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One of the many planes to fly in to the Tyler County Airport during the inaugural Fly-In and Food Truck Festival last Saturday. CHRIS EDWARDS | TCB

Fly-Ins, food trucks and fun for everyone

By Mollie LaSalle
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WOODVILLE – Tyler County's first ever fly-in and food truck festival was a big hit with more than 1,600 people venturing out to the airport for a day of food, fun and skydiving.

All sorts of airplanes were on display, and the Re-Max hot air balloon even made an appearance. Chamber of Commerce president Cathy Bennett and crew pulled out all the stops to make this a memorable, and fun event for one and all.

Congressman Brian Babin, along with Principal Chief Donnis Battise, Mikko Choba, Chief Kanicu from the Alabama Coushatta Reservation in Livingston warmly welcomed everyone, with the colors presented by the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department, and the national anthem presented by Shelby Tillery.

State Rep. Trent Ashby made an appearance and gave a short welcome speech also.

There was a variety of food trucks on hand to offer up tasty food and drinks to festival goers. The smell of BBQ permeated the air, along with tacos, burgers and turkey legs. Several vendors offered up crafts and knick-knacks, but the real star of the show were the planes.

The Commemorative Air Force Gulf Coast Museum offered rides available via the historic SNJ or Navy JRB. The Falcon Flight Formation Team put on two shows, Space Center Houston was there, and thrill seekers even signed up to sky dive, giving attendees spectacular views of some solo and tandem jumpers. Special guests also included Lone Star Flight Museum, Texas Army National Guard, Re-Max, Skydive Galveston, and Waller County Aviation Museum.

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Tyler County Chamber of Commerce President Cathy Bennett and State Rep. Trent Ashby welcomed visitors to the Fly-In. MOLLIE LA SALLE | TCB



Alabama-Coushatta Chief Donnis Battise and Congressional Rep. Brian Babin were two of the many officials who were in attendance. CHRIS EDWARDS | TCB

Updates on dams, other projects given

By Chris Edwards
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IVANHOE – When the Ivanhoe City Council met in its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19, Mayor Skip Blackstone gave the councilmembers a series of updates on several infrastructure projects within the city.

Blackstone began the regular agenda of the meeting with his monthly report, during which he went over several grants the city had applied for, and projects being funded by grants.

On the city's \$11.4 million grant awarded by the GLO, he said that for the Lake Ivanhoe project, the second submittal had been sent to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the city was awaiting follow-up from that agency.

For the Lake Camelot dam, the city received notification from TCEQ that all of its construction plans had been approved, and the city was awaiting hydrologic and hydroanalysis reviews to proceed.

On the Lake Tristan dam, engineering firm LJA is currently working on the final round of plans to submit to TCEQ.

For the \$7.9 million grant the city was awarded, Blackstone said that multiple street repair projects are ongoing. Twenty-second street, he said, is done, and construction has begun on Sir Henry and Mill Creek streets.

In doing those streets, the city has found some hang-ups in beginning the process, such as a telephone pole in the way on one street and a valve in the middle of the road.

Blackstone said he has met with both Entergy and Southwest Water Corp. to address those findings, respectively.

On the Charmaine Dam repair work, Blackstone reported that workers had pumped 153 cubic yards of grout into multiple voids that were found in the dam back in April.

The city also approved a bid to caulk that dam from Marsh Waterproofing in the amount of \$38,300 to caulk 12,000 feet of the dam.

Councilmember Will Warren addressed that item on the agenda, and

said that Chance Construction had submitted a bid at a rate of \$19.23 per foot, and Epoxy Designs for \$12.50 per foot, for a total cost of \$146,400.

Warren said that although Epoxy Designs was a good company, "quite frankly, the city cannot afford that."

Marsh Waterproofing, he said, came along with the underbid for the total package, and would use the city's materials. He recommended the city go with Marsh.

Blackstone said there was \$74,000 budgeted in next year's budget for the dams' maintenance.

The city also approved a ground-penetrating radar (GPR) scan for the Galahad Dam.

Warren said that Tolunay-Wong Engineers, out of Houston, will conduct the scan at a cost of \$18,400.

He said the process will identify any issues, such as voids, if there are any present.

"We don't know what we have going on. We presume we may have some voids," he said.

In order to scan the dam, Blackstone said, the lakes' level will have to be lowered for a period.



A full midway of rides and other fun activities will be on display at the Tyler County Fair next week. BOOSTER FILE PHOTO | CHRIS EDWARDS

Chilling tales told this weekend at Village

By Chris Edwards
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WOODVILLE – As many T-shirts, sweaters, signs and other items might attest, it's officially "spooky season," with just a little more than a month until Halloween.

As is tradition at Heritage Village, the annual "Ghosts and Legends of Texas Past" event will take place this Saturday, Sept. 28.

The event, a favorite offering of many, out at the Village, will comprise four storytellers, who will be situated in different areas along Main Street in the Village, sharing stories and legends from the colorful history of the area. Some of these tales will likely include allusions to things that go bump in the night, so be prepared for a good fright.

The event promises to thrill (and chill) audiences with fascinating stories.

The gates will open at 6 p.m., and the storytelling will last from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The storytellers who are slated to appear at the event include Woodville residents Roy Bolding; Valerie Tucker and Sandra Wright and Ivanhoe's Patsy Morris.

The stories that are shared during the event serve a purpose of helping the audience to understand the history and culture, both within our county as well as throughout the state.

The stories develop during the telling, by the skill of the "teller," and the audience develops its listening skills as they listen to the yarns getting spun.

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Fair time is around the bend

By Chris Edwards
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WOODVILLE – It won't be too much longer until the Tyler County Fairgrounds will be ripe with the sights and smells of projects that are the result of the hard work of youth from across the county.

From show animals to mechanical projects, to artwork and baked goods, the Tyler County Fair showcases all of those endeavors, and each year, during the first week of October, raises hundreds of thousands of dollars for the county's young people.

This year, the fair runs from Wednesday, Oct. 2 through Saturday, Oct. 5.

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LIFE TRIBUTES

Billy Smith

Billy Dirl Smith, 89, of Spurger, passed away on September 15, 2024.

Born December 17, 1934, in Hanson, OK, to Clem and Virgie Smith, he has lived in Spurger since 1985. Billy and his loving wife of 66 years, Carol, moved from California to Texas, where they settled in Spurger, Texas. He retired from Ameri Glass in Beaumont, Texas, in June 2020. An avid deer hunter, he was an honorary Spring Hill Hunting Club member in Jasper, Texas. His favorite places were outside, fishing, camping, and working on vehicles. He played baseball in high school and men's fast-pitch underhand softball. He coached women's softball teams that included his three daughters and wife.

Billy was preceded in death by his father, Clem Thomas Smith; his mother, Virgie May Smith, and ten siblings.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Carol Sue Smith; daughters Donna Sue Smith, Sharol Denise Smith, and husband Johnny Simpson, and Virgie Pauline Murray and husband Bill; nine grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be held on Friday, September 27, 2024, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.



Services are held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home, Woodville. 227



Gregory Collingwood

Gregory Collingwood passed away on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

He was born in Ephrata, PA, to William and Peggy Collingwood. He worked in the restaurant and construction industry for 40 years. Greg had an active and exciting life working as a sous chef at a resort in Oregon, cooking for various actors and singers. Many famous people included Meryl Streep, Kevin Bacon during the production of "The River Wild," Alan Jackson, Travis Tritt, Grizzly Adams, and Kenny Rogers, to name a few. But his favorite pastime was fishing, which he truly loved.

Greg is survived by his loving wife, Dawn Collingwood; his sister, Vickie Mason; and her husband, Jim of Oregon; his stepson, William Phoenix, Jr. of Tyler; and numerous other family members and friends.

Cremation services will be held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home. 137

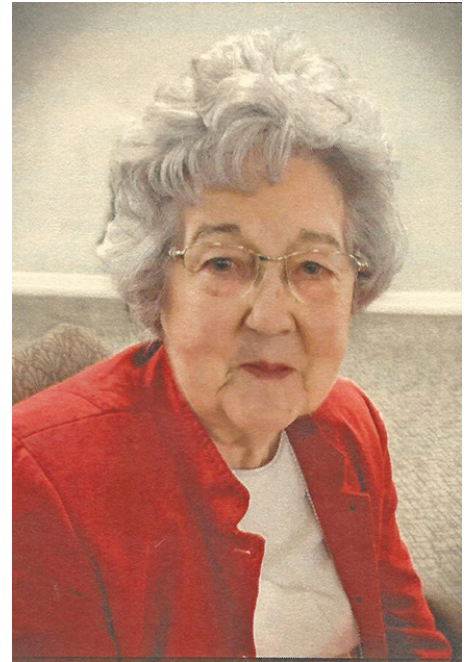


Mary Nettles

Mary Jean (Sawyer) Nettles was born on April 27, 1941, in Silsbee, Texas, to the late John Wayne Sawyer and Mae Elizabeth. (Hensarling) Sawyer, and died Thursday, September 5, 2024 in Lufkin.

Mrs. Nettles was a member of the First Baptist Church in Diboll and served as the secretary there for over 25 years. She loved flowers and was an avid reader. Mrs. Nettles especially enjoyed reading her Bible. She was a great sister and a loving mother and nana.

Mrs. Nettles is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Ladonna Michelle and David Garza of Diboll, TX; granddaughter, Arianna Boutin and husband Collin of League City, TX; granddaughter, Alyssa Garza and Weston of Diboll, TX; sister, Peggy Terry and husband Billy of Bryan, TX; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.



Bradford Tucker

Bradford Eugene "Brad" Tucker, 55, of Colmesneil passed away Monday, September 16, 2024 at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, September 28, 2024 at Holland Cemetery near Kountze. Officiating will be his son Josh Williams. Serving as pallbearers will be Josh Williams, Raymond Huntley, William "Billy" Tucker, Bob Byerly, Tommy Bludworth, and Daniel Sparrow.

Brad was born June 4, 1969 to James Andrew and Sondra Jean Jasper Tucker in Beaumont, Texas. A 1988 graduate of Kountze High School and a former resident of Azle, he had lived in Colmesneil since 2021. He was in oil and gas with Applied Consultants in Midland. Brad enjoyed rodeo, horseback riding, hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Andrew Tucker; and brother, Andrew Jackson Tucker.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Renee Tucker of Colmesneil; son, Charles "Sheldon" Williams and wife Elisabeth of Germany, Joshua Williams and wife Anita of Jasper, William "Billy" Tucker and wife Kaylee of Kountze, and Raymond Huntley and wife Adrianna of Azle; daughters, Isabella Sparrow and husband Daniel of Austin, and Jordan Williams of Arlington; mother, Sondra Tucker of Kountze; sisters, Cindy Baker and husband Steve of Kountze, and Beckie Tucker of Beaumont; and 9 grandchildren.



In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Habitat for Horses, 6060 Habitat for Horses Lane, Alvin, Texas 77511.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville. 245



Patrick Conklin, Jr.

Patrick Ladelle Conklin, Jr., of Vidor passed away on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at his residence.

Patrick was born on November 3, 1971 in Weisbaden, Hessen, Germany, to Patrick and Beulah Conklin. He lived in Vidor for many years and worked in construction.


Patrick is survived by his son, Brandon Travis and his wife, Karli of Vidor; daughter, Emily Denby of Vidor; grandchildren, Owen and Evan Travis and Jaquiere Denby; Texas; half-brother, James Jordan, of Goodwater, Alabama; Aunts, Faye Ferguson of Bryan and Mary Hoppe of Ashland, Alabama; cousins, Teri Conklin of Silsbee, Diane McMichael Turley of Heflin, Alabama, Paul Bourg and Chris Bourg; good friends, Mark and Tyra Villafano and the mother of his children, Chastity Travis.

Patrick was preceded in death by his parents, Patrick and Beulah Conklin, "Charlie and Butch."

Visitation was on Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 9 a.m. until service time at 1 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Burial followed at Lakeside



Cemetery in Woodville. Services are held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home, Woodville. 175

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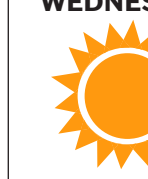
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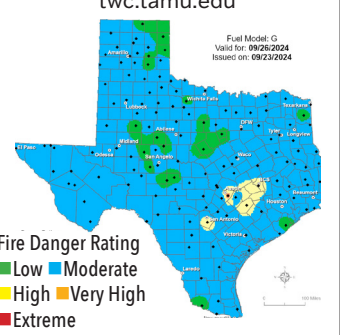
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JAIL BOOKINGS

Jail Booking Report for Sept. 16-22

- Rhonda Ruth Anderson, 40, of Jasper** – Driving while intoxicated BAC >=0.15
- Alexandria Kaelin Long, 28, of Dickinson** – Fugitive from justice
- Laura Ann McCann, 43, of Newton** – Expired driver license; Public intoxication
- Heath Aaron Moore, 48, of Fred** – Driving while intoxicated (third or more)
- Christopher Michael Oxford, 53, of Woodville** – Driving while intoxicated
- Ronny Lynn Pate, Jr., 41, of Fred** – Expired driver license; Operate unregistered motor vehicle/trailer/semi
- Renaë Rhodes, 38, of Woodville** – False statement to PO/SP INV/law enforcement employee/correctional officer; Theft of property >=\$2,500<\$30K; Credit card or debit card abuse
- Jared Micheal Saulsbury, 20, of Spurger** – Criminal trespass
- Gavin Charles Wells, 22, of Hardin** – Deadly conduct
- Cecil James Zimmerman, 32, of Colmesneil** – Sexual assault of child (x2)

Clements' work selected for SFASU permanent exhibit

From Staff Reports

NACOGDOCHES – Chester artist Danny Clements recently had some of his work displayed in the new Micky Elliot College of Fine Arts at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Clements was the first artist to receive a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree from SFASU, and the faculty, being familiar with his work, selected works by him and other

artists to be displayed in the new building.

The curator of SFASU's art exhibits and the Cole Museum of Art director, as well as the art department head, visited Clements in Chester, and initially planned to select one of his works for inclusion in the permanent exhibition, but wound up selecting two pieces.

His painting "Conversations" was selected, and also featured on the cover of the invitation to the reception.

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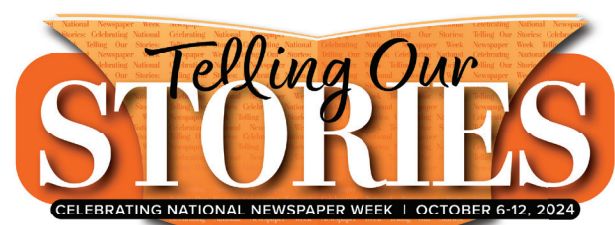
Take a trip back in time through the Tyler County Booster

We sure hope you enjoy these old photographs as much as we enjoy digging them up, and you never know what we might find within the old archives, be it an image of a future county leader showing a prize-winning steer at the fair, or a photo of a parts house fire, it's great to play "remember when?". As always, if you have a story about anyone or anything in these photos (or have a few of your own you'd like to share) contact us at news@tylercountybooster.com

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Bryan Weatherford (R)

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

OPINION

Comfort in the craziness



Meditations 'n Musings

By Chris Edwards
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"Politics is the entertainment division of the military industrial complex." - Frank Zappa

Donald John Trump sports the sort of vita that seems impossible, and so extensive and preposterous that it would even boggle Kurt Vonnegut's mind.

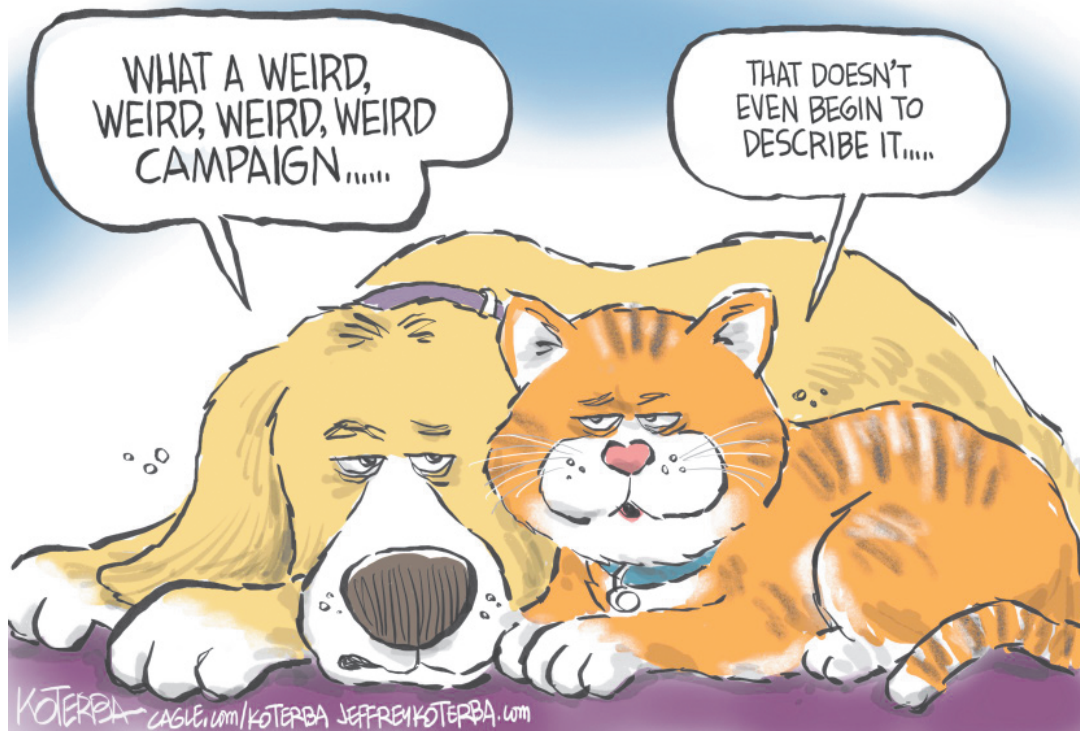
Former U.S. President; real estate mogul; philanthropist; television star; golf guru; McDonalds pitchman and two-time SNL host, just to name a few that come from the top of my dome.

After his debate with the current Vice President and his Democratic opponent, Trump clearly has another title to add: connoisseur of conspiracy theories.

During the debate, Trump spoke about strange non-issues, such as taxpayer-subsidized "transgender operations on illegal aliens that are in prison" and infanticide, as well as the one talking point that seemed to be the talk of the universal watercooler the next day: Haitian migrants stealing and eating people's pets in Springfield, Ohio.

My Wednesday morning/afternoon routine is pretty well-known among my feline brood, to the point that they don't even try to barge into my home office as I'm churning out brilliant screeds, like what you have in front of you. I'm a singular-minded fellow, and focus is key, you see.

However, after that Tuesday night debate, I made sure that my pointy-eared tribe knew they weren't at risk of any intruders, of Haitian origin or otherwise, coming in to kidnap them, but they



could huddle in my office while I worked, if they were still frightened. Still, my old orange boy Wee and my sweet Siamese kitty, Lefty, guarded my chunky boi Scooter.

Now I get the appeal of conspiracy theories, I really do. Most folks think that they are harmful to those who spread them, as well as those who are around them, and that's where I'm going with this particular dispatch.

However, on the other side of the coin, there is a theory in the psychology community that posits of how conspiracy theories are actually beneficial in that they give the perceiver's worldview meaning and purpose in a rewarding manner.

A paper by Jan-Willem van Prooijen goes so

far as to state that part of that benefit is conspiracy theories can "defend a fragile ego by perceiving themselves and their groups as important."

There is strength in numbers, sure, and everyone seems to have an axe to grind. I get that.

I have a friend who is fond of saying "the more bizarre it sounds, the more likely it is to be true." Now, as a pragmatist, albeit one who dabbles in various creative mediums, I can appreciate, and sometimes laugh, at a good conspiracy, but rarely do I find any of them even remotely plausible.

Being in the news business, one tends to be a magnet for such "information."

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VIEWING IT DIFFERENTLY

Two long-time newspaper editorial writers have agreed to take on the editorial pages, with their views on a variety of subjects. We welcome your comments.

To tell the truth

When I was a kid of five years old, my favorite TV show was "Captain Kangaroo". We got our first TV the year the show debuted, in 1955. It was a wooden box with a small screen, but the slightly noisy B&W image was magic.



Just Jim

By Jim Powers
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The next year, a new game show came along that my mom was obsessed with called "To Tell the Truth". You might not think a six-year-old would have much interest in game shows, but it was one of the few shows on one of the three channels we got, so I watched it too.

The premise was simple. There were four celebrities who made up the panel and faced three contestants. The host read aloud an affidavit describing one of the contestant's unusual jobs or experiences. The panelists asked questions of the contestants and tried to determine who the real person was. The actual person had to tell the truth, while the others could lie as much as they wanted to try to fool the panel. It was a very successful show and was revived in one form or another through 2022.

In a game show, lying is all fun and, well, games. In politics, it is corrosive to our democracy and undermines our government. At the very least, we should demand that the officials we elect tell us the truth. But we don't. Anyone who has lived through a few elections can verify that politicians lie. Some lie a lot, some a little; but they do lie. That's a problem in this country's social media-soaked society. It has, in fact, taken us to the precipice in 2024.

When politicians prioritize spin over substance, the electorate becomes cynical, voter apathy sets in, and it diminishes the capacity for real change. The decisions politicians make when they are elected have profound impacts on the lives of millions of people. When they lie, it signals deeper issues such as corruption, selfish ambition, or gross incompetence.

Consider how misinformation can distort public policy. If a politician consistently lies about economic figures, climate change, or public health, policies designed to address those issues will be flawed or ineffective. For instance, misrepresenting the state of the economy might lead to misguided fiscal policies that either overspend or cut essential services. In more extreme cases, as with public health crises, lies and misinformation can cost lives, as was evident during the COVID-19 pandemic when downplaying the seriousness of the virus led to delayed responses and higher mortality rates in some countries.

But one of the most damaging consequences of lies in politics is the erosion of public trust, a result that has accelerated

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Watch what is said, and then look for truth elsewhere

There's lies, damned lies and statistics, then there's whatever you want to call what's going on in the national election cycle.

Both sides of the aisle — a euphemism in and of itself for the divide betwixt and between the supposed conservatives and the vehemently liberal — are guilty of such things, but I find that particularly with the emergency backup candidate Kamala Harris, it's not just lies, it's a fantasy world of stolen accomplishments wrapped up in her speeches and statements made up of word salad/succotash.

If you look at the national media, you'll only find stories making fun of Donald Trump's claim of pets being eaten by Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio; you'll have to dig into social media or fun sites like Breitbart or NewsBusters to find stories on the Democrat candidate.

But they're there if you look.

The amazing thing about the lies that are coming out of the Harris candidacy is that not only has she claimed successes of the Trump administration as hers, but that all the failures of the Harris/Biden administration are the fault of Trump.

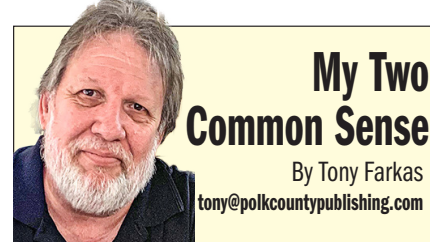
My favorite is, of course, Harris' insistence that she was never in charge of the border since she never was named border czar.

The national media was extremely quick to take up the torch, running with the press releases as opposed to actually doing solid research and reporting.

Several things to unpack here, most notably the use of language. When Harris' writers are involved, they come up with moderately clever rationalizations for her abysmal showing on the border: since she wasn't "formally" named border czar, she can't be held responsible, and all of the video evidence to the contrary is just smoke and mirrors.

(If left to her own devices, she's the living embodiment of "If you can't dazzle them with brilliance, baffle them BS.")

Not only are the media complicit in fostering the fantasy; the governments at every level are chipping in their efforts,



My Two Common Sense

By Tony Farkas
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either squeezing social media to squash stories that don't toe the proper line, or trying to pass laws that limit speech, like banning "hate" speech or banning "deepfake" pieces that are critical of the powers that be.

Hillary Clinton has even advocated for criminal penalties to combat misinformation.

The control of language has long been a tool of the power-hungry elite. So many phrases, like "repeat a lie often enough, and it becomes the truth" speak to the age-old use of obfuscation to maintain power and control.

George Orwell, who's kina enjoying a renaissance lately, described it like this in an essay, "Politics and the English Language":

"The word fascism has now no meaning except in so far as it signifies 'something not desirable.' The words democracy, socialism, freedom, patriotic, realistic, justice have each of them several different meanings which cannot be reconciled with one another. In the case of a word like democracy, not only is there no agreed definition, but the attempt to make one is resisted from all sides. It is almost universally felt that when we call a country democratic we are praising it: consequently the defenders of every kind of regime claim that it is a democracy, and fear that they might have to stop using that word if it were tied down to any one meaning. Words of this kind are often used in a consciously dishonest way. That is, the person who uses them has his own private definition but allows his hearer to think he means something quite different."

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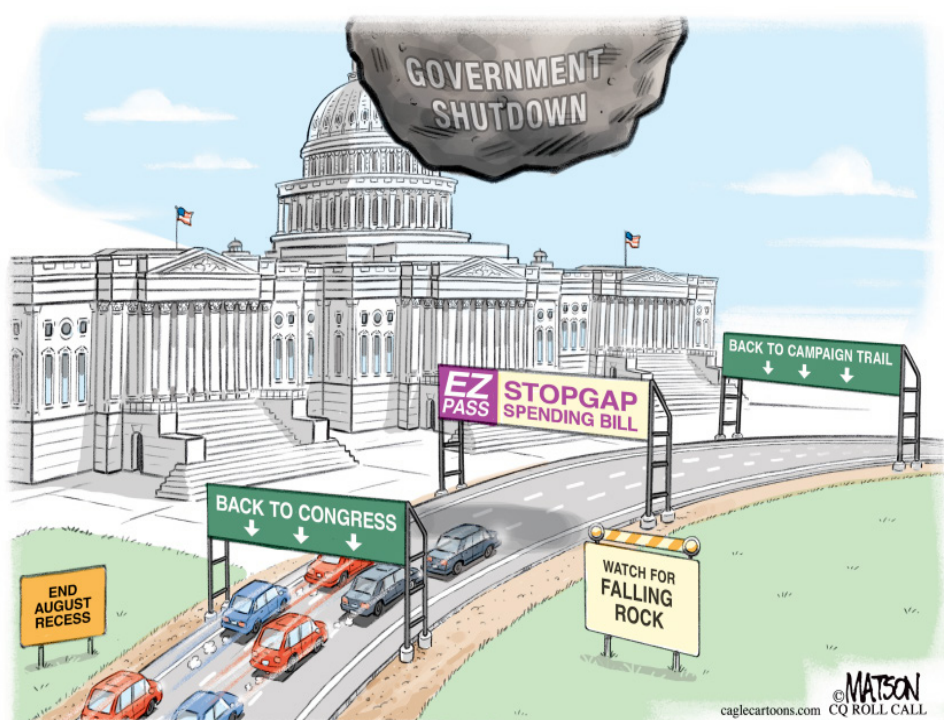
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“Epiphany Moment”

When Karen and I married in 1973, we had one car, my 1971 Plymouth Duster. With different schools and work schedules we needed a second car. We lived in North Beaumont on Abilene Street. On the street behind us, a DPS officer had a used car for sale. It was a 1951 Chevy Coupe for \$300. The officer's father had a scrap yard in Buna full of old cars. To make extra money, he would get a car running to sell.

The 51 was rusty and ragged. I loved it. Eventually I painted the car, overhauled the motor, and drove it every day to college, law school, and to teaching positions. The 51 was a slow but steady ride. It also intimidated other drivers when I entered the Houston freeway. No one wanted to chance a wreck with the 51 as I chugged into traffic. As an older car, it sat higher off the ground much like a pickup truck.

In 1973, Houston's downtown area was divided into two zones. One zone west of San Jacinto Street was the white zone. The banks, big corporate businesses, nice hotels, and fancy stores were there. The Houston police patrolled this area constantly to keep drunks, winos, prostitutes, and general riff raff away from the 'good people'. San Jacinto Street was the dividing line. West was the white zone, east was the red zone containing low rent hotels, many bars, all kinds of vice, and drunken winos. Oh, yes.

Law school was on the dividing line just inside the white zone. Where we had to park on the city streets was in the red zone. I had class until 10 p.m. each night followed by two hours of study in the law school library. When I exited the law school at midnight, the red zone was alive with activity. Loud music blasted out of the bars. Dop-



By the Way

By Mark Martin

ers, women of the night, and drunken winos were everywhere.

One night I came out to a cold rainy downpour. The red zone activity level was nil. As I neared my 51 Chevy there was a pair of legs sticking out from under my car. A wino had crawled underneath to get out of the rain. He was passed out.

I thought that as I started the car, he would wake up to crawl on out. That did not happen. After getting out to pull him from underneath the car, I carried the man over the curb, and over the sidewalk to a grassy area with a tree. As I leaned him up against the tree, you could see he looked like an 80-year-old man due to his alcohol abuse. I think he might have been in his 30s.

On the way home I realized that somewhere in America this man's younger self had a progression of pictures in school yearbooks spanning many years. In those pictures he would be smiling. In those photos you would see him looking directly into the camera full of excitement for life. This young boy would be ready, looking forward to life's next adventures.

As I pondered over what choices this man had made to end up drunk with six empty bottles of Ripple wine under my car, an epiphany moment came to me. My calling

was not to the law. No. I was called to be a teacher. Not a teacher who taught for a love of subject. No, I would teach with a love for service.

My calling was to teach the life of making good choices. I believed then and now that making good choices leads to having a fulfilled life. This is taught not only by instruction, but by example. I have used this story hundreds of times over the years with my students. I always started with, "What would you had done if you had a pair of legs sticking out from under your car on a cold rainy night at midnight in downtown Houston. Ask yourself and be truthful, what would you do?"

By the way, I taught for 46 years. It was a great career helping so many students realize this life, their life, depends on making their own good choices. To choose wisely lets you have the life God created you to experience. Remember, each day is made up of what you choose. Think about it!

►Mark while in Law School



FLY-INS

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This successful event could not have occurred without a lot of volunteers from various parts of the county pitching in. Chamber President Cathy Bennett commented, "the event turned out absolutely amazing, what started out as a fundraiser turned into a really important community event to bring awareness to our airport and the important part it plays in our future economic development. I think it was absolutely phenomenal, so many moving parts and all the parts moved the way they should; they say it takes a village. Congressman Babin was really impressed, and (chamber executive director) Holly Wells is an amazing event planner".

Tyler County Emergency Management Coordinator John Settlocker brought all the fire departments together, and with help and advice from Chamber board members, had cooling station set up, and a triage center ready. Volunteers were giving golf cart rides for handicap patrons, and there was even a set up for hayrides for the littlest festival goers.

Some words of congratulations and acknowledgement followed. Holly Wells commented, via social media "I just want to personally recognize a few people behind the scenes that made this happen. Corey Soignet, our air boss, this event wouldn't have happened without you (literally speaking). Then the backbones of the event that worked through the heat, sweat, and maybe even some tears, Joe Blacksher, Mike Cabaniss, Burtis and his crew from the courthouse, John Settlocker of Tyler County Emergency Management, Kent Slim Martindale and Joshua Kame. Thank You guys so much."

From Brian Babin, "Congratulations to the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce board

and members on the incredible success of your recent Tyler County Fly-In & Food Truck Festival. Your vision, dedication, and hard work were evident in every aspect of the event. I commend you on this outstanding achievement. AS you continue to grow and reach new heights, please know that I am cheering you on and wishing you the best as you make positive impacts in our community. I look forward to attending more events organized by the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce in the future".

Woodville Mayor Amy Bythewood chimed in via social media, "wow, the Chamber Fly-In was spectacular. So many food choices and vendors. And the planes, just fabulous. Shout out to the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department for presenting the colors, Shelby Tillery for singing the national anthem, congressman Babin's welcome, and all the hard work from the chamber and their sponsors. Cathy Bennett, great start for a new and annual event in Tyler County".

From the Chamber: "We wholeheartedly thank everyone that came out today. Over 1,600 people came out and enjoyed the food trucks, which most sold out by 2 p.m. All the patrons that endured the heat, but so worth watching Falcon Flight formation flying, sky diving and the vintage plane rides and other crafts. We thank everyone that volunteered with the event and everyone that came together to make this happen".

The chamber also gave a huge shout-out to the many sponsors, among them Mann Furniture and Appliance, NAPCO, Naskila, Citizens State Bank, Read Logging, Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Martindale Real Estate, and Hooks Title Company. All of the sponsors helped make this event happen; so many businesses and even businesses outside of the county came together to show their support for the Tyler County Fly-In and Food Truck Festival.

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That goes to show you that even more than 80 years ago people were finding that obfuscation was a pretty big weapon in the arsenal of the power-hungry.

The icing on this particular cake is that we're all whining about who said what in

what way and fortifying the divisions between each other that the big picture has been forgotten.

The best answer to that is follow the moral of the Nun's Priest's Tale: Take the fruit, and let the chaff be still.

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of the United States Presidency to do such demonstrates a need to refocus. Namely that focus needs to be placed upon actual issues affecting our nation.

Trucking in such rhetoric is beneath the office of the President, and hanging out with conspiranoid internet talking heads such as plastic-faced Laura Loomer is also not doing Mr. Trump's campaign any favors.

Whoever his advisers are should seriously rethink the current strategies and tone down the strangeness and divisiveness.

To her credit, in Kamala Harris's debate performance, although she did not provide the "how" to many of the promises she made, and in spite of her standard neo-liberalism, she did speak to the commonalities we share as Americans, in spite of differences in opinions on whatever - be it policy or favorite college football team. Nor do I recall Harris putting forth any strange views borne of a dark corner of the internet.

Maybe in some alternate dimension, some of these things that require a tin-foil hat to understand are taking place, but in the here and now, most Americans just want to live in a world without constant dread and fear-mongering; one that they can raise their kids and grandkids up in with a sunny look toward the future.

COMFORT

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Once, I encountered a gentleman who told me that the biggest threat to U.S. security was the Amish - that they'd secretly been creating rocketships for generations, flying to the moon and strip-mining its uranium to sell to the Chinese.

Now I'm no expert on the Amish, but it would seem that space exploration kinda runs counter to their value system.

Another time, many years ago, a former neighbor tried to convince me that then-president Barack Obama was releasing torrents of mind-controlling drugs into the nation's water supply in order to control and enslave the population.

I can laugh at those, but there's not a lot left to laugh about when a candidate for the highest office in the land spreads a baseless theory, which results in death threats and bomb scares to a community, most of whom, according to reports, are here in our country legally.

It would be irresponsible and dangerous for any politician, at any level, to be spouting off nonsense about pets being stolen and eaten, but to have a candidate for the office

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County's schools showcased by Allan Shivers Museum

By Roschelle Springfield

WOODVILLE – The Allan Shivers Museum is hosting the Tyler County Schools for a Pop-Up Exhibit Sept. 24 – Oct. 12.

Each school district in Tyler County has been invited to participate in providing a display of activities, events, and other special happenings going on in each local district. Warren, Colmesneil, Chester and Woodville will be featured this fall.

Spurger had accepted the invitation, but due to unforeseen circumstances, had to postpone until next year. All of the county schools are doing great things to prepare students for a productive, successful future.

There will be an Open House Oct. 1, 2024, from 4-6 p.m. at the Museum for the public to be able to view the exhibit after regular Museum hours of 10-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and Saturday 10-2 p.m. The ASLM boasts a cadre of 35 Museum Tour Hosts at their monthly scheduled times when they are available to facilitate tours.

These supportive volunteers are a huge asset to the Museum goal of sharing Allan Shivers gift of the ASLM to Tyler County. You are always invited and welcome to visit your local public library and museum.



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Admission to the event is \$10, or \$5 for children under five years of age.

The ghost stories event will kick the fall off for the Village, with its annual Harvest Festival coming next month, from Oct. 18-19. That annual event, which is Heritage Village's signature festival, will feature demonstrations of pioneer crafts, blacksmithing,

wood carving and old west re-enactors.

There will also be plenty of entertainment on the main stage at the Village, featuring dulcimer groups, bluegrass, gospel and more.

Some of the acts already confirmed to play the Harvest Festival include the Meaux Legacy and Christina Greenwood.

This year's Harvest Festival will be the 35th year that Heritage Village and the Tyler County Heritage Society have put on the event.

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Last year, the fair raised more than \$346,679 through the various projects of FFA and 4-H members. Whether the young people are starting their day before the sun rises, in caring for livestock, or working on their home economics projects, or ag mechanics projects, the fair is a showcase of immense talent throughout

our county.

Entry forms are available on the fair's website, www.tylercountyfair.us, or by contacting your FFA or 4-H sponsor.

Armbands for admittance to ride the many rides, provided by Sam's Amusements, are \$25 for the Wednesday and Thursday dates, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and \$30 Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Tyler County Fair Board encourages everyone to come out and support the youth of the county in their endeavors.

TRUTH

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over the last 10 years. Trust is the glue that holds societies together. Without it, our society crumbles.

In the current era of "alternative facts" and misinformation, public trust in government has reached all-time lows. According to the Pew Research Center, trust in the federal government has been declining for decades, with only 20 percent of Americans saying they trust the government to do what is right in 2021. This decline in trust creates a vicious cycle: when citizens do not trust their leaders, they are less likely to engage in civic activities, vote, or participate in other forms of political engagement. Politicians, in turn, feel less accountable to the public and more likely to act in self-interest or appease special interests.

Truthfulness from politicians is also essential for maintaining social cohesion. In diverse societies like the United States, where different groups often have competing interests and perspectives, it is crucial that political leaders speak honestly and work to bridge divides. Lies, particularly those that are divisive or scapegoat certain groups, exacerbate tensions and fuel polarization. This not only weakens the democratic process but also heightens the risk of social unrest and conflict. In such an environment, finding common ground becomes nearly impossible, and political discourse devolves into tribalism.

Lies have real-world consequences. Recently, presidential candidate Donald Trump used a bit of his debate time to claim that legal Haitian immigrants were eating people's pets in Springfield, Ohio. "In Springfield, they are eating the dogs. The people that came in, they are eating the cats. They're eating – they are eating the pets of the people that live there," Trump proclaimed during the debate, even though the mayor of Springfield and city officials had already debunked the claim, which started with a Facebook post that the page owner herself disavowed.

The result of this lie revealed itself in the real world immediately, when threats and bomb scares shut down schools and government buildings in the city.

Trump has told numerous other corrosive and easily debunked lies in the last month. CNN recently debunked 12 lies Trump has spread in the last month. He accused Kamala Harris, his opponent, of wanting to force Americans to serve in the military. Not true.

He has said nothing about the draft.

He has claimed repeatedly that Harris "had notes" to assist her in an interview. Also, not true.

Trump has repeatedly claimed that kids are going to school in the morning and returning home with a sex-change operation. He has also claimed that Harris was of Indian heritage but recently "turned black" for political expediency. Of course, that's not true. It goes on and on. (Check out the CNN link above for the full story.)

Restoring truthfulness in politics is no easy task, but it is essential for the health of democratic governance. Several steps can be taken to encourage more honesty from public officials.

First, there must be stronger consequences for dishonesty in politics. While free speech is a constitutional right, politicians who lie to the public—especially about matters of national security, public health, or economic stability—should face sanctions, whether legal or political. Fact-checking organizations and the media have a critical role to play in holding politicians accountable for their statements, but they must remain impartial and resist the temptation to sensationalize.

Second, voters must demand higher standards from their elected officials. Civic education should be prioritized so that citizens are better equipped to recognize misinformation and make informed voting decisions. Social media platforms, which have become major conduits for political discourse, should also take greater responsibility in curbing the spread of false information.

Finally, politicians themselves must take a moral stand. The incentive to lie often stems from the belief that deception is necessary to win elections or stay in power. Leaders who choose to be truthful, even when it is politically inconvenient, can set a powerful example. In the long term, honesty fosters trust, strengthens institutions, and cultivates a more engaged and informed electorate.

I can't say that I'm optimistic that any of these steps will be taken. I've been around 74 years and have watched the steady decline of political and civil discourse in this country. The advent of social media platforms has accelerated that decline, of course, but decline it has.

"We swallow greedily any lie that flatters us, but we sip only little by little at a truth we find bitter. Half a truth is often a great lie." – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Jim Powers writes editorials that reflect his personal opinions. They do not necessarily reflect the views of this publication.

USDA launches assistance network to support financially distressed farmers and ranchers

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing the launch of the Distressed Borrowers Assistance Network, an initiative designed to provide personalized support to financially distressed farmers and ranchers across the nation. Through a series of Cooperative Agreements, this national network will connect distressed borrowers with individualized assistance to help them stabilize and regain financial footing. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) made this announcement today at the Farm Aid Festival in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

"I started my off-ranch career as a Farm Advocate, working hand-in-hand with other tireless farmer advocates. Having someone with experiences in ag finance help producers work through financial difficulties can be the difference between them losing the farm or prospering," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "The Distressed Borrowers Assistance Network underscores our dedication to farmers and ranchers receiving the tailored support they need. These partnerships also illustrate that USDA acknowledges the importance of these advocates and sees them as part of the solution to ensure program access for all farmers, ranchers, and producers."

Network partners include Farm Aid, Rural Advancement Foundation International, the University of Arkansas, the Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Center at Alcorn State University, and the University of Minnesota. Through this initiative, we are collaborating with community-based organizations to better serve financially distressed producers. Network partners will provide farm loan policy training to the community-based organizations so the organizations can work alongside FSA to help producers understand financing available through FSA, ensuring that when they visit an FSA office, the partner organization representative and FSA staff can better assist.

FSA, in collaboration with farm support organizations and land-grant institutions, will facilitate this network, which will provide the technical resources and guidance of USDA partners to experts from distressed and underserved communities. The network's approach includes integrating knowledgeable service providers to deliver one-on-one support to borrowers so they can best make plans and understand options to overcome their financial challenges.

The Distressed Borrowers Assistance Network will address the immediate needs of distressed borrowers and provide comprehensive, wraparound services aimed at addressing the unique challenges faced by financially distressed producers. Once stabilized financially, these borrowers will be better positioned to access new opportunities and continue contributing to the agricultural economy. These investments will also build a system of service providers that can better support agricultural communities for years to come. Investing in a network of agricultural financing service providers to help bridge access to FSA loans is a benefit for rural and agricultural communities.

Additional Farm Loan Programs Improvements

FSA recently announced significant changes to Farm Loan Programs through the Enhancing Program Access and Delivery for Farm Loans rule. These policy changes, to take effect Sept. 25, 2024, are

designed to expand opportunities for borrowers to increase profitability and be better prepared to make strategic investments in enhancing or expanding their agricultural operations.

FSA also has a significant initiative underway to streamline and automate the Farm Loan Program customer-facing business process. For the over 26,000 producers who submit a direct loan application annually, FSA has made several meaningful improvements including:

- The Loan Assistance Tool that provides customers with an interactive online, step-by-step guide to identifying the direct loan products that may fit their business needs and to understanding the application process.
- The Online Loan Application, an interactive, guided application that is paperless and provides helpful features including an electronic signature option, the ability to attach supporting documents such as tax returns, complete a balance sheet, and build a farm operating plan.
- An online direct loan repayment feature that relieves borrowers from the necessity of calling, mailing, or visiting a local USDA Service Center to pay a loan installment.
- A simplified direct loan paper application, reduced from 29 pages to 13 pages.
- A new educational hub with farm loan resources and videos.

USDA encourages producers to reach out to their local FSA farm loan staff to ensure they fully understand the wide range of loan making and servicing options available to assist with starting, expanding, or maintaining their agricultural operation. To conduct business with FSA, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center.

More Information

To learn more about FSA programs, producers can contact their local USDA Service Center. Producers can also prepare maps for acreage reporting as well as manage farm loans and view other farm records data and customer information by logging into their farmers.gov account. If you don't have an account, sign up today.

FSA helps America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in, improve, protect and expand their agricultural operations through the delivery of agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster recovery and marketing programs through a national network of state and county offices and locally elected county committees. For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

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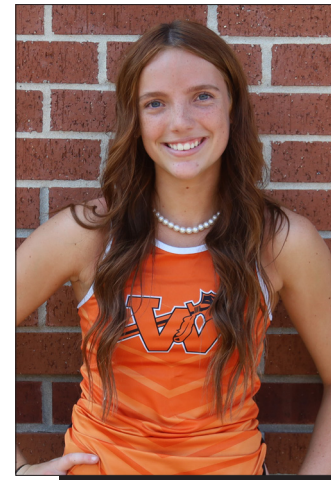
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All about 'hunting buggies'



I remember well my introduction to what I refer to as 'electric hunting buggies'. The correct name would be EZ Go electric golf carts converted for use in the field other than the smooth riding surfaces of a golf course. Well over a decade ago, I began visiting with Ken Blackstock who owned Plano Golf Carts in Plano for many years.

Ken and his brother Robert left Ken's current headquarters in Nevada, Texas loaded with one of their very rugged converted golf carts on a trailer and pulled it out to my place to put it through its paces. I remember telling my newfound friends that if the buggy preformed as well as it looked, I had great plans for it!

With big tires, a bed that converts to an extra seat, high performance 10 hp electric engine, front storage bin and a heavy-duty adjustable controller, the buggy setting in my yard was everything I had envisioned. But how would it perform. I weighed a couple hundred pounds, and I was the lightest of our little 'test group'. With about 500 pounds of lead batteries for power close to 700 pounds of 'testers' onboard, we headed about a mile from my home to some rough country that I hunted at the time.

Ken allowed me to drive and on the asphalt road, I could feel the torque generated by the oversized engine. Once we entered the property, a series of old gravel pits that had been dug back in the sixties, the versatility of a machine that was once used for transporting golfers around on a manicured golf course became evident. Even with a load of over a thousand pounds of batteries and 'testers', the buggy easily negotiated the slopes created by an excavator many years prior when the area was mined for sand and gravel.

During that fall and winter, my 'hunting buggy' transported me to and from my close to home hunting area on many trips and helped me haul everything from corn for feeders to the Snap Lock Hunting Blinds that I hunted from. It was also a lifesaver (and back saver) when it was time to trans-

port wild hogs and deer out of some pretty rough country. I learned my buggy was perfect for negotiating dry terrain, but it definitely was not designed to be used for 'mudding'. I learned to steer clear of muddy areas but carried a winch onboard which I occasionally had to use when I got a little too brave and attempted to plough through deep mud.

About this time, a buddy and I began outfitting archery elk and bear hunts in the mountains of northern Colorado. We had to negotiate a pretty steep road for about a mile in route to the higher elevations where we often encountered game. My partner had hunted with me on my buggy here in Texas and was quite impressed. He soon purchased his own buggy from Ken and we began towing our quiet electric hunting machines all the way near the Wyoming border each fall.

They performed flawlessly for the seven years we used them up there and allowed us to approach our hunting areas quietly. Once, when Ken and Robert came up to hunt with us, we loaded a bear that Robert had arrowed on the buggy and four of us rode our hunting cart a good mile through a rough winding mountain trail back to camp. That had to be the ultimate acid test for the converted golf cart!

Fast forward to last week. Ken and Robert again pulled a hunting buggy out to my place for a test run. As they pulled trailer with buggy strapped down into my yard, I was getting a bit of déjà vu. Lots had transpired since that test run many years ago, including some huge advances in golf cart technology. As often the case, I had prepared a barbeque dinner for us and a great friend that lives down the road offered his ranch as a test ground for the new 'buggy' setting on the trailer. After setting up 'camp' in the shade of a huge pecan tree, we began putting Ken's new conversion buggy through its



Ken Blackstock and his Texas 'hunting buggy'.

paces. With one lightweight lithium battery as power, the weight of the 500 pounds of lead batteries was eliminated, no longer was the oversized electric engine necessary.

"We've set these buggies up for use on a basic Texas deer lease." Says Ken. It is designed for transportation on the deer lease, transporting hunters and game to and from camp as well as other deer lease tasks such as hauling corn for feeders, etc. The lithium battery is a huge improvement over the old-style lead batteries. They charge in half the time of lead acid batteries and are basically trouble free. No longer is it necessary to continually be checking water levels in the old-style batteries or cleaning posts. By making adjustments to the controller to facilitate hill climbing, the units are more than adequate for the terrain encountered on most Texas leases."

We began our test with a basic deer lease chore, filling a corn feeder. With corn in the bed of the buggy and two guys totaling about 450 pounds we headed out to the first feeder which was suspended from a large limb on a pecan. We backed the buggy up under the feeder, stood in the bed on the back and easily filled the feeder.

It was then time to put the buggy to the

real test of climbing what I considered a pretty steep hill, actually two of them. A slough traverses the perimeter of my buddy's ranch. From the top of the bank down to the water is at least 40 feet and the slope is an estimated 30 degrees. With our group of 'testers' watching closely, Ken drove the buggy down one of the slopes, crossed about 10 inches of running water and up the other bank at about half throttle. I later hopped on with him and the buggy easily negotiated the slope with the two of us onboard.

Back at camp to enjoy a tasty smoked pork, pinto bean and potato salad lunch with a buggy still had several miles of battery life left. I was completely sold on the versatility and power of the converted golf cart. At less than half the cost of a factory model with a three-year warranty on the lithium battery and 3 month warranty on the buggy, this might just be the best deal available on a very serviceable machine tailor made for the deer lease.

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Eagles defeat Diboll's Lumberjacks, 32-14 at Homecoming

By Jason Drake

WOODVILLE – The Woodville Eagles defeated the Diboll Lumberjacks 32-14 Friday in Woodville on Homecoming Night. Both teams are coming off victories last week as Woodville defeated Coldspring-Oakhurst 39-14 and Diboll overtook Rusk 24-19. The win improves the Eagles to 3-1 on the season, while the Lumberjacks drop to 1-3. Diboll was Woodville's lone district loss last year.

The pregame festivities began with senior Sheyian Hart being announced Homecoming Queen. Hart is a softball player and basketball manager for the Lady Eagles.

The Eagles scored early going up 15-0. On the next offensive possession, Dustin Barlow ran the ball on a 41-yard scamper to set the Eagles up deep into the Lumberjacks territory. Woodville would eventually go up 25-15 after an interception by Savon Bolden ended a Lumberjack drive.

The final score of the game was set up by a 19-yard run by Luke Babin and a 19 yard touchdown pass from Babin to Corey McDaniel.

Babin, Barlow and McDaniel were the top offensive performers of the game. Barlow was also the player of the game with 14 rushes for 122 yards (8.7 yards per carry) and a touchdown.

The Eagles racked up 257 total yards with 37 passing and 220 rushing. Diboll was held to 136 total yards with 42 passing and 94 rushing. Woodville was 8-17 on third down conversions while the defense held the Jacks to just one for eleven. Both teams had two turnovers including a fumble and interception for each team.

Defensively, senior Jathan Traylor graded out the highest with seven tackles, three assists on tackles with three being behind the line of scrimmage. Jacob Hunter, Tavion Hunter, Marquis Menefee and Astin Daily also had a standout night defensively for the Eagles.

The Eagles will travel to Trinity Friday night to play the undefeated Trinity Tigers. All sub-varsity games will be at home on Thursday starting at 4:30.

Tavion Hunter received Texas High School Player of the Week award earlier this week for his outstanding performance in the season opener versus Orangefield.



Tavion Hunter receives his trophy for being selected Texas High School Player of the Week. JASON DRAKE | TCB



Jaxon Gay (5) breaks through two tackles as Kasen Citrano (31) and Cutter Lowe (55) follow behind. Gay scored two of the three touchdowns against the Union Hill Bulldogs. BECKI BYRD | TCB

Chester 'Big Homecoming' this weekend; 'Jackets take on Union Hill Bulldogs

By Becki Byrd

The Yellowjacket football team took a three-hour drive North to Gilmer to face the Union Hill Bulldogs on Friday, Sept. 20.

The Jackets found themselves behind early, but fought hard to keep the game alive. Turner Johnson went 11 for 15 passing for 170 yards and three touchdown passes. Jaxon Gay had nine carries for 35 yards, eight catches for 133 receiving yards and scored two touchdowns. Gay also had 11 tackles, one blocked extra point attempt, and one interception. Jesse Bit-tick had seven tackles, Clay Busey five tackles. Kasen Citrano had three tackles with a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, and one touchdown reception.

Ultimately the Jackets could not catch up to the Bulldogs and ended with a 20-54 loss.

This week Chester High School will celebrate its "Big Homecoming", which is held every three years. The schedule for this week is as follows: Thursday, Sept. 26 7 p.m. Bonfire by the baseball field, Friday, Sept. 27.

For the "Big Homecoming" game, the Jackets will host Oakwood at 7 p.m. at Aubry Bradley Stadium.

During halftime classes from 1972, 1973 and 1974 will be recognized. The Homecoming Court Coronation will also take place at halftime and a new queen will be crowned by the reigning 2023 Queen Kinsley Barnes.

The Chester High School Homecoming Queen candidates for 2024 are: Abby Grimes escorted by Waylon Sturrock, Lily Read escorted by Cutter Lowe, Kyli Handley escorted by Hunter Luther and Sydney Brock escorted by Clay Busey. Other members of the court are Freshman Duchess TanaLyn Knox escorted by JT Duncan, Sophomore Duchess Hailey Purvis escorted by Chandler Brock, Junior Duchess Marae Pounds escorted by Rex Gilzow and Children of the Court are Ava Handley, TW Neal, Dallie Walker and Easton Walker. Saturday, Sept. 28 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a 70's themed parade starting at city park and ending at the high school. Opal Philmon Handley is recognized as this years Parade Marshal.

Mrs. Handley just celebrated her 100th birthday and is a 1941 graduate of Chester High School.

After the parade, at 11:30 a.m. the Alumni Association will hold a meeting in the cafeteria.

The Booster Club will also be in the cafeteria with jambalaya lunch for donations with proceeds benefiting all athletic teams.

All guests are encouraged to visit the library where there will be pictures, memorabilia, and yearbooks available for reminiscing and fellowship.

New WHS homecoming queen

Woodville High School has a new homecoming queen, as Shaniyan Hart was crowned at the Eagles' homecoming game last Friday night. She is shown with escort Zayon Williams.

She wanted to give a big thank you to the student body that voted her for homecoming queen.

She said she is grateful for this opportunity, and excited to represent the class of 2025 as the 2024 homecoming queen



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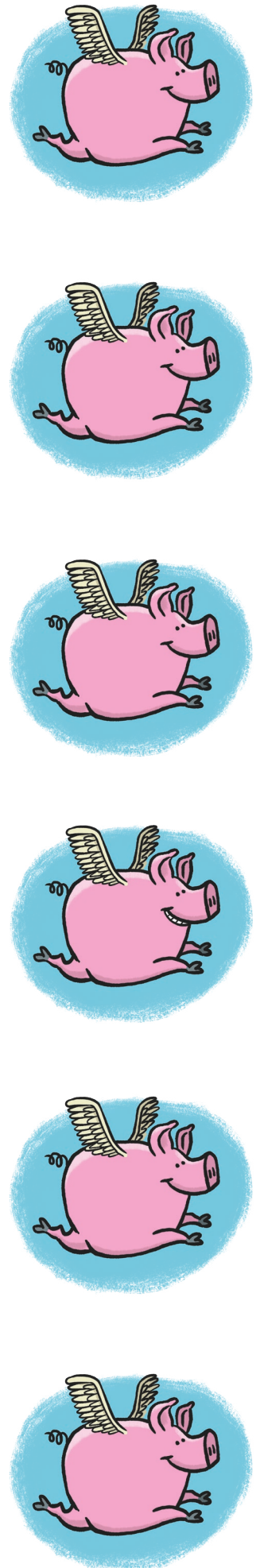
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When Pigs Fly

The idiom "when pigs fly" means something is very unlikely to ever actually happen. Can you find the flying pig that's different from the others?



Money Talks!

"Money talks" is an **idiom**. An idiom is a saying that means something different from what the words actually say.



The idiom **money talks** means people often listen and pay attention to someone who has a lot of money. It suggests that money gives people power.

Idioms Are Fun!

Money idioms aren't the only type of idioms. Look at the pictures below and see if you can translate them into the idioms they represent. Add the missing vowels to find out what the pictures are saying.



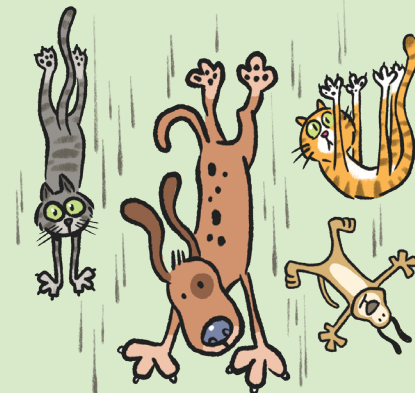
Being careful about what you say or do:

"I was w_lk_ng
_n_ggsh_lls."



To accidentally reveal a secret:

"I spill_d th_b__ns."



When it's raining a lot:

"It's rai_n_g c_ts
_nd d_gs."

Standards Link: Spell grade level words correctly.

More Money Talk: A Two-in-One Activity!

- Use the code to complete the phrase shown in each picture.
- Then draw a line from each phrase to the box with its meaning.

SECRET CODE:

- = money
- = cash
- = grow
- = save
- = earned
- = parted
- = priceless
- = stretch
- = pincher



A penny saved is a penny _____.



Money doesn't _____ on trees.



Time is _____.



A fool and his money are soon _____.



_____ for a rainy day.



_____ your dollar.



I'm a penny _____.



That's _____!



It's a real **cash** cow.

Time is a valuable thing that, like money, should not be wasted.

Money shouldn't be wasted or taken for granted.

It's important to save money in good times so you'll have some in difficult times.

Something that is more valuable than money: an act of kindness, love, etc.

Being careless can make you lose or waste your money.

Making your money go farther by finding good deals.

An idea that brings in a lot of money with little work.

Saving money instead of spending it adds up over time.

Someone who is extremely careful or reluctant about spending money.

Extra! Extra! Money Words

Find three examples of prices written in numbers. Rewrite each of the amounts of money in words. For example, \$21.95 would be "twenty-one dollars and ninety-five cents."

Standards Link: Write numbers in words.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk

This idiom means that you shouldn't get too upset over small problems. Follow the maze to get the sponge to the spilled milk.

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

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P	E	R	E	S	D	E	A	L	S
S	Y	W	T	F	Y	N	S	O	A
O	Q	A	C	P	L	N	F	S	W
G	P	L	H	S	T	Y	U	B	C

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

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Picture This

Look through the newspaper for an idiom. Draw a picture showing the literal meaning of the idiom. Then discuss what the actual meaning is or could be.

Standards Link: Explain common idioms.

Why couldn't the flower buy a large pizza?

ANSWER: Because it only had one cent!

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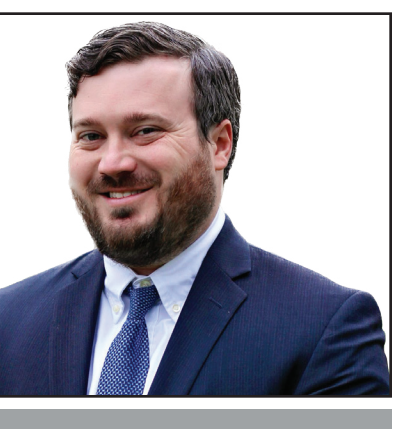
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Only two roads

My friend Victor Knowles II had the following on his Facebook page.



The Preacher Says
By Keith Bellamy

"There are, according to Jesus, only two ways...hard and easy (there is no middle way), entered by two gates, ...broad and narrow... (there is no other gate), trodden by two crowds...large and small (there is no neutral group), ending in two destinations, (destruction and life... (there is no third alternative)). It is hardly necessary to comment that such talk is extremely unfashionable today. People like to be uncommitted. Every opinion poll allows not only for a 'yes' or 'no' answer, but for a convenient 'I don't know'. Men are lovers of Aristotle and of his golden mean. The most popular path is the *via media*. To deviate from the middle way is to risk be-

ing dubbed an 'extremist' or a 'fanatic'. Everybody resents being faced with the necessity of a choice. But Jesus will not allow us to escape it."

Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' (ESV)

So, which way are you going? Do you follow Jesus, or some other road?

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STATE Voter registration deadline nears for November election

Eligible Texans planning to vote in the November general election have until Oct. 7 to register, Texas Secretary of State Jane Nelson reminds folks. The registration deadline applies to both early and election day voting.

"Texans have just a few short weeks left to register to vote, and I want to ensure all eligible Texans who want to make their voices heard are registered and prepared to do so," Nelson said.

Instructions on how to register to vote and how to update existing voter registrations can be found at VoteTexas.org. To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county where you register and at least 18 years old on Election Day.

Texas officials say they have scrubbed voter rolls of more than 1 million voters deemed ineligible. The routine process culls people who have moved out of state or are dead. Voters can ensure they are registered by going to the My Voter Portal on the secretary of state's website, <https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

Early voting begins on Oct. 21 and ends Nov. 1. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Oct. 25. Election Day is Nov. 5.

Venezuelan gang designated terrorist organization

Gov. Greg Abbott and state officials have labeled the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua as a "foreign terrorist organization," the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The gang originated in Venezuela's prison system a decade ago and first operated from the state of Aragua, from which it derives its name. Its criminal activities include drug trafficking, human smuggling, kidnapping, extortion and illegal mining, according to the report. State officials believe the gang is operating in Texas. "Our goal is to defend Texas from the grow-



Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

ing threat of the gang," Abbott said. "We will not let them use Texas as a base of operations to terrorize our citizens."

Abbott has said El Paso is a locus of illegal activity by members of Tren de Aragua. A law passed in 2023 to target smugglers of undocumented immigrants will be used against gang members, he said.

Judge tosses Paxton suit against Bexar County

A state district judge last week threw out a lawsuit filed by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton against Bexar County's plan to mail voter registration forms to county residents, The Texas Tribune reported. Since the forms have already been mailed, District Judge Antonia Arteaga ruled the case was moot.

Paxton sued the county to attempt to block the mailing of the forms. He asserted that the efforts in Bexar County, as well as in Harris and Travis counties, are a violation of state law and risk adding noncitizens to voter rolls. Bexar county commissioners called the claims misleading and unfounded.

A similar suit against Travis County has been moved to federal court, where county officials are also challenging Paxton's efforts to

stop voter registration efforts. In addition, Jolt, a nonprofit that is pushing for increased Latino participation in the electoral process, has sued Paxton after being targeted in a separate investigation into its registration efforts.

Project 2025 data shows little evidence of voter fraud

Data compiled by the Heritage Foundation, architect of the controversial Project 2025, indicates noncitizen voting in Texas is not a widespread problem, the Texas Newsroom reported.

A database maintained since 2017 houses state data since 2005. Only three instances of noncitizens casting ballots have been found since 2012, the database indicates.

The Heritage Foundation has recently sounded alarm bells about potential noncitizen voting in the upcoming general election. The American Immigration Council cited the foundation's own data as proof that noncitizen voting is not a widespread problem.

"The lessons to take from Heritage's own database are that noncitizen voting is not a serious problem and that to the extent rare cases occur, they would be best addressed by better training government workers to recognize immigration documents and follow procedure," wrote Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, a senior fellow at the council.

PUC urged to more closely vet plant loan applicants

The Public Utility Commission has drawn criticism after initially approving a power plant project in the Rio Grande Valley for a company whose CEO was convicted of embezzlement

seven years earlier. The application has since been canceled, the Texas Standard reported. Earlier this month, the Senate Finance Committee grilled agency leaders, who are tasked with approving loans out of a \$5 billion fund approved by lawmakers to boost the state's power grid.

"The role of your organization has changed dramatically," state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, told PUC Chair Thomas Gleeson. "We're expecting more from you. You're not just a [electricity] rate organization anymore."

Gleeson said the PUC would review its processes and has penalized Deloitte, the firm hired to administer the Texas Energy Fund, by cutting its contract by 10%. The agency is under pressure to finish loaning the \$5 billion by the end of 2025, according to the legislation.

Time for flu, COVID-19 vaccines

Autumn has officially arrived, which means it's the season to consider booster shots for the flu, COVID-19 and other immunizations, such as shingles or pneumonia. The Statesman reported healthcare providers say it's OK to get both the flu and COVID-19 shots at the same time, but people should first check with their healthcare provider.

The federal Food and Drug Administration has approved three updated COVID-19 boosters, and the agency urges people of all ages to get vaccinated. The vaccines typically become effective in two weeks, healthcare authorities say. Most insurance plans cover the cost of the vaccines.

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Car seat installation can mean life or death

Special to the Booster

AUSTIN — A car seat can be a lifesaver, but only if it's installed and used correctly.

Whether you're going to school or taking a family trip, knowing how to properly install a car seat is absolutely vital.

"It's extremely important that parents schedule a car seat check today," said Marc Williams, the executive director with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). "Ensuring car seats are installed correctly is one of the most important things a parent or caregiver can do to protect their children in a crash."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly half (46 percent) of all car seats have been installed incorrectly. TxDOT invites parents to schedule a free car seat safety check by visiting [SaveMeWithASeat.org](https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/statewide/us287-corridor-interstate-feasibility-study.html)

and entering their ZIP code to find the nearest TxDOT traffic safety specialist in their area. TxDOT offers free car seat safety checks year-round.

Texas law requires all children under the age of 8 or shorter than 4 feet, 9 inches, to be in a car seat when riding in a passenger vehicle. Failure to properly restrain a child can result in a ticket of up to \$250. In 2023, 47 children younger than 8 years old were killed in Texas traffic crashes, and 320 were seriously injured.

Car seat safety is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel, like wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths.

Babin endorsed by homebuilders' group

Special to the Booster

WASHINGTON — The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) announced its endorsement of Rep. Brian Babin (R-Woodville) for re-election to Congress.

"Rep. Babin has made housing and homeownership a top national priority and understands that working to address the nation's housing affordability challenges and expanding housing opportunities for all Americans is essential to the economic and social well-being of our nation," said NAHB Chairman Carl Harris, a custom home builder from Wichita, Kan.

Housing is important to local, state and national economies and accounts for about 16% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product. NAHB believes in this critical election year that it

is important to elect pro-housing, pro-business candidates to Congress to ensure that housing and the economy move forward.

"We are proud to endorse Rep. Babin for re-election because he opposes needless regulatory mandates that increase housing costs, while working with home builders to provide more safe and affordable housing for hardworking American families," said Harris.

New home construction is an engine of job creation. On average, workers from 24 fields are needed to build a home. Constructing 100 single-family homes creates nearly 300 full-time jobs and \$12.96 million in fees and taxes for all levels of government to help fund schools, roads, police and firefighters.

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- an Astro evading a tag at second base
- in Fort Worth: "___ Carter Museum of American Art"
- late TX Swayze film: "___ of Kin" (1989)
- in Amarillo: "___ & Rodeo"
- TX George W. to TX George H.W.
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- Caribbean island
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- least valuable chess piece
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TxDOT seeking input on future of US 287

Survey open until Sept. 27

BEAUMONT — The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is seeking public input on the future of US 287, a corridor that spans 671 miles from Port Arthur to Amarillo and plays a major role in moving people and goods through Texas. The section of US 287 from I-10 to US 190 is part of other studies and is not included in this study.

The comprehensive study will evaluate transportation needs and identify potential multimodal solutions to help improve safety and connectivity. TxDOT is asking the public to participate in a survey to share their experiences traveling along the corridor, challenges for safety and mobility, and provide insights into priorities for US 287.

"This study is an opportunity for TxDOT to hear from communities, businesses, and the broader public what this corridor should look like and how it can connect communities and foster economic opportunities for Texans for years to come," TxDOT corridor planning branch manager Lorena Echeverria de Misi said.

The public is also encouraged to leave comments about specific locations along the corridor on an interactive map. Both the survey and the interactive map will be available from Aug. 15 - Sept. 27 on <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/statewide/us287-corridor-interstate-feasibility-study.html>.

Guided by groups representing northwest, central, and southeast segments of the corridor, this study focuses on safety, movement of people and goods, connectivity with other key corridors in Texas, and new technology, and other priorities.

Contact: Tanya Avila at tanya.avila@txdot.gov or (409) 898 5745.

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What you need to know about the Venezuelan gang that Texas is targeting

Gov. Greg Abbott has declared the Venezuelan gang a foreign terrorist organization and asked the Department of Public Safety to create a strike team targeting them.

By Juan Salinas II and Pooja Salhotra
The Texas Tribune

What is Tren de Aragua?

Tren de Aragua is a Venezuelan gang that started in a prison in the state of Aragua and has since expanded into Central America and the United States, including Texas, New York, Colorado and Wisconsin. The group focuses on human smuggling and other criminal activity that targets migrants, such as kidnapping, extortion, and drug trafficking. According to a report from Transparency Venezuela, the group adopted its name between 2013 and 2015 but may have begun operations earlier.

What is Texas doing to target the gang?

Gov. Greg Abbott signed a proclamation on Sept. 16 that declares the gang a foreign terrorist organization. He also directed the Texas Department of Public Safety to mobilize a strike team with state troopers, Texas Rangers, and other law enforcement groups to pursue the gang wherever they are known to be operating in Texas. Declaring the gang a foreign terrorist organization means gang members could face increased sentences for crimes such as distributing illegal drugs. State law also authorizes civil penalties against foreign terrorist organizations.

Texas doesn't have a database that tracks individuals affiliated with Tren de Aragua, but Abbott announced that law enforcement officers would work to create one.

How does the gang operate?

The group started by extorting businesses in Venezuela and then began trafficking humans into Colombia, Peru and Chile. According to Abbott, the organization seeks to infiltrate countries and set up a base of operation for their criminal activity. DPS Director Steve McCraw said El Paso was the gang's "ground zero."

Is the gang a major public safety threat in Texas?

According to Abbott, there has been Tren de Aragua activity in Texas since 2021. He said more than 3,000 undocumented immigrants from Venezuela have been arrested in Texas for crimes such as human smuggling, and another more than 200 are wanted. Michael Shifter, a senior fellow with the Inter-American Dialogue, a foreign policy think tank, said the gang poses a greater risk to Latin American countries such as Peru, Colombia and Chile. Still, Shifter said, the organization should be taken seriously. "It is clearly a major problem that needs to be dealt with," he said. "I think there's reason to be confident that U.S. law enforcement can handle it."

Did the gang take over a hotel in El Paso?

During his press conference, Abbott noted that more than 100 TDA members had been arrested at the Gateway Hotel in downtown El Paso on charges including human smuggling and possession of illegal drugs. Some media reports described it as a "takeover" of the hotel by the gang.

The 121-year-old hotel was shut down on Sept. 12 because of broad criminal activity, not because of any specific gang, according to the El Paso County Attorney. The hotel had operated without a valid certificate of occupancy and was the scene of persistent criminal activity including aggravated assaults, criminal trespass, public intoxication and burglary, according to the county attorney's office. Police reports note that criminal activity increased in the hotel because of

How is the gang's activity playing into U.S. politics?

Tren de Aragua. When he announced the state crackdown on the gang, Abbott said Texas has seen "slow but increasing activity of TDA in our state" which he blamed on President Joe Biden. "The fact of the matter is, this is something that has exploded in the aftermath of the president saying that if you're from Venezuela, you'll be allowed in the United States."

In January, the Biden administration announced a humanitarian parole program allowing certain people from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela to live and work lawfully in the U.S. for up to two years. Abbott's press conference came on

the heels of the presidential debate, where former president Donald Trump brought up online right-wing reports of Venezuelan gangs "taking over" a Colorado apartment complex.

Shifter said Abbott's move must be looked at in the context of the upcoming presidential election, since Trump has hammered on the narrative that undocumented immigrants are invading the country, committing crimes and stealing jobs from Americans.

"Trump has clearly highlighted this in the debate and is trying to stoke fear," Shifter said. "I think Gov. Abbott is trying to ratchet it up saying this is a major transnational group and the Biden-Harris administration has not been effective in containing it."



Members of the Chilean Armed Forces participate in a security operation against suspects with links to the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua, on May 29, 2024. Credit: Patricio Cortés B./Ulan/POOL via REUTERS

Legal Notices

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Tyler County seeking bids for road/bridge materials; electronic bid deadline October 15 at 9:50 a.m.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: O3553

Application and Draft Permit. East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., 2101 Pelican Rd, Shepherd, TX 77371-3822, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O3553, Application No. 36309, to authorize operation of the Woodville Renewable Power Project, a Biomass Electric Power Generation facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 1580 County Road 1020 in Woodville, Tyler County, Texas 75979-6498. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-94.436111,30.749166&level=13>. This application was received by the TCEQ on February 12, 2024.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Beaumont Regional Office, 3870 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77703-1830; and the Allan Shivers Library and Museum, 302 N Charlton St, Woodville, Texas 75979-4806, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-2900.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Mailing List. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

Information. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. by calling Mr. Tracy Dreymla at (281) 592-9020.

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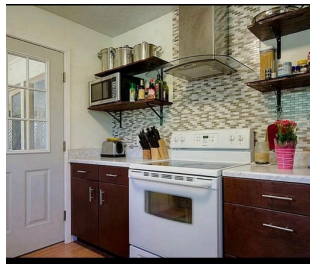
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