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# ly increased' hurricane season predicted

By Chris Edwards news@tylercountybooster.com

Before this year's Atlantic Hurricane Season began on June 1, researchers and scientists predicted an "extremely active"

Now, according to forecasting, those same weather and climate experts are calling for a "slightly increased" forecast for

"Sea surface temperatures averaged across the hurricane Main Development

Region of the tropical Atlantic and Caribbean remain near record warm levels," a report from the Department of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University (CSU) read. In June, reporting from that same think tank had the number of named storms forecasted at 23, but the most recent forecast has the number at 25.

Dr. Phil Klotzbach, a senior research scientist at CSU, stated that "Hurricane Beryl, a deep tropical Category 5 hurricane, is also a likely harbinger of a hyperactive sea-

Klotzbach said his team's confidence is "higher than normal" based on the strength and persistence of the current hurricanefavorable large scale environmental conditions in their July forecast. Much of that owes to cool neutral La Nina conditions at the peak of the season, which typically increase hurricane activity through decreases in vertical wind shear, according to to Klotzbach.

Typically, the month of August is when tropical activity ramps up, with September being the average peak month, according

to the National Hurricane Center (NHC).

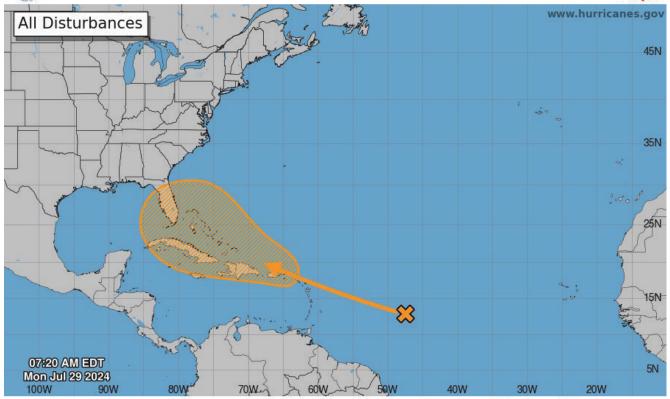
As of Monday, reports showed that an area of disturbed weather over the central tropical Atlantic, near the Leeward Islands and Greater Antilles, was expected to interact with an approaching tropical wave

Those conditions were forecast to become conducive for "some development," according to NHC predictions, namely a tropical depression that could form later in

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#### Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Seven-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: \$\times 40\% \$\times 40-60\%\$ Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: O Depression Storm Hurricane Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

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#### Steps to take for hurricane season

**1. Know Your Risk** - Sign up for your community's emergency warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

2. Gather Supplies - Keep in mind each person's needs, gathering supplies for at least three days. Stock up on items such as food and water, non-perishable foods, first-aid supplies, prescriptions, pet supplies, flashlights and batteries. If you're preparing during COVID-19, consider adding cloth face coverings and hand sanitizer to your emergency kit. Don't forget to charge electronics you may need.

**3. Secure Documents** - Remember to secure copies of important personal documents. Filing for government assistance requires documentation. Be sure to keep documents

in a secure location and take them with you if you need to evacuate.

**4. Make Your Evacuation Plan** - Be familiar with the route and shelter locations. Discuss and practice drills for your evacuation plan with your family each year.

**5. Protect Your Property** - Shutter your home as needed, review your flood insurance policy (or sign up for one) and declutter drains and gutters. Most homeowner and renter insurance policies do not cover flood damage. A flood insurance policy generally does not take effect until 30 days after purchase, so be sure to maintain your policy.

Courtesy of the Texas General Land Office

#### Abbott issues disaster declaration for East Texas flooding

Special to the Booster

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for 29 Texas counties impacted by severe storms and flooding that began last week and continues to affect homes, businesses, and the agricultural industry throughout the state.

The counties in the Governor's declaration include Baylor, Chambers, Dickens, Ellis, Freestone, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Haskell, Hill, Hood, Hunt, Kaufman, Knox, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, McLennan, Montgomery, Navarro, Polk, San Jacinto, Somervell, Tarrant, Trinity, Tyler, Walker and Wichita counties.

"The State of Texas continues to provide support and assist communities who have been impacted by recent severe weather and flooding," Abbott said. "This disaster declaration will swiftly provide Texans with all readily available resources needed to recover following storms and flood activity."

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#### Bingo won't be on Ivanhoe ballot

By Chris Edwards news@tylercountybooster.com

**IVANHOE** – At its last city council meeting, the Ivanhoe City Council voted unanimously to put an item on the Nov. 5 general election ballot pertaining to chari-

table bingo gaming in the city limits. Ivanhoe Mayor Skip Blackstone, who brought the issue to the attention of the council, gave an update; that the bingo vote will not appear on the ballot after

"I was attempting to put it on the ballot," Blackstone said. "But the process is very convoluted and not as simple as originally thought. As a result, bingo will not be on the ballot."

At the meeting, held Thursday, July 18, Blackstone said that many residents and visitors to the city "really miss the bingo" games, which were held by the

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#### FLY-IN, FOOD TRUCKS COMING SOON

The Tyler County Chamber of Commerce is telling the public to save the date of Saturday, Sept. 21 for the inaugural Fly-in and Food Truck Festival. The event will feature unique plane displays, meet-and-greet opportunities with pilots, airplane rides and food trucks from across the region offering up all sorts of yummy fare. The Chamber is delighted to offer an excited aviation experience at the Tyler County Airport, while also satisfying even the hardest to please tastebuds. The fun will start up at 8 a.m. and last until 5 p.m.

#### Filing deadline for **WISD** board positions approaching

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

**WOODVILLE** - The filing deadline for the coming Woodville ISD Board of Trustees election is approaching, with Monday, August 19 being the last day that interested candidates can file for a place on the ballot.

The spots on the board up for re-election are: place #3 (Richard "Kooter" Shaw); #4 (Bryan Shirley) and #5 (Kris Fowler). The terms are three-year terms, and up for vote on the Nov. 5 regular election ballot.

The applications, according to the WISD administration office are accepted from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the window to file opened on July 20. The applications will be taken until 4 p.m. on the August 19 deadline date.

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#### LAKE LEVELS

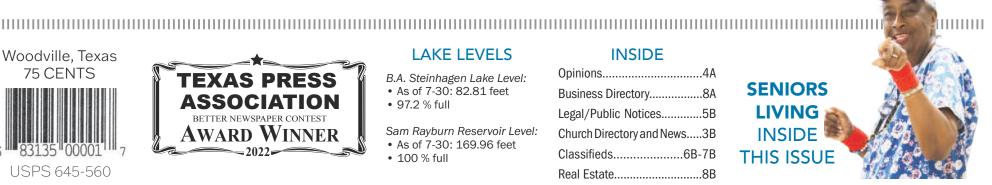
B.A. Steinhagen Lake Level:

• As of 7-30: 82.81 feet • 97.2 % full

• 100 % full

Sam Ravburn Reservoir Level: • As of 7-30: 169.96 feet

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#### **LIFE TRIBUTES**

#### Jose Cordero

José Luis Cordero Jr. Age 73, Tomball Texas. Jose passed quietly and peacefully at Park Manor at Cy-Fair Hospice Facility in Houston Texas on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 12:07 AM Central time after a long battle with complications from Stroke.

José was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on November 11th, 1950, to his parents Carmen Cordero and José Luis Cordero Sr. In 1960, when he was ten years old, the growing family moved to Texas to a chicken farm. For three years José helped with farm chores and the raising of 15,000 chickens for processing. His mother continued her nursing career and his father ran the farm while his grandmother helped at home. Then, in 1963 the family moved to Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. Not long after moving it was clear that they all belonged back in Texas. So, before a year had passed everyone was back in Woodville, Texas. This time not on a chicken farm, but a brand-new home and José started his freshman year at Woodville High school. After graduating High School he secured a scholarship to Sam Houston State University to study music. As paths changed he found himself working on an Oil Rig in the Gulf of Mexico, and later moving to a long and fulfilling career with Exxon, now ExxonMobil, starting as a draftsman and concluding as Lead Asset Manager for the greater Houston area. After retiring in 2008, he managed an AutoZone store before finally retiring to his home in Spring, Texas and realizing his dream of finally owning a yellow Corvette convertible. His love for trumpet playing passed down three generations. His love for all things cars and Corvette has also passed to his children. He was always one for using nicknames and went



by many himself. Luisito, Joe, Uncle Joe, Ugly, Pops, Paw Paw...always bringing a smile to others. He is best remembered for his pride for his three children and two grandchildren whom he loved more than anything else. Most of all his passion for helping others and being with family has been a core value instilled by him in everyone he

He is survived by his mother Carmen Cordero; sisters Carmen McCaw, Maria Teresa "Terri" Cordero Jones; brothers Rafael Cordero, Carlos Cordero; his three children José Luis Cordero III, Nicholas Luis Cordero, Abigale Lucinda Cordero; and two grandchildren José Luis Cordero IV and Maxton Owen Cordero, and many nieces and nephews.

memorial service will be held at Riley Funeral Home, 913 Hwy 190, Woodville Texas on Monday, August 5th at 2 p.m. Central Time.

Many thanks to my brother Nicholas and sister Abby for their care for our father during his final years of life. Despite long distances and split families, we have always remained close. I know I can say this confidently that we have idolized our father. From him we have learned forgiveness, compassion, and empathy. That is the legacy of our father living on with us. I love you - "Little Joe" 511



#### Lena Davis

Lena Davis, 58, Woodville, formerly Warren, Texas passed away Monday, July 29, 2024 at The Orchard Assisted Living Center in Woodville, Texas.

Visitation will be held 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, August 1, 2024 at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial following at Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger. Officiating will be Brother Ed King. Serving as pallbearers will be Clay Brown, Seth Brown, Steven Lumpkin, Andrew Lumpkin, Keith Buckner, and John Foxworth.

Lena was born June 15, 1966 to Harold Thomas and Melnee Fay Jones Davis in Woodville, Texas. A 1983 graduate of Warren High School, she had worked for several years in their family's business, Davis Grocery in Warren. Lena enjoyed watching sports and doing needlepoint. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church. She was preceded in



death by her parents, Har-

old and Melnee Davis. She is survived by her brother, Randy Davis and wife Debbie of Warren; nephew, Clay Brown and wife Trish of Warren; niece, Brittany Lumpkin and husband Steven of Katy; great niece and nephews, Mikayla Brown, Seth Brown and Andrew Lumpkin; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, 2121 K St. NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20037-1830.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville. 238



#### Melissa Riehl

Melissa Rena Riehl, 62, of Warren passed away peacefully on July 24, 2024.

She was born January 13, 1962, in Woodville, to Homer Tyler, Sr., and Ouida Tyler. Melissa, a resident of Warren for many years, was known for her love for her family and her culinary skills. Her love for animals, especially her dogs, Foxy and Rowdy and her goat, Princess was another aspect of her caring nature. She enjoyed cooking for her loved ones. She also enjoyed being outdoors camping, fishing, and taking walks with her grandbabies.

Melissa was preceded in death by her parents, Homer Woodrow Tyler Sr. and Ouida Behannon Tyler and siblings, Wanda Underwood, Homer Tyler, Jr, David Tyler and Roger Gober.

She is survived by her beloved, Steve Jordan; daughters, Sheena Moore and husband, Dusty, Shaylonn Riehl and Richard Garrett and Amanda Jordan; sons, David Tyler and wife, Sarah and Steven Jordan; granddaughters, Chloe and Cassidy; grandsons, Brayden,



Cason, Elijah, Jeremiah, Trace, and Trenton; sisters, Eloise Johnson, Rhonda Davis, Paula Johnston and Dancie Teague and a host of other family members and friends.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Bethel Baptist Church in Warren. Burial followed at the Justice Cemetery in Warren.

Serving as pallbearers: Steven Jordan, Dustin Moore, Richard Garrett, Diego (Dion) Rodriguez, Trenton Garrett, and Trace Garrett

Services are held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home, Woodville. 235



# Spurger ISD announces no-charge breakfast, lunch

**By Chris Edwards** 

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**SPURGER** – Spurger ISD announced last week that it will serve breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students for the 2024-25 school year.

According to a news release from the district, SISD is operating its nutrition program under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which is under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

According to the USDA, the CEP is a non-pricing meal service option for school districts in low-income areas, which allows those schools to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without the need of collecting applications for a free or reduced lunch/breakfast program.

"Instead, schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary As-

sistance for Needy Families (TANF)," information on the program through the USDA's website stated.

Spurger ISD, in its statement, said that the approach is a way to eliminate or reduce burdens for both families and school administrators, and helps to ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

According to information from the Every Texan initiative (formerly the Center for Public Policy Priorities), schools and school districts where at least 80% of the students qualify for free or reduced-price meals are required to offer free breakfast to all students, and that the majority of schools subject to the law are eligible for CEP.

The district's nutrition director/supervisor Penny Tinkle said all students will have two lines to choose from, a grabn-go line and a hot line. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase snacks, if they desire.

The website also added that students who have access to better nutrition tend to perform better academically.

Spurger ISD invited anyone with questions about the program to contact Tinkle, at 409-429-2270, ext. 2270, or via email at tinklep@spurgerisd.org.

#### American Legion ARGONNE POST 0299

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Meetings: Third Saturday of the month, 10am-11am Woodville Fire Station Training Room

215 Walt Davis Drive

### TYLER COUNTY NUTRITION CENTER SENIOR MENU

Monday 8/5: Beef Pasta, California Veggies, Cornbread, Peanut Butter Rice Krispie Treats, Excercise 9:30, Bingo 10:00

Tuesday 8/6: Hamburger, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Root Beer Float Pie

Wednesday 8/7: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Apple Crisp, Exercise 9:30, Bingo 10:00

**Thursday 8/8:** Steak Fingers, Onion Rings or Tots, Broccoli Salad, Toast, No Bake Cookies, SETX Food Bank Nutrition Class 10:00

Friday 8/9: Fish or Chicken, French Fries, Slaw, Hushpuppies, Assorted Dessert Choice, Excercise 9:30

Chef Salads offered Tuesday and Thursday.

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#### **FUN TIMES AHEAD**

Sabrina Densley was the winner of the East Texas News summer giveaway. She won a four-pack of tickets to Big Rivers waterpark in Conroe. Keep an eye on our contests over at East Texas News dot com for more exciting opportunities coming up. KELLI BARNES | TCB

# Allan Shivers Library & Museum

#### **Upcoming Events**

- 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
- Aug 5 (Mon): TDCJ Recruiting; 9am-3pm • Aug 5 (Mon): Needles and Pins Quilting Bee; 9am-1pm
- Aug 6 (Tu): Senior Reading Group; Noon-2pm; new members welcome
- Aug 6 (Tu): TDCJ Recruiting; 1-3pm
- Aug 7 (Wed): Story Time for Preschoolers; 10am
- Aug 7 (Wed): Education Explorers; 10am
- Aug 9 (Fri): Used Book Sale; 9am-4pm
- Aug 10 (Sat): Used Book Sale; 10am-2pm • Aug 10 (Sat): Dungeons & Dragons; 10am-2pmJuly 19 (Fri): Summer Reading-Make a Boat; 2-3pm

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Free Museum admission for individuals, families and small groups. Self-guided tours available Tues-Fri 10am-3pm; Sat 10am-2pm. Fee charged for docent-led and group (over 10 people/reservation required) tours. Donations accepted.

We hope to see you soon!



# **STATE**

**REPRESENTATIVE** Trent Ashby (R)

TYLER COUNTY **SHERIFF** Bryan Weatherford (R)

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



**TYLER COUNTY WEATHER FORECAST FOR AUGUST 1 - 7** Information sourced from weather.com

**THURSDAY** 

Cloudy 95°/75° Chance of Rain 9% Wind SSW 4 mph

**FRIDAY** 



96°/76° Chance of Rain 8% Wind W 4mph

**SATURDAY** 

Scattered

95°/75° Chance of Rain 15% Wind NW 5mph

**SUNDAY** 

Scattered Thunderstorms 92°/74° Chance of Rain 37% Wind NNE 5mph

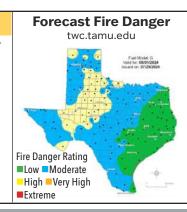
**MONDAY** 

Partly Cloudy 93°/75° Chance of Rain 17%

Mostly 93°/75° Chance of Rain 24% Wind NE 4 mph Wind SW 4 mph

**WEDNESDAY TUESDAY** 

Mostly Sunny 93°/74° Chance of Rain 19% Wind SW 4mph



# Sales tax holiday is Aug. 9-11

Special to the Booster

**AUSTIN** — State Comptroller Glenn Hegar wanted to remind shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 9-11. This will be the 25th year of Texas' oldest sales tax holiday.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The dates of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

"For a quarter of a century, Texans have saved more than \$1.8 billion on everything from blue jeans to ballpoint pens in preparation for the back-to-school bell," said Hegar of the sales tax holiday weekend, an annual event since 1999. "As the father of three, I know firsthand how these expenses add up over the years, and this weekend is the perfect

time for folks to save some of their hard-earned cash on items they need."

The Comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save \$143.4 million in state and local sales tax during this year's sales tax holiday

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTax-Holiday.org

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free in person or by any other means including over the internet, by telephone, or by mail. Purchases are exempt when either:

•the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or

•the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

#### JAIL BOOKINGS

Jail Report for JULY 22-28

Brandon Lee Amburn, 30, of Corrigan – Possession of controlled substance PG 3<28G; Possession of marijuana <2

**Kenneth Harrison Brown, 27,** of Colmesneil – Assault causes bodily injury to family member

**Leonardo Chavez, 33,** of Woodville – Unlawful carrying of weapon; Agg. Assault /w/ deadly weapon; Public intoxication

**Leah Denise Ellis, 38,** of Corrigan – Fraud use/possession of identifying info # of items

Javier Gonzales-Guerrero, 40, of Woodville – Agg. Assault causes serious bodily

injury

Terri Lynn Jones, 35, of

Doucette – Public intoxica-

tion

Justin Lilley, 46, of Woodville

– Prohibited substance in cor-

rectional facility

Santos Portillo-Lainez, 43, of
Houston — Driving while in-

toxicated **Arthur Saldana, 41,** of Warren – Possession of controlled substance PG 1/1-B

<1G/bond forfeiture **Devon Simonis, 19,** of Village

Mills – Unauthorized use of vehicle



# TCAL names show winners

Special to the Booster

**WOODVILLE** – Winners in Tyler County Art League's show, "Our Wondering Spirit" are: Best in Show: Humble Skyline, watercolor by Randy C. Moore; First Place: Underground Railroad, Acrylic by Charmaine Brooks; Second Place: Lunar Path, Photography by Lisa Richardson; Third Place: Sunset Rider by Randy C. Moore; Honorable Mentions: Walk on the Beach, Oil by Carolyn Guzman; Sidewalk Art, Oil by Lavon Hopkins; and The Overlook, Oil by Merilyn McDonald.

il by Merilyn McDonald. Judges' Choice went to Randy C. Moore's Humble Skyline.

#### TFA hosts landowners' seminar

Special to the Booster

**LUFKIN** – Texas Forestry Association (TFA) will host Branching Out, an annual seminar and workshop for forest landowners, foresters, loggers and others on Thursday, August 8, at the Lufkin Convention Center in Lufkin.

"Branching Out is an invaluable opportunity for anyone involved in the working forests of east Texas to come together and share knowledge, find out what's new, and explore future opportunities," said Rob Hughes, TFA's Executive Director. "Whether you are a landowner, manager, or logger, this seminar offers insights and updates crucial for the sustainable development of our timber resources. I strongly encourage you to attend and be part of the conversation shaping the future of Texas timber."

TFA has been conducting a Branching Out Seminar for many years, and it has always been held at the TFA office in Lufkin. "It's been growing, so with more than 100 in attendance last year, we decided to move

it downtown to the Convention Center," Hughes said.

The seminar is open to the public and will start at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 8, and last until 2:30 p.m. A variety of topics will be covered, including wildlife considerations in timber production, building the future with mass timber, carbon credit protocols, the Texas Climate Smart Initiative, and updates on legislative issues affecting Texas timberland.

Guest speakers include Terry Anderson, Founder and Principal of Conservation Equity Partners, LLC; Mark Bartlett, Texas Regional Director for WoodWorks; Rob Hughes, Executive Director of Texas Forestry Association; Sarah Swackhamer, Research Analyst with BCarbon; and Eric Wannlund, Staff Forester & Climate Smart Ambassador, Texas A&M Forest Service.

The cost to attend is \$10, and lunch is being sponsored by Texas Farm Credit. Registration is required by August 5, 2024, and can be done online at TexasForestry.org or by calling 936-632-TREE. CEUs will be available for TAFC, TPL, and SAF.

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# **OPINION**

# Balance applies to roller skating and life

Recently I decided to lace up a pair of roller skates and join my grandkids on the rink.

In the early 80s, it was easy and fun, but in this instance, the fun lasted about 30 minutes. I really hate to have to add roller skating to the growing list of activities I cannot enjoy anymore this side of



The event caused me to pause, maybe because my grandmother broke both of her arms at age 55, and then my mother broke both of her arms more recently. I want to break the cycle, and this was a little too close for

Many other things in life, when not in balance, cause us pain, or at least

discomfort or disruption. If I am honest, the weak areas in my character, or in my life choices, all shine a light on a time, at least temporarily, when I lacked balance.

On a positive note, I intend to seek balance for the rest of my life. There is already more behind me than ahead, so no more time to waste. Work, relaxation, relationships, recreation, mental, spiritual, health, fitness, finances, volunteerism, activism ... even how I view and react to world events, all need to be in balance.

For me, a few areas above come easy, a few others not so much. But I will keep striving.

This week, we have added to our newspaper a full page of fun activities for children and children at heart. It will be included in each edition going forward. I encourage you all to either use it for yourself or share it with the children in your life. This will contribute to a little more balance in all our lives. Enjoy.

#### Don't you think this cancel culture bit's done got outta hand?

might, I could not find any evidence that a support group for those with the want to habitually boypeople/ places/concepts exists.



If there was a Boycotters' Anonymous, however, its ranks would boggle even the most stable mind.

In the previous week's news cycles, as many public temper tantrums on social media have shown, Netflix (no stranger to fairweather boycotters) and the Olympic Games were both up on the cancel culture block, with virtue signalers using them both to demonstrate their moral superiority.

In one corner, streaming giant Netflix, so pervasive that the corporation's name has entered the status of verb in the common parlance, has a lot of folks crying foul over its chairman and co-founder Reed Hastings's \$7 million donation to a super PAC supporting the presidential bid of Vice President Kamala Harris.

According to an article in Variety, this contribution is the single largest donation made by Hastings, and the article notes how he and his wife have been long-time, big-money donors of the Democratic Party.

The number of memes out in the desert of critical thinking that is Facebook somehow conflating Netflix as a company with its co-founder's political leanings is staggering. Folks who make politics, or their choice of candidate, a great deal of their identity, and also who apparently cannot tell the difference between a business entity and an individual, are calling for a mass boycott of Netflix.

None of this really means a hill of beans to me, personally, because I don't use the platform, and never have, nor do I have \$7 million to contribute to either the cult of Red or Blue (and if I did have seven million buck\$, wasting it on someone's presidential campaign would not be light years away from the things I'd do with said monies).

Twenty years ago, such ridiculousness would have been justly ridiculed in the public square, but nowadays, people take this kind of stuff serious, thus proving the oft-cited "Idiocracy" talking point as to the devolution of intelligence within politics and common discourse.

My guess is that if those same virtue-signaling keyboard warriors were to take serious stock of all the products and entertainments they consume, they'd be forced to live in a cultural vacuum if they actually believed their own nonsense.

I thought about this principle and took stock of my own laundry list of consumables to see what all I enjoy might be subject to the boycotters' whims.

I looked over the spines of the albums in my record collection, and there's quite a tale there. Steve Earle and Todd Snider are two folks who, politically, I don't have much in common with at all, yet I think they're two of the most brilliant songwriters to ever match melody and lyrics. I also spied albums by Led Zeppelin and Iggy and the Stooges, and it has been well-reported that in their druggy heydays, both Jimmy Page and Iggy Pop had dalliances with underaged groupies. Still, I think Led Zeppelin II and Raw Power are two of the greatest rock records ever made.

Orson Scott Card might be a homophobic bigot, yet Ender's Game is a spectacularly well-written novel. As for one popular cancel culture target that I don't consume (Chick Fil-A), I don't patronize them because I think their food is trash, and not because the company contributes funds (or did) to anti-LGBTQ groups.

On the other boycott front, the Summer Olympic Games, held in Paris, would normally be a nice detour from the folderol of culture warring, but this is 2024, after all.

This year's Olympics came complete with a Pineywoods hero, Thomas Walkup, who was a standout at SFASU, and has parlayed collegiate basketball stardom into European fame on the court, which placed him in the summer games

Now I haven't watched any of the games, but you could be sheltering under a boulder and still have knowledge of the din of noise coming from culture warriors about a tableau put forth in the opening ceremonies, which saw a group of performers emulating a painting similar to DaVinci's the Last Supper.

The scene featured a celebration of Dionysus, the Greek god of wine and pleasure. Now I have nominal knowledge of art history, but even I know that the landmark style utilized for the Last Supper is an incredibly common trope in visual art, with the main subject centered, and surrounded by other characters, at a table. Some French history was even represented, with a Marie Antionette character holding her head.

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#### It's time to step up and outrage

There is a quote from a German Lutheran pastor, Martin Niemöller, that parallels the events of this day and age pretty pre-

As a refresher, the quote is: "First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out — because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out — because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out — because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."

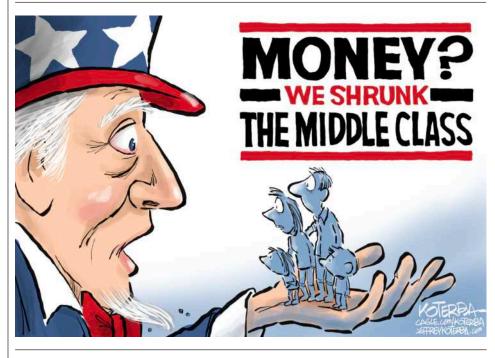
All you would have to do is substitute socialists, unionists and Jews with the groups currently deemed evil: whites, police, Jews (again) and/or Christians, or any other subset of society, and it still will be apro-



While we content ourselves with thoughts of peace, harmony, diversity and inclusion, the reality is directly opposite.

Anyone that watched the opening ceremonies of the Olympics saw that this inclusivity that seems to be the cause du jour requires the exclusion of other groups, in this case Christianity.

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#### Revolution vs Resolution: The difference is suddenly clear

By Darby Kethan

Suddenly, in the blink of an eye... in the sound of a shot, our world tilted, again, and perhaps this time, in the right direction.

Perhaps, with the near miss of an assassin's bullet meant to kill Donald Trump, we are going to see more clearly and treasure more dearly the very freedoms we have given up, day by day; giving up our freedom of choice to the crazy choices of the malcontents who want only what they want because they think they have a right to what is yours, mine and even the very life of someone with whom they disagree.

In one split second, all of the name calling, the hateful and demeaning rhetoric, the inability of the United State Congress to work together, regardless of party affiliation, and the constant accusations and name calling becomes clearly the behav-

ior of toddlers who cannot have their way rather than of statesmen, responsible to their electorate, for guarding and guiding this great country so that all citizens' rights are respected, and all citizens have equal

In less time than it takes for you to read this, a heroic man gave up his life, instantly and willingly, to keep his family from harm. Another man came up through the convergence of Secret Service agents (willing to die for him, as well), with a defiant fist pump that is a recognized symbol of determination. Both representing the kind of man who, when the time comes, shows the world what its looks like to "man up"! It becomes a challenge to the rest of us to do the same.

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later in the week.

Klotzbach and his team have the probabilities for at least one major hurricane to make landfall on the entire continental U.S. coastline at 57%, which is up from the full season average of 43%.

A "major hurricane," by their definition is a Category 3,4 or 5 event.

The probability of a major hurricane hitting the Gulf Coast from the Florida panhandle westward to Brownsville is 38% by their calculations. The season average here

"Coastal residents are reminded that it only takes one hurricane making landfall to make it an active season for them. Thorough preparations should be made for every season, regardless of how much activity is predicted," said Klotzbach.

The Atlantic Hurricane Season ends on

#### **BINGO**

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of Ivanhoe at the community center, which also houses Ivanhoe City Hall. "We are not legally able to conduct bingo anymore. It has to be voted on by the community," Blackstone said.

Bingo gaming is one of the few forms of legalized gambling within the state, but state law only allows for certain organizations to conduct bingo gaming, and the proceeds can only be put toward charitable endeavors. According to the state's Lottery Commission, which handles the application and licensing to conduct bingo games, they can only be conducted in areas of the state where local elections have taken place approving their use. Those elections can by countywide, or within a justice court precinct.

The Texas Lottery Commission allows for organizations to apply for licensing to hold more than 12 bingo occasions per year (a "Regular License"), as well as other tiers of licensing for bingo conductors.

Under state law, only licensed, authorized organizations can conduct bingo games, which include religious societies, nonprofits, fraternal organizations, veterans' organizations, volunteer fire departments and volunteer emergency medical service providers.

Blackstone said the nature of the bingo games, as they had been conducted in the past was "like Catholic church bingo."

#### **ABBOTT**

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Tax Code Section 11.35 allows a qualified property that is at least 15 percent damaged by a disaster in a governor-declared disaster area to receive a temporary exemption of a portion of the appraised value of the property. A property owner must apply for the temporary exemption no later than 105 days after the governor declares a disaster area. Qualified property in-

•tangible personal property used for income production.

•improvements to real property; and •certain manufactured homes.

The chief appraiser determines if the property qualifies for the temporary exemption and assigns a damage assessment rating of Level I, II, III or IV based on the physical damage sustained by the property. The chief appraiser may rely on information from a county emergency management authority, the Federal Emergency Management Agency or other appropriate sources when making this determination.

Additionally, Abbott announced FEMA has approved the state's request for Transitional Sheltering Assistance for 17 Texas counties impacted by Hurricane Beryl. Additionally, FEMA has waived an assistance requirement for Texans who purchased or rented generators between July 5-20 due to power outages caused by the hurricane.

"The approval of 17 Texas counties for FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance will help ensure Texans have access to the support they need to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Beryl," Abbott said. "Texas will continue our efforts to work with federal, state, and local officials to provide all resources and assistance to Texans in need. Together, we will help Texas communities rebuild and move forward."

The counties approved for FEMA's TSA program include Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker, and Wharton. Additional counties may become

Under the TSA program, FEMA pays costs directly to participating hotels and motels, including room rates, taxes, and some pet fees. Texans participating in the TSA program are responsible for all other costs. Qualifying Texans who apply for federal disaster assistance in eligible counties will be notified by FEMA of more information about transitional sheltering options. Impacted Texans may qualify if they cannot return to their disaster-damaged home and their housing needs cannot be met by in-

Due to power outages caused by Hurricane Beryl, FEMA approved Texas' request to waive an assistance requirement for Texans who purchased or rented generators between July 5-20. Those impacted Texans under the approved designated counties may be eligible to receive additional assistance for FEMA's Individual Assistance Program for generators rented or pur-

The Transitional Sheltering Assistance program is a FEMA program, however there is a cost-share with the state. Continued eligibility in the program is determined on an individual basis by FEMA. When eligibility ends, eligible Texans will be notified by FEMA seven days

Assistance - YouTube.

eligible as damage assessments are completed.

surance, shelters, or rental assistance.

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prior to their checkout date. Texans can apply for FEMA disaster assistance online at disasterassistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362. Once notified of TSA eligibility by FEMA, applicants may locate participating hotels on the TSA Locator Website. To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster

#### **OUTRAGE**

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Regardless of the reasoning behind the display, it's the idea of raising up a group at the expense of others, but more importantly, the groups under fire are meekly allowing it to happen, that make these actions more and more prevalent and eventually more and more accepted.

For instance, Tim Tebow, a devout Christian, was reviled while the numerous athletes who knelt during the playing of the National Anthem were deemed heroes.

Similarly, what we're being told about Kamala Harris, what with her presumed anointment as the Democratic candidate for president, is propaganda of the highest water, and for some reason, continues to be allowed to flow over our senses without pause.

Her background is being rewritten, supposed news agencies are reversing their position on her acceptance while ignoring the fact that she has not ever gained a delegate or even a vote in a primary, and the Republican candidate still is reviled with claims that have been debunked for years. Even the issues and problems of the last three years are being touted as accomplishments in the grandest Orwellian style imagin-

Mostly what you hear, though, is full-throat-

ed defense of the indefensible, and this will continue unless we — all of us — push back.

This isn't about fomenting violence; it's about speaking out. It's about walking out. It's about calling out the lies, the mischaracterizations, and the demeaning of groups in the specious name of inclusivity.

Don't like what you're reading? Stop reading it. Don't like the way the news is presented? Stop watching it. Don't like the direction the country is going? Stop voting for demagogues who only represent their own self-interest.

It's proven to work. Just recently when Anheuser-Busch forced Dylan Mulvaney on its customers as a representative of the brand, Bud Light sales and stock prices went into a deep hole. Disney films and theme parks are showing marked drops in attendance and revenue due to pandering to belief instead of consumers.

So, let's do that. Not only should sponsors start pulling funding, but customers need to walk away. Coaches need to take firm control of teams, and voters need to take full control of their representatives.

The possibilities are endless, it just takes a little bit of nerve. If the country is good enough to fight for, values certainly are good enough to

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#### **CULTURE**

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Having read some of the ensuing commentaries about the supposed sacrilegious nature of the display and having seen the visual, there's nothing there that lines up with DaVinci's painting or anything regarding Christian history. There was, however, a time in America when the general public did not need university degrees in art history or need to take advanced courses in mythology in order to not have a pearl-clutching reaction to such a performance.

To me, it looked tacky and ridiculous, but nothing that would offend my sensibilities.

What is offensive, however, are the countless blasphemous memes and bits of doggerel on social media I've encountered that put political candidates equal to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Holders of public office (or hopefuls) were never meant to be deified or turned into celebrities,

Still, offensive as those sorts of things might be, I'm not one to rail against their creators or purveyors. Such displays, ridiculous as they are, are their protected expressions, after all.

As one very wise friend puts it, we live in the "United States of Amnesia," and as such, the cancel culture hordes will soon be back to Netflixing and reminiscing about the Olympics, while railing against some other insidious evil within the marketplace of ideas.

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The applications can be mailed to the WISD Administration Building or delivered in person. That address is 505 North Charlton Street, Woodville, Texas 75979. If a candidate wishes to mail the application, it needs to be addressed to the attention of WISD Superintendent Lisa Meysembourg. Applications for a place on the

ballot may also be emailed to tammy.watts@woodvilleeagles.org.

#### **DIFFERENCE**

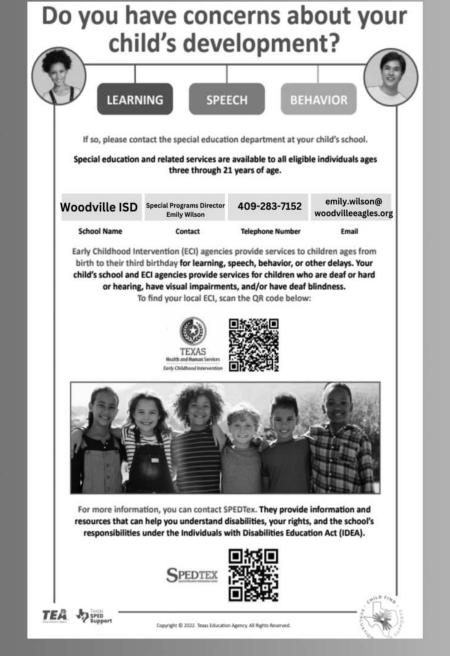
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There's a lot to yet learn about the suspected assassin, about the mistakes in preparation for the event that allowed a sniper to shoot into the crowd, and the reasons for the attempted assassination. Mistakes and reasons aside, what we are left with is the obvious question: why would any individual believe he or she is free to kill another with whom they disagree whether that be brother, teacher, stranger or former United States President? What societal conditions have we tolerated that has produced reasoning that results in one person shooting another? I have to say it certainly can be a culture where violence is consumed daily in the media, where children play "games'

killing the opposition and politicians and talking heads seem to vie with one another to say or imply that another is so awful that only their death can "save" the country. It can also be the homes and culture from which such persons come, where violence and rage is the norm.

Perhaps the bullet that did not stop Former President Trump may in fact stop this country from continuing down the path we have been on. Perhaps the truth is that this can be a turning point for all of us who survived the sniper's attempt to kill Donald Trump.

Instead of revolution, perhaps this is our call to resolution, to resolve and work to restore this country's ability to work together, to solve problems, and to make America a place where we all may live in safety, regardless of ethnicity, creed, color beliefs or po-





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# I'M GOING

"TIME FLIES LIKE AN ARROW

- BUT FRUIT FLIES LIKE A BANANA."
- TERRY WOGAN

ull disclosure: I don't care for bananas. Never have and never will. I don't like the texture and I don't like the way they look. Don't judge me.

Not long after Hurricane Beryl, we were walking out of Academy Sports & Outdoors in Huntsville, headed to the car, when a woman stopped us and asked if we needed food. I told her no thank you, that we were okay, our power had been restored and we were heading home. Nonetheless, she persisted, opening the trunk of her car to reveal cases of fresh bananas among other things. Before I knew what was happening, she'd filled my arms with several "hands" of bananas.

If you're wondering what I'm talking about, just humor me while I digress momentarily. A single banana is called a finger. A grouping of attached "fingers" make up a "hand" of bananas. Multiple hands that grow in a cluster are called a "bunch" or "stalk" and a "bunch" of bananas may contain anywhere from three to 20 hands. I knew none of this prior to writing this column. It's true. We really do learn something new every day.

But back to the bananas ... Hubby and Daughter enjoy them in smoothies, specifically, strawberry-banana smoothies. They enjoyed several before we left town for a few days for Daughter's college orientation. Upon our return, there was a "hand" of five bananas left that were getting a little long in the tooth. The skins were nearly black and they were super soft to the touch. Plus, I wasn't fond of the pesky fruit flies they were attracting.

I've always heard that overripe bananas make the best banana bread and I can't stand the thought of wasting food, even food that's been given to me. So that's how I found myself recently making a batch of banana bread. I found a recipe online that had numerous good reviews.

It called for using a metal 9×5-inch loaf pan. I have two glass 9x5-inch loaf pans, but no metal one. (I did at one time, although I'm not quite sure what happened to it.) Anyway, I used a 9x9-inch metal pan instead and it worked just fine.

Long story short ... the banana bread was absolutely excellent, even for a banana-disliker like me. Daughter had a fit over it, claiming it's one of the best things I've ever made and that she could eat the whole pan. Hubby liked it too. I think one of the things that made it so good for me, is that the bananas are mashed with an electric mixer so there are no chunks. It's just a nice, consistent creamy texture. You can add chopped pecans or walnuts if you wish. I didn't have any, so I didn't. I'll definitely make this again. It was especially good with a fresh hot cup of coffee.

"MY FRIEND ASKED ME IF I WANTED A FROZEN BANANA. I SAID 'NO, BUT I WANT A REGULAR BANANA LATER, SO ... YEAH." - MITCH HEDBERG



#### **My Favorite Banana Bread** From sallysbakingaddiction.com

2 cups all-purpose flour (spooned & leveled) 1 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened to room tem-

34 cup packed light or dark brown sugar 2 large eggs, at room temperature 1/3 cup plain yogurt or sour cream, at room tem-

perature 2 cups mashed bananas (about 4 large ripe

bananas) 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract 3/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts, optional

Adjust the oven rack to the lower third position and preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lowering the oven rack prevents the top of your bread from browning too much, too soon. Grease a metal 9×5-inch loaf pan with nonstick spray. Set aside.

Whisk the flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon together in a medium bowl. Set aside. Using a handheld or stand mixer fitted with a paddle or whisk attachment, beat the butter and brown sugar together on high speed until smooth and creamy, about 2 minutes. With the mixer running on medium speed, add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Then beat in the yogurt, mashed bananas and vanilla extract until combined.

With the mixer running on low speed, slowly beat the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients until no flour pockets remain. Do not over-mix. Fold in the nuts, if using.

Pour and spread the batter into the prepared baking pan. Bake for 60-65 minutes, making sure to loosely cover the bread with aluminum foil halfway through to prevent the top from getting too brown. The bread is done when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean with only a few small moist crumbs. This may be after 60-65 minutes depending on your oven, so begin checking every 5 minutes around the 60-minute mark.

Remove bread from the oven and allow the bread to cool in the pan set on a wire rack for 1 hour. Remove bread from the pan and cool bread directly on the wire rack until ready to slice and serve.

Cover and store banana bread at room temperature for 2 days or in the refrigerator for up to 1 week. Banana bread tastes best on day 2 after the flavors have settled together.

#### STRAWBERRY-BANANA SMOOTHIE FROM DOWNSHIFTOLOGY.COM

2 cups fresh strawberries, halved Add all ingredients to a high powered 1 banana, quartered and frozen blender and blend until smooth. ½ cup Greek yogurt ½ cup milk





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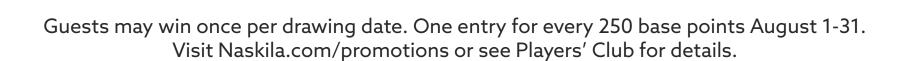


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# Luke looks back this week

In the almost forty years that I've been penning this weekly outdoors column, I've written many times about some of the highlights of my life that began as a very rural kid hunting and fishing in northeast Texas and later outdoor adventures that ranged to bass fishing in Japan and the wilds of Canada to guiding for elk and bear in the Rocky Mountains.

Now in my mid-seventies, I feel truly blessed to still be able to climb into a bow stand in pursuit of whitetail or walk a backwoods creek bank in the early spring in pursuit of spawning white bass. I'm truly blessed with memories of countless outdoor adventures and even more blessed to still be able to make more in my golden years.

I would like to share some of the special times in the outdoors that I've been privileged to enjoy throughout my lengthy career, beginning when I was about 7 years old packing a single shot J.C. Higgings .22 in the woods behind our little farm.

My dad was a hard worker and stayed busy raising 14,000 chickens on our poultry farm when I was a kid growing up, but he found time to occasionally take me on a squirrel hunt and we camped and fished at a little lake in southeast Oklahoma every 9 or 10 weeks when the chickens sold, and he was free of duties for a few days. I remember using my little rifle in the woods behind our house to harvest a fat fox squirrel that later became the centerpiece of a pot of squirrel and dumplings. It was a windy fall day, and the squirrel was high in up in the limbs of a big oak. The limb was swaying gently moving the squirrel several inches in a rhythmic motion that I timed and made a perfect but lucky shot.

Another time Daddy and I were running a trotline and had a nice channel catfish a couple of stagings up the line. He reached over to boat the fish and in my excitement, I leaned too and tipped the little 12 foot boat over. The water was only 4 feet deep. I remember grabbing a nearby tree trunk and handing on. I can still picture my Dad's bald head going under water to flip the boat over. Looking back, I can recall many such instances that at the time seemed of little consequence but in later life give me much pleasure in recalling.

I recall fishing in a rural lake in Japan with a couple of newspaper outdoor writers from a big newspaper in Tokyo. They didn't speak English and I knew only a few words of Japanese but we were fishermen and through gestures and facial expressions we were able to communicate nicely. Once I convinced them



I knew how to "Texas rig" a plastic worm, we got along just fine! This was back in the eighties and I remember watching Japanese fighter jets on training missions over the lake we were fishing. I recall thinking forty years earlier both our countries were in a death struggle for survival in WWII, now here I was having a blast with a couple of fine Japanese fellows. I am sure

they must have had the same thoughts.

I won't forget my first time to fish a remote lake in northern Saskatchewan. My guide was a Cree Indian fellow then in his early seventies. He was "old school" and told me about hunting Caribou with a short bow his father had made when he was a young teenager. He pulled the boat into a little cove and handed me and my buddy spinning rods. My first time to cast a lure for northern pike, I remember asking my guide for advice as to what type of structure to target. His words or word was "WATER", and he was not wrong. His advice was sound, I needed to simply get my lure in the water, it didn't matter where I cast, the fish had never seen a hook and catching was easy!

For several years, I traveled to North Dakota in early October to bow hunt deer with a family that outfitted hunts on the thousands of acres of farmland they owned. There were only a few hundred people that lived in the quaint little town. I became great friends with the family and thoroughly enjoyed hunting the big body whitetail deer the region is known for; the Canadian border was only a few miles to the north and occasionally a moose that drifted down from the north would be spotted feeding along the shore of one of the many 'pothole' lakes. I remember some memorable dinners served each evening in one of the old homes in town that doubled as lodges. Those ladies knew how to cook and we often dined on pheasant we shot during mid-day between deer hunts.

One of the family members served as an upland bird guide. He had a well-trained Setter and we hunted around the many old farmsteads in the area. I can still picture a big rooster pheasant flushing from hiding around some rusty old farm equipment that had been abandoned during the early part of the past century. Old abandoned one room schoolhouses were situated about the countryside and for some reason, pheasant hunting was always good around the cover near these old building as well as abandoned farmhouses, maybe because they provide shelter from the heavy snow in the winter?

I could go on and on recounting things I've



In today's column, our outdoors writer Luke Clayton shares some fond memories of the outdoors over the more than six past decades. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

seen and experienced in the six plus decades I can recall in the outdoors. I'm sure if you are a bit long in the tooth you too have countless fond memories of people and places, this is one of the benefits of living an outdoor lifestyle. In retrospect, it's not the big fish I caught or the game animals I have hunted for sport and meat, no it's the wonderful people I have had the privilege of spending time with that now matter most to me.

This coming week, it will be time to make a few more memories; I have a fishing guide buddy that has been catching some big blue

catfish during the summer. As most serious catfishermen know, fall and winter months have always been the best for targeting big blues. My buddy says he believes the big fish spawn is over and catfish are no longer guarding nest but rather dispersed on the lake again, chasing baitfish. Duty calls and more on this rather unique fishing pattern later!

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FISHING REPORT

#### B.A. Steinhagen

FAIR. Water stain; 85 degrees; 0.20 feet below pool. Bass are more active Bass are fair on soft plastics in the cuts, or with frogs over grass. Crappie are fair with jigs in flooded timber. Catfish are fair on juglines.

#### Livingston

GREAT. Stained; 88 degrees; 0.52 feet below pool. White bass bite is excellent in 10-20 feet of water with white and chartreuse Ducktracker slabs. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

#### Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water stained; 83 degrees; 3.58 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. Navigate with caution watching for floating debris, trees, and stumps.

#### **Toledo Bend**

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 91 degrees; 1.80 feet below pool. Fishing is slow during the day but great at night. The forecast predicts 4-5 inches by the weekend, and the creeks are running strong. Water temperatures are back down in the high 80s, so when the weather finally settles the bass fishing should improve.



Chester coaching staff for 2024-25. Back row, pictured left-to-right: Trey Bullock; James Tonnies; Crystal Muncrief; Matt Bryan and Evan Stewart. Front Row: Courtney Tonnies; Coleman Butter; Susan Muncrief and Marty Thompson. BECKI BYRD | TCB

# Chester coaches ready for successful seasons

By Becki Byrd

The Chester Yellowjacket coaching staff has a few new changes with a couple of new faces. Starting with football, Coach Coleman Butter will be heading that up with Evan Stewart, Trey Bullock and Matt Bryan assisting.

Bullock comes to Chester from Spurger and he will head boys basketball with Matt Bryan as assistant. Bullock will also be head coach for cross-country and track, with Courtney Tonnies as head of the girls' track.

Bryan, a Chester native and 2001 Warren Alumni will also assist with baseball under the direction of Butter. Marty Thompson and Stewart will return as assistant base-

ball coaches. Butter will also continue with golf as the head

On the girls' side Crystal Muncrief will continue as head

softball coach with Susan Muncrief and James Tonnies as assistants. Muncrief is stepping in as girls basketball head coach with James Tonnies as assistant.

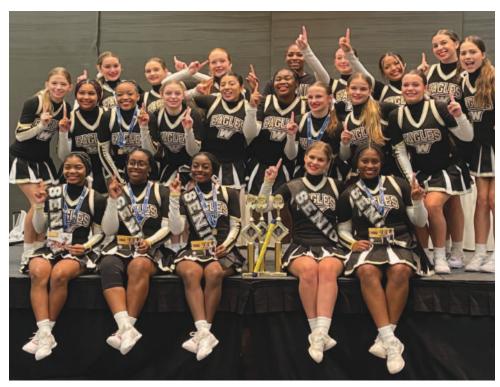
Courtney Tonnies will continue as the head volleyball coach with Crystal Muncrief as assistant. The coaching staff has continued working with athletes all through the summer with a good turnout and is proud that the athletes have taken advantage of opportunities to grow in their sports.

Each coach is optimistic about their upcoming season and ready to get started with football, volleyball and crosscountry when school begins. Volleyball tryouts are scheduled for high school girls only on August 5 and 6 from 8-10

There will be no opportunity for tryouts after those dates. Varsity and Junior Varsity teams will be announced on the first day of school on August 7.



UCA All - American Cheerleaders - From left to right: Senior Rhianna Hart; senior Harmoni Lewis; freshman Gracen Cox; senior Shaniyan Hart; sophomore Ruby Shirley; sophomore Kimberli Scott and senior Cirvyve Lee.



Woodville High School Cheer Named UCA Spirit/Gameday Camp Champions. Back Row, pictured left-to-right: Hollie Jarrott; Gracen Cox; Karson Weaver; Bryleigh Hopson; Marcella Russell; Carlie Risinger; Rhea Williams; Kelsi Risinger and Makennah Fowler. Middle Row: Haley Limbrick; Kimberli Scott; Clair Lohman; Marely Roque; Destiny Hadnot; Ruby Shirley; Sophie Hill and Caylee Castille. Front Row: Cirvyve Lee; Rhianna Hart; Harmoni Lewis; Kolbi Hutto and Shaniyan Hart.

#### Woodville cheerleaders attend camp

Last week, the Woodville High School cheerleaders traveled to attend UCA Cheer Camp at Moody Gardens Convention Center in Galveston.

After spending fours days at camp, the squad earned a number of awards including:

- •Gold Ribbon for Sideline/Cheer •Gold Ribbon for Camp Routine
- •Spirit Gameday Champions
- •Camp Routine Champions
- •Second Place Sideline (Situational Chant) •Day Two Top Banana Award
- •Three Squad Spirit Sticks
- •Three Mascot Spirit Sticks

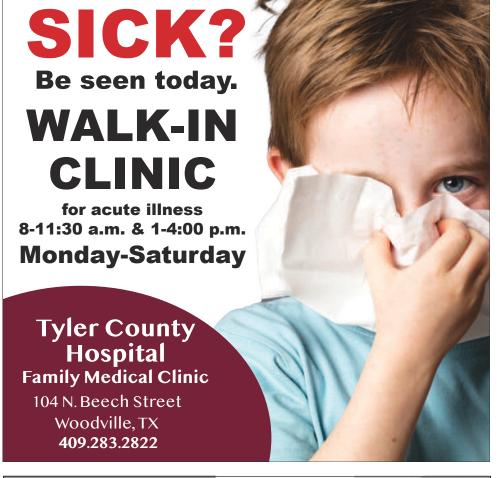
Additionally, WHS Cheer had seven members named as UCA All - American Cheerleaders. Those cheerleaders are: senior

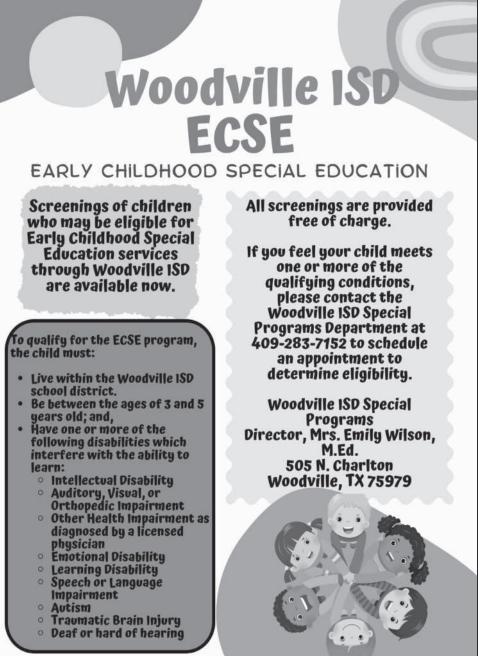
Rhianna Hart; senior Harmoni Lewis; freshman Gracen Cox; senior Shaniyan Hart; sophomore Ruby Shirley; sophomore Kimberli Scott and and senior Cirvyve Lee.

Two members, Kolbi Hutto and Kimberli Scott, were awarded the "Pin It Forward" Award. This award recognizes campers for qualities that make them stand out, such as leadership, hard work, or a positive attitude.

Rocky the Eagle brought home the Epic Mascot Award and four seniors, Shaniyan Hart, Rhianna Hart, Harmoni Lewis, and Cirvyve Lee, were invited to tryout and serve on UCA staff following graduation.

Coaches Jamie Weaver and Krystal Hayes are excited for continued success this coming season.







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# Kid Scoop Together:

1. What do the five rings of the Olympics mean? ☐ Five Cities ☐ Five Countries

Five Continents

2. What does the Olympic

Motto "Citius, Altius,

Smarter, Stronger, Faster

Swifter, Higher, Stronger

Better, Bigger, Bolder

Fortius" mean?

Read these questions to a family member. How many did they get right?

# The Summer Olympic Games Are Back!

his summer, the world turns its eyes to Paris, France. Why? That's where the Summer Olympics will be held starting on Friday, July 26 through Sunday, August 11, 2024.





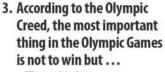
#### Who's there?

Take a look at the logo for the Paris Summer Olympic Games. At first, you'll see the Olympic flame and the Olympic rings. But take a closer look.

Do you see a face and hair? This is the face of a goddess that is seen as the symbol for liberty and wisdom

Use this code to reveal her name.





- to play fair.
- to win big.
- to take part.

#### 4. Where is the Olympic torch first lit?

- Athens
- ☐ Greece
- Olympia

# 5. Women were first allowed

to compete in the Olympics

- in what year? **1800**
- **1900**
- 2000

#### 6. The 2026 Winter Olympic Games will be held in:

- Italy
- Germany Norway

#### 7. Which of the following is NOT a color of one of the

☐ Blue

Olympic rings?

- Purple
- Black

#### 8. All the participating countries sent female athletes for the first time in which Olympics?

- 1976 Montreal
- ☐ 1984 Los Angeles

→ 2012 London

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The noun eternity means a period of time that seems to be endless, often used when exaggerating.

It took an eternity to reach the front of the line.

Try to use the word **eternity** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

# **Sports** Write a sports story about something that

happened in a game you played or watched.



**PARIS 2024** 



# in France.



# your suitcase.

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then follow the maze to find

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. At the Olympic Games, a picture is worth a thousand words in hundreds of languages.

Pictograms are simplified pictures or symbols. There is one for each sport to help people from all over the world understand what is happening. For example, this

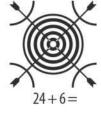


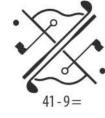
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Do the math to match each pictogram to the name of the Summer Olympic event that it represents.

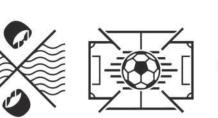






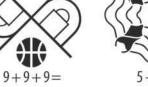


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Symbol Search Look for five symbols

in today's newspaper. Show them to a friend to see if they can tell what the symbol represents.

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- 30 = Archery
- 27 = Basketball

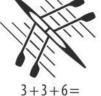
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13 = Table Tennis

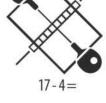
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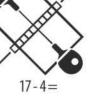
- 10 = Weightlifting
- 32 = Golf
- 15 = Boxing













Standards Link: Connect artistic representations to meaning.

Explore more at olympics.com

#### **Kid Scoop Puzzler The 2024 Paralympic Games**

This is the logo of the 2024 Paralympic Games.

Athletes with physical disabilities from around the world compete in the Paralympic Games every four years alongside the Olympics. In fact, Paralympics means "alongside the Olympics."

ago. What year was that?



**PARIS 2024** The Paralympics began 64 years



#### Find the words in the puzzle by **GYMNASTICS** looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally. WATER POLO BASEBALL

**SWIMMING SURFING SAILING KARATE TENNIS** SOCCER TRACK **CANOE** 

**GOLF** 

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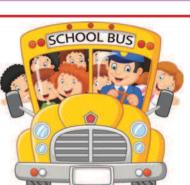
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# **Sports Team Mascots**

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences to 100.

Sports team mascots (often an animal or object) give personality to their teams. Look through today's sports section. Select one team and make a list of characteristics you think that team wants to convey. Create a new mascot for that team. **Standards Link:** Display meaning through a variety of artistic representations.





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#### **CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS**

# t a loss for words

Have you ever been at a loss for words? Believe it or not there are times I am at a loss for words. Sometimes in writing this column I go brain-dead, if there is such a description. There are other times, too, when I just don't know what to say about a giv-

en subject. For example, when we get the bad news of a dear loved one or friend being terminal, we often don't want to accept it. So, we will say something completely off the wall or we will not say anything. I think not saying

anything is better. There has been a lot of bad news lately. Some of this news is on the national realm and some is bad news locally. One example of this is learning that some good friends are dying. And the sad fact of the matter is that we are all dying. It is just a matter of when. And I don't say this to trivialize the agony some very good friends are going

through right now. I don't like to hear anyone make fun of someone who has dementia of any type. It

isn't funny and joking about it isn't right.



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What I do know is that Jesus would be there, and He would weep with those who weep and He would sympathize with those who have that need. He would not force Himself on anyone and He certainly would

Sometimes, when I'm hit with bad news, I am at a loss for words.

My dad and mother-inlaw suffered from dementia, and it wasn't funny. It's a horrible affliction.

want us to just be there for people. Sometimes in chaplaincy work some well-meaning person thinks we should start jumping all over a person who is sick about their salvation. Do you really think Jesus would do that? I think not.

not be rude. Remember, "Jesus wept!" (John 11:35).

I am at a loss for words right now over what's happening in our nation! But I know the One Who is in control. Do you?

#### New Shady Grove announces revival services

WOODVILLE - Pastor Floyd and Lady Jackie Graham of New Shady Grove Baptist Church present revival services, August 7-9, at 7 p.m. each evening. Come and join them for spiritual awakening, faith renewing, and fire igniting services each night featuring

guest evangelist, Superintendent and Pastor Jeffrey Adams, Sr. New Shady Grove Baptist Church is located at 5514 U.S. Hwy 190, Woodville, Texas.

#### True Vine to celebrate anniversary

**DOUCETTE** – Reverend Willie Parker III, Pastor and members of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church cordially invite you and your family to celebrate with them as they

observe their 127th church anniversary on Sunday, August 18 at 3 p.m. The speaker of the hour will be Pastor David Pritchett III of West Beulah Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont. Pastor Parker and church members look forward to having you share with them the Word of God on this special day. True Vine Missionary Baptist Church is located at 2626 US Hwy 69 North, Doucette, Texas.

#### Victory in Jesus looking at Revelation

WOODVILLE - Victory in Jesus Church is examining the book of Revelation. On Sunday, August 4, at 11 a.m., the lesson will look at whether or not we are in the end of the

End Times. Victory in Jesus promises that there's a blessing in the book. Victory in Jesus Church is located at 13626 FM 1746 in Town Bluff. The number to the

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# **STATE**

# Expanded passenger rail again on the table

**Capitol** 

By Gary Borders

**Highlights** 

**Texas Press Association** 

A huge pot of federal rail funding and chronic highway congestion are prompting some Texas officials to again consider expanding passenger rail in Texas, according to The Texas Standard.

Congress set aside \$66 billion three years ago in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for rail projects

and Jobs Act for rail projects
across the country, sparking some interest in increasing pas-

senger rail service between the state's major cities.

"It's like the perfect storm forming, because 20 years ago if we talked about passenger rail in Texas, it would fall on deaf

ears," said Peter LeCody of the Texas Rail Advocates.

The state's population is projected to increase from 30 million now to 47 million by 2050, sparking concerns of increased dependence on cars and more road congestion.

A plan to build a high-speed rail between Dallas and Houston with speeds of more than 200 miles per hour is back on the drawing board after Amtrak shelved it due to difficulty acquiring land and leadership issues, The Tribune reported.

The Texas Central route has acquired about 30% of the land needed to build the Dallas-Houston line, which is expected to require more than \$30 billion in financing from governmental and private sources. A number of private landowners remain steadfastly opposed to giving up their land for the proposed line.

#### Uvalde school officer pleads not guilty

A former Uvalde school police officer pleaded not guilty last week to charges of failing to protect children killed and wounded in the 2022 mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde.

Adrian Gonzales is one of two officers who have been indicted after the slow response to the shooter by nearly 400 law enforcement personnel, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Gonzales and former Uvalde schools police Chief Pete Arredondo were indicted by a Uvalde grand jury in June. Arredondo pleaded not guilty on July 10.

"Mr. Gonzales' position is he did not violate school district policy or state law," said Nico LaHood, the former dis-

trict attorney for Bexar County. LaHood is representing Gonzales.

The May 22, 2022, attack was one of the worst school shootings in U.S. history. Gonzales, one of the first officers to arrive, was indicted on 29 charges of not confronting the shooter, even after hearing gunshots while standing in a school hallway.

#### Inmate phone fees to be slashed across state

Fees that Texas inmates pay to make phone calls will be cut drastically under new federal regulations to take place next year, The Tribune reported.

The Federal Communications Commission voted last week to cap the price of inmate phone calls and video calls as low as 5 cents per minute. Right now, rates across Texas prisons and jails average 23 cents a minute.

Most of the revenue from these calls -60% — goes to the contractor, with the rest going to the state.

"The FCC's order is a massive victory for incarcerated people, their families, and their allies who have spent decades fighting the exploitative prison telecom industry," the Prison Policy Initiative wrote in a statement.

#### CenterPoint CEO apologizes for Beryl outages

The head of CenterPoint Energy publicly apologized for failing to quickly respond to massive outages caused by Hurricane Beryl, The News reported.

Jason Wells told the Public Utility Commission last week that he took "personal accountability" for the outages, which affected hundreds of thousands of customers throughout the coastal region.

At least 36 people died because of the hurricane. Many of the deaths were attributed to heat.

"While we cannot erase the frustrations or difficulties so many of our customers endured, I, and my entire leadership team, will not make excuses," Wells added. "We will improve and act with a sense of urgency."

At its peak, about 2.26 million CenterPoint customers were without power. Damage from the storm is estimated at \$4.6 billion. The company is seeking permission to harden its wire system, with the costs to be passed along to its rate-payers.

#### \$95 million in housing credits announced

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has awarded more than \$95 million in housing tax credits to help finance the development or rehabilitation of more than 60 rental properties across the state. The awards will help developers build or repair more than 4,400 units offering affordable rents to qualified families.

"The Housing Tax Credit Program serves as a crucial factor in making affordable housing available to hard working families, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities," said TDHCA Executive Director Bobby Wilkinson.

A list of application awards can be found at https://ti-nyurl.com/4jztsjp3.

#### Native bighorn sheep being released in West Texas

Desert bighorn sheep are being reintroduced in Franklin Mountains State Park this fall by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in hopes of restoring a population that was once extinct in Texas. The Austin American-Statesman reported repopulation of the herd at the park will being in October.

Currently, there are 11 free-ranging herds with approximately 1,500 desert bighorn sheep across Far West Texas, from Big Bend to El Paso. Overhunting and disease led to the sheep's decline in the 1960s. Competition from the aoudad, an African species introduced in Texas in the 1950s by private ranchers, also contributed to the bighorn sheep's decimation.

#### Texas still leads nation in job creation

Texas continues to outpace the nation and lead all states for jobs added over the past 12 months, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The state's civilian workforce reached a new high of 15.311 million in June.

"Our civilian labor force of 15.3 million people in Texas continues to prosper and break records each month," said TWC Commissioner Alberto Treviño III.

Construction jobs grew by 4.4% last year, far outpacing the national growth rate and leading the state's job growth.

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## **Abbott announces Sentinel school safety system**

Special to the Booster

**AUSTIN** – Governor Greg Abbott announced, last week, the launch of Sentinel, an innovative and comprehensive system designed to enhance the safety and security of students, faculty, and staff in school buildings across Texas. Sentinel is provided by the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) Office of School Safety and Security and is available to all schools in the state at no charge to the schools. Sentinel will enable robust monitoring of school systems' implementation and operation of safety and security policies and improves the threat assessment process.

"As a new school year approaches, the safety of students, school faculty, and staff across Texas remains a top priority," said Abbott. "To bolster school safety standards, we are launching Sentinel—a new, sweeping system to enhance the safety and security of students and teachers across our great state. This cutting-edge technology is available to all schools in Texas and will expand the state's threat assessments process, improve real-time communication capabilities, and better safeguard our children, teachers, and school communities. I thank the Texas Education Agency and Chief Scott for partnering with superintendents and school safety personnel from every corner of our state to create and implement this innovative system.

"TEA's Office of School Safety and Security continues to search for ways to better support the 1,200 school systems in Texas and their efforts in keeping students and staff safe," said School Safety and Security Chief John P. Scott. "The launch of Sentinel represents this continued focus, and I'm grateful for the Governor's support in getting this critical safety infrastructure off the ground and operational."

Sentinel standardizes Behavioral Threat Assessments (BTAs) into a single reporting mechanism so that schools have a clear way of conducting BTAs and managing threats. This uniform approach helps school systems identify, assess, and mitigate risks to students and staff.

In addition, Sentinel will serve an important role in state-wide emergency operations by giving state leaders timely and accurate information to support quick decision-making regarding resource allocation and support. Schools will be informed in the event of a local or statewide emergency through Sentinel's mass communications capability. This will enable TEA to securely communicate guidance, resources, or other important information to schools.

Sentinel was developed following the passage of House Bill 3, which strengthened state monitoring of school safety and increased the school safety allotment. Senate Bill 30 provided an additional \$1.1 billion for school systems to bolster the safety of their facilities.

In 2022, Abbott directed TEA Commissioner Mike Morath to create the position of Chief of School Safety and Security to ensure increased communication and collaboration among state agencies to provide a safe environment for Texas students and school faculty.

# American

Red Cross volunteers have been in the East Texas area assisting with victims of two weather-related disasters.

#### Red Cross continues to help those affected by Beryl

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**HOUSTON** — The American Red Cross continues to help the hundreds of people that were affected by hurricane Beryl return to their homes and get back on their feet.

Red Cross disaster workers are helping people plan their next steps while continuing to provide emergency supplies such as food, water and other critical support. Every disaster is different, and so are the needs of each affected community. That is why the Red Cross works closely with local partners to create plans and coordinate recovery services to ensure people get the help they need.

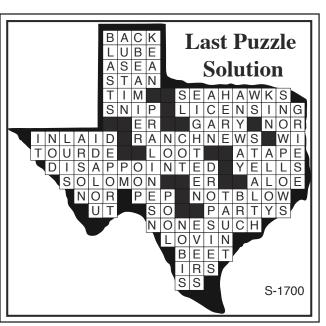
More than 700 Red Crossers have supported these relief efforts. With our partners, we have provided more than 86,000 hot meals, more than 275,000 shelf stable meals and over 65,000 relief items like cleaning supplies and comfort kits.

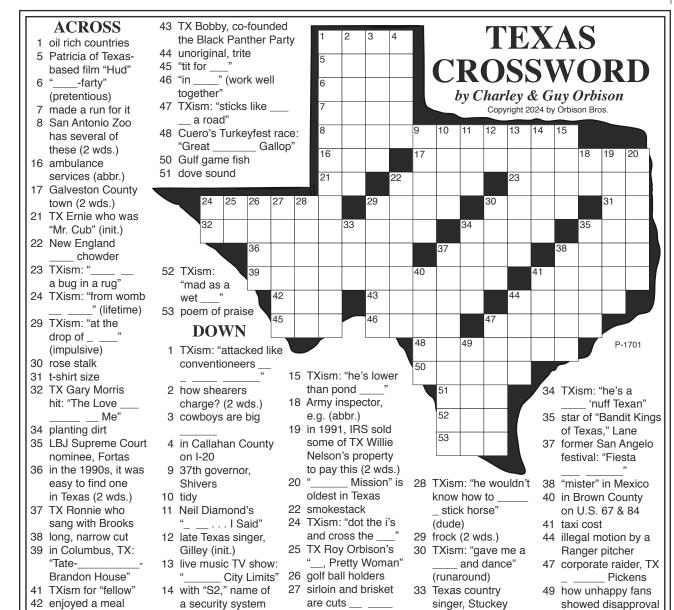
Trained volunteers provide mental health and spiritual support to families who have suffered loss. This includes help with coping with new challenges, managing medical conditions, caring for wounds or injuries, and replacing prescription medications or other critical medical equipment like canes and wheelchairs.

"People's lives were turned upside down by this massive storm," said Shawn Schulze, Chief Executive Officer, Texas Gulf Coast Region, American Red Cross. "They need your help now. Please consider making a donation to help people affected by disasters or become a Red Cross volunteer today." How you can help

•Make a donation. To help people affected by Hurricane Beryl, visit redcross.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS, or text 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Your gift is a commitment to helping people in need, and every single donation matters. Financial donations enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from this disaster.

•Volunteer. If you have the time, you can make a significant impact as a Red Cross volunteer. Review our most urgently needed volunteer positions at redcross.org/volunteer-today and get involved today.





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#### Cypress Creek Water announcement

There is a special announcement for Cypress Creek Water Supply Corporation members and water users concerning lead and copper in our drinking water. For more information call 409-283-5472.

#### Land patent Harris County

KNOW ALL MEN BY THE PRESENTS: We, Maricella Ana Benavente, Alan Ismael Pagan Perez; desires to confirm, certify, declare, convey and give notice of claim by this Land Patent for the following parcel located at 6039 Spring Creek Lane, Texas Republic, (Harris County) us A NON-DOMESTIC. Coordinates:Latitude 30.035708 and Longitude -95.507732. Let the record show the Grantors grant this private property to: DE NOVO DYMANTE EXPRESS TRUST\(\text{Mhereinafter called the Grantee.}\) Consideration of the sum of ten silver dollars (\\$10.00) and no other valuable consideration was paid in full. This land, now patented, is FEE SIMPLE ABSOLUTE and also known as an Allodial title. Done under our hand and seal of our freewill act and deed. Any party interested in viewing this claim can view the associated documents here: https://bit.ly/3VxUZlg

#### Estate of Gary Wayne Hearn

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION TO ALL PERSONS interested in the estate of GARY WAYNE HEARN, Deceased. DALIA ANZALDUA-HEARN has filed in the County Court of Tyler County, an Application to Determine Heirship upon the estate of GARY WAYNE HEARN, Deceased. The file number of such application and the Probate Docket Number being PR-10103. The style of the case begun by said application being: Estate of GARY WAYNE HEARN, 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 attorney for applicant, or the address of applicant is: BRAD ELROD, 130 South Charlton Street, Woodville, Texas 75979. Issued this the 25th 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 25th 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.

# Woodville Middle School Title I meeting August 5 at 4:30 p.m.

Woodville Middle School/High School Title 1 Meeting Please join us on Monday, August 5 at 4:30 pm in the High School library for our annual Title I Meeting!. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Greaff will be available to answer the following questions: What is Title I? What curriculum does our school use? What is a School-Parent Compact? How can I help my child be successful? How does our school spend Title I money? Our teachers will be reaching out to you soon to schedule an in-person conference on September 20th where you can discuss anything you'd like to share about your child and review his/her beginning of the year assessment data. We look forward to working together to make this a successful year for your child! WMS/WHS REUNION DE TÍTULO I ¡Está invitado el miercoles, 5 de agosto a las 4:30 pm. en la biblioteca de la escuela secundaria (Woodville High School) para nuestra reunión anual de Título I! La directora (Sra. Robinson) y el subdirector (Sr. Ireland) estarán disponibles para responder las siguientes preguntas: ¿Qué es el Título I? ¿Qué plan de estudios utiliza nuestra escuela? ¿Qué es un pacto entre la escuela y los padres? ¿Cómo puedo ayudar a mi hijo a tener éxito? ¿Cómo utiliza nuestra escuela el dinero del Título I? Nuestros maestros se comunicarán con usted pronto para programar una conferencia en persona el 20de septiembre donde puede platicar sobre cualquier cosa que le gustaría compartir en cuanto a su hijo/a y revisar los datos de la evaluación de comienzo de año. ¡Esperamos trabajar juntos para hacer de este un año exitoso para su hijo!

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#### Permit application for Proposed disposal well near Fred in Tyler County

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT Magnum Producing, LP, 500 North Shoreline Blvd. Ste. 501, Corpus Christi, TX 78401 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Frio Formation, Black Stone Minerals Lease, Well No. 10D. The proposed disposal well is located ±5.6 Miles Southwest of Fred, Texas in the Elijah Green (Wilcox 3) Field, in Tyler County, Texas. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,770

to 4,455 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code , as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

#### City of Ivanhoe: Lakewood Drive improvements project bids due August 16

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS Sealed Bids for the construction of the City of Ivanhoe, Texas - CD-BG-MIT HUD MID Lakewood Drive Improvements Project GLO Contract No. 04-065-027-E482 will be received at City of Ivanhoe City Hall, 870 Charmaine Drive East, Woodville, Texas 75979, until 9:00 am local time on Friday, August 16, 2024, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter at said office. There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid conference with the Engineer, Owner, and Prospective Bidders at 9:00 am on Friday, August 9, 2024, at the City of Ivanhoe City Hall, 870 Charmaine Drive East, Woodville, Texas 75979. This Project provides for street and ditch improvements along approximately 6,400 linear feet of Lakewood Drive in the City of Ivanhoe, Texas. The scope of work includes, but not limited to: This contract shall include, but not be limited to, the following: 1. Excavate and/or mill and remove top approximate 4" of existing pavement system 2. Proof-rolling remaining roadbed 3. Mixing and chemical treatment and compaction of remaining base and sub-base layers 4. Placement and compaction of limestone base 5. Placement of prime coat 6. Placement of a hot-mix asphalt pavement 7. Construction of intersection turnouts 8. Construction of driveway turnouts 9. Replacement and/or installation of culverts 10. Backfilling of pavement edges 11. Excavation and/or re-grading of roadside ditches 12. Final site cleanup. Bidding Documents are on file at www.civcastusa.com . There is no cost to view the plans, and printing can be done through the website. Hard copies of Bidding Documents will not be sold. Complete sets of Bidding Documents shall be used in preparing Bids; neither Owner nor Engineer assumes any responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents. Owner and Engineer, in making copies of Bidding Documents available on the above

terms, do so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids for the Work and do not confer a license or grant for any other purpose. A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Ivanhoe, Texas or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. This project will be financed with assistance from the General Land Office (GLO) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant - Most Impacted and Distressed (CDBG-MID) program and is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas General Land Office, Disaster Recovery and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin. Adherence to the City Section 3 Policy is required for contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.00. All contractors and subcontractors must be cleared (not suspended or debarred) prior to any formal action authorizing the award of a contract to the contractor. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, Section 3 Businesses, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit bids. Ivanhoe, Texas reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Ivanhoe for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award. City of Ivanhoe, Texas, Skip Blackstone, Mayor.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 26, 2024, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI") filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission" or "PUC") requesting approval of an amendment to ETI's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") permitting ETI to construct, own, and operate the Segno Solar Facility ("Segno"), a proposed 170 MW solar facility to be built in Polk County, Texas and the Votaw Solar Facility ("Votaw"), a proposed 141 MW facility to be built in Hardin County, Texas (together, the "Renewable Portfolio"). As part of its long-term electric supply resource plan, ETI has determined that it needs additional generating resources in the near future. The docket number and style of the application are PUC Docket No. 56865, Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Portfolio of Renewable Generation Resources. ETI is not seeking to change its rates in this proceeding.

Segno will be located on 1,168 acres of "greenfield" at a site in south-central Polk County, Texas, approximately 2 miles west of the unincorporated community of Segno and approximately 3.5 miles east of Texas State Highway ("SH") 146. The Segno project site is not within five miles of any municipality, and Sam Houston Electric Cooperative is the only neighboring utility providing utility service within five miles of the project site. Votaw will be located on 614 acres of "greenfield" at a site in the northwestern portion of Hardin County, Texas, approximately 0.5 miles southeast of the unincorporated community of Votaw. The Votaw project site is not within five miles of any municipality, and Sam Houston Electric Cooperative is the only neighboring utility providing utility service within five miles of the project site. A map showing the locations of the Renewable Portfolio resources may be viewed at ETI's offices at 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, and is included with notices published in newspapers of general circulation in ETI's service area. A copy of the map may also be obtained by contacting tcr@entergy.com.

The total estimated cost of the Renewable Portfolio is approximately \$656 million, comprised of \$352 million for Segno and \$304 million for Votaw, inclusive of estimated costs of transmission upgrades and interconnection costs, contingency, an allowance for funds used during construction, and expenses related to seeking Commission certification. These costs are based on a February 2027 commercial operation date for Segno and a

May 2028 commercial operation date for Votaw. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is September 9, 2024, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date. A request to intervene (original and ten copies) or request for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. The preferred method for you to file your request for intervention is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Interchange Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <a href="https://">https://</a> interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer. Instructions for using the PUC Interchange Filer are available at: https://ftp.puc.texas.gov/public/puct-info/ industry/ filings/E-Filing Instructions.pdf. Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Interchange Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: <u>centralrecords@puc.texas.gov</u>. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: http:// interchange.puc.texas.gov/.

If you are unable to file your intervention request or comments electronically, you may mail your request or comments (and ten copies) to: Public Utility Commission of Texas, Central Records, Attn: Filing Clerk, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136.

A copy of ETI's application may be viewed by accessing the "filings – interchange" section of the Commission's webpage at <a href="www.puc.state.tx.us">www.puc.state.tx.us</a>. In addition to the intervention deadline, other important dates may affect participation in this docket. Therefore, any orders or other filings already made in the docket should be reviewed. The control number for this proceeding on the Commission's webpage and in the Commission's interchange is 56865. Persons with questions or who want more information about this application may also contact <a href="tcr@entergy.com">tcr@entergy.com</a> or by calling 866-981-2602 during normal business bours.

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Notice map - Segno Solar Facility



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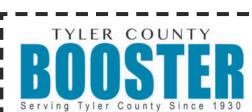
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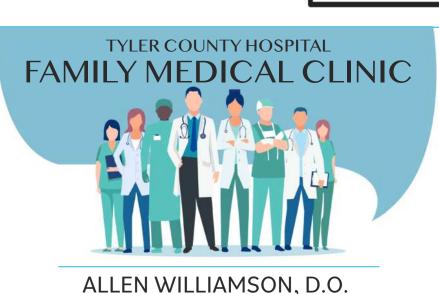
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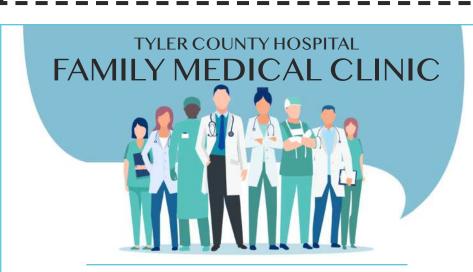
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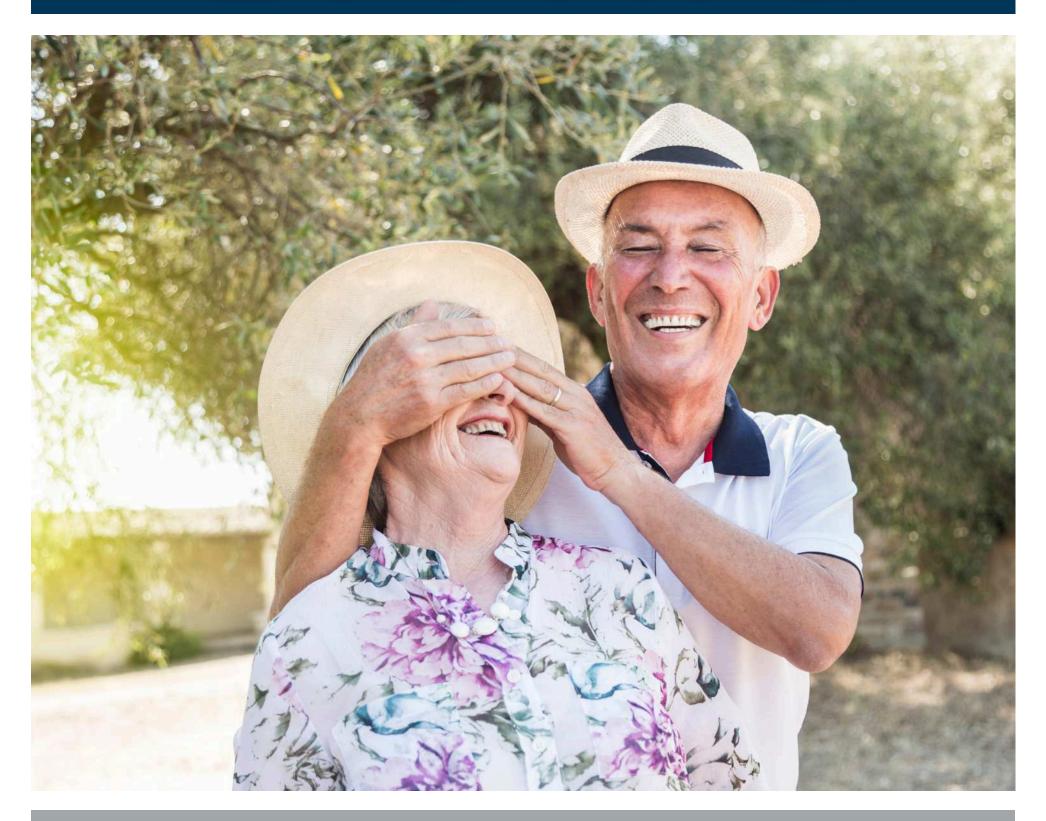
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By: Kelli Barnes

Eldridge Tidwell was born in Lubbock in 1942 and moved to Tyler County just a short eight years ago to help his sister Paula, and to follow a dream. This latest life adventure had he and his wife Deanna living in a travel trailer on family land, while they spent the next five years, with the help of their granddaughter Bryanna, turning a16x50 Derksen building into a tiny home. "The original purchase was about \$17,500 on a five-year note, and then we worked on it when we had the money to purchase more supplies," said Tidwell. "When you are on a fixed income, you have to do what you can, when you can."

Today, you can find Eldridge or his wife at the nutrition center in Woodville daily, at the Cowboy Church in Jasper, at Sassy Scrappers Quilt Club at Heritage Village, or Triple Creek RV Park every fourth Saturday to hear a Bluegrass band. You will recognize Tidwell by his signature leather top hats. "I was shy as a kid, and while taking a speech class in high school, I realized I needed to find a way to get out of it if I was going to do something in life," Tidwell said. "I decided to do some clowning at the school pep rallies because behind a painted face it seemed easier to be in public. This led me to wanting a special hat. I always wore cowboy hats because of farm and ranching, but I wanted something different. One day in the 60s I

"I could have done it 100 more

Not a fan of watching television, Eldridge spends time in sports and art. "We worked on his artwork. This little wooden shoe is something he hard on our farm, especially carved one evening after being inspired. KELLI BARNES | TCB

went to Texas Hatters and saw a top hat like Lincoln wore, but then I saw the shorter one. It was \$500. This was way out of my price range, so I went home and got an old felt hat and made some adjustments to create the style I was looking for. It worked for several years ... I wish I still had that hat, but it wore out. Years later, in the 80s I found another hat business at a craft fair and bought a \$200 leather top hat in red and black, then later purchased a black one and a brown one. I refer people to her business to this day, and she always sends me free sweat bands for my hat in return."

If you spend just a little time with Eldridge, he will tell you that school was not easy for him, and reading is not something he can do well. "But I can visualize things," he said. "If I look at a piece of furniture, for example, I can go home and make it to exact proportions." This gift is what got him his start in a career to become a master electrician. He began as a part time helper to a master electrician for a university. Then, he became a journeyman electrician in 1967, transferred to a sprinkler company and did some traveling, and settled from 1970 - 1998 working for the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). This is where he obtained his master electrician license. "I couldn't pass the written test, but I could draw out schematic wiring diagrams," he said. "I was able to build the San Marcos substations, under budget and ahead of schedule, just me and my crew." During his career, the highest pole he climbed was a 300-foot tower to fix a security camera, and he did it twice.

times in those days," he said. Eldridge grew up in New Mexico, and he described it as a place with rattlesnakes, sandstorms, and coyotes. His family pioneered land in 1947 as sharecroppers, raising cotton, maze and cattle. "Both of my parents worked in the fields every day, so I spent a lot of time with my grandmother," he said. "An old Buick car owned by the school district would pick me up before daylight and bring me home after dark, on school days." Although Eldridge struggled with the basic

with the cattle, so school sports were easy for me ...



Mr. Tidwell spent some time recently in the Booster office, sharing his hat collection, artwork, and stories. He will be at the Jasper Cowboy Church September 28 selling art to help raise money for the church. He will also hold art classes at the nutrition center in October, November, and December. KELLI BARNES | TCB

I never got overheated," he said. "I have never known any other way of life except hard work." He also acknowledged that his teachers would wait until Monday morning to release grades, so he could play football on Thursdays and Fridays. In junior high, teachers recognized his artistic ability and encouraged him by happily allowing him to decorate the chalkboards in each classroom.

Eldridge was in Hobby Lobby one day and saw they were giving art classes in painting. "I was self-taught and never really understood about the three basic colors - blue, yellow, and red, and how to mix colors," he said. "I would try using white and learned that is a big mistake. I learned that all colors could be made just using those three colors." Today, Eldridge also enjoys wood carving, paper drawings that he transfers to wood and then does wood burning, in addition to painting on canvas.

Eldridge and his wife raised two sons, a daughter and a granddaughter. His wife earned her business degree and is retired from the Department of Public Safety (DPS), spending a large part of her career first creating, then managing the missing persons clearing house for the state of Texas.

If you are interested in learning from Eldridge or purchasing some of his art, he will be holding art class at the nutrition center in Woodville on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The upcoming events will be held in October, November and December and will feature something for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. On Saturday, September 28 at the Cowboy Church in Jasper, there will be a Craft Show to raise money for the church and several of his designs will be available for sale.



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#### **Eldridge Tidwell**

82 years old

What did you do before retirement? Master Electrician

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Cowboy Church in Jasper JC3

What are your hobbies? Art and wood carving plus training donkeys What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Woods and trees, water (lakes)

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Branson, MO

Where were you born and raised?

Lubbock, TX and raised on the Texas and New Mexico state line. 1947 no electricity I was in 5th grade when we got electricity. Where did you go to school? Plains High School and Tatum High School in Tatum, NM

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? Farm & Ranch: We didn't have running water. A windmill was our water supply. I worked cattle at other ranches to help the neighbors.



Age 79

What did you do before retirement? Senior center director in La., construction, bartender, caregiver and Avon rep. What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Our Lady of the Pines Catholic church

What are your hobbies? Doing puzzles, reading, playing with my dog What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Friendly people, senior center participation, bingo and visiting friends, helping people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Traveled enough-too much ugly in our world today

Where were you born and raised? Louisiana

Where did you go to school? Louisiana, college in Mississippi Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I am just enjoying being a senior citizen. I enjoy my daughter and her kids and my grand and great grand kids.



Age 81

What did you do before retirement? Registered Nurse

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Calvary Baptist Church, Tyler County Republican Women

What are your hobbies? Crocheting baby blankets for the Pregnancy center, Going to garage and estate sales, Working my online resell business, J and W Enterprises and making hand

crafted jewelry to sell. I love plants and love to work with them, propagating and planting. I love to read. I am active in promoting

conservative principle through different mediums.

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Pineywoods, hills, most of the people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Historic places

Where were you born and raised? Port Acres, Texas Where did you go to school? Stephen F. Austin ISD, Lamar Univer-

sity, Baptist Hospital School of Nursing

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I am married to Johnny Barton, I have 3 kids, 2 daughters and 1 son, 9 grandkids, and 4 great grandkids

#### **Michelle Jones**

Age 69

What did you do before retirement? Trainer for utility call center What church and/or organizations are you involved in? none What are your hobbies? Jewelry design,

sewing, resin designs

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Community When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Virginia, Oklahoma, Missis-

sippi Where were you born and raised? Born

in Amarillo, TX, raised in Pasadena/LaPorte, TX

Where did you go to school? League City, Texas Clear Creek High

School Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I am

married to a wonderful man. I have been on a weight loss journey and have lost 113 lbs. in a year.

#### **Patricia Murders**

Age 81

What did you do before retirement? Little bit of everything. Worked at Texaco in the CC dept.

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Erin Missionary Baptist Church

What are your hobbies? Grandkids, crocheting, quilting

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Country living, nice people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Anywhere in the Where were you born and raised? Born in Peoria, IL, raised in Hous-

ton, moved to Woodville when retired. Where did you go to school? No answer given

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life?

#### **Annie Braddock**

Age 70

What did you do before retirement? Convenient store work What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Praise

What are your hobbies? Crocheting, sewing, planting flowers What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Country living, not a lot of people, and the friendly people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina

Where were you born and raised? Wilson, North Carolina Where did you go to school? Ralph L. Fike, Wilson, NC Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I'm a mother of 3, 2 girls and 1 boy, I have a cat. I'm a widow and enjoy watching my 3 grandkids. I'm a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and a great grandmother.

#### Johnny Barton

Age 75

What did you do before retirement? US Marine Corps., Caregiver working for Dr. Burke and the Orchard

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Deacon at Calvary Baptist Church, Sleep in Heavenly Peace

What are your hobbies? Collects hot wheel cars, watching sports What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? People are friendly

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Nacogdoches Where were you born and raised? Born in Center, Texas raised in **Garrison Texas** 

Where did you go to school? Garrison, TX

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? The Lord has been good to me.

#### William R. Leathem

Age 90

What did you do before retirement? Army nurse for 20 years

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church

What are your hobbies? Reading and excercise

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Beautiful trees and flowers, friendly people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Mountain states in the west

Where were you born and raised?

New Orleans, LA

Where did you go to school? St. Aloysius Catholic School in New Orleans, LA

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I enjoyed military life. Private to LTC in 20 years.

#### **Suellen Royer**

What did you do before retirement?

Accounting and sewing

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Our Lady of the Pines, poll worker, center

What are your hobbies? Sewing, crafting and Bingo callers

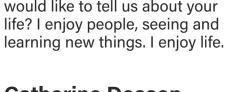
What are your top 3 favorite things

about Tyler County? Church, Tyler County center, friends When and if you travel, where do you like to go? See families

Where were you born and raised? Port Arthur, TX

Where did you go to school? Port Arthur, TX

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your



#### Catherine Deason

Age 82

What did you do before retirement? Housekeeping What church and/or organiza-

tions are you involved in? Believers Temple Ministries (poll worker)

What are your hobbies? Crafts, crochet, sewing and Bingo

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Friendly people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Anywhere Where were you born and raised? San Augustine, TX Where did you go to school? Lincoln High School in San Augustine

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I enjoy helping people and giving my crafts

#### Trish Ryan

What did you do before retirement? ½ secretary, ½ day building electrical equipment

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? FBC-OES-Art Gallery

What are your hobbies? Music and art, gardening

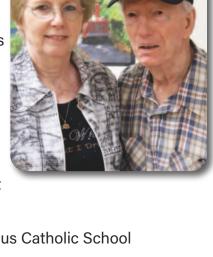
What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Small town (Woodville) I call it "Little Big Town", it has everything a big town has. Wally World, Theater, Art Gallery

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Happy here or visiting relatives

Where were you born and raised? Galveston

Where did you go to school? Ball High School BOI

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? Its been good! Did a lot of swimming and crabbing.





#### **Barbara Hight**

Age 71

What did you do before retirement? Owned a business. Had a café, tobacco store

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Fairview Town Bluff, Triple Creek RV Music Park

What are your hobbies? Sewing, crafts

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Small town When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Anywhere

Where were you born and raised? Louisiana Where did you go to school? Acadia Baptist

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? No answer given

#### **Richard B Shaw**

Age 81

What did you do before retirement? Degree in forestry (Forestry management), graduated from LA Tech (Louisiana) What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Woodville

First Baptist What are your hobbies? Wood working and helping in yard work What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Country,

people, I might be from Louisiana, but I love being a Texan. When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Home, boy and wife also

Where were you born and raised? Springhill, Louisiana Where did you go to school? Springhill High, Northwestern University, LA Tech in Ruston, LA (graduated from)

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? Hauled logs for 34 years, loved my father in law, loved truck driving. father in law C.R. Riley (Old time logger)

#### **Deanna Tidwell**

Age 80

What did you do before retirement? Administrator of Texas Missing Persons Clearinghouse

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Jasper County Cowboy Church

What are your hobbies? Sewing, diamond painting, puzzles, reading What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Friendly, laid back, trees

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Branson, Missouri

Where were you born and raised? Born in Lewelland, TX Raised in Tatum, NM

Where did you go to school? Tatum High School, Eastern New Mexico University

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? My parents owned several businesses that we lived in the back of-a

grocery store & a dry goods-variety store. I worked in them on Saturdays and after school.

#### **Judy Evans**

Age 81

What did you do before retirement? Teacher and school librarian What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Faith Bible Fellowship, Bible study groups, games

What are your hobbies? Piano, crochet, plants, crafts and books What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? The people, the beauty of the nature, ease of shopping

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Tyler, Beaumont, Lago Vista, family vacations with my children and grandchildren Where were you born and raised? Born in Orange, Texas and grew up in Silsbee and Beaumont

Where did you go to school? 1st grade in Silsbee, then 2-12 in Beaumont, graduated from Beaumont High, BA from Baylor University, MLS from Sam Houston University

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I have lived in Maine on Loring AFB, San Antonio, Little Rock AFB, Altus, OK., Abilene, TX, Wildwood and Warren

#### Julie Cravy

Age 67

What did you do before retirement? Sales

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Sassy Scrappers, Nutrition Center

What are your hobbies? Quilting, Long Arm

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Friendly people, senior activities, lots of trees, church family, come and worship with us at Woodville Church of Christ

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? No answer Where were you born and raised? Seabrook and NASA

Where did you go to school? Clear Lake High

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? My husband and I are blessed to be able to retire and live on a beautiful

lake in Ivanhoe

#### **Donna Sims**

Age 72

What did you do before retirement? Worked at Woodville Florist What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Katy Baptist

What are your hobbies? Knitting, crochet, cooking

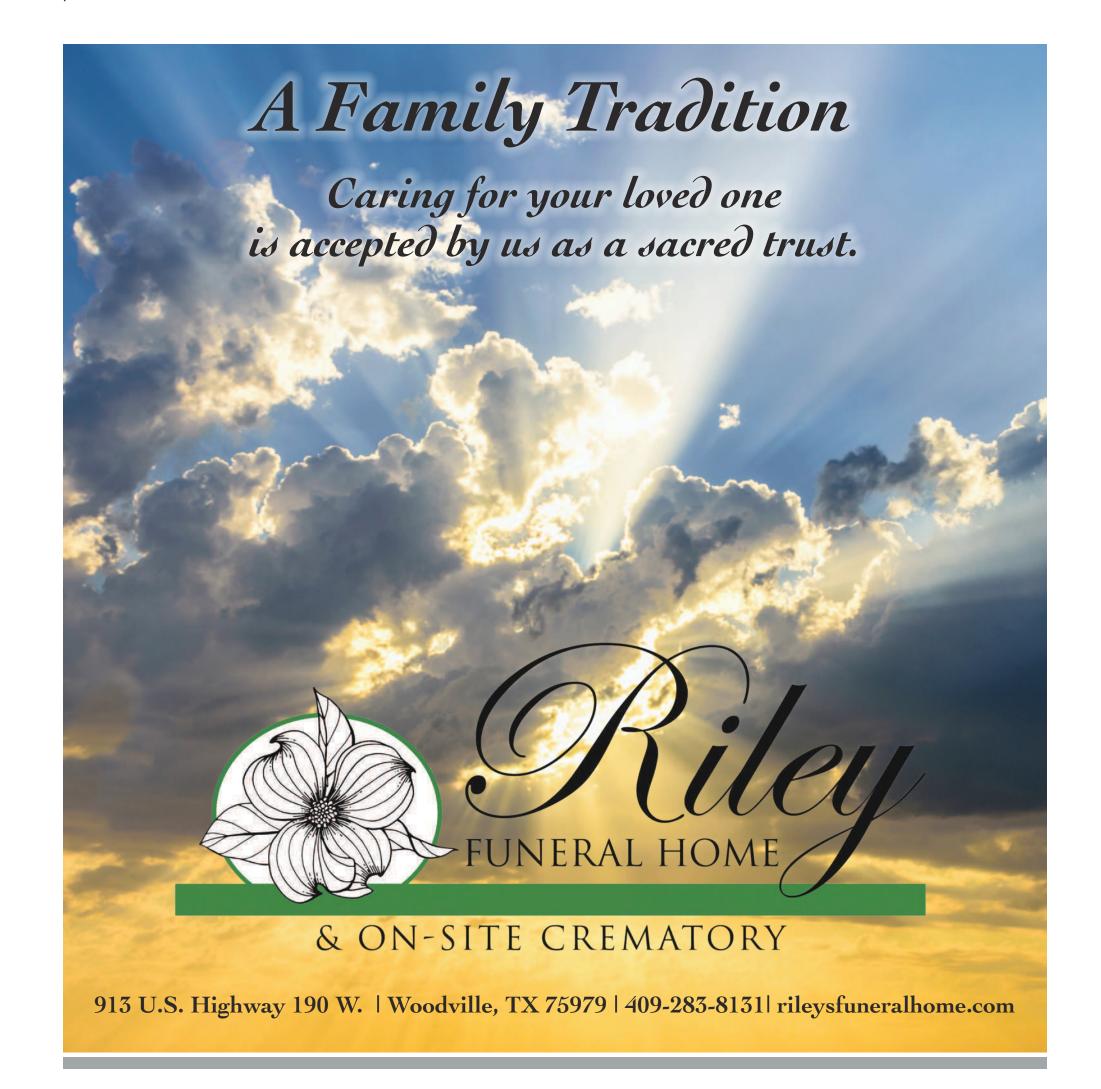
What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Crafting,

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Montana to see my Mom and Dad

Where were you born and raised? Illinois

Where did you go to school? Warren School Illinois Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? Loved going to the nutrition center to see my friends!





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#### **Shirley Roberts**

Age 88

What did you do before retirement? Cosmetics

What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Woodville Church of Christ

What are your hobbies? Playing games and visiting with friends and family

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Less traffic, people so friendly, Nutrition Center, We have a great church family When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Branson Where were you born and raised? Amarillo, Texas

Where did you go to school? Amarillo High School

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? I am single and love to go the Nutrition Center

#### **Debby Wininger**

Age 74

What did you do before retirement? TDCJ Correctional Officer What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Nutrition Center, Baptist, Tyler County Republican Women, Diamond painting, friends

What are your hobbies? Diamond painting, cobalt blue, leading What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Friendly,

Nutrition Center, community

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Moody Gardens, Houston Zoo

Where were you born and raised? Nederland, Texas Where did you go to school? Nederland High School

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? Great friends at the Nutrition Center

#### **Max Hill**

Age 78

What did you do before retirement? Refinery shift supervisor What church and/or organizations are you involved in? Colmesneil FBC

What are your hobbies? Studying Bible, "42", Deer hunting, target shooting

What are your top 3 favorite things about Tyler County? Quietness, no traffic, people

When and if you travel, where do you like to go? Hill Country Where were you born and raised? Woodville

Where did you go to school? Kirby High School (Class of '64) Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your life? Bornagain beliver in Messiah Yashua, married to Benda Hill, 2 children, several grandkids, 3 great grandkids

#### HOW TO STAY MENTALLY SHARP AFTER RETIREMENT

If asked to describe how they envision retirement, many professionals might reference travel, time spent with grandchildren and various recreational pursuits. Few, if any, would mention cognitive decline. However, cognitive decline poses a significant threat to aging men and women, especially during retirement.

Researchers have long since recognized that certain cognitive abilities begin to decline with advanced age, even among elderly individuals who are healthy. However, despite that decline, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that dementias like Alzheimer's disease are not an inevitable part of aging. In fact, the CDC estimates that as many as 40 percent of dementia cases may be prevented or delayed. In addition, the CDC reports that it's not uncommon for routine memory, skills and knowledge to stabilize or even improve as the brain ages.

That's good news for retirees who want to spend their post-work life pursuing their passions and hobbies. Individuals also can embrace some strategies to stay mentally sharp in retirement.

• Consider delaying retirement. Even if early retirement is a dream, it might be better to work a little longer than you had planned. A 2021 study published in the journal SSM - Population Health found that postponed retirement is beneficial to cognitive function for all genders, races/ethnicities, educational levels, and professional status. The study reported that individuals who waited until age 67 to retire experienced less cognitive decline than those who retired prior to turning 67.

• Make exercise part of your retirement routine. A lack of structure may seem enticing to individuals who have spent decades working. However, many retirees find that little structure loses it appeal quickly after calling it quits. When creating a new routine in retirement, include regular exercise. According to the Mayo Clinic, studies indicate that people who are physically active are less likely to experience a decline in their mental function. So daily exercise not only gives retirees something to do, but also benefits their brains.

• Enroll in an adult education course. A 2014 study published in the journal JAMA Neurology examined the association between lifetime intellectual enrichment and cognitive decline in the older population. The study's authors found that higher levels of late-life cognitive activity were associated with higher levels of cognition. The study's authors concluded that lifetime intellectual enrichment might delay the onset of cognitive impairment. Retirees can look into adult learning programs at local colleges and universities to see if anything piques their interest.

Retirement can be everything professionals hope it will be, especially for those who make a concerted effort to maintain optimal cognitive function after they call it a career.



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niors (65+) TCBY: 10% off (55+)

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Kohl's: 15% off (60+) Michael's: 10% off everyday (55+)

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Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50%

Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance AARP members items first Monday of every month (55 +)

Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of cation (62+) each month (55 +)

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ing for discount)

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Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+) Sleep Inn: 40% off (60+)

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(62+)Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+)

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or Not: @ off one-day ticket (55 +) SeaWorld, Orlando , FL : \$3 off one-day

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