running on new roads.

MOTORCYCLE

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He said the event is open to anyone interested, and not just motorcycle riders, but there has already been interest among folks from as far up north as Longview, he said. He said he hopes it will be possible to have five to seven different motorcycle ministries come together at the event.

Black Creek owner Melody Daigle said that it is an answered prayer to be able to host "Black Creek Thunder."

"I've known Jim Maddox, and what he stands for, for many years," she said. "Plenty long enough to get to know not only his character, but the man of God he truly is," she added.

"We've talked about doing something like this for years. To have this land, that's been in my family 60 years be prayed over by motorcycle dudes? How cool is that!" Daigle said.

The endgame of the event and planning session, he said, is to get everyone on the same page for a "Jericho Ride," or a prayer ride.

Maddox said that recently, he undertook a Jericho Ride, which was co-coordinated by Jen Langford of Cushing, which began in Cushing and went through Nacogdoches, Lufkin, Wells, Alto, Rush and then back through Reklaw to Cushing.

At each stop, Maddox said there was a church.

The concept, which takes its name and idea from the Old Testament story of Joshua, who, along with the Israelites, marched around the city of Jericho once a day for six days, and seven times on the seventh day, with priests blowing trumpets.

For this "Jericho Ride," the sounds of motorcycle engines revving will replace the trumpet sounds, however, and Maddox said

the ride will be a way to bring unity and pray over communities in need of prayer and peace.

"This will help break the isolation of some of these small communities," he said. "We're hoping to bring an awareness to the fact that humans need connection, and to not make people feel alone."

Maddox said that this Jericho Ride might be a bit more challenging, logistically, as there is a greater distance between towns in Southeast Texas, but he hopes to include Liberty on the itinerary.

In the book of Joshua, the marching around the city and prayer was done in an attempt to bring down the walls around the city. Many of the walls people have put up around them now come from a place of vulnerability, Maddox said. "The main thing is to bring unity, and to pray over these communities, and break down all of the isolation and vulnerability of some of these small churches," he said.

"I believe God is dealing with a lot of people dealing with vulnerability," he said. "This sort of event brings people together from varied faith backgrounds and various ethnic backgrounds," said Maddox.

In the end, Maddox said it's all about ministering to those who are healing wounds, and in working with bikers, it helps them to "conquer a lot of their demons," he said.

Maddox gave examples of many one-pcenter, or outlaw, motorcycle gang members who had experienced a change of heart due to the motorcycle ministries. Some of the groups, he said, have even held church services in bars.

Events like the Jericho Ride and Black Creek Thunder are as much for the bikers as they are for the community, he said.

"More Christians are getting involved in motorcycles now, and many of them just want to get outside of those four walls," he said.

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Conquering My Culinary
Bucket List One Dish at a Time

By Emily Banks Wooten

“We can’t control the storms that come our way, but we can control how we navigate through them.”

-- Unknown

Meal suggestions following a hurricane-related power outage



I grossly underestimated Hurricane Beryl. I was convinced it would fizzle out by the time it made landfall and that we’d experience some rainfall from the outer bands, but that would be the extent of it. I woke up that Monday morning relieved that we had not lost electricity and began my day. Around 12:30 that day, we lost power. It had not returned when we went to bed that night, but fortunately the house was still pleasant, probably due to the lower temps that came with the rains. We’d decided late that night that the following morning, Hubby, Daughter and my Mother would pack up and head to my brother’s in Waco and I would stay home to get my Thursday paper out. Early that Tuesday morning while I was seeing them off, the house was still fairly pleasant.

As we didn’t have power at the office, I drove to Woodville that day to the office of one of our area papers, the Tyler County Booster, that did have power. It was disruptive at best, but everyone was pitching in, trying to make the best of it. I wasn’t in the best of moods, and I knew why. As much as I hate to admit it, I’m a control freak at heart and I knew that I had absolutely no control over anything that day.

After knocking a few things out, I decided to leave and get a bite to eat. I knew deep down that that would improve my mood. I headed to a place called Elijah’s Cafe that some friends had introduced us to last fall. I knew it was down-home country cooking and that was what I needed. That day’s special was the chicken spaghetti with two sides and that sounded perfect. For my sides, I chose corn casserole and black-eyed peas. The waitress brought over a basket with a roll and a cornbread muffin. While there, I saw and visited with some friends from Livingston. They, too, said that they had underestimated Beryl and her effects. My plate lunch was excellent, though I failed to take a picture of it. As I was leaving, I saw two more families from Livingston that are friends of mine and were in search of electricity and sustenance.

I headed back to the Booster office, completed my work, got the paper to press and headed home, fully intending to stay there. However, the cooler temps the rain had brought Monday were nothing but a memory as we were now under a heat advisory by Tuesday, complete with sweltering, muggy humidity that was off the charts. When I walked into my house that evening and it felt like I was stepping into a furnace, I knew there was no way I’d ever be able to sleep in those conditions. I packed a bag, loaded the car and headed to Waco to rejoin my family at my brother’s.

While visiting on the phone with a friend a few days later, she remarked that she’d never again eat peanut butter sandwiches or be without D-cell batteries. Later that day, another friend lamented how tired she was of peanut butter sandwiches. It got me thinking, wondering what everyone else was eating as they rode out the hurricane and resulting lack of electric-

ity. We’d made a day trip to the beach the prior week for the Fourth of July and I’d packed a ton of snacks in which we’d barely made a dent. We just dove into that after losing power, enjoying cheese and crackers, hummus, pretzels and fresh fruit.

A few days later, I asked my Facebook friends what was their go-to food during the power outage following Hurricane Beryl. The results were interesting.

Eleven of my Facebook friends are not tired of peanut butter and enjoyed it in numerous ways, including with jelly, without jelly, with honey, with potato chips, with apples or graham crackers and as foldovers. Others had ham and cheese sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, meatloaf sandwiches or po’boy sandwiches.

Two people had the great idea to smoke briskets. While they both said they got multiple meals from it, they also both agreed that it will be a while before they eat brisket again.

Many people turned to their grills, pits, griddles and Blackstones. Some made scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage. Many made burgers. Several grilled chicken and a few grilled foil pack potatoes and vegetables. One grilled pork chops. Another made fajitas and quesadillas. One friend enjoyed fried venison backstrap and homemade french fries cooked on their propane fish fryer.

Cheese, crackers, pretzels, Vienna sausages, chips, applesauce and fruit were popular choices – specifically, apple slices with cheese. Several enjoyed fresh shrimp.

Lack of power didn’t faze several folks who have gas stoves, with one even commenting, “We mostly ate like normal.” One had mac and cheese, Hamburger Helper, toast and eggs. Another had meatloaf and mashed potatoes. One had spaghetti and fresh peas.

Several suggestions made sense – pop tarts, Little Debbie’s, Spam. A few, however, struck me as a bit unusual. One friend ate a cold can of black-eyed peas. One cooked a can of ravioli on the grill ... in the can. Someone else enjoyed a small flat can of salmon, drained, with pickle relish, but no mayo, on bread.

There were several that tickled me. One friend suggested eating ALL of the Blue Bell before it melts. Another friend enjoyed Miller Lite during the power outage. And another ‘fessed up, saying that she and her husband “cheated,” making gas runs to Lufkin and eating out there for lunch.

I was flattered to discover that one friend ate a dish that she’d discovered on this very page several years ago. Called “Basil Corn & Tomato Bake,” it ran in the Oct. 25, 2020 issue of Bite by Bite. I’ll include the recipe again in case you’re interested.

I hope that it will be a long time before we lose electricity again. But if and when we do, maybe we can remember these suggestions. I know I plan on being better prepared next time.

Basil Corn & Tomato Bake

From tasteofhome.com

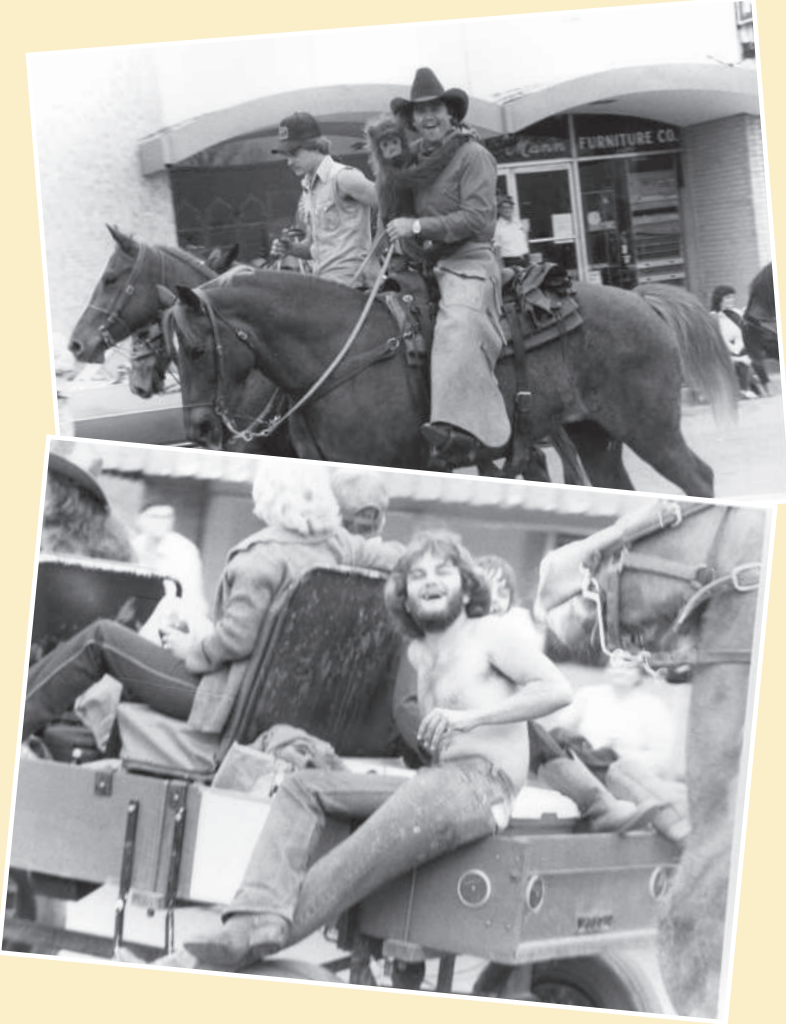
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 large eggs
- 1 can reduced-fat reduced-sodium condensed cream of celery soup, undiluted
- 4 cups fresh or frozen corn
- 1 small zucchini, chopped
- 1 medium tomato, seeded and chopped
- ¾ cup soft wholewheat bread crumbs
- ⅓ cup minced fresh basil
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- Additional minced fresh basil, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a small skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir until tender. In a large bowl, whisk eggs and condensed soup until blended. Stir in vegetables, bread crumbs, basil, salt and onion. Transfer mixture to an 11x17-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray.

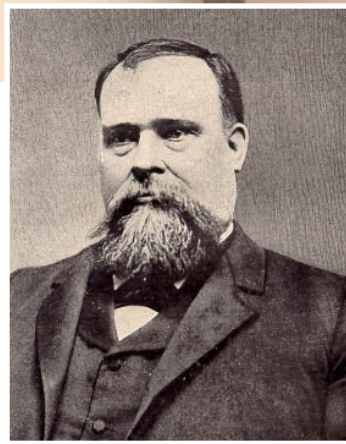
Bake, uncovered, 40-45 minutes or until bubbly. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake 5-10 minutes longer or until cheese is melted, Let stand 10 minutes before serving. If desired, sprinkle with additional basil.

THROWBACK THURSDAY

Take a trip back in time through the Tyler County Booster



As you might imagine, we have a ton (in this case, that really isn't hyperbole) of Dogwood Festival snaps, shot through the years. Check out these oldies but goodies from Western parades of days' past. 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@tylercounty-booster.com



This huge rocking chair, which was built for Gov. James Stephen "Big Jim" Hogg, who served as Texas's 20th governor, from 1851 to 1906, is on display at Heritage Village in Woodville. The pattern for the chair was designed for Hogg, who was the first native-born governor of the state, and born in East Texas. It was built specifically to accommodate his 6'2", 285-pound stature. This is but one of the many artifacts awaiting discovery out at Heritage Village. CHRIS EDWARDS | TCB

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COOKING OUT

The phrase 'cooking out' often equates to applying heat to steaks or burger anywhere other than in the kitchen, often outside on the patio using a gas or charcoal grill. My first memories of outdoor cooking goes back a long, long way to the late fifties when as a young boy, I watched my dad grill chicken halves first over a pit he dug in the ground on an expanded metal grill over a hot hickory fire but later on a homemade smoker.

Daddy was an inventor of sorts. I remember all types of gizmos he thought up and constructed. He raised broiler chickens, 14,000 at a time and he once drilled a hole in the flipper on a light switch, hooked a copper wire to it and attached the other end to a wind up alarm clock. He would set his make shift timer to turn the light on very early in the morning in order to give the chickens a few more hours to eat and put on weight before market. When the clock wind up piece began to turn, it took up slack in the wire and pulled the light switch on!

One day he decided to turn a 55 gallon oil drum into a smoker, no more digging pits in the ground to cook on! But alas he had no cutting torch to cut the barrel in half or cut the hole for the stove pipe on top! I watched him use a quarter inch drill bit and drill hundreds, probably thousands of holes along the center of the drum and then meticulously take a hacksaw blade and completely cut the barrel in half, lengthwise!

My uncle owned a small club aluminum smoker about 2 foot long. I believe it was made in Little Rock, Arkansas back in the day. I watched him smoke turkeys on his little smoker, using a small charcoal fire with pecan wood for smoke on one end and the turkey completely filling the other end of the smoker. Uncle spend many hours tending the little smoker, he would begin smoking the turkey at daylight and slow smoke it 10 or 12 hours. I can taste that pecan smoked turkey meat to this day.

I remember as a young boy taking some pork ribs and a grill out in the woods with some friends and grilling ribs on an overnight campout. My buddies and I thought the ribs were superb but what do 12 year old boys know about barbeque other than then the need for food and lots of it! So you see, I get this outdoor cooking habit honestly. Through the course of a year, it usu-

ally fuels several of my columns and many meals at hunting camps.

My cooking arsenal consists of everything from a little 'mini smoker' (you see them in the front of Bucees) to a big wood smoker mounted on a trailer. I have several homemade grills and cooking racks out in front of my little cabin behind the house where I do a great deal of my outdoor cooking. But my 'go to' piece of outdoor cooking gear for serious slow smoking has for years been my Smokin Tex electric smoker. Through the years I've used my Smokin Tex to cook hundreds of pounds of both game and domestic meat. Set at about 190 degrees and given 12 or so hours of slow smoking with a few ounces of pecan or hickory wood, it will turn a wild hog ham into a mouth watering delight.

I watch a lot of YouTube videos and saw several 'how to' videos on cooking with what is called Rocket stoves. With a couple of Amazon gift cards burning a hole in my pocket, I decided to order one of these stoves a few weeks ago. My wife asked a viable question, "What do you need with something else to cook on?" She knows my love of outdoor cooking and really didn't wait for an answer. "OK, she said with a shrug of her shoulders, guess I'm in for breakfast cooked on a device that uses twigs for fuel rather than our electric stove like most people use!" But what if the electricity goes out, I replied. Remember a few years ago when the power was out and I cooked a couple days in the fireplace?

Rocket stoves comes in many designs, the principal that makes them so efficient is an upward draft of heat from a fire much like a stove pipe on a wood burning stove or the updraft from a fireplace. Many of these stove designs have and angled pipe welded to a vertical pipe into which small twigs or pieces of wood are burned. The heat from the fire is directed up the vertical pipe and becomes intensely hot compared to; say a campfire burning on open ground.

Rocket stoves are often homemade by folks that are good with a welding torch but there are also many commercial varieties available. After watching several videos I locked in on a unit that I thought would suit my needs best. It is of the vertical pipe design with an open chamber near the base to insert small pieces of limbs or twigs for



This little 'rocket stove' is the newest addition to Luke's outdoor cooking arsenal.

PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

fuel. It's important to use the stoves on a flat surface to keep them stable while cooking, they are designed for frying in skillets or using pots for stews, chili, etc. They supply a very hot fire at the top of the vertical 'smoke stack' with a cradle that holds a skillet or pot. In the outdoors there is an unending supply of fuel in the form of dead branches or even pine cones can be used as fuel.

My first attempt at cooking with my little stove was a big success. I thought it best if I did a little solo 'test' cook rather than risk disappointing a few guests. I amassed a good supply of dry twigs, used some crumpled paper to get the fire going and within five minutes, had a very intense fire at the top of the vertical pipe that in short order had the cooking oil up to temperature that

was just right for frying the few catfish filets I had reserved for this practice run.

Will my little rocket stove be the only device I use for outdoor cooking? Definitely not but I think it will be ideal to set up along the creek when my buddies and I are catching some fresh catfish or crappie for a quick shore lunch. Now, I can have a roaring hot fire going from twigs in a matter of minutes rather than having to wait for an open campfire to burn down to 'cooking coals'. It's just something new in my cooking arsenal that I'm having fun with. I love experimenting with new ways to enjoy the outdoors.

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Sports

Adams, Brewton appointed to fill spots in Warrior Country



BUDDY ADAMS



GARY BREWTON



By Chris Edwards
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WARREN – With the departure of Austin Smithey, there are a couple of familiar faces over at Warrior Country stepping up with new responsibilities.

Buddy Adams, who has coached the Warriors' boys' basketball team for the past season, has been

appointed to be the new Warren ISD Athletic Director, and to fill the spot left by Smithey as head football coach, Gary Brewton will head up the Warrior football program.

Smithey, who came to Warren in 2021 to serve as AD/HFC announced that he has accepted the head football coaching position at San Antonio Christian. "I will miss my Warren kids and family dearly, but excited for this new chapter of life," he said.

Additionally, Smithey said he is excited for coaches Adams and Brewton in their new roles. "They have earned it, and will do a great job," he said.

In an announcement from Warren ISD, the district is "thrilled" at the new appointments; that Adams will bring extensive experience and dedication to the school's athletic programs.

Brewton will continue to serve as the head track coach for the Warriors in addition to his head coaching duties.



B.A. Steinhagen

FAIR. Water stain; 80 degrees; 0.86 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.

Bob Sandlin

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 89 degrees; 0.09 feet above pool. Summer fishing patterns are holding steady. Channel catfish are excellent in 10-15 feet of water on baited holes with stinkbait. A few catches of blue catfish in the same areas with cut bait. Crappie are good on brush piles and standing timber in 20-25 feet of water with black and green jigs or minnows. White bass are schooling on the main lake in 35-40 feet of water. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service. Black bass should be receptive to topwater frogs in shad or bream patterns, and clouser type baits around grass and retaining walls. Bream are slow with water clarity and high water is not good. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. Bass are good on points in 18-22 feet of water using deep water baits like deep diving crankbaits, dropshots and Texas rigs. Night fishing has the best bite and is an escape from the heat and recreational boaters. Sand bass and black bass schooling together near the dam, and bridges. Report by Mike Stroman, R & R Marine.

Livingston

GREAT. Stained; 88 degrees; 1.18 feet below pool. White bass bite is excellent in 10-20 feet of water with white and chartreuse Ducktrucker slabs. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

Martin Creek

GOOD. Water normal stain; 101 degrees; 0.13 feet below pool. Martin Creek is at full pool, 101 degrees south of trestle and the clarity is clear. Bass are good along the hydrilla with swimbaits, watermelon red weightless senkos and Ribbit frogs. Crappie are excellent on deep brush and standing timber in 25 feet of water. The fish are suspended at 18-20 feet using minnows for best bite. When you find the crappie you also have found big catfish using live bait on rod and reel with bait near bottom. Report by Hambone Guide Service.

Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water stained; 83 degrees; 4.27 feet above pool. The bite for all species seems to improve when the water is being generated. This stirs the water, breaking up the thermocline. Bass are slow in shallow water with many smaller fish being caught on frogs, and spinnerbaits. Deeper bass bite is fair with Carolina rigs. Crappie are slow in the morning, but improve midday. Catfish are all over the lake in 20 feet of water and in 12 feet of water in the creek channels. White bass are on points in the south end of the lake near the dam. 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.

Toledo Bend

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 91 degrees; 1.42 feet below pool. The lake is slowly releasing water and conditions are normalizing. Hot weather has slowed the bass bite during the day. There is little to no topwater action in the morning while fish stay close to bottom in 8-14 feet and 16-22 feet of water. Target bass slowly working a Texas or Carolina rig. On a day with light wind, shallow and deep diving crankbaits are working. Now the best bite has been at night, and with the full moon coming it will only improve. The best bite is on big spinnerbaits on main lake points in 10-16 feet of water, but while a Texas rigged worm or 9-10 inch lizard are not catching numbers these baits are landing fish up to 9 pounds. Crappie are still hit-or-miss over the lake, but it seems like the mid lake area from around the bridge north a few miles has been the best. Minnows are best but jigs will land a few bites focusing on brush piles and standing timber. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

Tyler

GOOD. Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.19 feet above pool. Rain and cooler weather in the forecast for the weekend. Crappie are good using minnows and jigs on brush in 16 feet of water. Catfish are good in 12-16 feet of water nightcrawlers, shrimp, and liver. Bream are good on red worms off the barge and throughout the lake. Bass are good on crankbaits, plastic worms and topwater frogs. Carp are biting minnows, worms, and dough bait. Report by The Boulders at Lake Tyler.



Kobe Adams will return to Woodville coaching football.

Robinson keys senior leadership for Eagles

By Jason Drake

WOODVILLE – The Woodville Eagles Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Ty Robinson is excited about the upcoming football season.

This year the Eagles will compete in AAA division two. Woodville was previously competing in division one in the toughest region in the state. The state champion has come from region three six of the last eight years. Robinson mentioned that the competition in Division two is tough.

The Eagles will rely on this year's senior class, many of those that have been starters their entire high school career and some that will have started multiple years. This year's twelfth graders mixed with some nice young talent should bring some exciting football. The continuity of the coaching staff is an added bonus for Eagle squad.

Woodville defense will be tough for any opponent. At defensive end, the Eagles will be relying on Tavion Hunter. "Hunter is probably the best defensive end in the state," says Robinson.

Wesley Walsh is looking to be hungry this year. His sophomore year was cut short due to a knee injury and missed his junior year to multiple knee surgeries. He will be playing with two reconstructed knees.

Nick Horn started some as a freshman, and he is expected to have an impact on offense and defense. Zayon Williams will return for his third year

starting at running back and also will look for him to play some on defense.

Jacob Hyder is a three-year starter and being heavily recruited by Sam Houston State University. Jathan Traylor has a special place with Coach Robinson. Robinson has coached one of the Traylor boys his entire nine years at Woodville. Coach Rob said "No insult to Chris or Nick, Jathan is the best linebacker I ever coached. He's a special football player."

Offensively the Eagles will be looking at first year starter Caleb Johnson known for his hard work and effort.

Layne Ledoux will play tackle and has received some offers from smaller colleges this summer. Ledoux has proven himself with his work ethic and competitiveness.

Two-year starter Christian Jimenez and Jacob Booth will provide leadership and depth to the team. Football is very important to these young men.

Zavon Bolden has started since his sophomore year on defense and will be looked upon for offense as well for his explosiveness. "He's the type of kid that can turn a five-yard pass into an 80-yard touchdown" quoted Robinson.

Woodville fans will see a familiar face on the sidelines. Former Eagle and Tyler Junior College standout, Kobe Adams will be joining the football coaching staff.

Report contaminated fuel to TDLR

Special to the Booster

AUSTIN — Consumers who suspect that they may have purchased contaminated fuel after flooding caused by Hurricane Beryl hit southeast and east Texas should file a complaint with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation as soon as possible.

Intense flooding can sometimes cause water to enter underground fuel storage tanks and contaminate the gasoline supply.

If you suspect you purchased contaminated fuel, take these steps as soon as possible:

- File an online complaint with TDLR immediately. Choose Fuel Metering & Quality from the drop-down menu. It's im-

portant to file a complaint as soon as possible – if the station gets deliveries between the incident and the investigation, it can be difficult to prove the fuel did not meet specifications because the contaminated fuel may be diluted or completely dispensed.

- When filing your complaint, be sure to include fuel receipts, fuel type, octane rating, pump number and as much information as possible about the station and any damage to your vehicle caused by the contaminated fuel.

- Alert the station management or chain headquarters to the issue. Most stations/headquarters will take action to stop selling the suspect gas and have it checked or remediated. Stations often will voluntarily reimburse the consumer for repairs.

However, some stations will deny there's a problem, which is why it's so important to file the complaint quickly so TDLR can investigate the quality of the fuel.

- Once TDLR receives a complaint, the department reviews the information to determine if it is appropriate to dispatch an investigator to the location to take a sample of the fuel for lab. If the sample is found to be contaminated, TDLR will take necessary action, depending on how the station responds to the reports of contaminated fuel.

Motor fuel dealers and operators are reminded to visually inspect motor fuel metering devices, filtering equipment and storage tanks to ensure there is no contamination and that all items are in proper working order.



Rotary District 5910 District Governor Leon Willhite poses for a photo with Rotary Club of Woodville President Lisa Meysembourg. MOLLIE LASALLE | TCBC

Rotary District Gov. visits Woodville club

By Mollie LaSalle
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WOODVILLE – Newly installed District Governor Leon Willhite of Palestine visited the Rotary Club of Woodville last Wednesday at the noon meeting at the Pickett House. Willhite was installed as District 5910's District Governor June 15 in Palestine.

Willhite has been a Rotarian for 30 years, is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, is a charter member of the Polio Plus Society, was awarded a district 5910 Roll of Fame in 2012 and served as assistant district governor for district 5910 in 2012-2014, and again in 2021-2023. In 2019, Willhite and his wife Lynn traveled to India with Rotarians from the US and Canada to participate in National Polio Immunization Day to help eradicate the disease. In 1988, Rotary and partners made a commitment to eradicate polio worldwide. Prior to 1988, India had over 55,000 cases of polio per year; today, it has all been eradicated.

Willhite gave the club a brief history of how Rotary began. "In 1905, Chicago businessman Paul Harris, along with three friends, formed a club in Evanston, Illinois. One club in 1905 has expanded to 46,000 in 2024; four members has ballooned to 1.4

million today". He added, "there are Rotary clubs in almost all nations of the world, the few exceptions being China, Greenland, Guinea, Iran, North Korea, Vietnam, and certain Arab countries."

When Willhite was installed as the new district governor in June, he commented "a district governor is responsible for providing leadership, encouragement, and working with each club in the district". He added that the theme of Rotary for 2024-2025 is "The Magic of Rotary", and he encourages each club to be more magical by doing service work and inspiring each club to do more.

He commented at last Wednesday's meeting that, "unless we have our members engaged, not only on service projects here at the local level, but I really do think our district is focusing on activities that serve, and much of our service has to be children and youth oriented". To that end, Rotary strives to encourage opportunities for children and youth to become stronger leaders and understand the value of service in our communities through Youth Exchange, RYLA, Interact, Rotaract, Scholarships, and Empowering Girls; we must increase our impact, and enhance engagement. Rotary's Vision Statement is: Together, we see a world where people

Hurricane Beryl: An open letter to our customers

President and CEO of Entergy Texas addresses Hurricane Beryl storm response

Hurricane Beryl restoration by the numbers

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The impact of Hurricane Beryl was severe, with heavy rain, peak wind gusts up to 97 miles per hour, and even a tornado hitting the Entergy Texas service area, resulting in widespread debris and damage to our electrical system – mainly driven by fallen trees and vegetation. Thanks to the efforts of more than 2,500 restoration workers, we were able to make repairs and restore power to nearly all impacted customers just one week after Hurricane Beryl's landfall. This included repairing more than the distance between Conroe and Austin in downed power lines.

In addition to our restoration efforts, we also donated \$125,000 to the American Red Cross for storm relief and actively promoted cooling centers across our service area to further support our communities during this challenging time.

Our commitment is to provide safe, reliable, and affordable power to our communities, even amidst extreme weather events. With storms impacting the Gulf Coast region more frequently and with greater intensity, we are making even more strategic investments to strengthen the Southeast Texas power grid. In June of this year, we filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for approval of Phase I of our comprehensive Texas Future Ready Resiliency Plan. Once approved, the plan will benefit customers by decreasing future storm restoration costs by approximately \$129 million and reducing the duration of power outages following significant weather events like hurricanes by 4.5 billion minutes over the next 50 years.

Thank you again for your continued trust and support.

SNAP hot foods purchases approved

Special to the Booster

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott announced on Monday that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission has received federal approval to allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients in 36 counties impacted by Hurricane Beryl to purchase hot foods and ready-to-eat meals with their benefits.

"As communities recover and rebuild from Hurricane Beryl, Texas continues working to ensure that impacted Texans have access to fresh, quality food," said Abbott. "With power outages still affecting Texans, this federal approval for 36 counties will help eligible Texans purchase hot, ready-to-eat meals for themselves and their families. I thank the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for their work to

provide fresh, healthy foods for our fellow Texans in need."

"The ability to purchase hot food is a necessity for SNAP recipients who are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Beryl," said HHSC Deputy Executive Commissioner of Access and Eligibility Services Molly Regan. "Many families still cannot prepare meals due to power outages."

Federal approval allows SNAP recipients to purchase hot foods with their Lone Star Cards at participating retailers within the approved counties through August 14. Hot foods include rotisserie chicken, grocery store deli items, and other food that is hot at the point of sale.

The approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services applies to SNAP recipients in Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris,

Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lavaca, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, and Wharton counties.

No action is required by SNAP recipients to receive this additional benefit. SNAP recipients in counties impacted by Hurricane Beryl can also request SNAP replacement benefits. For more information, visit the HHSC Receiving Disaster Assistance page.

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



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The Preacher Says
By Keith Bellamy

The early Christians were an exceedingly kind people. Their behavior was such that others could see the difference. They did not insist on their rights. They had none. They did not rebel. They simply tried to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

So, what does that say about today's followers of Jesus. From posts on Facebook, I see Christians slandering others. Some,

know if a Christian is really a Christian or not.

Look at 1 Peter 2:21. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. (ESV)

Is your behavior excellent among non-Christians?

spread rumors and it is an easy game to get into.

The passage from 1 Peter tells us others will

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PUC outlines consumer protection rules

As the dog days of August approach and electric bills soar, the Public Utility Commission is reminding consumers of rules in place to protect them from having their power disconnected due to financial difficulties, especially during extreme heat.

"Ensuring the power stays on for all Texans, regardless of their financial situation, is a top priority for all of us at the PUCT," Executive Director Connie Corona said.

Several utilities have suspended disconnections to allow customers to recover from Hurricane Beryl, which caused widespread outages, particularly in the Houston area.

Consumer protection rules require electric providers to offer bill payment assistance programs, though electric cooperatives and municipally owned utilities in Texas are not subject to this rule; however, most offer some form of bill assistance. Options include a payment arrangement or a deferred payment plan.

Customers seeking assistance should start by contacting their electric provider. They can also learn what assistance programs are available in their area by dialing 211.

Migrant apprehensions drop to 2021 levels

The number of migrants apprehended by federal officers in June was at its lowest level in more than three years, according to figures released by the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol and reported by The Texas Tribune. Border Patrol agents apprehended 83,356 migrants in June across the southern border, down from 117,901 in May and the lowest since January 2021, the month President Joe Biden took office.

"Recent border security measures have made a meaningful impact on our ability to impose consequences for those crossing unlawfully," acting CBP Commissioner Troy A. Miller said in a statement. "We are continuing to work with international partners to go after transnational criminal organizations that traffic in chaos and prioritize profit over human lives."

Biden issued an executive order, effective June 5, that essentially ended granting asylum to migrants.

Gov. Greg Abbott in previous statements has credited the state's multibillion-dollar mission, Operation Lone Star, for the decline in migrant apprehensions, The Tribune reported.

Texas second-worst state for women's health outcomes



Capitol Highlights
By Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

comes, Texas Public Radio reported.

Only Mississippi ranked worse in the study by the Commonwealth Fund, which analyzed data on maternal mortality, insurance access and other factors in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

One major issue is the lack of maternity care centers or obstetricians in many rural Texas counties, with 46% defined as "maternity care deserts." The state also ranked last in the country for health care access and affordability.

"It means that women enter their pregnancy having had less access to health care, particularly if they're poor or low income, and in a poorer health situation than they would have been in had they had health insurance coverage," said Sara Collins of the Commonwealth Fund.

Feds OK SNAP hot-food purchases in Beryl-affected counties

Federal food assistance recipients in 36 counties affected by Hurricane Beryl can use their benefits to buy hot foods and ready-to-eat meals, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission announced last week.

The approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture applies to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients in Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lavaca, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, and Wharton counties.

"The ability to purchase hot food is a necessity for SNAP recipients who are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Beryl," said HHSC Deputy Executive Commissioner of

A new report from a national women's health nonprofit concludes Texas is among the lowest performing states for women's health out-

Access and Eligibility Services Molly Regan. "Many families still cannot prepare meals due to power outages.

No action is required of SNAP recipients to receive this additional benefit. To find local resources, such as food and shelter, dial 211 and select Option 1.

Experts: Power outages likely to continue

Experts say widespread outages such as that caused in July by Hurricane Beryl, and in recent years by other weather-related events, are likely to continue in the future because the state's massive power grid is unprepared for severe weather events, The Tribune reported.

The state had 210 weather-related power outages from 2000 to 2023, according to data from the U.S. Department of Energy — more than any other state. In July, Beryl knocked out power to 2.6 million customers in Southeast Texas. That came on the heels of a mid-May windstorm, known as a derecho, that hit the Houston area with 100-mile-per-hour winds and knocked out power to 1 million customers.

"It's like the big, bad wolf: huff and puff and blow the house down," said Michael Webber, an energy resources professor at the University of Texas at Austin. "And I don't think any utility or city designs for weather like that, at least not weather that frequent."

The state's stand-alone power grid will need decades of public investment in order to make it more resilient against storms, which down poles and power lines across Texas.

"The current distribution infrastructure isn't adequate apparently for the job at hand," Michael Skelly, CEO of Grid United, said. "What level of reliability do we want to try to get to and what are we prepared to invest?"

Both CenterPoint and Oncor have proposed investing billions to strengthen poles and wires, and install underground wires, but that will likely come at a cost to consumers.

"Ultimately, the bill is going to get loaded onto the backs of the customers, whether or not they were pleased with how [the power outage] was handled," Sandra Haverlah, president of the Texas Consumer Association, said.

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

Committee assigned to juvenile, family issues

Last week, our nation witnessed an unspeakable act of violence against former President Donald Trump when a deranged man attempted to assassinate the former president, wounding him and others and killing a father and fire chief.

I am immensely grateful that Trump was not seriously hurt, and my thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of this senseless act of violence and their families. Let me say, in no uncertain terms, that political violence has no place in this country. As another national election approaches, let us remain civil in both our discourse and dealings with others.

For too long, our country has been too deeply divided by differing opinions and beliefs. While it is natural for people to disagree on specific issues, we must stop demonizing others who hold differing perspectives. It is time for us to turn back to the word of God and remember the teachings of our Lord.

1 John 4:20: "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen."

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



Capitol Update
By Trent Ashby
State Representative, District 9

House Interim Charge: Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

The House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues has jurisdiction over bills regarding juvenile delinquency, gang violence, juvenile criminal law, juvenile court proceedings, youth rehabilitation, and many other issues. The Committee also oversees state agencies such as the Texas Juvenile Justice Board, the Advisory Council on Juvenile Services, and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

Over the interim, the Committee will study the definition of "best interest of a child" in the Texas Family Code. The Committee will study the term to determine whether policy changes can better protect the rights and interests of children and parents. The Committee will also evaluate the system for adjudicating and dismissing cases involving delinquent conduct and determine whether changes to the juvenile court system and planning for services to keep children in the juvenile justice system closer to home will lead to better overall outcomes for youth and public safety.

House Interim Charge: Youth Health & Safety, Select

The House Select Committee on Youth Health and Safety has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to improving the ability of governmental entities to address the needs of Texas's youth through programs and services such as child protective services, mental health services, educational institutions, and the juvenile justice system.

Over the interim, the committee will monitor the implementation of House Bill 3, which provides Texas schools with a new standard of emergency preparedness and ensures adequate state funding is provided to school districts to ensure that schools can implement these new standards. The Committee will also monitor the implementation of House Bill 18, which prohibits an Internet Service Provider from entering into an agreement with a known minor without the consent of the minor's guardian and requires the ISP to provide the ability for the parent or guardian to enable protective settings permanently. I was proud to coauthor HB 3 and HB 18 to protect our children.

The committee will also evaluate current programs and services for children and families that are either in or at high risk for entering the foster care and juvenile justice systems. They will study the barriers to accessing community-based behavioral health services for children with intense behavioral health needs, with an emphasis on ensuring that parents do not have to give up custody of children to gain access to services.

The mobile office is on the road again in August, and our District Director looks forward to seeing you on the following dates at the following times: August 7 at the San Augustine County Courthouse in San Augustine from 9-11 a.m.; August 14 at the Polk County Commissioner's Courtroom in Livingston from 9-11 a.m. and the Tyler County Commissioner's Courtroom in Woodville from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; and August 21 at the Houston County Courthouse Annex in Crockett from 9-11 a.m. and the Trinity County Courthouse in Groveton from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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

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ACROSS

- book by TX game hunter Buck: "Bring 'em ___ Alive"
- TXism: "liquid ___" (perfume)
- on the Gulf
- Fort Worth's Cullen was found not guilty in death of this Farr
- Heisman winner Brown from Dallas
- Kelvin Martin left Cowboys in 1993 for this Seattle team
- hair cutting action
- racetracks have to pay ___ fees
- popular "emergency" TV show
- this actor Busey was TX Buddy Holly
- TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ hair of him"
- TX Charlie Dunn was first to put ___ roses on boots
- publication: Texas Farm & ___
- Green Bay Packers' home state (abbr.)
- TX Armstrong was stripped of his ___ France titles
- TX outlaw booty
- TXism: "counts his money with ___ measure" (rich)
- TXism: "___ as a coyote with a rubber chicken"
- cheerleader cries
- former U.S. Congressman, Ortiz
- TXism: "let ___ rip!"
- Valley ___ vera plant
- neither's sidekick
- football rally
- TX O'Connor: "Land does ___ away, dollars do"
- Bevo's school (abbr.)
- TXism: "___ broke I couldn't change my mind"
- TX Willie's "Turn Out the Lights the ___ Over"
- a thing without equal
- TX Orbison's "That ___ You Feelin' Again"
- "red as a ___"
- April 15 agcy.
- pos. of Rangers' Corey Seager
- "___ you can"
- TX-born jockey Shoemaker (init.)
- TXism for relatives
- road equipment not seen in South Texas (2 wds.)
- flavor of 3-down: ___ cream
- past winning Miami QB Bob
- TXism: "keep ___ under your hat"
- approving head bob
- former Astro outfielder, Gonzalez (1990-95)
- fire crime
- in Lubbock County on U.S. 82
- expel a foreigner from the country
- state buildings are ___-smoking
- Bowie's Alamo bed
- aircraft hard to detect by radar
- Goddess of Liberty atop Texas Capitol is aluminum ___
- after lunch (abbr.)
- TX V.T. Hamlin's comic: Alley ___
- TXism: "got the ___" (clumsy)
- "cement pond"
- sarcastic insult
- an "Achy Breaky" Cyrus (init.)
- noted 1960s UT linebacker, Tommy
- Denton's historic hardware store (now closed)

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Estate of Jeffery Armstrong

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION TO ALL PERSONS interested in the estate of JEFFERY ARMSTRONG, Deceased. STEPHANIE RICHMOND has filed in the County Court of Tyler County, an Application to Determine Heirship 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 29th 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. WILLIAMS, 310 W. POLK ST, LIVINGSTON, TEXAS 77351. Issued this the 18th 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 18th 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.

Estate of Dylan James Bruton

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION TO ALL PERSONS interested in the estate of DYLAN JAMES BRUTON, Deceased. CHRIS BRUTON has filed in the County Court of Tyler County, an Application to Determine Heirship upon the estate of DYLAN JAMES BRUTON, Deceased. The file number of such application and the Probate Docket Number being PR-10097. The style of the case begun by said application being: Estate of DYLAN JAMES BRUTON, 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 5th day of August, 2024, to contest said application, if they should desire to do so, by filing opposition in writing. The name and address of the at-

torney for applicant, or the address of applicant is: BRAD ELROD, 130 South Charlton Street, Woodville, Texas 75979. Issued this the 19th 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 19th 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.

Se ofrece servicio de telefonía de voz Easttex Telephone

EASTEX TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. AVISO PÚBLICO Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Eastex" o "la cooperativa") se compromete a llevar a sus clientes servicios de telecomunicaciones de calidad a precios asequibles en todo su territorio de servicio. Básicos de telecomunicaciones locales servicio también referido en este documento como servicio de telefonía de voz se ofrece a los clientes residenciales por \$22.50 * al mes y a los clientes de negocios por \$25.84* por mes. Eastex proporciona los servicios USF apoyado - servicio de telefonía y banda ancha de voz - a través de su área de servicio designada. Servicio de telefonía de voz incluye voz grado acceso a al network público conmutada o sus llamadas locales ilimitado, equivalente funcional dentro área local de llamadas del cliente, sin cargo, acceso a servicios de emergencia y bloqueo en ningún cambio para el peaje calificación de clientes de bajos ingresos. USF apoyado servicios también incluyen servicio de acceso Internet banda ancha que incluye la capacidad de enviar y recibir datos de Internet pero no incluye servicio de dial-up. Se proporciona servicio de acceso Internet banda ancha a precios que comienzan en \$39.95* por mes para clientes residenciales y comerciales. Eastex se complace en proveerle con tasas específicas de banda ancha en su área a petición. Servicios básicos se ofrecen en las tarifas, términos y condiciones especificados en la tarifa de la cooperativa en el archivo de la Comisión de servicios públicos de Texas. Para asegurar que nuestros clientes reciban continuamente la calidad en el servicio, cualquier problema de servicio puede indicarse a Eastex veinticuatro horas al día, siete días a la semana. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a la cooperativa servicios o tarifas, por favor llame a Henderson área oficina 903-854-1000 o llame gratis 800-232-7839, la oficina de Livingston en 936-327-5224 o llame gratis al 800-732-7839 o la oficina en Waskom 903-687-3600. *Las tarifas no incluyen impuestos, recargos y otros gastos que sean aplicables, por ejemplo una carga de línea de abonado.* Descuentos para clientes de ingresos más bajos PROO Eastex ofrece redujo las tasas a los consumidores residenciales bajos ingresos elegibles bajo un programa de asistencia de gobierno llamado Lifeline. Lifeline ofrece descuentos mensuales para el servicio de telefonía de voz de un cliente cualificado (servicio hogar o inalámbrica, pero no ambos) o servicio de internet banda ancha. Los clientes que son

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

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FACSIMILES SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED. 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, COUNTY AUDITOR, TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS.

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reparación de colisiones, tecnología de la construcción, servicios para la familia y el consumidor, negocios/contabilidad y justicia penal. La admisión a estos programas se basa en el interés. Es norma de Distrito Escolar Independiente de Woodville no discriminar en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales y brinda igualdad de acceso a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda. Es norma de Distrito Escolar Independiente de Woodville no discriminar en sus procedimientos de empleo por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, la ley de Discriminación por Edad, de 1975, según enmienda; y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda. Distrito Escolar Independiente de Woodville tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales. Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos de quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX en (dirección), jason.hicks@woodvilleagles.org , 409-331-3437 and/or the Section 504 Coordinator at emily.wilson@woodvilleagles.org , 409-283-7152.

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EASTEX TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. PUBLIC NOTICE Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Eastex" or "the Cooperative") is committed to bringing its customers quality telecommunications services at affordable rates throughout its service territory. Basic local telecommunications service, also referred to herein as voice telephony service, is offered to residential customers for \$22.50* per month, and to business customers for \$25.84* per month. Eastex provides the USF supported services - voice telephony and broadband service - throughout its designated service area. Voice telephony service includes voice grade access to the public switched network, or it's functional equivalent, unlimited local calling within the customer's local calling area at no charge, access to emergency services, and toll blocking at no charge for qualifying low-income customers. USF supported services also include broadband Internet access service which includes the capability to send data to and receive data from the Internet but excludes dial-up service. Broadband Internet access service is provided at rates which start at \$39.95* per month for residential and business customers. Eastex would be pleased to provide you with specific rates for broadband in your area upon request. Basic services are offered at the rates, terms and conditions specified in the Cooperative's tariff on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. To ensure that our customers continuously receive quality service, any service problems can be reported to Eastex twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. If you have questions regarding the Cooperative's services or rates, please call either the Henderson area office at 903-854-1000 or toll-free at 800-232-7839, the Livingston area office at 936-327-5224 or toll-free at 800-732-7839, or the Waskom area office at 903-687-3600. *Rates do not include taxes, surcharges, or other fees that may be applicable, such as a subscriber line charge. DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR LOW INCOME CUSTOMERS Eastex offers reduced rates to eligible low-income residential consumers under a government assistance program called Lifeline. Lifeline provides monthly discounts to an eligible customer's voice telephony service (home or wireless service, but not both) or broadband

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Colmesneil: 3BD/2BA waterfront home on Lake Amanda w/WBFP, carport, shop, covered boathouse, bulkhead, Veranda, outdoor kitchen & more!..... **SOLD** \$285,000.00
Colmesneil: 2 or 3 BD/2.5 BA waterfront home on Lake Amanda w/WBFP, walk-in closet covered porch, wooden bulkhead, fishing dock.....\$229,000.00
Woodville: 4/5BD/2BA waterfront home on Lake Charmaine..... **SOLD** \$295,000.00
Colmesneil: Waterfront double-wide manufactured home combined with a single-wide through a thoughtful addition. Endless opportunities await..... **PENDING** \$260,000.00
Colmesneil: 3BD/2BA brick home w/1,216 SF on 3 acres..... **PENDING** \$205,000.00
Village Mills: 3BD/3.1BA brick home w/2,988 SF on
- Country Homes/Acreage**
Woodville: Beautiful 22.2+/- acre property with 3 bed/2 bath home with three car garage, water well, and open storage shed..... **PENDING** \$350,000.00
Colmesneil: 3.97+/- acre property divided in two by a County Rd..... **PENDING** \$39,000.00
Warren: 16+/- Unrestricted income producing acres.....\$110,400.00
Colmesneil: 3BD/2BA Mfg home w/ storage bldg. on 15 acres.....\$250,000.00
Colmesneil: 2 BD/2BA w/1/1 guest house situated on 20 acres.....\$475,000.00
Colmesneil: Unrestricted! 7.3 wooded acres w/ electricity.....\$70,000.00
Colmesneil: 11.5+/- acres w/hardwood & pine trees near the Neches River.....\$75,000.00
Woodville: 3.77+/- acres w/a circle driveway & 30x30 shop & hardwood trees.....\$165,000.00
Colmesneil: Custom-Built Modern Farmhouse on over 5 Acres! This gorgeous 4BD/2BA home has 1,904 SF of living space and 1K SF in covered porches.....\$375,000.00
Colmesneil: 6.8 UNRESTRICTED acres w/a 1BD/2BA house, built in March of 2021. Water well, tankless water heater & underground electric. 20x30 garage w/a slab & electricity, a 20x20 shop w/electric & water plus a 20x25 carport. The property has CR frontage, trails & a branch along the back.....\$325,000.00
Colmesneil: EXCELLENT HUNTING/RECREATIONAL PROPERTY! 28+/- acres w/a creek along the back and 546 feet of FM 256 W frontage.....\$165,200.00
Woodville: Nestled at the very end of the county road, this 4-acre property boasts a 3 BD/2BA brick home surrounded by a beautiful canopy 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 Wildwood.....\$3500.00
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 available.....\$20,000.00
Hillister: 0.76+/- acre wooded lot located down a country road.....\$12,500.00

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2.4 ACS: Stylish 3BR/2BA brick on lg. wood lot in Colmesneil, recent updates, lg. workshop. \$329,000 **PENDING**

--- HOMES ON LAND ---
20+ ACS: Wildwood 3BR/2BA/2GA on 20+/- acs, golf boating, but room for horses and hunting! \$749,500 **PENDING**
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6+AC: 1BR/1BA w/2GA, 2 bdrms, 2 bth, 2 carport, 2 AC. Splendid stucco/stone 3BR/3BA/2GA, open floorplan, saltwater pool, nice landscaping. \$529,000
15 AC: Azalea Springs, pretty woods, 3BR/2BA, workshop, live spring lake, US Hwy 190W (b/o). \$514,900
299+/- AC: Rolling mature woods, neat 3BR/2BA cabin, creek, lake, FM 17455 frtg nr Chester. \$1.895MM

--- LAND & ACREAGE ---
280+/- AC: Rolling woods, developable tract, two county rd frtgs., home & lake bldg. sites. \$6,500/AC
220+/- AC: Mix woods, lg. live sandy creek, electricity, rolling terrain, camp site, nr. Colmesneil...\$4,990/AC
196+/- AC: Natural pine/hardwoods fronts 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 timber, 2 bdrms, 2 bth, 2 carport, 2 AC. \$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
48+/- AC: On U.S. Hwy. 287, mixed woods, live creek, access to elect, potential bldg. site \$6,500/AC

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