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PATRIOT DAY FUN

The Woodville Veterans of Foreign Wars, post #2033 hosted a two-day Patriot Day extravaganza last weekend, from Saturday to Sunday. The event included plenty of live music, food, vendors and other fun to be had. Among the bands and artists who played for the event was Cullen Brown and his Nuttin' Special band.
JIM POWERS | TCB

Francine expected to hit Louisiana

By Chris Edwards
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As of Tuesday morning, an unwanted visitor named Francine remained a tropical storm, but was expected to gain hurricane strength as it travelled toward the Gulf Coast at sustained winds of up to 65 mph. Predictions from the National Weather Service had the storm "rapidly" moving toward the northern Gulf Coast, with landfall expected in Louisiana on Wednesday afternoon, somewhere along the coast. The timeline for those weather events, at press time, were between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. for storm force conditions to arrive along the upper Texas coastline, and in Louisiana by 2 a.m. on Wednesday, with landfall in the afternoon sometime. The intensity of the storm was expected to possibly get up to a category 2 hurricane, at its most intense, with the heaviest rainfall in the region on Wednesday morning on into the afternoon, with a possible 1-3 inches.

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Woodville sets proposed tax rate at \$0.35

By Mollie LaSalle
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WOODVILLE – Mayor Amy Bythewood read a proclamation regarding September 11. In her remarks she said, "September 11, 2024 marks the 23rd anniversary of the ruthless terrorist attacks in our country, and we remember those who lost their lives at the Pentagon, the World Trade Center, and a field in Pennsylvania. The entire nation shares in this tragedy, we are united in our remarkable spirit of service and compassion that inspired and helped heal the nation". Additionally, Bythewood said "the U.S. Congress ap-

proved a joint resolution September 18, 2001, where they designated September 11 each year to be known as Patriot's Day, and by public law in April 2009, Congress requested September 11 be recognized as a national day of service and remembrance. This day has been set aside to remember the thousands of lives lost and our nation forever changed by those acts. We celebrate and appreciate all our heroes, police, fire, EMS, military personnel, and their families. We will never forget the brave friends and loved ones who perished that day".

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Budget, tax rate approved for county

By Chris Edwards
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WOODVILLE – Creating a budget and adopting a property tax rate to help support that budget are two major functions of a taxing entity's governing body, under statute. County officials have been hard at work as of late drafting the budget, and hosting workshops to determine what monies are needed where. The Tyler County Commissioners Court unanimously voted on Monday morning to adopt the budget for the coming fiscal year and the tax rate for 2024-25. The commissioners and County Judge Milton Powers all voted to approve the tax rates for the county's general fund; the farm-to-market/flood control (county special) and Tyler County Hospital tax rates, as well as the new budget and salary schedule and expenses for the new year. The general fund tax rate of \$0.6084 per \$100 of valuation was approved, as the no-new-revenue tax rate. This brings a levy of a little more than \$9 million, countywide, working from a total taxable value of \$1.48 billion. The no-new-revenue tax rate, according to the state comptroller's office, enables the public to evaluate the relationship between taxes for the previous year and the current year, based on a rate of taxation that would produce the same amount of revenue, if applied to the same properties taxed in both years. Given the high appraisals for the next year's levy, this should result in a lower rate to offset the increased revenue. The no-new-revenue rates of \$0.2617 for the county special fund and \$0.1861 for the Tyler County Hospital were approved, as well. Powers said he wished to thank County Auditor Jackie Skinner and her office for all their hard work on the county's budget. "It has been a challenging year," Powers said, citing trending economic uncertainty affecting the entire nation.

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Tyler County Sheriff Bryan Weatherford was presented a copy of the Stars Over Texas book by its author Ronnie Erwin. CHRIS EDWARDS | TCB

Author publishes definitive history of Texas sheriffs

By Chris Edwards
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On Monday morning, author and historian Ronnie Erwin presented Tyler County Sheriff Bryan Weatherford with quite a gift. The Tennessee-based Erwin gave Weatherford a copy of his three-volume work Stars Over Texas, which serves as a tribute to county sheriffs from all the state's 254 counties. As a history, the text includes information on counties that are now defunct, and includes photographs of all currently serving sheriffs, as well as information on the past sheriffs. Weatherford said he was aware that Erwin had written the book but had no idea as to its magnitude. For Erwin, the project is a labor of love that involves more than 35 years of work, which includes the gathering of materials, research and compiling the actual book. "I couldn't tell you how many miles I had to travel, and how many places I ate at," Erwin said. Erwin, along with his late wife Lynn, began, in earnest, with the purchase of a rare sheriff's badge in Fredericksburg decades ago.

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LIFE TRIBUTES

In Remembrance of Kimberly (Kimbrough) Butler
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As the 9/11 anniversary of our loved one, Kimberly (Kimbrough) Butler's homegoing approaches, there are some very special people that we failed to acknowledge and would like to do so now.

Todd and Chyrl Pounds, thank you for providing care for pet River through the years, picking up mail daily during hospital confinements, for sharing your grandchildren with Kim and Chuck, and just being good neighbors.

Thank you childhood friends Dee Ann (Hancock) Thomson and Cindy (Reese) Evans and Country Church friend Darlene Borey who provided encouragement through personal contacts and messages; your friendship meant so much to Kim. Rodney and Amy Jordan, thank you for choosing Kim to be your son Aaryn's god-mother; it was such an honor Aaryn, she loved you so very much.

David Martin and the staff of Woodville Area Medical Supplies were always so courteous and helpful. Mr. Martin sug-

gested a cream that was so soothing and healing when an area of new skin around the feeding tube had to be burned with a nitro stick; thank you, what a relief it provided Kim.

Thank you, Myrtis Martindale for the cheerful bouquets and beautiful decorated plants on special occasions; they brightened Kim's days and how excited she was to receive them. We thank these special people and many, many others in our community and church families that were so supportive during Kim's earthly journey and our first year without her physical presence. Thank you, Father for Your love, mercy, and strength; our Kim is healed.

Our love to all, Martha Kimbrough and family.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

16- Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

17- For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

18- So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

FRANCINE

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At press time, some parts of Southeast Texas were already under a hurricane warning. The Tyler County Office of Emergency Management issued updates through its social media, that, as of Tuesday morning, winds, rain and possible power outages were expected, and OEM encouraged everyone to keep monitoring the situation, in case the storm's path should change.

Louisiana's governor Jeff Landry passed a statewide emergency declaration, with

23 local emergency declarations in place. Landry, in a news conference, said that people in at-risk areas should have a plan in place and be aware of the dangers of the storm.

"We want everyone in that state to be cautious and vigilant. We don't want to downplay this event, but we also do not want people to panic," he said.

A mandatory evacuation was ordered for eastern Cameron Parish, where the storm was expected to make landfall.

News reports indicate that another evacuation, for Terrebonne Parish, south of Baton Rouge, was made on Tuesday.



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Billy Read

Billy Dale Read was born August 24, 1939 in Warren to Neal and Inez Read and was the youngest of their five children. He grew up on their family farm where he and his siblings learned the value of family and hard work.

Billy attended grade school in Warren then went on to earn his Bachelor of Science and Masters in Mathematics. While working on his Masters, he discovered a love of teaching and went on to teach Math at Lamar University for over 50 years.

Billy met the love of his life, OraLee, and they were married August 2, 1981. They resided for a short time in Beaumont then moved to Warren directly next to where he grew up. There he was able to enjoy his love of gardening, carpentry, and mowing grass. He was a member and deacon of Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church where he was very devoted to helping care for the buildings and grounds. Later in life after he and his neighboring brother Ivison got tractors with buckets on the front, they both found great joy in digging ponds and other large holes. Billy was a loving, caring, provider for his family. He had a mischievous sense of humor and never passed up an opportunity for a good practical joke.

After a battle with various health problems, Billy passed away September 5, 2024.

A graveside service was held Monday, September 9, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Fellowship Cemetery in Warren. Officiating were Elders Jimbo Swinney and Walter McAlpin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Fellowship Church in support of Melody Grove Singing School.

He was preceded in death by both parents



and brother J.D. Read of Nederland.

He is survived by his wife OraLee of 43 years, son Zachariah Simmons and wife, Christa, of Houston, daughter Frances Iglesias and husband, Joseph, of Warren, brother Ivison Read and wife, Margaret, of Warren, sisters Faye McAlpin of Warren and Florine Wacasey of Houston, grandchildren Katelyn and Andrew Simmons, and Julia, Hannah, Benjamin, and Ava Iglesias, and a multitude of loving friends and extended family who carry with them an abundance of wonderful memories of Billy.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.³⁷³

Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home

James "Moe" Finley

Mr. James O. "Moe" Finley, 83, of Henderson, passed from this life on Friday, August 30, 2024.

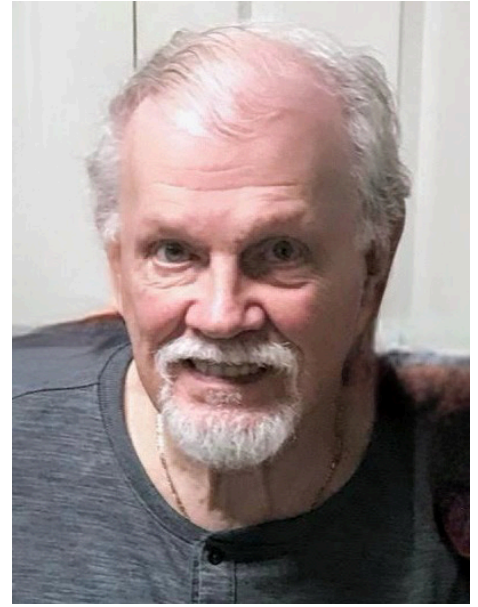
Visitation, followed by a private graveside service, was held on Monday, September 2, 2024 under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Mr. Finley was born May 17, 1941, in Rusk County, Texas. He graduated from Kirby High School in Woodville, Texas and attended both Sam Houston State University as well as Lamar University. He has been a long-time resident of Henderson and a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church.

Mr. Finley was employed by International Paper Company and was transferred to Henderson in 1974. He loved spending time with his family and friends, reading, hunting and fishing, playing and watching all sports, and playing dominoes.

He was preceded in death by his parents Thurman S. and Oleta (McCasland) Finley, son James Brett Finley, high school sweetheart Patsy Daily Finley Boden, niece Kristi Finley, sister-in-law Juanita Boyd, and brothers-in-law William Boyd and Wallace B. Daily Jr.

He is survived by his children, Jarrod Finley and wife Tiffany of Henderson, and Teresa Burcham and husband Ray of Chapel Hill; brother, Dale Finley of Henderson; daughter-in-law, Gay Finley; grandchildren, Braydon Finley and wife Haylee, James Finley, and Candace Blalack and husband Jonathan; great-grandchildren, Brylee and Harper Finley, and Lillian and Alyssa Blalack;



nieces, Kendra Strong and husband Shaun, Shelby Finley, Jaelyn Finley, Abigail Finley; nephew, Wallace B. Daily III and wife Dusty; great-nieces and nephews, Colby, Preston, Karleigh, Emily, Hannah, Wallace IV; and many cousins, life-long friends and classmates.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the staff of Autumn Leaves in Henderson and Angel Care Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.³⁰⁹

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Partly Cloudy 85°/67° Chance of Rain 19% Wind NW 8mph	Mostly Sunny 91°/70° Chance of Rain 14% Wind W 4 mph	Partly Cloudy 92°/70° Chance of Rain 9% Wind SSW 4 mph	Partly Cloudy 91°/71° Chance of Rain 9% Wind SSW 4 mph	PM Thunderstorms 89°/70° Chance of Rain 39% Wind E 5 mph	Mostly Sunny 89°/70° Chance of Rain 9% Wind E 5 mph	Mostly Sunny 88°/70° Chance of Rain 15% Wind E5mph

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4-H honors veterans with Quilt of Valor

Special to the Booster

WOODVILLE – On Sept. 7, Tyler County 4-H proudly took part in the Patriot Day Celebration, a day dedicated to honoring and remembering those who have served our nation.

A highlight of the event for Tyler County 4-H was the Quilts of Valor presentation, a meaningful tribute from the youth members of Tyler County 4-H to a local veteran. The ceremony, held at the VFW Post 2033, gathered community members, 4-H participants, and proud family members to recognize the sacrifices made by those in the military.

The Quilt of Valor, carefully crafted by the 4-H youth and volunteers, was presented to Royce Grissom as symbols of warmth, comfort, and gratitude. This handmade quilt carries deep significance, representing not only the skills and dedication of the 4-H members and volunteers, but also the heartfelt appreciation the community holds for those who have served in times of conflict.

The quilt was presented by 4-H members, Jubilee Johnston, Kinsley Johnson, Cara Whitney, Audrey McBride and Emma Tally, along with volunteers, Patricia Murders, Annie Braddock, Judy Bishop, Macy Johnson and Julie Cravy, some of whom have personal connections to the recipient. For the 4-H youth, it was an opportunity to express their respect for the brave men and women who have defended the nation, as well as to learn the value of service and community involvement.

The Quilts of Valor presentation is a testament to Tyler County 4-H's commitment to fostering a spirit of service among the younger generation. Through this event, they honored not only the legacy of those who served but also showed how the values of patriotism, gratitude, and community stewardship are being passed down to future leaders.

As the event concluded, the veteran draped in his quilt and the applause from the audience highlighted the power of community and gratitude. The Tyler County 4-H's contribution to the Patriots Day celebration serves as a reminder that



Royce Grissom is presented the Quilt of Valor by Tyler County 4-H members

honoring our heroes is a responsibility shared by all generations.

The Quilts of Valor presentation will undoubtedly become a cherished tradition in Tyler County, showcasing how the youth of today continue to uphold the values of respect, honor, and service that define our nation.

If you are interested in helping, volunteering, or donating to the Quilts of Valor project, Tyler County 4-H welcomes your support. Your contribution can make a meaningful difference in honoring our veterans and continuing this heartfelt tradition. For more information on how to get involved, please

JAIL BOOKINGS

Jail Booking Report for September 2-8

- Lonnie Gene Carver, 24**, of Warren – Evading arrest or detention /w/ vehicle (motion to adjudicate)
- Robert Crossman, 55**, of Silsbee – Official oppression (MA)
- Michael Charles Felder, 66**, of Texas City – Agg. Assault /w/ deadly weapon, failure to appear
- Cameron Paul Gaught, 22**, of Kirbyville – Driving while intoxicated BAC >=0.15
- Elizabeth Fern Gray, 35**, of Woodville – Unauthorized use of vehicle
- Jaquaylon Hardeman, 30**, of Fort Worth – Tamper/fabricate physical evidence /w/ intent to impair/motion to adjudicate; Assault int/reckless breath/circ family member/previous
- Jacob Amos Johnson, 29**, of Kountze – Possession of controlled substance PG 1/1-B <1 gram/Motion to revoke
- Trabyan Dwayne Mack, 40**, of Woodville – Criminal trespass
- Wendi Marie Miles, 34**, of Winnsboro, LA – Possession of controlled substance PG 1/1-B >4G<200G
- Heath Aaron Moore, 48**, of Fred – Driving while intoxicated (third or more)
- Will Lee Oser, 41**, of Winnsboro, LA – No proof of insurance; No registration; Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Dacota Shea Redmon, 35**, of Woodville – Deadly conduct discharge firearm
- Terri Reeves, 63**, of Woodville – Criminal mischief >=\$100<\$750
- Alexander Duane Rigsby, 37**, of Woodville – Criminal mischief >=\$100<\$750/motion to revoke; Criminal trespass/motion to revoke; Criminal trespass/failure to appear; Criminal mischief >=\$100<\$750/failure to appear
- Devon Simonis, 19**, of Village Mills – Burglary of building
- Marvin Wayne Willey, 25**, of Burkeville – Possession of controlled substance PG 1/1-B <1 gram/motion to adjudicate

Stagg awarded by US President

By Michael G. Maness

WOODVILLE – Woodville's own John Stagg received the "President's Lifetime Achievement Award" from President Joe Biden for his many hours of volunteer work with the American Red Cross.

The award was presented to Stagg by Natalie Warren, Executive Director of the American Red Cross of Southeast and Deep East Texas Chapter, and Tramena Horn, Disaster Program Specialist, at an award luncheon on Sept. 5 at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Jasper.

Warren's chapter comprises 17 southeast Texas counties. Stagg currently takes care of dealings with government agencies, as when last March was Red Cross month for Tyler County, and he has coordinated with a host of agencies and is available as an experienced disaster resource. Formerly, he was Disaster Assistance Team (DAT) Captain for the Red Cross for all kinds of disasters from housefires to large-scale flooding and forest fires, overseeing relief stations, and more.

He also led mock disaster exercises to aid in teamwork and communication with local and county emergency services.

Warren said the award was for those with over 4,000 hours, and Stagg has so far clocked 13,185 hours. He and his precious wife Mary Annette are nearing their 17th year volunteering for the Red Cross.

Warren said the Staggs "have both been pillars of the community and have forever served with the upmost respect for the organization, community and the clients we serve."

Many residents, scores of disaster victims, and a host of friends from church could have been asked yet allow the following represent the sentiments of all.

Tyler County Judge Milton Powers said "I'm honored to recognize Mr. John Stagg's exceptional dedication to the American Red Cross. With decades of service, he has selflessly given his time and expertise to help those in need. His leadership and guidance have been instrumental in shaping the Red Cross' local presence, and his commitment to disaster response and to other initiatives has been invaluable. His remarkable work ethic and passion for helping others embody the values we hold dear, and his impact will be felt for generations to come."

Tyler County Sheriff Bryan Weatherford said "I just want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Stagg for his selfless service and dedication to Tyler County and the Great State of Texas."

Woodville Chief of Police Michael McCulley said, "John Stagg and his commit-



Natalie Warren (right), Executive Director of the American Red Cross of Southeast and Deep East Texas Chapter, and Tramena Horn (left), Disaster Program Specialist, presented John Stagg with the President's Lifetime Achievement award for his work with the Red Cross at an award luncheon. PHOTO BY MICHAEL G. MANESS

ment to our community have been steady and constant for 40-plus years. I've been very honored to have worked with John during these years and can assure the community that you would not have found anyone more dedicated to serving his community. I extend my sincere thanks to John for a job well done."

One of Stagg's several wise sayings is, "If you're too busy to help someone, you're too busy."

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SEPT. 16-20

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

COUNTY

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In other business during Monday's brief meeting, the purchase of 17 new body cameras for the Tyler County Sheriff's Office was approved, with funds used for this coming

from state grant funding from SB 22. Tyler County Sheriff Bryan Weatherford spoke about this topic and said that the body cameras currently used by TCSO deputies are nine years old, and have sustained a great deal of wear and tear. The new cameras will be from Motorola, and paid out at a cost of \$62K over five years, at no cost to the county, Weatherford said.

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OPINION

The trainwreck Oasis likely to be more popular than ever

Ah, the nineties! The last decade when everything seemed, in the words of that sage David Wooderson, "Alright, alright, alright."

It seems that, as we live, eat and breathe in 2024, everything from that golden era has immense cachet, and the fact that one of the biggest news stories in recent weeks is the long-awaited reunion of Manchester trainwreck Oasis, is solid proof.

As I write this, I wonder if there are any studies with resultant data points showing what segment of the U.S. population has been exposed to drunken, off-key renditions of "Wonderwall" at some point, be it from some open mic greenhand performer or some karaoke superstar. Nonetheless, while I have never been a fan of the band, there's no denying that "Wonderwall," "Champagne Supernova" and "Live Forever" are great, I'd even say, timeless melodies and the first two albums, Definitely Maybe and (What's the Story) Morning Glory? are full of good songs.

In the mid-'90s when the Brit-poppers hit their commercial peak, stateside, I had no interest in the sound. It wasn't "heavy" enough for me. At that time, I equated all things "heavy" with guitar volume and distortion, and if it wasn't something akin to Slayer, Megadeth, Alice in Chains or some sludgy doom-metal band, I wasn't really interested.



Meditations 'n Musings

By Chris Edwards
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Flash forward 30 years – I still, on occasion, listen to loud music, but have come to realize "heaviness" is far more about attitude than volume, and I also appreciate good, solid songcraft. Oddly enough, one of my go-to records these days to listen to when I'm in a mood for that halcyon decade is Alanis Morissette's Jagged Little Pill, which sold seven or eight gazillion copies.

In '95-'96, I booed and hissed every time one of her songs came on the radio, or was played on MTV*, and believe you me, it was impossible to escape her, so I became known for my booing and hissing.

As a highly cultured adult these days, I took a gamble on a used copy of that record for a whole two bits at a Goodwill and was floored by the quality of the songwriting. Funny, though, for music I once lambasted as "not heavy enough," I now bemoan the presence of heavy metal guitars on some of the songs as taking away from their greatness. Oh, isn't it ironic, don'tcha think?

For some reason, though, I've not

been able to revisit Oasis with similar results. It could be because my mindset is not geared toward chaotic situations.

To me, the continuing circus in the '90s, and throughout the early 2000s, that was Liam and Noel Gallagher, was akin to a trainwreck hauling several cars loaded with Dumpsters on fire and screened on an episode of Jerry Springer. For every strong melody penned by Noel Gallagher, with singalong lyrics rendered through Liam's sneering vocals, the dust ups and rows constantly overshadowed them.

Aside from the incessant feuding among the two brothers, there were also feuds played out in the press between the Gallaghers and several other bands.

Oasis's recorded legacy rests squarely on those first two albums. After that, they rode the bloated, excessive, cocaine-fueled rock n' roll cliché into mediocrity. Still, millions of folks made it out to their shows through the years, and consistently placed them among the top-drawing live acts on the planet.

Methinks a great deal of the appeal was from that ever-present trainwreck effect; the chaos that so many are seemingly drawn to.

To many Gen Zers, Oasis represents something unfathomably hip and cool. It's their parents music and calls to mind an era they are too young to know about, but they

will, no doubt be sinking money they don't have/shouldn't be spending into tickets to the shows on the books next year, that is, if this tour actually happens.

Bookmakers are already taking bets on whether the Gallaghers will implode prior to the first gig, and call the whole thing off, or if it will be a success with a slew of epic gigs and a hefty payday. If it does go down, I think Oasis will be more popular than they were even in the '90s. Even without the benefit of the record industry working the way it did then, the general populace seems so attracted to chaos that the Brothers Gallagher will be one trainwreck that can't be missed. Call me a cynic, but I doubt older age has mellowed those two all that much.

With politics becoming a trashy reality show that dominates much of the mass-market news real estate, it'll actually be nice to see another type of trashy reality show dominating headlines that has nothing to do with chaos and turmoil colored red or blue.

Although I'm not a fan by any means, the whole thing is still intriguing, if just from a sociological view.

**Launched in 1981, MTV, or Music Television actually was a real thing, kids. A television station devoted to playing music videos. Yes, this is true; this actually was a thing.*



We've come a long way to go backwards

There was a phrase, now lost to antiquity and inconvenience, that President John F. Kennedy said during his inauguration speech in 1961 that galvanized a country into action:

"Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country."

To me, that meant that both the people and the federal government were pulling in the same direction to not only make the country a better place, but also to secure the rights we all enjoy. It also meant that it wasn't the government's place to pander to every whim and perceived need.

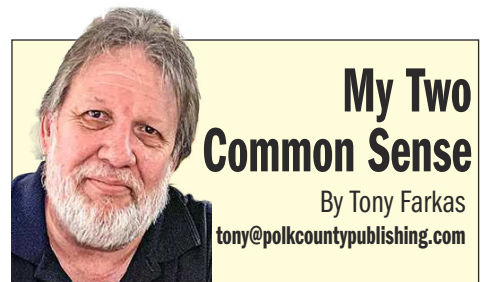
It also presupposes that we all understood that the government was focused on the interests of the people at large, and did not create divisions that were then pitted against each other to fight for scraps from the boss's table.

Sure, there were racial tensions, but I believe that we could have pulled together — as a country — to defeat that nonsense. Three years later, the Civil Rights Act was passed, which shows what a country united can do.

Since that time, it's been a slow, inexorable reversal of that sentiment, culminating in what Sen. Bernie Sanders claimed Emergency Backup Candidate Kamala Harris doing — saying and doing whatever she has to in order to win.

Regardless of a \$34 trillion debt and a country that has operated without a budget since the Clinton administration, regardless of the limits of government ensconced in the Constitution, candidates are promising the people, in ever-shrinking interest groups, the kitchen sink, with the sole intention of maintaining power.

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My Two Common Sense

By Tony Farkas
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pick your crops? OK, the border is open. And so on.

Any group that comes forward to make claims on the government, either for actual items and funds or for protection and recognition, will get that, essentially getting the country to do for them instead of doing for the country.

No longer is there a sense of pride in the country — the immigration debacle is evidence of that. Politicians claim that we are a nation of immigrants, and that we should provide amnesty for anyone that crosses the border, regardless of whether it was done legally or not.

Even if this were true, though, once here, and once made a citizen, shouldn't that actually make us a country of citizens? All people, cut from so many different cloths, making up one quilt of citizenry?

And if that's the case, shouldn't elections be about moving the whole country forward, not just certain aspects of it? Shouldn't candidates speak to the betterment of our nation, not about what giveaways that will keep power in the right hands?

Our Founding Fathers wanted people to be in charge and wanted those people to respect individual rights while the government kept us safe. It never was about what the country can do for us, because Washington, D.C., is not the North Pole, and Uncle Sam isn't Uncle Santa.

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The support of Texans has been central to our continued delivery of new and better roadways, thanks in large measure to voter support of



Guest Columnist

Bruce Bugg
Chairman-Texas Transportation Commission

Proposition 1 in 2014 and Proposition 7 in 2015, which is the same year I joined the Commission.

A lot has changed since then. These days, TxDOT has a record \$52.3 billion in projects currently under active construction—more than triple the amount of projects under way in 2014.

TxDOT is keeping pace with Texas' growth and infrastructure needs. Later this year, we will break ground on an \$11 billion project to improve mobility and reduce flooding along a stretch of Houston's I-45 corridor. That stretch of roadway accounts for nine of the Top 25 Most Congested Roadways in Texas—a project supported by \$5 billion from 2023's UTP. Last spring, we also broke out the shovels to expand capacity of Loop 1604 to give San Antonians more travel lanes and better connections to I-10.

Those are just two examples of turning dirt on congestion relief projects as part of the Texas Clear Lanes initiative. Since 2015, we have dedicated nearly \$35 billion of funding toward \$76 billion worth of projects on Texas' 100 Most Congested Roadways list.

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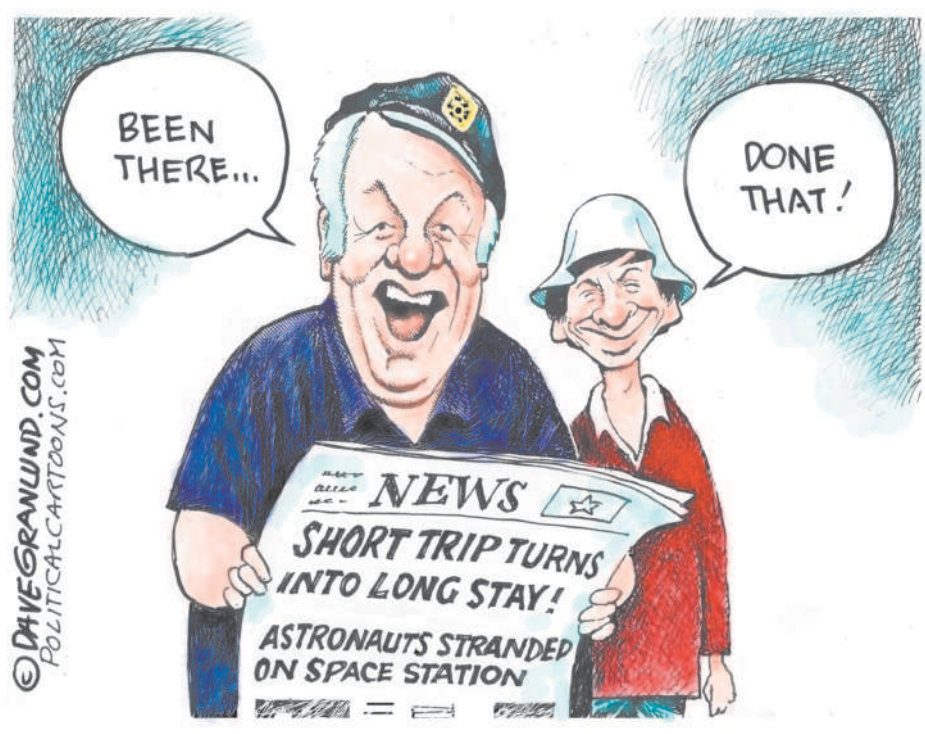
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She added, "I encourage everyone to observe Patriot Day as a national day of service and remembrance, and to attend all 9/11 events to unite, reflect, and remember, and never forget on this 23rd anniversary of September 11. I declare September 11, 2024 a day of remembrance in the city of Woodville."

Next on the agenda was a discussion on the proposed tax rate for 2024. City Administrator Mandy Risinger spoke to council, "the budget committee has met, and we discussed our options on the tax rate. We have been very close to exceeding the \$500K cap for a small tax entity for the last couple of years. There has been a lot of conversation about some downtown projects and acquiring new facilities. We have historically had a tax rate of 38 cents per \$100 evaluation since around 1987. The last four to five years we have dipped significantly closer to 30 cents as a result of us paying off our bond indebtedness and other projects. What has moved us up in the last couple of years is appraisal value. We have a budget of around five to six million annually, and we only generate \$500K or less in tax revenue. As far as ad valorem tax revenue, we are on the low end."

After a lot of back and forth with facts and figures, council agreed to set the proposed tax rate at 35 cents per \$100 evaluation. City council will have a special called meeting to

pass the 2024 tax rate September 30, 2024, with public hearings to begin at 5:30, and the meeting to begin at 6 p.m.

Bythewood read another proclamation designating the Tyler County Booster as the official newspaper of the city of Woodville for fiscal year 2024-25.

Other agenda items included an approval to authorize procurement of an administrator for TX GLO Deobligated Allocation Competition, and approval of an appointment of a rating committee to evaluate administration proposals for the TX GLO Deobligation. Two items related to these proposals were tabled until the next council meeting due to erroneous dates on the proposals.

Council moved on to approve 2023-24 Utility write-offs and approval for the sale of surplus goods and assets. Council also approved moving next month's meeting to October 15, due to the Columbus Day Holiday. Upcoming events were discussed, and the Chamber of Commerce's Fly-in and Food Truck Festival was mentioned once again.

Cathy Bennett, the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce President, said the tarmac at the airport has been resurfaced, and with a lot of help from volunteers, she is anticipating a successful event. The festival will take place Sept. 21, at the airport, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Risinger mentioned the homecoming parade that is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 16, from 5-7 p.m. around the courthouse square.

HISTORY

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That acquisition, along with a budding collection of Old West paintings and prints by the visual artist Joseph Gish, launched a fascination with Texas sheriffs. When the idea came about to compile a book, Erwin said it was a way to place the real focus where it belonged.

"The real focus [of Stars Over Texas] is to honor the men and women behind the badges," Erwin said.

Erwin admitted that when he and Lynn began collecting and researching the state's sheriffs, the idea of putting a book together wasn't in the picture. Over time, though, that changed, and before Lynn passed, she expressed a wish to have him finish the project.

The book is dedicated to her, and Erwin said that her spirit is what fueled the project.

"She had an unshakable belief that this work would be a meaningful contribution to the history of sheriffs and their commit-

ment to our communities," he said.

In their journey, the Erwins immersed themselves in state and county archives, libraries, and local history to uncover the historical facts – some nearly lost to history – to paint a complete picture of county sheriffs and leadership. Along the way, Erwin said he met some "wonderful people and had a wonderful time."

Erwin was also able to create another book devoted to sheriffs in his home state, Stars Over Tennessee.

Erwin, who was a Texas transplant from Tennessee, for many years, said there are many connections between the two states, historically, and he was honored to document that, as well as a part of both states' respective histories.

"I want this information to get out. I want the public to know," Erwin said, and also, he added that readers will be able to see the loving and dedicated impact of his late wife all over the culmination of all that work.

Stars Over Texas, published by Entourage Yearbooks, is available from Ronnie Erwin's website, www.RebelSprings.com.

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The 2025 UTP features an additional \$1.9 billion of funding for these Texas Clear Lanes projects.

Soon, TxDOT will also break ground on the \$4.5 billion I-35 Capital Express Central project to expand and improve an 8-mile stretch in the heart of Austin. In North Texas, the just-approved UTP supports the full funding of the US 380/Spur 399 congestion relief and safety improvement project in Collin County, the second-fastest growing county in the nation.

Improving connectivity for rural areas, which are home to one of every 10 Texans, remains paramount.

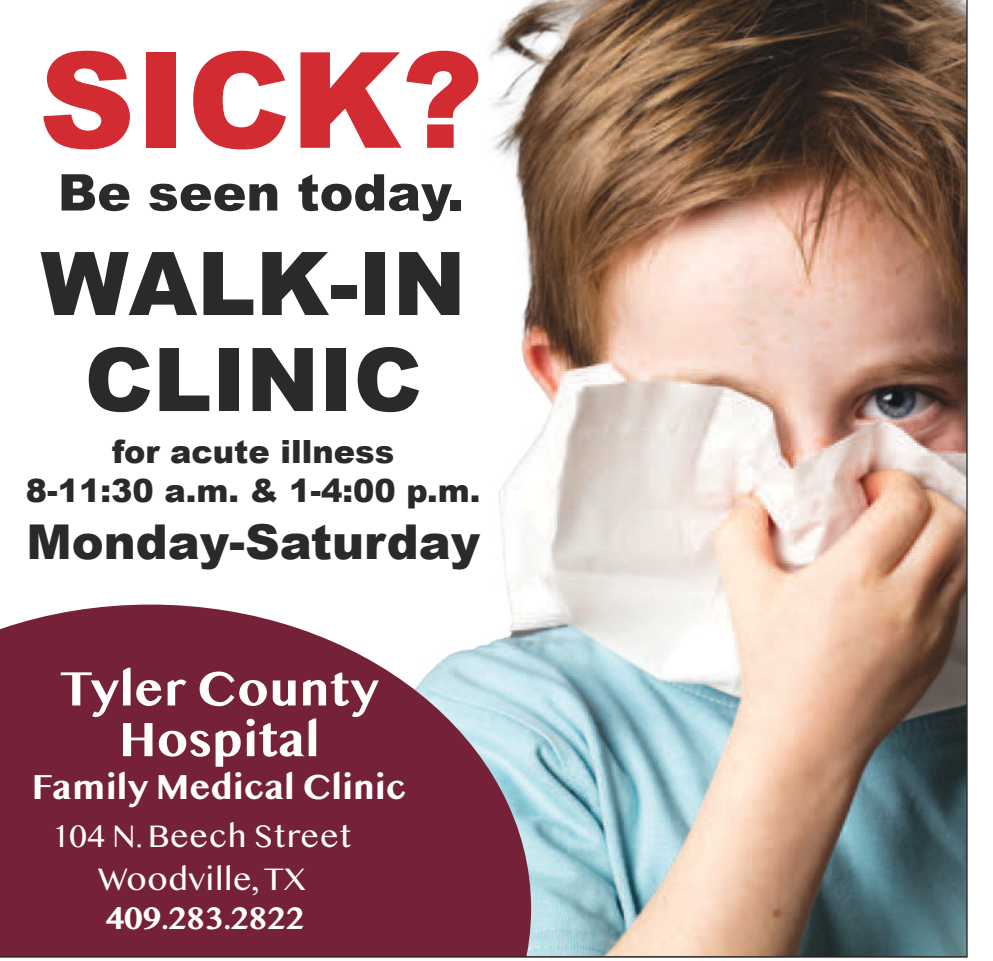
To help connect the rural parts of the state, this UTP includes an additional \$1.7 billion in funding for rural corridors and key roadways in economic hubs. Major improvements are occurring in rural Texas, including along US 87 and US 83 in the Panhandle running through Amarillo and Lubbock. This supports the transport of goods in agriculture, oil and gas production, lumber/timber and other products to our population centers. Border transporta-

tion also gets a boost with a planned alternate to I-10 and Phase 2 of the Borderland Expressway in El Paso.

Safety is at the heart of every project at TxDOT, and this year's plan reflects that. We will spend \$17.3 billion on safety-focused programs, over and above our efforts to reduce congestion and improve connectivity. We understand that Texans want to make it to work and get their kids to school safely, and on time.

Finally, our commitment to maintenance has not wavered. While the department celebrates a record-breaking UTP for the second year running, we also have established a record investment of \$43.7 billion in development and maintenance funding. When added with the \$104.2 billion UTP, the unprecedented \$147.9 billion total investment will help keep Texans and our economy moving.

I want to thank my fellow commissioners who have helped guide TxDOT as the agency works to improve safety, provide congestion relief, increase statewide connectivity, and enhance the quality of life for all Texans. As our population and economy continue to grow, we are meeting the challenge to provide a robust transportation system that will serve all current and future Texans.



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"Summery with Elmore"

My mothers' father was Elmore Lepp. In the 1950s - 60s, my grandparents, Elmore and Blanche, would take their summer vacations back-to-back. My sister, Christy, and I would go and stay for two weeks. Now my grandmother Blanche worked in downtown Houston for the telephone company. She would get up, walk down the block to catch the city bus: the 40 Pecore. Blanche worked from 4 a.m. to noon. Elmore worked from 4 pm to midnight at the First National Bank downtown Houston. To say the least, their schedule was different for little kids; lunch was at 2 pm and supper was at 1 am.



By the Way

By Mark Martin

My grandparents never owned a car. They rode the 40 Pecore bus to downtown to work and shop. For special trips they would call a taxi. Every night Elmore rode the bus home and then walked the length of the block at 12:30 am...singing loudly. This was before home air conditioning. It was summer and people were sleeping with their windows up. Elmore had the same routine each night. When he arrived at home Elmore would begin yelling as he walked up the sidewalk, "Blanche I'm home! Let's eat." Many times, I heard his neighbors yell, "Elmore, shut up."

We would eat and then stay up playing until Blanche left for work at 3:30 a.m. After sleeping to early afternoon, Elmore would take us outside to play. Why? Blanche would not let him smoke in the house. We rode our tricycles, played catch or games. Playing with Elmore was different. When he became tired of catch, the ball disappeared under the house. My football ended up on the roof of the gas station behind their house. Blanche would come home to find us sitting on the front porch steps bored and hungry.

One afternoon, Blanche came home and we were not there waiting for her. She went into the house. Elmore was asleep in the bedroom. Blanche raced through the house...no Mark...no Christy. In a panic, she went into the back yard and found her grandchildren. Elmore had invented a new game - Cowboys and Indians. Christy and I were the captured cowboys. He had unbuttoned the straps of our overalls to hang us on the thick wire clothesline when we were captured. So that's how Blanche found us swinging in the breeze. Christy was 3 years old. I was 5. Both of us were asleep. Christy had fair skin with a terrible sunburn. I never sunburned in my life, so I was just three shades darker.

Blanche was beyond mad. She got us down to go inside. We then discovered Elmore had decided to go to work early. He was gone to escape the wrath of Blanche.

That fall, I started Kindergarten, and thanks to Elmore, I failed coloring. Why you ask? How could a kid fail anything in kindergarten? Well, in 1958 conformity was the norm. Teachers gave you a coloring page to do neatly by coloring inside the lines with effort to make a "normal" picture. That was nonsense to Elmore. Every picture had to be original. Bugs Bunny needed an orange arm, a purple foot, another blue arm, a green foot, and a yellow body. Our kindergarten teacher put everyone's colored pictures on the wall. Not mine. Mine was sent home with me in an envelope. My teacher wrote a note saying she thought I was mentally disturbed. It took me years to give up the 'Elmore Art School' lessons. In many ways Elmore taught me to look beyond what everyone else did to conform.

I still think my pictures may not have made the classroom exhibition, but the times I got to color with Elmore were a lot more fun!

By the way, first my children and then my grandchildren learned the Elmore Art School process with me too!



Elmore Lepp



The author - around the time he failed coloring in kindergarten!

Rotary learns about diabetes education

By Mollie LaSalle

WOODVILLE - Kelli Scroggins, who is the diabetes education coordinator at the Chief Kina Health Clinic at the Alabama Coushatta Reservation, brought the program last Wednesday at the noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Woodville.

Rotarian Bob Boykin introduced Kelli by saying that "this is a disease that is the scourge of not only native Americans, but also the general public, and is increasing at a terrible rate. Kelli is one of the finest educators on this disease. She has found a niche that fits her well...she is bringing a program that is very timely".

Scroggins began by saying, "I manage a couple of different grants at the reservation, when they hired me, they wanted me to be the diabetes coordinator, and I said, that's great, what would you like me to do? They said, you can build a diabetes program; I said okay". She elaborated that, "when you go to the doctor and they tell you to exercise more, and reduce stress, they don't tell us exactly how to do that. One of the things I would want as a diabetic patient would be access to healthy foods. So, I went to my boss, and I said I would like to start a garden. I had a whole presentation ready on why we need this, and she said you can do it. We started with a couple of raised beds, it was fabulous interaction with the community. We doubled that and doubled it again. We are now at four acres, and we still don't have enough room. We built raised beds for our patients so it would be easier for them. We got mushroom compost, and really good seeds".

Scroggins added that a bonus to this endeavor was, "they (her patients) know what's in the vegetables they are eating, and they went outside, they got exercise, and they soaked up the vitamin D. Our goal was our patients would be excited and want more. Our next goal was to till up area in the com-

munity. We started tilling up land at patient's homes, and they started growing. We want patients to take over ownership of their care and get involved". She went on to say, "I say this to our patients and I am saying this to you, the reality is that the healthcare professional works for you. You are the most important person in your healthcare. The role you take is the most important. We want empower people to take care of themselves".

The clinic has a table set up in the lobby for patients to take what they want and leave what they don't. They also have meat and vegetable distributions most Thursdays from 4-7 p.m.

Scroggins added, "our current tribal chief called and said, "Kelli, can you help us with our seeds, and our plants, we want to get back to gardening, we have three acres to plant". Scroggins continued, "we have three grants to work with, so that was like music to my ears. I said, yes I can help, I would love to, and we supplied the seeds and the plants, and we called it the Chief's Garden. I used another grant to buy protein from local farmers, producers, and ranchers (after her boss said she couldn't have chickens). We support them financially, and I turn around and give that out to tribal citizens. We have beef, pork, chicken and bison. We also have a gym at the reservation that no one uses, so I go over and they were very nice, wonderful people. They showed me how to use the equipment. We started an exercise group, and started posting it on social media. We are going to go to the gym, and learn about the equipment, and lift weights, and stretch. That started growing and multiplying. Physical activity and good nutrition are the two most important things I focus on in our community".

She summed it all up this way, "Diabetes is more prevalent in native Americans than all other races combined. You can't do anything about your genetics or family history. What you



Kelli Scroggins, the Alabama-Coushatta clinic's Diabetes Education Coordinator speaks to the Rotary Club of Woodville. MOLLIE LA SALLE | TCB

can do is try to eat healthier, exercise, take your medicine, and try to maintain a regular appointment with your doctor".

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Deer hunting then and now



The boy, about 10 years old, occupied the front seat of the school bus, wide eyed and wishing the driver would put the pedal to the metal so he could make it home quicker, he had big plans for the evening. But the driver, also owner of the local country grocery, knew the roads well in very rural Red River County in northeast Texas. This was way back in 1960 and pot holes and occasional deep sand drifts was the norm and he had many years of safely transporting kids to and from school under his belt; slow and steady was his mantra.

After a bumpy fifteen minute ride that seemed an eternity to the youngster, the bus came to a stop at the boy's front gate and he hopped off and made a mad dash up the gravel drive and grabbed a cold sweet potato his mother left on the stove for a quick snack, the boy loved sweet potatoes and he could eat one on the run while he rushed to water his little flock of laying hens and feed his horse a coffee can full of Horse and Mule feed. He was on a mission, it was Nov 16 and the opener of deer season! A few days before the boy and his Dad loaded up in the old '50 International pickup and drove into town to the court house where he purchased his deer 'permit' as the license was called back in the day.

The youngster didn't own a deer rifle but for the past couple years, he had been shooting squirrel, rabbit and quail when he caught one on the ground with the bolt action .410 shotgun his uncle had given him. He had recently purchased five rifled slugs for his little shotgun and 'sighted it in' by shooting center of a 5 gallon bucket placed in front of the dam of the half acre

pond on the small farm. He was only about 25 yards from the bucket for his sight in session but he figured that was far enough, he would be hunting a thick patch of woods behind the house and surely the big buck he hoped for would offer a good close shot. The boy's optimism and confidence was soaring on that day long ago but his experience hunting deer was sorely lacking. He had only seen a few wild deer in his short lifetime but he had a burning desire to learn more about them. Spirits were very high on that crisp fall afternoon 65 years ago.

Deer were precious few back in those days. Oh, there were some experienced deer hunters in the county, mostly WWII veterans that set up a tent camp each year and always managed to put a buck or two on the meat pole. The boy remembers their camp well and the day his brother in law took him there for a mid day visit. As they pulled up in their 'hunting car', a '26 Crown Victoria Ford sedan, the boy saw two giant bucks field dressed and hanging from the meat pole. The hunters were preparing lunch at camp and invited their guest to join them. The boy still remembers dining on that meal of chicken fried venison backstrap and boiled potatoes with plenty of butter!

To this day, this visit to a sure nuff deer camp is engrained in the now 75 year old hunter's brain. He remembers every detail with minute focus, everything from the smell of the cook fire to the red and black Woolrich jackets worn by all the hunters. In the boy's eyes, these guys held the keys of knowledge to something that he just had to learn about and become proficient doing. The boy wanted desperately to learn everything there is to know about deer and deer hunting.

Those early 'back forty' hunts were the training ground for a lifetime of pursuing whitetail deer. Nary a deer was spotted on those hunts but that did little to diminish the boy's desire to hunt. It was several years before the young hunter had the opportunity to harvest a deer on his Uncle's 80 acres not far from home. He remembers vividly hearing that young spike buck



snort back in the brush. The boy didn't know it at the time, but the inquisitive little buck that walked into the sights of his Marlin 30-30 had winded him and in the thick cover, came in close in efforts to locate the origin of the foreign odor his sensitive nostrils had detected. At about 40 yards, the broadside shot was easy even for the young hunter that had become pretty proficient with iron sights but this was his first time to ever draw a bead on a big game animal. Luckily the shot happened fast and he didn't have time to get nervous, that happened after he walked up to his harvested buck. To him the little buck was a monster and as he began the field dressing chore, he had to stop to let his nerves and his knife hand settle down. The buck was young and tasty and supplied many meals for the boy and his family. This is some of the first venison the family had eaten and he remembers his mother being surprised at how tender the backstrap steaks were! This occurred way back in '65 and was the first of many, many deer put on the meat pole through the years.

About this time the boy began spending a week each fall with Poppa Dinkins, actually no blood

kin but a dear family friend that owned a big ranch and woodland in south east Texas. The boy's family would drop him off at the bus station in Dallas with his rifle in a case and he would make the long bus ride down to south Texas. Looking back the boy, now a veteran of many years in the deer woods, could only imagine what might happen if someone entering a public place with a rifle these days. Back then it seemed as natural as carrying a suitcase and only prompted questions from other hunters as to where the boy was heading to hunt.

Poppa was 86 years old back in 1965 when the boy first began visiting and hunting with him. The boy did the math and learned that Poppa was born back in 1879 when things were really wild in south Texas. He had 37 whitetail buck mounts adorning the walls of his old ranch house and the boy spent a great deal of time in the evenings studying them closely. In retrospect, none of the bucks were giants, most probably scored about 130 BC inches but at that stage of the boy's deer hunting career, they were giants. Poppa had shot most of them with the old 10 gauge

double Damascus barrel shotgun that hunt over the fireplace. Poppa was a slightly built man but tough as nails. Just before he turned 90, he was gored by a buck in a chute as his ranch foreman was attempting to doctor a wound. The buck had become entangled in a wire fence and had some bad cuts to which they were applying antibiotic. Poppa survived the wound to the stomach and lived another 6 years. The boy came to spend his week each fall with the veteran outdoorsman and rancher for the remainder of his long life.

The boy is now a very veteran hunter with about 65 opening days under his belt. His love for hunting has fueled his career as an outdoors writer. Filling his freezer with prime venison is no longer the challenge it was back in the old days. Deer are more than plentiful in his home state of Texas and across the majority of their range. With several hunts in the plans beginning with the opener of bow season and through the end of February on managed ranches, meat for the freezer and possibly antlers for the wall is almost a given. May the tradition and lifestyle go on forever!

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Wardens offer tips for safe, enjoyable dove hunting

Special to the Booster

AUSTIN — Hunters who've been preparing for the September opening of dove season have much to look forward to, with significant increases in both mourning and white-wing dove populations.

While hunters prepare to take to the field for their shot at the most popular game bird in North America, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Wardens have some recommendations for a memorable but safe experience.

Have valid hunting licenses, stamps and permits: Hunters must purchase valid hunting licenses for the 2024-25 before hitting the field. Hunters must also have a Migratory Game Bird Endorsement (Stamp) and Harvest Information Program certification to hunt dove.

In addition to obtaining the above licenses and endorsements, purchasing an Annual Public Hunting Permit gives hunters access to more than one million acres throughout the year to hunt multiple species. This must be purchased in addition to a hunting license.

Have Hunter Education Certification: Game wardens across the state say the number one problem they run into is the lack of hunter education, which is required for anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971. TPWD's Hunter Education certification is valid for life and is honored in all other states and provinces.

Texas also honors Hunter Education certification obtained in other states, but hunters must be able to provide proof upon request. Hunters can find more information on requirements, exemptions or print a replacement card at no cost online.

"I highly recommend everyone stepping out into the field to hunt, whether they are exempt or not, obtain their Hunter Education Certification," said Roel Cantu Jr., Hidalgo County game warden. "Many of the safety issues and violations we run into are topics covered in the course that could have been easily prevented if the hunter had received that prior education."

Know your firearm and handle it safely: The safest practice when handling firearms of any kind is to treat them like they are loaded. Maintain muzzle awareness, avoid pointing at any accidental targets and always have the safety engaged until you're ready to fire. It's also important to make sure you use the correct ammunition for your shotgun. Using the wrong size shell can result in accidents and injuries.

"Accidents can happen quickly and can result in very unfortunate outcomes," said Kevin Frazier, Frio County game warden. "I've seen things as simple as not being aware your shotgun is loaded while packing the ATV or falling while walking through the field carrying a gun with the safety off end in injuries to others or the hunters themselves."

Hunt with a legal firearm: A shotgun is the only legal firearm for hunting migratory game birds. It also must not be larger than 10-gauge, and if applicable, must be plugged. When purchasing a new shotgun, pay attention to what is in the box, wardens caution. While manufacturers sell shotguns with plugs, they may not be installed in the gun.

"Because our very mission statement is to conserve wildlife resources for present and future generations, many of our laws and regulations are based upon the 'fair chase principle,'" said Drew Spencer, Lubbock County game warden. "One such example pertaining to dove hunting is that shotguns cannot be capable of holding more than three shells at any given time, including one in the chamber."

Know your target and what's behind it: Stay within your lane of fire so you aren't shooting toward anyone else. Don't shoot toward people or homes and know how far your shot can travel. While not required on private property, Frazier recommends wearing hunter orange clothing if hunting in a group for high visibility.

"With many of our area properties being rural and unfenced, I occasionally see hunters getting lax regarding shooting over or across our many dirt county roads," said Spencer. "Those are still public roadways and still a public safety issue. We want to encourage mindfulness when it comes to shot angles and direction."

Don't trespass: Hunters are responsible for knowing property boundaries and making sure they have landowner consent. This applies to hunting and retrieving birds from neighboring properties. If pellets cross onto another property, that is considered trespass by projectile, which is a violation and potentially unsafe.

"If you are invited on a hunt or book one online, do your homework first," said Frazier. "I've run into instances where hunters book a hunt online, believing they have landowner consent to hunt a property when in fact, it was a scam neither the landowner nor hunter were aware of. I recommend doing some research to make sure things are legitimate."

Follow state and federal regulations, including daily bag and possession limits: Be aware of what zone you're hunting in and what the daily bag and possession limits are. Hunters must also keep their birds separate and identifiable from other hunters' birds. This will make interactions with wardens smoother and faster and is required by law while in the field and absent proper documentation.

Hunters in the South Zone should be aware of dates for the special white-wing dove days, which can be found in the Texas Outdoor Annual. Additionally, hunters are responsible for knowing whether they're hunting a baited area or not. Hunting over a baited field is prohibited by federal and state law.

"A fairly common violation we run into is hunters trying to 'double dip,'" said Cameron Ramsey, Coleman County game warden. "Fifteen birds per day means 15 birds per day. Not 15 birds every time you go out to the field. If you reach your limit in the morning, you can't hunt again until the next day."

Bring the kids: Involving children in hunting is vital to continuing the hunting heritage of Texas. Wardens recommended eye and hearing protection for children and adults.

"I love to see people take their children hunting," said Cody Buckaloo, Medina County game warden. "We want future generations to get involved and the best way to do so is by making that a safe and memorable experience for them and setting a good example through ethical hunting practices and adherence to safety."

Be weather aware: Elevated temperatures will likely continue through the first part of dove season. Being aware of temperatures, staying hydrated and taking proper precautions is vital. If you feel dizzy or begin to exhibit signs of heat exhaustion, let someone know and find a spot to cool off. You should also always make sure someone knows your plans for the hunt like where you'll be, when you'll be done, etc.

Don't forget about your four-legged friends: If you are hunting with dogs, make sure to bring plenty of water for them and monitor them closely for signs of heat stress.

Leave the alcohol at camp: Alcohol and firearms don't mix. Consuming alcohol while hunting can lead to careless actions and potential accidents. It's best to avoid it. At the end of the day, the best tip is to practice common courtesy.

Wardens enjoy getting out in the field, engaging with hunters and want every contact to be positive. Having your license and other documentation readily available, leaving heads or fully feathered wings attached for bird identification, and unloading your shotgun before handing it over for inspection go a long way.

"I always appreciate when everyone in the group stops hunting while I'm doing a compliance check," said Calvin Atkinson, Cameron County game warden. "It can make things difficult and even unsafe if you continue hunting while a warden is checking your hunting partner's information. Pausing to get your stuff together will make the entire contact go quicker so you can get back to hunting and I can hit the road to the next field."

Many of the tips above focus on regulations and the issues wardens commonly come across in the field. All hunting regulations for this year's hunting season can be found in the Texas Outdoor Annual mobile app or at OutdoorAnnual.com. Being aware of the specific regulations for the county you are hunting in and the species you are pursuing will likely alleviate many of the above problems.



Lily Read goes up for a tip with Sydney Brock and Ty Cochran covering. BECKI BYRD | TCB

Strong showing for Lady Jackets in tourney

By Becki Byrd

The Lady Jacket volleyball team started the week off strong with a win by the JV and Varsity squads against Lovelady. Lily Read led offense with 12 kills, Marae Pounds had 9, Emma Byrd had three.

Byrd also led assist with 18. Pounds and Lily Payne each had six serving aces. Sydney Brock led defense with 14 digs. Lauren Citrano had 6, Emma Byrd had five. Citrano also had 13 service receptions while Sydney Brock had 10, and Lily Read had 8. The Lady Jackets continued their streak through the end of the week while

participating in the Hardin Jefferson Tournament.

The Lady Jackets went 7-1 on the weekend beating 3A schools from Buna and East Chambers, 4A schools from Hardin Jefferson, Jasper, Vidor, and Little Cypress-Mauriceville. The Lady Jackets were undefeated in pool play on Thursday and Friday putting them in the gold bracket for Saturday. On Saturday morning the Lady Jackets defeated Hardin Jefferson in two sets with scores of 25-6, and 25-14. The Lady Jackets then met up with 5A West Fork in the game before the championship ultimately losing in two sets. The bracket

was single elimination, so this loss ended the tournament for the Lady Jackets. The JV team participated in the Groveton Tournament finishing third with a 2-1 record. The JV Lady Jackets picked up wins from Crockett and Lovelady, and a loss to Groveton. This week the Lady Jackets host Colmesneil on Tuesday, September 10 and Garrison on Friday, Sept. 13.

The football game that was scheduled for Sept. 6 was canceled due to field conditions. They will face Leveretts Chapel this Friday, Sept. 13 with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m. at Aubry Bradley Stadium.

Lady Dogs face Spurger in tough match

From Staff Reports

Colmesneil's Lady Dogs lost a tough home match on Friday to the Spurger Lady Pirates, 3-1.

The Lady Dogs played with a lot of grit and spirit, but small miscues added up in the end, according to Coach Otis Chunn.

Spurger played solid and on Friday, they got the win.

Freshman Justice Chisum made her second start in the game against Spurger, and she proved she is ready by doing a lot of small noticed things to help the team, Chunn said.

That is why she is this weeks Player of the Week.

The Lady Dogs traveled to Chester on Tuesday, to take on the Lady Jackets (scores unavailable at press time) and, head to Trinity on Friday to face the Lady Tigers.

The Bulldogs got their first win of the season, after a crushing opener against Cushing. Last Friday, on Taylor Field, the 'Dogs routed Linden Kildare's Tigers, 30-6.

The 'Dogs travel to Hubbard this Friday, to take on the Jaguars, and to add to their 1-1 season record. After Hubbard, they have one more non-district game, against the Trinit-Tigers, which will also be a road game, before starting district competition against Sabine Pass, in another road game, on Friday, Sept. 27.

EAST TEXAS FISHING REPORT

B.A. Steinhagen
FAIR. Water stain; 85 degrees; 0.35 feet below pool. Water is being released into the lake from Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Mayflies are hatching, so expect some top-water bass action. Bass are fair on soft plastics in the cuts, or with frogs over grass. Crappie are fair with jigs in flooded timber.

Sam Rayburn
FAIR. Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.05 feet above pool. Bass are fair in shallow water over grass with topwaters, or on secondary points Carolina rigs and dropshots. Crappie are fair on brush piles with the best bite on minnows over jigs. Blue and channel catfish are fair in 20-27 feet of water on cut bait.

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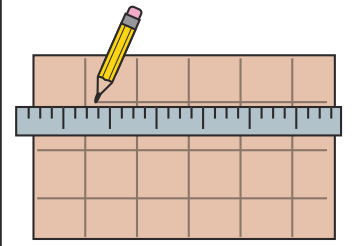
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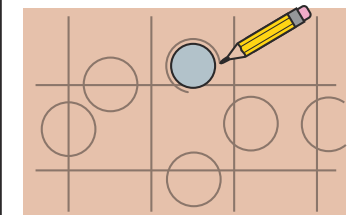
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Make a Cereal Box Puzzle

- Stuff You'll Need:**
- cereal box
 - adult helper
 - scissors
 - pencil
 - ruler
 - coin



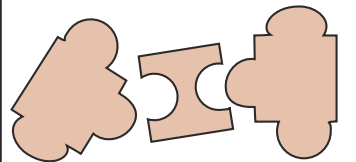
1. Cut the front panel off the box. Use the ruler to draw a grid on the back of the cardboard.



2. Use the coin to draw puzzle piece shapes as shown.



3. Carefully cut out the puzzle shapes and see if a family member can put it together in under two minutes.



4. If the puzzle is too easy, have them try assembling it with the blank cardboard side up!



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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: ESTIMATE
The verb **estimate** means to make a careful guess about the amount of something.

We made an **estimate** that there were 50 pieces of paper litter on the playground.

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

Can a Cereal Box Save the World?



With the projects on this page, you can find new uses for empty cereal boxes. That will help reduce the amount of waste that goes into landfills, and make fun and useful gifts for family and friends at the same time! Will it save the world? Well, it's a start!

How many differences can you spot between these two boxes of cereal?

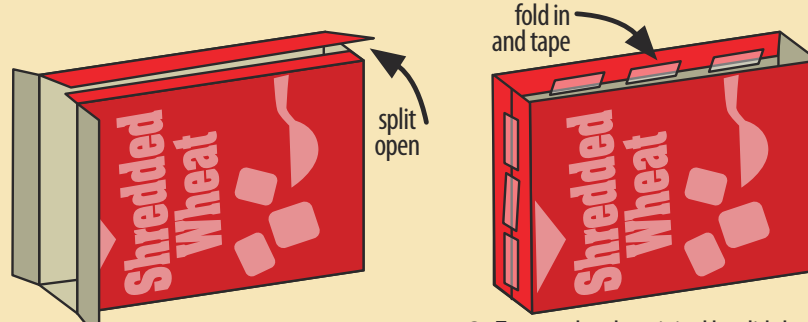


Make a Paper Pal

Follow the directions to make a simple holder that helps people collect school and office paper for recycling. You can make one or more Paper Pals and give them to your friends and family.

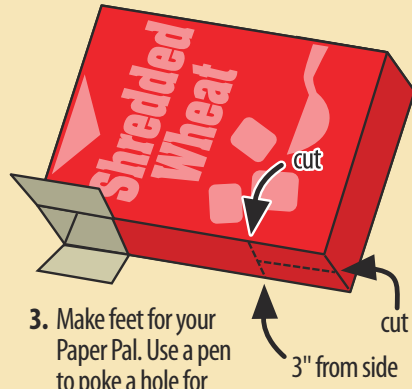
Stuff You'll Need:

- cereal box
- scissors
- tape or glue stick
- construction paper
- pen



1. Carefully split open a cereal box along the side edge where the box is glued together.

2. Tape or glue the original box lid closed. Tape or glue the side flaps down inside the cereal box to create an opening.



3. Make feet for your Paper Pal. Use a pen to poke a hole for starting your cuts.



4. Glue a sheet of construction paper on the front of the box. Draw a funny face on your new Paper Pal!

Can You Guess?

How many sheets of paper will your Paper Pal hold? Write your guess, or estimate here: _____

Once your Paper Pal is full, count the number of sheets of paper it holds. How close was your guess? _____

Standards Link: Follow written instructions.

Cereal Box Matching Game

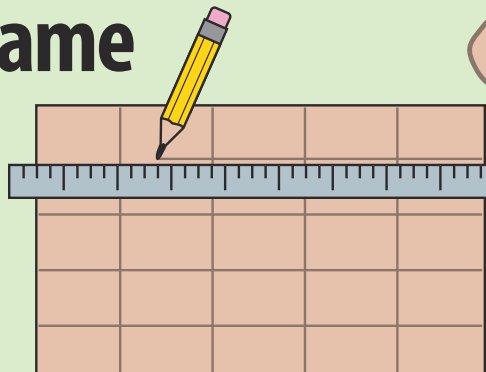
Create a game that's fun and challenging for all ages.

Stuff You'll Need:

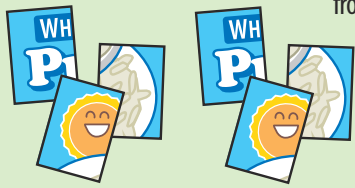
- two identical cereal boxes
- scissors
- ruler
- pencil
- adult helper



1. Carefully cut the front panel off each box.



2. Have an adult help you measure 2" x 4" rectangles* on the blank side of the cardboard. Repeat for the second box.



3. Carefully cut out the rectangles from both boxes to create the game cards. Be sure each card has an exact duplicate.



4. Shuffle the cards and place them face down in rows. Take turns turning over two cards at a time to create pairs.



5. If you make a match, keep those two cards. The person with the most cards wins.

*NOTE: Cards can be cut to any size as long as you end up with TWO identical matching sets. For a bigger challenge, use the back panels of each box, too!

Extra! Extra! Recycle It!

Look through the newspaper to find:

- Something that can be recycled.
- Something that can be used in more than one way.
- Something you could use to make a gift.

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

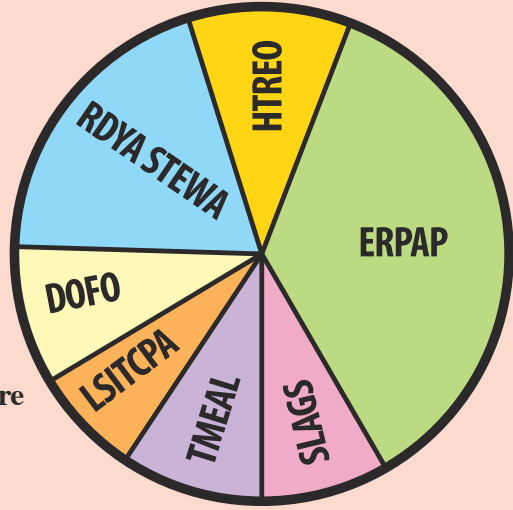
Kid Scoop Puzzler

Nearly everything we throw away ends up in a landfill. And landfills are filling up. By recycling, you can send less trash to the landfill. Unscramble the words on the pie chart to answer these questions:

What do we toss the most?

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Do landfills have more yard waste or glass?

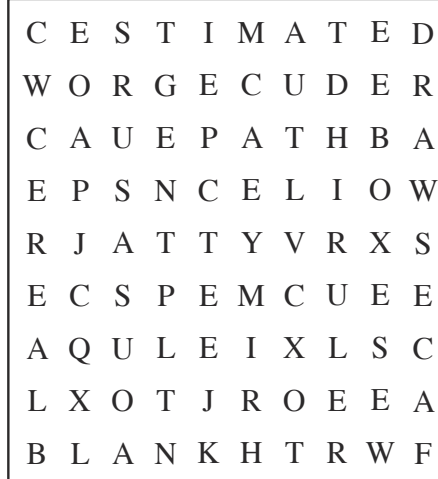


Standards Link: Math: Interpret information using graphs.

Double Double Word Search

- BLANK
- BOXES
- CEREAL
- COUNT
- CUT
- DRAW
- ESTIMATE
- FACE
- HOLES
- PAPER
- RECYCLE
- REDUCE
- RULER
- TAPE
- WASTE

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

New and Better?

Find three items in today's newspaper that you think were NOT around 15 years ago. What advantages does each offer? What disadvantages? Are there more advantages or disadvantages?

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.



What kind of cereal is the smartest of all?

ANSWER: Raisin Bran!

Write On! Reuse It!

Can you think of some creative ways to reuse plastic containers or cardboard boxes? Write your ideas and include instructions.

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Pineywoods Baptist hosting open mic

COLMESNEIL – Pineywoods Baptist Church, located near Colmesneil, will host an open-mic singing on Saturday, Sept. 14, beginning at 6 p.m., with refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the great fellowship. Pineywoods Baptist is located at 4945 FM 265 East.

Pleasant Hill MBC celebrating 146 years

WOODVILLE – Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church is celebrating its 146th church anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 3 p.m.

The guest speaker is Dr. Rev. John R. Adolph, Pastor, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, of Beaumont.

We, the pastor and members of Pleasant Hill would like to extend an invitation to everyone that will come and worship with us on this glorious occasion. We are moving forward in faith, because Hebrews 11:1 says, NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. All that will, please come join us. Yours in Christ. Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church is located at 401 M.L. King Drive in Woodville. Reverend Eric B. Prater, Pastor.

'The Shed' men's Bible study starting

WOODVILLE – The Shed, a men's Wednesday morning in depth Bible study. Video steaming lesson, then discussion. Coffee, fellowship, prayer, and fun as we find the answers that have concerned us. Non-denominational, all welcome. Bring your Bible and your coffee cup. 7:30 a.m., 1125 CR 1020, Woodville (metal building in rear). Please call Bill Hall at 512-567-0103 with questions.

What is life about?

Life is about serving others. Life isn't about you. It doesn't matter how much money you have or how many things you have. It will all be gone one of these days.

It is said that one of the last statements Howard Hughes made was, "I'm lonely." He was at that time considered to be the richest person in the world. But he was lonely. How sad!

When I think about those who serve, they are the ones who are the richest on earth. Those who truly serve are not trying to receive anything other than the joy of serving.

When I was recuperating from surgery in the past, I was and am very thankful for all of those who served me. There were so many who encouraged me and prayed for me.

A friend recently looked at old tombs in New Orleans. The thing that struck me is that the tombs are still there. The remains of the deceased are still there. When we were in Spain many years ago, we saw the



The Preacher Says
By Keith Bellamy

crypts where their kings were interred. The remains are still there from many centuries ago.

The greatest servant in the world, Jesus Christ...His tomb is empty! And I am still amazed as to how good a man He truly was.

What a friend we have in Jesus is so very true. What a wonderful example we have from Him Who loved us so very much.

Please consider the scripture in Matthew 20:28. "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." (NLT)

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STATE New Texas laws now in effect

It took some time, but a set of new laws and rules passed by the Texas Legislature in 2023 went into effect on Sept. 1, the Houston Chronicle reported. Prominent among these are the SCOPE Act, or Securing Children Online Through Parental Empowerment Act, which tightens restrictions for online users younger than 18.

Under the SCOPE Act, users must register their age on social media and other websites. Minors are prohibited from making purchases from those sites, which are also required to filter and block certain material. Examples include content that promotes suicide or bullying, as well as trafficking and other forms of exploitation.

Violators could be fined up to \$10,000 per incident.

One of the bill's co-authors defended its intent.

"Testimony from parents and children in committee gave graphic examples underscoring how desperately we need to better protect kids online," state Rep. Shelby Slawson, R-Granbury, wrote. "The SCOPE Act will do just that."

Others don't agree. The nonprofit Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression sued the state on Aug. 16, challenging the government restrictions.

"While these efforts to protect young people are well-intentioned, they lack perspective," the lawsuit states.

Another measure that took effect Sept. 1 updates qualifications for family violence shelters that provide lodging and care for domestic abuse victims in order to receive state funding. Criteria now includes providing direct services, establishing a referral service for victims, and having been in operation at least a year.

Eliminating property taxes would require massive funding

Eliminating the state's property taxes is high on the wish list of some Republican



Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

lawmakers. They received a reality check last week when state budget officials said doing so would require the state to produce \$81 billion each year to cover the costs of public schools, as well as the revenue now received by cities, counties and special taxing districts through property taxes.

The Texas Tribune reported that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick directed the Legislative Budget Board to tally the costs of replacing property tax revenue, which funds teacher salaries, law enforcement and many other government functions. Eliminating the tax likely would require a massive increase in sales tax rates - something that appears highly unlikely.

State Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, is Patrick's chief lieutenant on property taxes. He noted \$81.5 billion is "a huge amount of money to be able to replicate."

Lawmakers have worked to lower property tax bills the past few sessions by raising the homestead exemption and limiting how much school districts and local governments can collect. But without a state income tax, lawmakers are limited in how to completely replace property taxes with another form of revenue.

Perry joins Phelan's team as adviser

Former Gov. Rick Perry has joined House Speaker Dade Phelan's office as a senior adviser, the Texas Standard reported. The embattled speaker, who survived a tough runoff race, now faces at least three Republican

challengers to his speakership.

"[Gov. Perry] understands every facet of the legislative process, and that will be a tremendous asset as we work to strengthen our state's economy, improve education and ensure every member's voice is heard in the Texas House this session," Phelan said in a statement.

Phelan has been under fire for backing an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to impeach Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and for being perceived as not conservative enough by some of his Republican colleagues.

Perry will serve as a volunteer adviser until the 89th Legislature begins in January.

Schools hiring more uncertified teachers

Critical teaching shortages in Texas are compelling school districts to hire more teachers who have not received formal classroom training, The Texas Tribune reported.

The number of uncertified teachers in the state's public schools has risen dramatically since the COVID-19 pandemic, which prompted many longtime educators to leave the profession for various reasons - health concerns, lack of resources, and feeling burned out. As a result, uncertified teachers, many of whom work in rural school districts, accounted for about 38% of newly hired instructors last year.

Since 2015, school districts under the District of Innovation law have been able to hire people with different professional experience who then would work on getting certified through alternative certification programs. The last legislative session ended with no significant base funding increases, leaving many school districts with budget shortfalls, and making it even harder to fill teacher vacancies.

"When you have a state where their coffers are full and local school districts where their coffers are empty, or in the process of being empty, you're going to have to have some state help to make sure that we're

funding these types of programs," said Mark Henry, who served as Cy-Fair ISD's superintendent for more than a decade.

According to the Texas Education Agency, the attrition rate among Texas teachers has increased since the start of the pandemic from 9% to 12%. Texas ranks 30th in the nation for average teacher pay - \$8,828 less than the national average, according to the National Education Association.

Paxton suing Bexar County over mail voter plan

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is suing Bexar County over its plan to mail voter registration forms to unregistered residents en masse, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The Bexar County Commissioners Court approved the voter registration plan last week, defying Paxton's warning that he would take them to court.

Paxton's suit argues that mail applications could entice felons and other ineligible people to register to vote.

Commissioner Justin Rodriguez defended the plan.

"From our perspective, this was never a Democrat or Republican endeavor," Rodriguez told the Statesman. "It was making sure we used the resources within the elections office to be innovative, to be proactive when it came to registering voters, and we felt pretty strongly that we're doing everything (as it is) allowed by the Elections Code."

Paxton has warned repeatedly of potential voter fraud in November's general election. However, he has not provided evidence of widespread voter fraud in Texas, the Statesman reported.

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AI, voter registration concerns of the state

Here are five things happening around your state:

Committee discusses AI, Texas Energy Fund

The Senate Business and Commerce Committee held a hearing on two interim charges, one regarding Artificial Intelligence and the other on the Texas Energy Fund.

The charge asks the committee to recommend a responsible regulator framework for AI development, including data privacy, industry standards, consumer protections, risk mitigation, and compliance processes. The committee heard from higher education professionals that study AI about how AI works, the levels of AI, and how it's commonly used.

Panels also discussed AI in the public sector at state agencies, AI in the private sector, and AI in media, like the press, music, movies, and broadcasting.

Ultimately, the state should develop a framework that addresses AI responsibly with the consumer in mind but is not overly burdensome on new technology. It's an intricate, but important balance to strike.

The second charge the committee discussed was on the Texas Energy Fund. The TEF was created last session by Senate Bill 2627, by Sen. Charles Schwertner. It created four programs designed to incentivize the construction of more generation for the power grid. The fund was appropriated \$5 billion last session.

This week, the Public Utility Commission of Texas selected the initial projects that will be funded by one of the



My Five Cents...

By Robert Nichols
State Representative, District 3

programs. Out of 72 applications, 17 projects were selected to move on to the due diligence phase of the program. These projects represent 9,781 megawatts of new generation and a technologically and geographically diverse portfolio.

This is another critical step forward toward the state's commitment to enhancing the stability of the grid and increasing generation resources.

1 million ineligible voters removed from rolls

Gov. Greg Abbott announced that Texas has removed more than 1 million ineligible people from the voting rolls since 2021. That year, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, by Sen. Bryan Hughes, which further enhanced election security and integrity.

Of the 1 million people removed from the rolls, more than 6,500 were noncitizens, more than 6,000 had felony convictions, more than 457,000 were deceased, more than 463,000 were on the suspense list, more than 134,000 had moved, more than 19,000 requested to cancel their registration, and 65,000 failed to respond to a notice of examination.

The safety and security of our elections is paramount and it's our duty to maintain accurate voter registration rolls.

TxDOT announces \$148 billion plan

The Texas Department of Transportation and Gov. Ab-

bott announced a record \$148 billion investment in Texas' transportation infrastructure. That includes a \$104 billion 10-year transportation plan and over \$43 billion for development and routine maintenance. This plan is a \$5.6 billion increase in total investment from the previous year.

According to the department, many of the projects on the Unified Transportation Program are roads included on Texas' 100 most congested roadways list. Also included in the UTP is \$17.3 billion for safety and \$1.7 billion in funding for rural corridors and key roadways in economic hubs.

HHSC awarding \$3.3 million to rural hospitals

Last month, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission announced the Rural Hospital Maternal Care Operations Grant for rural hospitals that are not currently providing in patient labor and delivery services.

The funding totals \$3.3 million and provides qualifying hospitals a one-time payment of \$35,000 to purchase neonatal equipment, supplies, and training for emergency labor and delivery services.

Grant applications are open now and close on Sept. 13.

Big Time Texas Hunts open for applications

The Big Time Texas Hunts draw is open for applications. There are 10 premium guided hunt packages and new opportunity this year to win a chance to free-range hunt a mature male aoudad ram in the Trans-Pecos region.

Also new this year, wild game chef Jesse Griffiths will join the draw winners of the Big Time Bird Hunt and give a private cooking lesson to the winner on the turkey hunt. Entries are available online for \$9 each or at a licensed retailer for \$10 each.

The deadline to purchase is Oct. 15 with winners announced within two weeks.

Additionally, Texas hunting and fishing licenses also went on sale this month. Happy hunting.

Sen. Robert Nichols represents District 3, which includes Tyler County, in the Texas Legislature.

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ACROSS

1 Texas grid inventory: ___ watts
5 TXism: "I'm all ___" (attentive)
6 9/11 perpetrators ___ terrorists
7 TXism: "___ hill for a stepper"
8 in the past
9 prohibit
15 TX Hunter's "Since ___ You Baby"
16 appropriate TX Dan Blocker tree farm?
19 TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ of it"
21 spinning toy: whir ___
22 TXism: "can't ___ old dog new tricks"
27 TXism: "hen fruit"
28 Castroville is "The Little ___ of Texas"
29 TXism: "eatin' hay is ___ good for" (poor horse)
30 in Henderson County on U.S.175
32 TX George Foreman victory (abbr.)
33 easily ignited
36 TX Willie's "On the ___ Again"
37 TXism: "___ over but the shouting"
38 Texas prisoners
39 voided a marriage
41 vision or graph beginning
42 Juan de ___ named El Paso

DOWN

1 TXism: "gave ___ song and dance"
2 TXism: "bend your ___" (talk)
3 U.S. Rep. Kay from Fort Worth
4 TXism: "loud ___ bare floor"
8 Fort Worth's "Carter Museum"
9 TXism: "___ of the box" (beginning)
10 TXism: "cash ___ the barrel head"
11 TX Tarzan Ely (init.)
12 TXism: "my stomach is ___ a knot" (nervous)

45 TXism: "two ___ in a pod" (alike)
46 ID card, e.g. (abbr.)
47 character Dobbs in Texas-based "Lonesome Dove"
48 in Anderson: Fanthorp ___ Historical Site
49 Texas-born Steve Martin album: "___ Crazy Guy"
52 disease microbe
53 "have a ___ it" (try)

13 Texas perennial
14 "with a nicknack pattywack, give the ___ bone"
15 TXism: "big fish ___ pond" (important person)
16 TXism: "when ___ fly" (never)
17 weed whackers
18 of long standing (hyphenated word)
20 chills & fever
22 "___-dah!" (fanfare)
23 Santa's helper
24 TX Collin Raye's "___ Can Be"
25 Mass music?

35 TXism: "let bygones ___ bygones"
37 Texas moonwalker, Bean
40 TXism: "___ a hand" (help)
43 ___ Braunfels, TX
44 TX "Big Bopper's" Chantilly Lace had "___ in her walk"
50 "Texas" is an outdoor ___ in Palo Duro Canyon
51 money dispenser (abbr.)

I certainly agree with the importance and need for a community newspaper...Kelli's statement that "Good community journalism helps communities become better..." was Right On! Your personal dedication to the Tyler County community is greatly appreciated. The Booster is the best it's ever been.

-Jay Subscriber

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BITE by BITE

Conquering My Culinary
Bucket List One Dish at a Time
By Emily Banks Wooten

“Never eat broccoli when there are cameras around.”

— Michael Stipe

It was a disappointment, but I’m still glad I tried it

When I recently ran across a recipe for “Baked Feta Bowties with Broccoli,” I knew I had to try it. It was very similar to the recipe for “Baked Feta with Tomatoes” that went viral several years ago. It all began with a recipe developed by Finnish food blogger Jenni Häyrynen called “Uunifetapasta,” which translates to oven-baked feta pasta. Evidently it first went viral in 2019, and then caught on again in 2021 which was when it crossed by radar. I made it and enjoyed it.

Hubby wasn’t wild about it and I knew it was the feta cheese that turned him off. He’s not really into tanginess and if you’re familiar with feta at all, then you know that it has a definite tang to it.

Feta cheese is a Greek brined white cheese made from sheep’s milk or from a mixture of sheep and goat’s milk. It is soft, with small or no holes, a compact touch, few cuts, and no skin. Crumbly with a slightly grainy texture, it is formed into large blocks and aged in brine. Its flavor is tangy and salty, ranging from mild to sharp.

Feta is used as a table cheese, in salads such as Greek salad, and in pastries, notably the phyllo-based Greek dishes spanakopita, or “spinach pie” and tyropita, or “cheese pie.” It is often served with olive oil or olives, and sprinkled with aromatic herbs such as oregano. It can also be served cooked (often grilled), as part of a sandwich, in omelets or in many other dishes.

As much as I loved the “Baked Feta with Tomatoes,” I was very disappointed in the “Baked Feta Bowties with Broccoli.” It just didn’t cut it for me. The main problem was the sauce, or lack thereof. The feta is mixed with hot, starchy pasta water and is supposed to create a thick, creamy sauce to coat the bowties and soak into the tops of the broccoli florets. But it didn’t. It was grainy and not creamy at all. I followed the directions precisely so I don’t know what to tell you. Of course, I should have known it would be questionable after reading the online reviews and finding them evenly split between those that loved it and those that didn’t.

But that’s okay. I’ll continue to experiment with new recipes and won’t let this get me down. After all, even the best don’t always hit it out of the park.



“I’m Greek. My body produces feta cheese.”

— Zach Galifianakis

Baked Feta Bowties with Broccoli

From thekitchn.com

1 pound broccoli crowns (about 2 medium)
3 cloves garlic
½ cup plus 1 tablespoon olive oil, divided
¼ teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for the pasta water
¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)
1 (8-oz.) block feta cheese
12 oz. dried bowtie pasta (about 4 cups)
½ medium lemon
½ small bunch fresh basil

Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

Cut 1 pound broccoli crowns into 1½- to 2-inch-wide florets (about 6½ cups) and place in a 9x13-inch baking dish. Peel and smash 3 garlic cloves and add to the baking dish. Add ½ cup of the olive oil, ¼ teaspoon kosher salt, and ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes if using. Stir to coat.

Push the broccoli to the edges of the baking dish. Place 1 (8-oz.) block of feta cheese in the center. Drizzle the feta with the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil.

Bake until the feta is golden-brown in spots, and the broccoli is crisp-tender and lightly browned at the edges, 25 to 30 minutes. Meanwhile, cook the pasta and prepare the lemon and basil.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add 12 oz. dried bowtie pasta and cook according to the package instructions until al dente. When the pasta is ready, reserve 1 cup of the pasta water. Drain the pasta.

Juice ½ medium lemon until you have 1 tablespoon. Pick the leaves from ½ small bunch fresh basil and coarsely chop until you have ¼ cup.

When the broccoli and feta are ready, remove from the oven. Add ¾ cup of the reserved pasta water and stir to combine. Add the drained pasta and lemon juice, and stir to combine. Let sit for 5 minutes for the sauce to thicken slightly. For a thinner sauce, stir in more pasta water 1 tablespoon at a time. Add the basil and stir to combine. Taste and season with more kosher salt as needed.

“The only way to get vegetables at a diner late at night is to order the omelet. A feta cheese and broccoli omelet.”

— Lisa Loeb

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Estate of Gary Wayne Hearn

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in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: BRAD ELROD, ATTORNEY AT LAW, PLLC Attorney at Law, 130 South Charlton Street WOODVILLE, TX 77664. DATED the 4 day of 1 of Septem ha. 2024. BREAD BRAD ELROD Attorney for DALIA ANZALDUA HEARN State Bar No.: 24087471 130 South Charlton Street WOODVILLE, TX 77664 Telephone: (409) 283-8288 Facsimile: (409)-283-8078 Email: brad@elrodlawtx.com.

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The TYLER COUNTY ESD #5 - Dam B will hold a meeting at 07:00 PM
(Name of Taxing Unit) (Time)
on 09/23/2024 at FIRESTATION, 2988 FM 92 SOUTH, WOODVILLE, TX
(Date) (Location)
to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2024. The proposed tax rate is 0.0300
per \$100 of value. (Year) (Rate)

(*Include this statement if the proposed tax rate exceeds the taxing unit's no-new-revenue tax rate calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04.)

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in _____ by _____ %.*
(Name of Taxing Unit) (percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate)

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The TYLER COUNTY ESD #4 - Warren will hold a meeting at 07:00 PM
(Name of Taxing Unit) (Time)
on 09/19/2024 at NEW WARREN VOLUNTARY FIRE DEPARTMENT, 11725 HWY 69 S, WARREN, TX
(Date) (Location)
to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2024. The proposed tax rate is 0.0300
per \$100 of value. (Year) (Rate)

(*Include this statement if the proposed tax rate exceeds the taxing unit's no-new-revenue tax rate calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04.)

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in TYLER COUNTY ESD #4 - Warren by 2.74 %.*
(Name of Taxing Unit) (percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate)

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280+/- AC: Rolling woods, developable tract, two county rd frtgs., home & lake bldg. sites. **\$6,500/Ac**
220+/- AC: Mix woods, lg. live sandy creek, electricity, rolling terrain, camp site, nr. Colmesneil. **\$4,990/Ac**
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152+/- AC: Nr. Fred on FM 92, mixed woods, creek, great hunting, lake/home sites, electricity. **\$5,490/Ac**
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77+/- AC: Rolling tin **SOLD** hg creek. **\$5,890/Ac**
62+/- AC: Hilly mixed acres, huge hardwoods, 2 live sandy creeks, acc. to elec. great hunting. **\$5,990/Ac**
53 AC: Remote mixed timber, rustic camp house, electricity, 2 creeks, pretty rolling terrain... **\$5,500/Ac**
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48+/- AC: On U.S. Hwy. 287, mixed woods, live creek, access to elect. potential bldg. site. **\$6,500/Ac**
43+/- AC: U.S. Hwy. **SOLD** lty, woods. **\$6,490/Ac**
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25+/- AC: Pasture, **SOLD** hill home... **\$9,995/Ac**
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