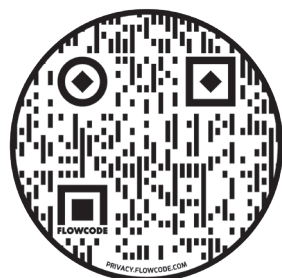


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Property tax change less than Starbucks coffee

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SHEPHERD — Homeowners in the Shepherd school district will see on average a \$3.31 increase in property taxes per \$100,000 value based on the new tax rate passed by the Shepherd ISD Board of Managers. Despite the slight increase, the board on

Sept. 19 approved a tax rate of .9679 per \$100 valuation, down from the 2023-34 level of 1.001.

Sonya Fulgham, Chief Financial Officer for the district, said the increase in tax revenue will be due to higher property values as determined by the San Jacinto County Appraisal District. That translates to a 7.89 percent increase for homeowners.

The 2024-25 budget for the district includes \$11,173,533 for instruction, \$3,734,919 for instructional support, \$1,158,743 for administration and \$6,631,270 for operations, among other things.

In other business, the board:

- discussed the creation of a new strategic compensation program for ESC Region 6 to reward highly performing staff based on stu-

dent outcome;

- approved a travel form for students attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis Oct. 23-27;
- approved adjunct staff and extracurricular events that qualify for extracurricular days; and
- approved the purchase of study materials for the nursing science program.



Contestants in the Special Hearts Livestock Show get the opportunity to work with animals and learn what it takes to show the project at the San Jacinto County Fair. PHOTO BY NICOLE HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY



Contestants in the broilers show hold their animals up for the judge to evaluate. PHOTO BY NICOLE HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY



Eli Herrod kicks off the Youth Livestock Auction at the San Jacinto County Fair with his grand champion market steer. PHOTO BY TONY FARKAS

Fair a celebration of all achievement

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COLDSRING — Tommy Hues called this year's San Jacinto County Fair great, with amazing participation, great entries, sponsors that show their heart and especially a dedicated, great group of volunteers that step up each year to put the event on.

Hues, the president of the SJC Fair Board, praised each of the events of the fair, from the weather, the student projects, the quality

of the animals shown, and even the rodeo.

Also, he said the event is a great one for the county, one that brings supporters, sponsors and students together for the main goal — supporting the youth of San Jacinto County.

Erin Goad relates that this is the inaugural year for a special event — San Jacinto County students participated in the SJC Special Hearts Livestock Show.

This event was the vision and hard work of Shepherd Middle School student Kinsley Rhodes, who brought her dream to life.

The show brought together livestock enthusiasts, sponsors, and community supporters to celebrate inclusivity and curiosity. It provided a special platform for Special Hearts Showmen to interact with and learn about livestock, all while creating a welcoming and supportive environment.

Every school district in San Jacinto County was represented, and it was heartwarming to see Shepherd, Coldspring and Goodrich unite with the shared goal of making each participant feel like a show arena star.

Each participant had the opportunity to bond with livestock, connect with peers, and gain an introduction to agriculture in a fun and rewarding atmosphere. To commemorate their experience, participants received a champion ribbon and show banner.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the students and adults who made this event possible, especially SJC 4-H, Coldspring FFA, Shepherd FFA and Shepherd HS FC-CLA. Refer to page 3B and 4B for champion pictures and results.

Coldspring students seek help for 3 additional pennies

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COLDSRING — In order to make up for budgeting shortfalls, the Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD Board of Trustees have given the green light to a Voter Approval Tax Rate Election, which will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot.

According to information provided by the COCISD website, VATRE asks voters to approve a tax rate to keep current pay levels for staff while maintaining instructional and extracurricular opportunities.

Additionally, it would allow COCISD to receive additional revenue from the state.

The new tax rate would generate an estimated \$1,185,726 in additional funds, and the total tax rate will remain 14 cents below the 86-cent-per-\$100 valuation av-

erage tax rate of the last five years.

If the VATRE passes, it will put the COCISD tax rate for maintenance and operations at .7275, up from the current .6975. These three additional pennies are considered Golden because the state's contribution goes from 12 to 34 percent.

More information, as well as an impact calculator that will help determine the actual tax impact on a specific home value, can be found at <https://www.cocisd.org/vatre>.

Also at the Sept. 23 meeting of the Board of Trustees, members approved its local investment policy and strategies, as well as the district improvement plan.

At the meeting, it was announced that Homecoming will be held Oct. 18, and the fourth annual trunk or treat is set for 6-8 p.m. Oct. 29 at the high school.



Luke Jackson was honored as the Coldspring-Oakhurst Junior High School Student of the month. COURTESY PHOTO



Malachi O'Briant was honored as the Coldspring-Oakhurst High School Student of the month. COURTESY PHOTO

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LAKE LIVINGSTON DATA AS OF SEPT 23

Current level	130.36 ft
Normal level	131.00 ft
Discharge	1796 cfs
Weekly rainfall total	0.00 in

TRINITY RIVER DATA AS OF SEPT 23

Gauge Stage.....	5.35 ft
Category.....	Normal
Weekly rainfall	0.00 in



Cooler weather makes a very pleasant change

There is a lot going on in our area coming weeks. This is the last call for the Coldspring Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. The Culinary Arts Students of Coldspring High School will serve chicken piccata with wild rice and asparagus, followed by chocolate chip brownies.

President Jennifer Hoff will talk about "The State of the Chamber" with Peoples State Bank sponsoring this delicious meal. Cost is \$15 at the door at the High School, on Oct. 1, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Call the Chamber to RSVP.

•Congressman Morgan Luttrell will be in Coldspring on Monday for a meet and greet at the SJC Republican HQ in Coldspring. Stop by to hear him and ask any questions you may have, from 10-11 a.m. For more information call Gayle Booth at 832-259-6812.

•SJC Democratic Party will hold a Fall Gala on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. in Jones Auditorium in Coldspring. Candidates who will be featured are Laura Jones for U.S. Representative District 8, Laura Ashley Simmons for House District 146 and Katherine Culbert for the Railroad Commission. There will be music, a live auction, great food

Did You Know

By Yvonne Cones



and fun.

Tickets are \$40 each or \$300 for a table of 8. Monthly meetings are held each month on the second Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Coldspring Community Center at 101 E. Cedar Ave. Call (936) 252-8453 for more information or go to Facebook: Democrats of San Jacinto County.

•Coldspring Garden Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday at Coldspring Community Center. This month the guest speaker is Irene Pawlowski who, in honor of it being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, will talk about living wreaths. Members are asked to wear pink if possible to show support for the topic. There will be refreshments.

• Christmas is coming. For those who asked about the theme this year, it will be the same as last year, "A Country Christmas." The Parades for both Chambers will have

entry forms on their websites. Call the numbers below if necessary.

There will be more information on the celebrations in the coming weeks, but you can be sure that Santa will show up for photos.

• I have mentioned the webinars given by SBDC before. They are posting a lot of new ones on their web site. If you are starting a business or need some advice on a particular subject, look at this site. There are classes for working on the Internet on such subjects as opening a food truck. It is worth a look to see if there is something to interest you. Go to SBDCinfo@uh.edu to learn.

• Both libraries are holding fundraisers. Coldspring has their annual garage sale at the Coldspring Community Shelter starting with an early-bird session from 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 9. The entrance fee is \$20 to have first look at the huge amount of items for sale. The sale starts the following day till Oct. 12. Saturday closes down the sale at noon, but previous days will open at 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. There will be a special table for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for a silent auction featuring Dolly's Kitchenware. She and her sister recently published a cook-

book of their family recipes. This kitchenware is made to her design.

Shepherd Library will hold a fundraiser on Oct. 18 at Coldspring Community Center. This will be a team trivia night led by Bill Powell, DJ and facilitator of such games at his many gigs. The team can be 1-5 people. Points will be given and if you turn up in costume, you get extra points. Winner is the team with most points. There will be a silent auction as well as marble racing and other fun things to do with snacks and sodas available. Please call the library to register at (936) 628-3515. Tickets are \$10 pre-pay or \$15 at the door.

• With the storms and floods, we have had in our country, first responders have been on call continually, many have gone to other states to help there. Shepherd Fire Chief Wayne Jenkins said that one of his team had gone to Georgia to help there.

Wayne has been involved with the Fire Department for many years, starting at 17 years old. He talked about the training responders go through, a weeklong course from A&M which can be done online. There is a need for volunteers. I was interested to learn that juniors,

16-18 years, can be volunteers although they are limited in their work. They are not allowed to enter buildings but will learn how the job is done by watching the adults (18 and over). Juniors must show they are passing grades at school, this is in the by-laws.

Shepherd VFD has a 74-year-old who drives a truck, proving if you want to help, age is not a problem, and yes, women can be volunteers too. The Auxiliaries are supporters for the Fire Fighters, raising funds through Bake Sales, getting donations etc.

Recently they bought a new stove for the kitchen and in emergencies, will cook for them. The president is Wayne's mom, Myrna Jenkins, with Wayne's wife Amy as VP. Obviously, wives and moms want to support their firefighter family. But they will welcome help when it is needed. Go to their Facebook page or call (936) 628-6566 to know more.

Contact the Shepherd Chamber of Commerce at (210) 995-7420 or the Coldspring Chamber at (936) 653-2184.

Yvonne Cones is president of the Shepherd Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Coldspring Chamber of Commerce.



Shepherd fire chief Wayne Jenkins and his wife Amy. COURTESY PHOTO



It was a Western theme lunch at SJC seniors with horse racing games. COURTESY PHOTO



Dessert featured a Stetson made from chocolate-covered chip, a Twizzler and a Rolo. COURTESY PHOTO

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twc.tamu.edu

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Valid for 10/02/24
Issued on: 09/29/2024

Fire Danger Rating
■ Low
■ Moderate
■ High
■ Very High
■ Extreme

AREA DIGEST

Fall Plant Sale set

San Jacinto County Master Gardeners will hold a plant sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Shepherd Community Center, 10251 Texas 150, in Shepherd.

The sale will include a wide variety Texas native plants grown by San Jacinto Master Gardeners, educational presentations and vendors with a variety of items.

The event also includes a raffle. For a list of items or for more information, visit www.txmg.org/sjmg.

WCGS Genealogy Event

The Walker County Genealogical Society and Huntsville Public Library will host its annual Genealogy Network of Texas Genealogy Smorgasbord starting at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 18 at the Huntsville Public Library Staggs Community Room.

Five genealogy programs that range from basic genealogy to naturalizations to writing family stories and more are available.

The event is free and open to everyone. For information, visit the WCGS website at wcgstx.org or the Huntsville Public Library website at myhuntsvillelibrary.com, or call Mary Kokot at (936) 291-5471.

The presentations also are available online at these sites.

Bingo night set

The Waterwood Women's League is hosting a community-wide bingo night on Oct. 21st from 5:30-9 p.m. at the Waterwood Pavilion to raise money for its 2025 Scholarship Fund.

Events include a silent auction of special items, a raffle, door prizes and cash prizes for the winners.

Each year the league gives out one four-year scholarship of \$1,000 to a deserving student and/or a one-time \$1,000 technical scholarship. Since 1984 to date, more than \$150,000 in scholarships have been awarded. When recipients meet a required GPA, WWL gives the student \$1,000 per semester for up to four years.

Waterwood Women's League is a non-profit organization 501 (c) (3) foundation that has been in existence since 1976. The objective of our league is to aid in the quality of life for the women of Waterwood and to support the community with annual scholarship funds to local high school students.

Chamber seeks help

The Coldspring Chamber of Commerce is seeking donations for goodie bags to be given to car show contestants at this year's Wolf Creek Car, Truck, and Bike Show.

Only the first 250 contestants to register get a goodie bag filled with these items.

Contestants travel from all over to attend our car show, and this is a great opportunity to advertise a business; there also are many area residents who participate in the event.

Items that are car-related, as well as pens, notepads, air fresheners, key chains, lanyards, stickers, chip clips, magnets, etc. are examples of the things that can be used.

The chamber needs 250 of each item. To donate items, drop off items at the Chamber office during our hours, Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fundraiser set

The SAAFE House annual Lures & Lace

bingo fundraiser has been delayed until Aug. 23, 2025.

Organizers feel that in light of the serious weather events of the last several months, it is better that the community focus on rebuilding

The event will be held at the San Jacinto County Storm Shelter, 255 Live Oak Drive, in Coldspring, to support SAAFE House and its endeavors in San Jacinto County. Money raised at the event stays in the county to help residents in need.

Call SAAFE House at (936) 291-3529, Shelby at (936) 284-5580 or Tammy at (936) 284-5547 for information.

Association offers assistance

The Community Assistance Program offered by the Houston Food Bank provides application assistance for SNAP, Medicaid, and other state benefits. The Referral Partner Program goes a step further with assistance in finding resources beyond food assistance.

The goal is to help the individuals avoid sacrificing healthy nutritious food just so they can pay for their other expenses.

To apply, bring identification (driver's license, passport, work permit, residency card, or state ID), Birth certificates, Social Security cards and address verification (such as apartment lease, rental agreement, rent/mortgage payment receipt, utility bills, landlord letter) and income verification (last 3 paystubs, letter from employer, income tax, self-employment letter stating your weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly income, or award letters from child support, retirement, Social Security or disability).

For more information, call Houston Food Bank at (832) 586-8579 or visit www.houstonfoodbank.org/cap.

Libraries seeks donations

The Coldspring and Shepherd public libraries are partnering with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to provide free, high-quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth through 5 years.

To build a strong culture of reading for young children and increase early literacy in San Jacinto County, the library is seeking donors to contribute to our project.

For a \$25 annual donation, the Coldspring Library and the Imagination Library will mail 12 books directly to a registered child's home. The child must reside in San Jacinto County and be registered by an authorized adult.

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has become the pre-eminent early childhood book-gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has gifted more than 182 million free books in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and The Republic of Ireland.

For more information on the program, please visit imaginationlibrary.com. To register, visit either library.

Veterans museum hosts events

HEART'S Veterans Museum hosts HAM radio class/testing at the Walker County Storm Shelter on the second Saturday of every month from 9-11 a.m.

For more info email festival@hearts-museum.com or call (936) 295-5959.

SENIOR MENUS

Oct. 7-11

Menus Subject to Change
Senior Citizens of San Jacinto County | (936) 653-4175
 Call by 10:30 a.m. to reserve a meal.
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday is Texercise. Tuesday is line dancing. Thursday is bingo. Friday is karaoke.

MONDAY: Chicken and dumplings, sweet peas, rolls.

TUESDAY: Hamburger steak with onions, mashed potatoes, salad bar, rolls.

WEDNESDAY: Tuna croquettes, macaroni and cheese, salad bar, rolls.

THURSDAY: Teriyaki chicken, stir-fry vegetables, rice, egg rolls.

FRIDAY: Enchilada casserole, charro beans, Spanish rice, cheesy jalapeno cornbread.

• Shepherd Senior Citizens Center | (936) 628-3733

Second Tuesday of each month includes birthday cake for dessert.

Bingo is Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Bag Days are Oct. 4 and 18. Craft Days are Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. A fall fundraiser with barbecue baked potatoes will be Oct. 20.

MONDAY: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, pickles, strawberry cake.

TUESDAY: Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, birthday cake.

WEDNESDAY: Smothered pork, rice and gravy, greens, ice cream.

THURSDAY: Chicken and dressing, yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, ambrosia salad.

FRIDAY: Fried catfish, coleslaw, French fries, hush puppies, brownies.

HONORS

SNHU

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Southern New Hampshire University congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2024 President's List.

The summer terms run from May to August. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status

is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Local students include Charlie Wyers and Donna Shelton of Shepherd.

Additionally, Brandy Smith of Coldspring was named to SNHU Dean's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List.

\$5,000 reward offered for information on Tren De Aragua gang members

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott announced that the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the identification and arrest of known or suspected members of the dangerous Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua who have been or are involved in criminal activity and pose an increasing danger to the public safety of Texans.

"Tren de Aragua has spread terror and carnage in every country they've been in, and Texas will not allow them to gain a foothold in our state," Abbott said. "I am announcing a reward for any information that leads to the identification and arrest of known or suspected members of this gang who have been or are involved in heinous crimes. Texas will not let these thugs use our state as a base of operations to terrorize our citizens. I encourage anyone with information on Tren de Aragua to call the Texas Crime Stoppers hotline or submit an anonymous tip online. With the public's help, combined with the hard work of federal, state, and local law en-

forcement, we will capture these dangerous gang members and put them behind bars for good."

To be eligible for the cash rewards, tipsters must provide information to authorities using one of the following methods:

• Call the Texas Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477)

• Submit a tip online through the Texas Department of Public Safety

All tips are anonymous regardless of how they are submitted, and tipsters will be provided a tip number instead of using a name. Callers' anonymity is guaranteed by law, and you could earn up to \$5,000. Fugitives should be considered armed and dangerous. Texans should never try to apprehend a fugitive.

Recently, Gov. Abbott launched a comprehensive, statewide operation to aggressively target TdA to disrupt their criminal operations and deny their foothold in the state. The Governor also designated TdA as a foreign terrorist organization and directed the Texas Department of Public Safety to elevate them to a Tier 1 gang and to create a TdA Strike Team that will identify and arrest TdA gang members.

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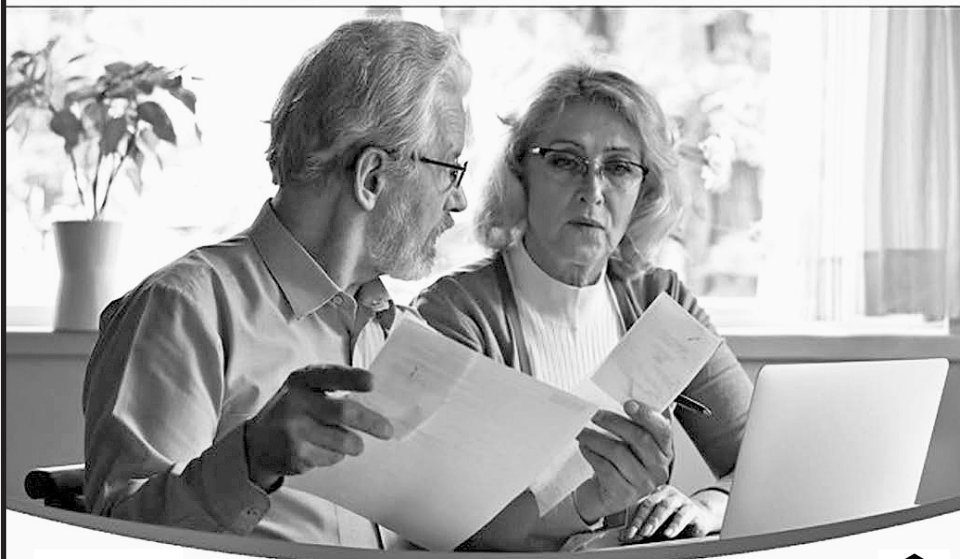


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OPINION

VIEWING IT DIFFERENTLY

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Should a president be a person of character?

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." —Abraham Lincoln

In the months leading up to the 2024 Presidential election, I've watched numerous interviews with supporters of Donald Trump at his rallies and speeches. A common question posed to these supporters is whether they believe Trump is a man of character. The responses generally fall into a few distinct categories.

Some acknowledge Trump's very public character flaws—such as cheating on his wives, his affairs with porn stars, his reputation for stiffing contractors, and his fraud convictions. However, they argue that while they do not condone these actions, they support his policies on immigration, border security, and abortion. For these voters, the ends justify the means. They believe Trump delivers the political results they want, so his character flaws are less important.

Others, particularly evangelical Christians, agree that Trump has significant character issues, but they point to the Old Testament, where God used flawed leaders to accomplish His will. They draw parallels between Trump and these biblical figures, arguing that God works through imperfect people to achieve divine purposes, even if the individuals themselves are far from virtuous.

Still, others deny Trump's moral failures altogether, with some even believing he is divinely chosen to redeem the world. A few go as far as to claim he is the second coming of the Son of Man—a belief we'll address shortly.

To determine whether a person has character, we can look at core traits that are widely recognized as indicators of moral and ethical integrity:

- **Integrity:** A foundation for trust and ethical behavior, involving honesty and transparency.
- **Honesty:** The willingness to tell the truth, even when it is difficult.
- **Accountability:** Taking responsibility for one's actions and working to correct mistakes.
- **Empathy:** The ability to connect with others emotionally and respond with compassion.
- **Humility:** A willingness to learn from others and avoid arrogance.
- **Courage:** Acting ethically and standing up for what is right, even under pressure.
- **Respectfulness:** Valuing others and fostering positive relationships.
- **Loyalty:** Dedication to maintaining trust and reliability in relationships.
- **Self-discipline:** The ability to control one's emotions and behaviors in line with their values and goals.
- **Generosity, perseverance, and fairness** are additional traits that define a person of strong character.

Donald Trump has been in the public eye for decades, and his moral and ethical shortcomings are well-documented. From his narcissistic tenden-

cies to his dishonest business practices, Trump repeatedly demonstrates that he does not embody these traits of strong character. To suggest he is a man of character is inconsistent with the evidence.

For most voters in the U.S., character does seem to matter. Many polls and interviews suggest that people value integrity and ethics in leadership.

However, for those who believe character is irrelevant, the argument often comes down to either prioritizing political results over morality or believing that God is working through Trump to accomplish a higher pur-



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pose. While this belief might seem superficially plausible, it doesn't hold up when examined closely.

It is true that the Old Testament depicts God using flawed leaders to carry out His will. These figures often had significant character flaws, but they were used to deliver God's retribution or guide His people back to righteousness. However, we don't live in the world of the Old Testament. Modern society rejects the brutality of those times and strives to embrace the New Testament message of love, peace, and compassion.

While some believe God continues to use flawed leaders today, there are many modern leaders who possess strong character and Christian morals. Why would God choose someone like Trump—who has shown little regard for Christian values—when there are better candidates who align with His teachings?

If you believe Trump is the second coming of Jesus, you must also believe that Jesus seeks to rule the world as a cruel, despotic king. This contradicts the teachings of Jesus, who was not interested in establishing a kingdom on earth but in guiding his followers to a new heavenly creation. Jesus made it clear that he was not the earthly king that the Old Testament Jews expected.

Democracy in the U.S. is at a critical juncture. The upcoming election will determine the future of the democratic experiment. Now, more than ever, we need leaders who possess the moral and ethical character to guide the country through these challenging times. Leaders of character inspire trust and confidence in their people. We should not settle for agents of chaos in the White House when what we need are agents of integrity.

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This is not a candidate, this is a cardboard cutout

A question that has been bouncing around my mind over the last few weeks is, "Is this the best we can do?"

I'm speaking specifically of our presidential candidates, of course, but I'm sure that there's quite a few candidates on the lower fight card that we can scratch our heads over.

Given the abysmal state of the national media and its overarching disgust with conservative politics, there's ample "stories" out there describing President Trump as the second coming of Hitler, com-

ample of Harris' failures, though, is that for the last presidential term of which she was the country's second-in-command, nothing has happened to improve the conditions in the country, especially regarding the economy. Inflation is up, production is down, and jobs are being filled by illegal aliens. She is yet casting the blame on her opponent, saying over and over again how inflation was 9 percent when in fact it was less than 2 percent, and that despite the crippling idiocy of the COVID mandates.

There were four years for the current administration — you know, the one with Harris in it — to affect the change that every elected official campaigns on, and yet, things have gotten worse, and will get even worse under a new Harris regime.

Speaking of which, even the way she became the Democrat candidate flies in the face of the method of electing leaders in this country — anointed instead of elected, and enjoying the full slate of presidential candidate bennies without having to have campaigned for a single primary vote. Say nothing of all of the Democrat donors who expected their dollars to go toward electing the current president. That's Joe Biden, in case you've forgotten.

Given the massive shortcomings Harris has, it's astonishing that just like magic she is revered as the candidate to end all candidacy. But to the point, while Trump has a proven record as leader of the free world, his opponent is smoke and mirrors, much ado about nothing, a holographic representation resembling a contender but with absolutely no substance.

So to answer my original thought-question, this can't be the best we can do, for if it is, then we are truly doomed.

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My Two Common Sense
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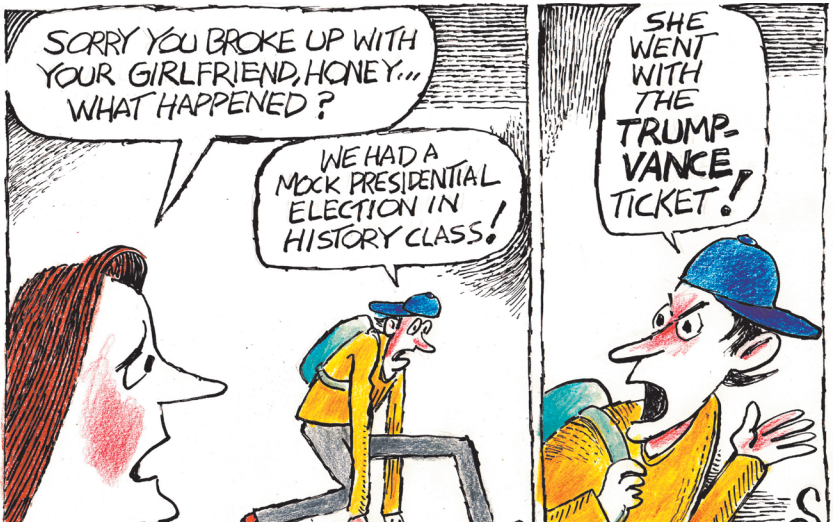
That same abysmal state, however, has left off the non-existent morality and the ever-present lack of veracity of the Democratic opponent, Kamala Harris.

I have yet to hear a cogent policy statement from her that doesn't involve beating up taxpayers. All of them, by the way, not just the billionaires who must be made to pay "their fair share." Moreover, the "candidate" (sarcastic quotes intentional) does have a tendency to co-opt certain policy statements avowed by Trump, such as his idea to stop taxes on tips.

A further example of her mendacity is that it has been widely reported that she never was made border czar, despite information to the contrary, but she has the audacity to claim she plans to be tough on border crossings.

She repeatedly denies her failings while claiming she has been nothing but successful, that is, when she manages to string together a sentence with meaning (we'll leave the cackling alone).

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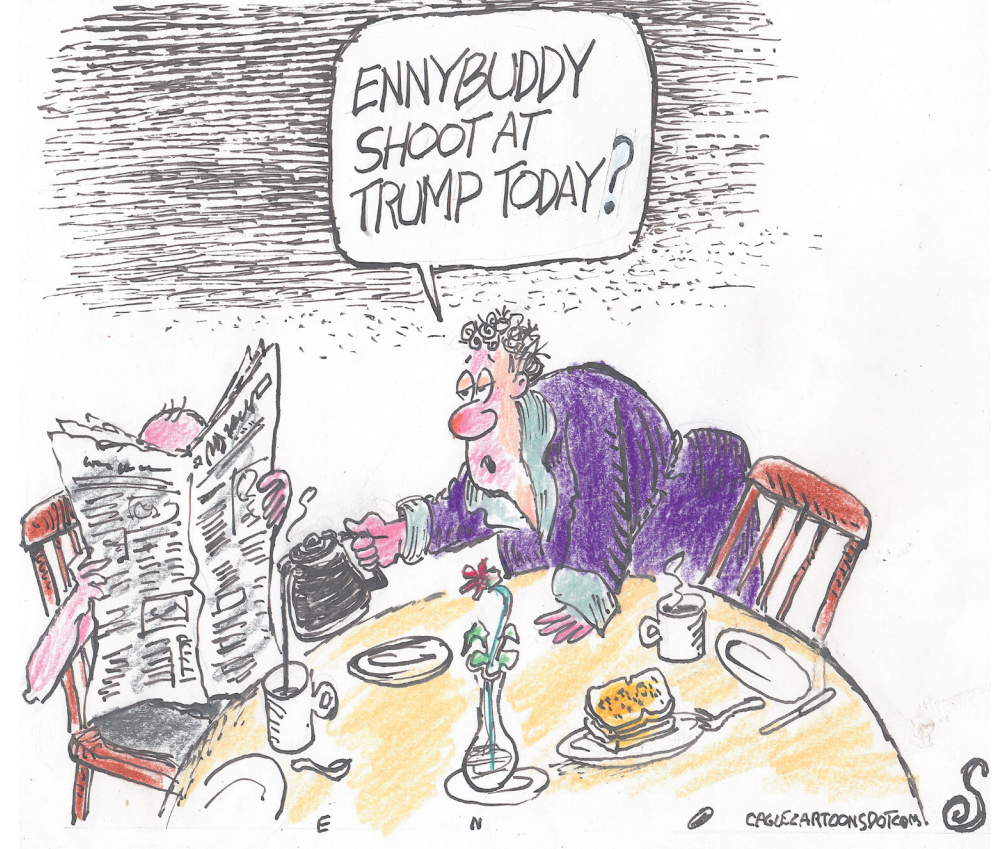
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WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER



Dan's Divinities
By Rev. Dr. Dan Darby

The following want ad appeared in a local newspaper: "For sale: 52-year-old husband, never remembers anniversaries, birthdays, or special occasions, never says 'I love you,' never hugs, squeezes hand tightly, or tenderly touches. Will sell for 2 cents. Call 663-9666. Will dicker."

While attending a marriage seminar on communication, David and his wife listened to the instructor declare, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other." He addressed the men, "Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?" David leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "Pillsbury All-Purpose, isn't it?"

My kids still give me a hard time about the lovely, romantic gift I gave my wife for Christ-

mas one year. It was a beautifully wrapped vacuum cleaner. I think I may go all out and give her a chainsaw this year.

Once, when the Pharisees asked Jesus about the legitimacy of divorce as recorded in Mark 10:2-9, Jesus quoted Old Testament scripture to them from Genesis 1 & 2 about the sacredness of marriage. Jesus said, "At the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. Because of this, a man should leave his father and mother and be joined together with his wife, and the two will be one flesh. So, they

are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, humans must not pull apart what God has put together" (Mark 10:7-9).

Tragically, divorces happen, but the most important question married couples should ask is not, "Can I get a divorce?" but "What can I do to nurture my spouse and be in unity and harmony with him or her?" Marriage is a sacred gift of God, and our spouses deserve our best efforts to make our marriages healthy.

The bedrock of every good marriage is mutual commitment. Husbands and wives must be committed to loving, honoring, and cherishing each other. Our spouses must know that we are committed to meeting their needs, even when that is very difficult for us. We all need to be nurtured and cared for, and married

couples must be committed to meeting as much of that need as possible.

None of us can make someone else happy, but we can all be there for someone else as they make the long, difficult journey toward wholeness and completeness. It is God's intention that every marriage be marked by intimacy, edifying partnership, and mutual service.

Every marriage partner has married someone very different from themselves. We will not always understand why our partners do the things they do, say the things they say, and feel the things they feel, but we can make the choice to always be there for them as they struggle with the issues of their lives. They will make mistakes along the way, and we will find it challenging to forgive them

rather than hold onto our resentments and hurt feelings.

The truth of the matter is, we will make mistakes, too. If we want to be forgiven, we must learn to be forgiving. As Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7). When we reach out to fill the cup of another, somehow, we will find our own cups filled.

Jesus gave good marriage advice in Luke 6:37-38: "Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return."

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Phelan's GOP foes back one challenger

Texas House Republicans who want to oust Speaker Dade Phelan have coalesced behind a single opponent: state Rep. David Cook, R-Mansfield. A total of 48 representatives are backing the two-term representative, including four who dropped their own bids for speaker.

Phelan's opponents, including Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, claim he has given too much power to Democrats by naming some to lead legislative committees.

"This vote highlights the growing momentum for change within the Texas House, as members rally behind a shared vision of a decentralized leadership model that empowers all members," Cook said in a statement.

Phelan is seeking his third term as speaker after narrowly surviving a challenge for re-election to represent his district in the GOP primary, winning a runoff election.

"Not only are their actions disappointing and unacceptable, they are futile, as I proudly have the clear majority votes needed to be the Speaker today and will have the



Capitol Highlights
By Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

clear majority support needed to become Speaker again come January," Phelan said in a statement.

Polls show near tie in Cruz-Allred race

The U.S. Senate race in Texas has tightened, with a poll last week showing Democratic challenger Colin Allred nearly within the margin of error in his race against incumbent Republican Ted Cruz, the Austin American-Statesman reported. A poll released by the Texas Hispanic Policy Foundation shows Cruz ahead of Allred 48 percent to 45 percent, nearly within the margin of error of 2.83 percent.

Cruz is seeking his third term in the Senate. He won his last race against challenger Beto O'Rourke by just 2.6 points.

The tightening race prompted the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee to announce last week that it is sending millions of advertising

dollars to Texas to boost his campaign. The committee plants to put its money toward airing more Allred campaign ads. Committee chair Gary Peters said the Democratic candidate needs more funding to get his message out.

"But it is his message," Peters said. "He knows Texas inside and out."

Texas Supreme Court rules on gun ban at state fair

The State Fair of Texas opened last week with its newly enacted ban on weapons intact after the Texas Supreme Court rejected a challenge by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton just 13 hours earlier. The Statesman reported the court ridiculed the state's legal arguments in a five-page opinion, with Justice Jimmy Blacklock writing that "the State's filings do not even attempt to answer" the question at the heart of the case.

Two lower courts also rejected Paxton's attempt to lift the ban, enacted after three fairgoers were injured in a shooting incident last year.

The state fair runs through Sunday, Oct. 20.

Party game company

sues SpaceX for trespassing

Against Humanity, makers of a humorous adult party game, is suing Elon Musk's SpaceX company for trespassing and damaging land the company purchased in Cameron County. The company purchased the land in 2017 to send a political message to then-President Donald Trump's campaign to not build a border wall.

KUT reported that the company raised money to purchase the land by soliciting \$15 donations from 150,000 people. It says the land has been kept in its pristine state, but SpaceX has dumped gravel, tractors, and space garbage on it.

A website maintained by the company announced it is seeking \$15 million in damages and displayed photos purportedly showing "before and after" images of its land. SpaceX did not respond for comment from Texas Public Radio.

Going lights out for migrating birds

Audubon Texas is asking residents to not leave the porch lights on this fall, during peak migration

season for millions of birds. The Texas Standard reported the 2024 Lights Out, Texas, campaign is underway, and Texans are urged to turn off unnecessary lights to minimize light pollution. Migrating birds can become disoriented when traveling through densely populated areas.

Up to 1 billion birds are killed each year due to collisions with buildings. Peak migration runs through Oct. 29, with fall migration ending around Nov. 30. One of every four birds migrating through the U.S. passes through Texas, according to Audubon Texas.

Building owners, businesses, developers and homeowners can help protect migrating birds by turning off all nonessential lighting from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. each night. Lighting shields that direct light downward can reduce bird casualties. More information is available at tx.audubon.org.

Looking back on last summer's weather

The summer of 2024 is in the books, and Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board,

says it ended up in the middle of the pack when compared to the last 25 summers – the 12th most miserable during that time period.

The amount of the state in drought declined to 28 percent from a high of 88 percent during the summer of 2022, Wentzel wrote. Last summer certainly was an improvement over the two previous, which were considered the second and third most miserable in the past quarter century. But they both pale in comparison to the summer of 2011, which had the worst drought conditions in Texas history, and wildfires swept the state.

Relatively plentiful rain made last summer seem more tolerable, but records indicate it was the fourth-hottest summer of the past 25 years.

Thank goodness for autumn.

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Original Texans knew only how to lose



This Week in Texas History

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The Dallas Texans, the first pro football team in the Southwest, proved their season opening defeat was no fluke by losing 37-14 to the San Francisco 49ers on Oct. 5, 1952.

Seventy-two years ago, the National Football League did not remotely resemble the sports spectacle of today. No Monday Night Football, no Super Bowl and no fat contracts for gridiron gladiators who risked crippling injury every Sunday.

There were 12 teams instead of the current 31 and none between Chicago and California. The idea of selling new franchises to pigskin hungry cities had yet to dawn on current owners, so the rest of the country had to wait until a team became available.

At the end of the 1951 season, singer Kate Smith's manager begged the league office to take the money losing New York Yankees off his hands. Commissioner Bert Bell was happy to oblige because he had a buyer in football crazy Texas.

A group of businessmen headed by Giles

Martin, 31-year-old heir to a textiles fortune, paid \$300,000 for the privilege of moving the club to Dallas. Since no self-respecting resident of the Lone Star State would root for a team called the Yankees, the name was changed to the Texans.

Unlike the expansion teams to come, the Dallas Texans were not a bunch of over-the-hill veterans and green-as-grass rookies. Talent may have been in short supply, but Buddy Young was a nifty little runner and two linemen, Gino Marchetti and Art Donovan, were destined for the Hall of Fame.

Thirty-three players survived a scorching training camp in Kerrville and a flurry of cuts and trades. Six Southwest Conference alumni were on the opening-day roster: fullback Dick McKissack (SMU), ends Bruce Alford (TCU) and Stanley Williams (Baylor), guard Weldon Humble (Rice) and UT tackles Ken Jackson and Jim Lansford.

The 17,500 curious spectators, who showed up at the Cotton Bowl on the last Sunday of September, had lots of elbow room in the stadium built for \$75,000. Gov. Allan Shivers hailed "this new era in sports in Texas," and a beauty queen released helium-filled balloons that soared skyward with a gold football entitling the finder to an undisclosed prize.

Tom Landry fumbled the opening kickoff on the New York Giants' 22-yard line to set up the hosts' sole score. Crowd favorite Kyle Rote, Doak Walker's running mate at SMU,

received the biggest cheer of the day with an exciting 52-yard touchdown dash, and the visitors coasted to a 24-6 triumph.

Matty Bell, athletic director at Southern Methodist, generously blamed the disappointing turnout for the pro debut on football fatigue. The SMU-Georgia Tech game attracted 40,000 to the Cotton Bowl on Friday night, and the Texas Aggies packed the place the next afternoon for their contest with Oklahoma A&M.

Excuses were harder to come by the following Sunday, when the Texans' tussle with the 49ers drew 2,500 fewer fans. Y.A. Tittle, Marshall native and Louisiana State signal-caller, picked apart the Dallas defense as San Francisco rolled to a 23-point victory.

A change of scene failed to alter the outcome a week later in Chicago. The Texans managed to muster 20 points at Wrigley Field, but the Bears were 18 points better.

Returning to the wide-open spaces of the Cotton Bowl, the Texans actually led Green Bay 14-7 at halftime much to the surprise of the sparse crowd of 14,000. But the Rice Institute pass-and-catch combination of Tobin Rote and Bill Howton powered the Packers past the hapless home team 24-14.

The Texans suffered their fifth and sixth defeats on a road trip to the West Coast. The 49ers ran wild in a 48-21 rout, and the Los Angeles Rams shellacked them 42-20.

Giles and his partners had bought the franchise in the naive belief they would at

least break even that initial season. Finding themselves a quarter of a million dollars in the red by early November, they asked the Citizens Association for a \$250,000 loan to tide them over, but the unelected city fathers turned them down flat.

Ten thousand hardy souls braved the cold and rain to see what most expected to be the Texans' last game in Dallas. The Rams won the muddy melee by three TDs.

Three days later, Giles Miller dumped the team in Bert Bell's lap. The commissioner gave Coach Jimmy Phelan marching orders for Hershey, Penn., which the strays called home for the rest of the strange season.

The orphans were adopted by Baltimore and "became heroes for life," as colorful Art Donovan put it. Renamed the Colts, they developed into the NFL's best winning back-to-back championships in 1958 and 1959.

Dallas residents did not miss the original Texans, though in private they probably envied Baltimore's luck. The NFL gave the city a second chance in 1960 by awarding an expansion franchise to oilman Clint Murchison. Lamar Hunt, founder of the rival American Football League, countered with the second coming of the Texans, and for the next three seasons Big D had its choice of two professional football teams.

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House passes Luttrell, Correa security measure

Special to the News-Times

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Reps. Morgan Luttrell, R-Texas, and Lou Correa, D-Calif., members of the House Border Security and Enforcement Subcommittee, recently introduced the Emerging Innovative Border Technologies Act, which officially passed in the U.S. House of Representatives today with strong bipartisan support.

This legislation will require the Department of Homeland Security to present a comprehensive plan to Congress aimed at identifying, integrating, and deploying cutting-edge technologies to enhance border

security operations.

"As cartels and foreign adversary operations become more sophisticated amidst the ongoing border crisis, the United States must deploy the latest and most advanced technologies available to our borders to disrupt these threats," Luttrell said. "I'm proud of the bipartisan work we've done with Congressman Correa. I'll continue to push for effective measures to safeguard our country and enforce our laws."

"Border security means keeping drugs and other negative elements away from our communities — and cutting-edge technology that is already available for commercial use gives our hard-working officers

the tools they need to keep us safe," Correa said. "Through this bipartisan effort, Congress will better understand how our officers can use new technology to stop smugglers crossing in remote and deadly conditions, and hopefully deliver our officers the resources they so desperately need. I look forward to seeing this legislation pass the United States Senate and make its way to President Biden's desk."

Specifically, the Emerging Innovative Border Technologies Act would:

- Require the Secretary of Homeland Security, within 180 days, to submit a comprehensive plan to Congress to identify, integrate, and deploy new, innovative,

disruptive, or other emerging technologies into border security operations.

- Authorize one or more CBP Innovation Teams to research and adapt commercial technologies that are new, innovative, or disruptive into border security operations to address both capability gaps and urgent mission needs and assess their potential outcomes.

- Require each CBP Innovation Team to have both operating procedures that clarify roles and responsibilities within such team with respect to DHS and non-Federal partners as well as protocols for entering agreements to rapidly transition technologies into new or existing programs of record.

Entergy Texas welcomes fall with safety reminders

Simple tips can help you avoid accidents and injuries

Special to the News-Times

THE WOODLANDS — Although warmer weather is still lingering around, soon cooler temps will be here.

This time of year can also bring opportunities for customers to tackle home improvement or landscaping projects. As fun and gratifying as these activities can be, no one wants them to result in an accident or injury. Entergy Texas has some helpful tips for staying safe this fall.

Stay safe outdoors

The Halloween season brings children the fun of wearing costumes, enjoying candy and attending fall festivals and carnivals. The American Academy of Pediatrics offers tips to help children celebrate safely.

Prepare to welcome trick-or-treaters to your home safely by checking outdoor lights and making sure walkways and steps are well-lit and free of any tripping hazards.

Any extension cords should be specifically designated for outdoor use.

Use rubber gaskets in light sockets or hang sockets downward to keep water out and remember to turn outside lights and decorations off when you are away from home or asleep.

Help children learn about safety with videos, activities and other resources.

Keep safety first with home projects

Fall is a great time to tidy up and prep your property for winter. When cleaning up fallen leaves and branches or trimming trees, always use caution and be aware of overhead lines.

Position your ladder away from over-

head wires, so trimmings will not fall onto power lines. If this happens, always assume downed wires are energized and call 1-800-ENTERGY for help.

If your fall spruce-up includes digging up flower beds, trees or shrubs, remember to call before you dig. Calling 811 before you dig will keep you safe and prevent disruption of utility services to your neighborhood.

When performing maintenance activities that require a ladder inside or out, be sure to wear proper footwear, position the ladder on a flat surface, and have someone nearby to spot you.

Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 3

When Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 3, fewer hours of daylight will make it harder to see children going to and from the school bus in the mornings and evenings. When driving, avoid distractions and watch for children in the neighborhood.

The National Association for Pupil Transportation offers additional tips for ensuring children arrive to and from school safely.

When setting your clocks to fall back an hour, take the time to check the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. All homes should contain a carbon monoxide detector to help identify the colorless and odorless gas that can cause serious illness or death.

Stay safe and warm indoors

Candles can add a warm ambience to an autumn evening, but remember it is never safe to leave candles burning unattended. A small sputter or an errant flame can cause a fire in an instant.



Space heaters should only be used with caution. They are large consumers of energy and a fire hazard and should be kept at least three feet away from draperies, rugs and furniture. Additionally, homeowners who use a gas or electric furnace should schedule an appointment for service by a certified technician to make sure it is safe for operation and for greatest efficiency.

A wood-burning stove or fireplace can add warmth and coziness to a room but should also be used with caution and proper preparation. Have your chimney cleaned by a professional before the first fire is lit.

Fallen leaves, animal nests and other debris can cause the smoke to vent into your home rather than outside and cause a fire.

Remember to replace dirty air filters inside and remove debris from the unit outside to ensure your HVAC unit works efficiently through all seasons.

Be ready for inclement weather

Hurricane season lasts through the end of November, so it is important to not let your guard down even when the weather begins to cool. Prepare now for severe weather that may come your way by making a plan and a kit.

Grants given to East Texas veteran service organizations

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott announced eight Fund for Veterans' Assistance grants totaling more than \$1.4 million were awarded to eight organizations in East Texas as part of the Texas Veterans Commission's (TVC) Grants Across Texas presentations.

Presented by TVC, the funding will provide services to more than 690 veterans and their families across 38 counties.

"Texas will always stand with the brave men and women who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today," Gov. Abbott said. "These Fund for Veterans' Assistance grants will provide financial support and other crucial services to veterans and their families in East Texas. Texas is home to more veterans than any other state, and we will continue to support them to help ensure our nation's heroes prosper for generations to come."

"The Pineywoods of Texas is home

to many veterans who have served our country and now call East Texas their home," said TVC Commissioner and Marine veteran Chuck Wright. "These grant awards will improve the lives of veterans in the area with important services, such as home modifications in the Housing for Texas Heroes program to transportation programs to help veterans get to their appointments and other necessities."

Wright presented the grants at Habitat for Humanity of Smith County in Tyler. This is the sixth stop of Grants Across Texas. The grant presentations will continue through the second week of October with a total of 10 stops.

The FVA grant recipients and their services include:

- Cass County: a \$300,000 grant for financial assistance
- Deep East Texas Council of Governments and Economic Development District: a \$70,000 grant for financial assistance

- Habitat for Humanity of Smith County: a \$250,000 grant for home modifications

- Northeast Texas Habitat for Humanity: a \$230,000 grant for home modifications

- RISE-Resource Information Support and Empowerment: a \$145,000 grant for transportation programs and services

- Sabine Valley Regional MHMR Center: a \$145,000 grant for peer support services

- The Salvation Army - Lufkin: a \$100,000 grant for financial assistance

- Trinity County: a \$180,000 grant for financial assistance

In May, the governor announced 181 grants totaling over \$44 million to 161 organizations across Texas. It is projected to provide direct services to more than 41,000 veterans, their dependents, and surviving spouses.

Since 2009 through the current 2024-2025 grant cycle, more than \$313 million in grant funding has been awarded

through 1,400 FVA grants.

The grants support a wide range of services from emergency financial assistance to transportation, legal services to family support services, and home modification to rental and mortgage assistance. The TVC awards grants in five categories: General Assistance, Housing for Texas Heroes, Veterans Mental Health Grants, Veterans Treatment Courts, and Veteran County Service Officers.

Funding for these grants is generated primarily by the Texas Lottery Commission's games designated for veteran support. Other sources of funding for the grants come from individual donation options on drivers' licenses, licenses to carry a handgun, outdoor recreation licenses for hunting and fishing, and vehicle registrations.

Texas veterans in need of assistance can find the organizations providing help in their area and how to contact them at <https://tvc.texas.gov/fund>.



Callie Dean sets the ball during the Liberty at Shepherd district game. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Kinsey Reynolds digs a ball out for a set during the first district game against the Lady Bulldogs on Friday night. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Abby Anderson has a nice kill shot during worm up for the Liberty at Shepherd volleyball district game. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Nevaeh Murphy delivers a set for the Lady Pirates. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Tess Phillips puts air into the serve against the Lady Bulldogs. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Cali Crowder hits 500 assists during the game against New Waverly. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

Coldspring takes 3 from New Waverly

By Charles Ballard
SINT correspondent

NEW WAVERLY — The first of the Lady Trojan's 10 district games was played on Friday night and Coldspring set the momentum for the entire season by taking three sets from the New Waverly Lady Bulldogs.

Set 1 was in the books with a score of 25-12, followed by a score of 25-15 and the third was 25-13.

The first set was actually the closest set

at the start as the Lady Trojans managed to regroup and take control of the game.

Head Coach Dwain Anderson said, "We worked this week and ways to control the speed of the game and put it in our favor."

Ella Phillips, senior middle blocker said, "I am very proud of how we played tonight, we all did our part, and it showed."

Tess Phillips said, "It was a team effort that made the difference. We worked hard this week and controlling the tempo of the game, and it worked in our favor."

Ella Phillips 14 kills 2 solo blocks and 8

block assists; Ashlynn Holley had 13 kills, 3 solo blocks and 4 block assists, and 3 aces; and Cali Crowder had 27 assists and 2 aces.

Shepherd

The Lady Pirates hosted Liberty on Sept. 24 and came away with three losses.

Head Coach Ashley Brockner said Shepherd came out fired up the first set with Callie Dean leading the offense with 6 kills in set 1. Liberty won the set 27-25 and took over the game to take the match.

The Lady Pirates were led by Callie Dean

with 8 total kills, and Jayla Fisher, Abbey Anderson, and Addison Kowis adding to the total with 2 each. The back row held up with Chloe Fuller having 14 digs, Nevaeh Murphy (11), Abbey Anderson and Jazilyn Richardson (9 each).

Brockner said that on Friday night they traveled to Hamshire-Fannett and fell in 3 sets. Chloe Fuller continues to lead defense with 19 digs. Maci Wilson and Nevaeh Murphy right behind her with 10 digs each. Callie Dean had 7 scored points between aces, and kills.

Schools hit the Liberty ground running

SJNT staff

LIBERTY — Coldspring's Brennen Lilley led his school's cross-country team with an 8th-place finish at the Liberty Tony Munson Cross Country Invitational on Friday.

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brainer.

At Tawakoni the daily limit on blue and channel catfish is no minimum length limit; daily bag and possession limit is 25 blue and channel catfish in any combination. In the 25-fish bag, no more than five fish 20 inches or greater in length may be retained, and no more than one of those can be 30 inches or longer. This slot between 20 and 30 inches is made up of what we refer to as good eaters — fish weighing from about 5 to 15 pounds. Any catfish angler/eater understands that five of these slot fish equate to several freezer bags full of tasty fillets.

We were fishing a big shallow flat with what's left of a ditch or old creek channel near the edge of standing timber. Through the years, most of the submerged creek channels have silted in but a close look at sonar will show many of these depressions still visible. It doesn't take much elevation difference in bottom structure to attract and hold not only catfish but the bait fish they feed upon.

This is one style of fishing where I'm convinced more hook ups will occur with the rod in a holder rather than in the fisherman's hands. The drill went like this; heave the

baits out far from the boat, as far as we could cast, allow the weight to pull the bait to bottom and the floater suspend it up a few inches—which makes it easier for the catfish to scent and position in its mouth. With the butt of the rod in a rod holder, crank the reel handle to take up slack.

With all the rods positioned, it was a waiting game. I kept an eye on the rods in front of the boat and Tony watched the rear rods. Blue catfish usually don't nibble a bait as is common with channel catfish. The bigger fish simply grab the bait and run with it. The circle hooks we were using are designed to thread into the corner of the fish's mouth as it swims away. Shaped with a bit of a corkscrew twist, these hooks are ideal for this style fishing. When the rod is bowing heavily toward the water, begin cranking as fast as possible on the reel (with the rod still in the holder). This takes the slack out of the line and ensures pressure is maintained on the fish.

You'll know when the hook set is solid, the rod will be bending in a sharp arc and it's time to reach down and winch the rod from the holder. This can be a trick when a big trophy blue is applying pressure. When fighting these big fish, it's best to grab the rod a few inches forward of the reel and place the butt of the rod somewhere around your beltline. This gives more control, the trick is to let the rod and the reels drag system do the work to tire the fish.



Tawakoni guide Tony Pennebaker with a big blue catfish landed last week. The trophy blue catfish season is under way but now is prime time for catching lots of big 'slot' fish between 20 and 30 inches. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

Our goal on this morning was to boat a limit of slot fish for an upcoming fish fry I have planned. If we were lucky enough to catch a trophy, then photographs and quick release was the plan. After only a couple hours fishing, we had a big ice cooler filled with big slot fish weighing from about 4 to 15 pounds and were thinking about heading to the marina to transform our catch into several gallon bags of tasty snow-white fillets.

Our plan changed quickly; the rod on the port side bowed heavily and there was no need to crank on the reel to take up slack line. The big blue had already accomplished this. My goal was to get the action on video and as Tony muscled the rod out

of the holder, I grabbed the video camera and had it rolling on the action. Big blues are known for making long, strong runs and this one didn't disappoint. We were lucky it didn't tangle up with a couple of lines still in the water.

As the fish began to tire, it was time for the net man to go to work. Because there were only two of us in the boat, the cameraman (me) had to do double duty with the net. I was able to get most of the fight on camera before setting the video camera down and reaching for the net. With the big blue in the boat, I resumed filming duties for our TV show "A Sportsman's Life." The action should now be on YouTube as well as Carbon TV at www.car-

bontv.com.

Tony says the blue catfish bite is right on schedule — the majority of fish he's landing now are in the slot but as the water continues to cool more and more of the trophy class fish weighing from 25 to 50 pounds will begin taking the bait.

It's a challenge for some of us to get out of the fall woods and go fishing but take it from me, a few hours on the water with someone like Pennebaker is likely to pay off in not only a box full of some of the best eating in freshwater but memories to last a lifetime as well.

Contact guide Tony Pennebaker at (903) 474-3078. Email Luke Clayton through his website www.catfishradio.org.

Texas Game Wardens provide archery season tips

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — Texas' 2024 archery-only hunting season for white-tailed deer, wild turkey and mule deer began Saturday and will run through Nov. 1. Before Texans start filling their freezers, Texas Game Wardens have some tips for hunters to keep in mind before they hit the woods, high plains or fields.

Safety is paramount

Hunters should always make safety a top priority for hunters, no matter the season.

While bows and crossbows are not firearms, they should still be treated like they are when an arrow is on the bow's string, or a bolt is cocked on a crossbow. Always keep them pointed in a safe direction and remember while handling that arrow broadheads are very sharp.

"The number one injury we see with archery hunters is people falling out of tree stands," said Kurt Kelley, Wood County game warden. "I recommend anyone hunting off the ground wear a safety harness, use a safety line while climbing and maintain three points of contact."

Licensing, hunter education and archery-specific requirements

In addition to having a valid hunting license, hunters must have an archery endorsement to hunt during the archery-only season. Hunters 17 years or older must have completed their hunter education certification, unless they have elected to participate in the one-time deferral or were born before Sept. 2, 1971.

Hunters under 17 may hunt alone if they have completed their hunter

education certification. If not, they and anyone using the deferral, must be accompanied by a licensed adult who is hunter education certified or exempt.

Hunters must have proof of a valid hunting license and hunter education while hunting.

Species identification and antler restrictions

If hunting in an area where mule deer and white-tail deer are present, species identification and knowledge of regulations for each is very important. Some Texas counties have antler restrictions while others don't (13-inch spread or wider for white-tail deer; 20-inch spread or wider for mule deer).

Hunters may also harvest antlerless white-tail deer during the archery-only season but may not harvest antlerless mule deer.

"Mule deer in some areas of the Panhandle offer hunters a pretty high percentage of success due to lack of pressure," said Ryan Hunter, Potter and Randall County game warden. "With them being fairly common to see, I encourage hunters to do their research ahead of time. Know the bag limits, restrictions and be able to distinguish between the two deer species open for hunting."

Public land hunting

There are multiple types of public land available for archery hunters. The managing authority for each property sets specific requirements, so be aware of those before going hunting.

To hunt on property owned or leased by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, an Annual Public Hunting Permit is required in addition to standard licensing re-

quirements.

Those hunting on TPWD property are required to wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material, including orange headwear and at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back during daylight hours. Even if hunter orange is not required to hunt other public property, it can be beneficial to wear as other seasons can run concurrent with archery season and additional hunters can be in the woods.

Hunters should also be aware of other regulations surrounding baiting, hunting blinds, alcohol consumption and more.

Archery-only counties and county-specific ordinances

Hunters need to know which county they are hunting in and follow all state, local and federal regulations.

Texas has four archery-only counties: Collin, Dallas, Grayson and Rockwall. These counties allow crossbows to be used during the general white-tailed deer season, Nov. 2-Jan. 5, but hunters may only use a compound, recurve or longbow during the archery-only season.

Hunters should also keep in mind that county and city municipalities may set their own ordinances such as no archery hunting within city limits or on property smaller than 10 acres.

"Regulations are updated from time to time and can sometimes be complex, especially in counties with unique requirements," said Daron Blackerby, Grayson County game warden. "If there's anything you're unclear on after reviewing the regulations in the Texas Outdoor Annual, call the game warden for the

county you will be hunting in. We're here to help."

Preparation and equipment maintenance

It's a good idea to carry basic survival gear like a first-aid kit, tourniquet, GPS, compass, zip ties, rain gear and enough water and food to get you through a day or two in case you get lost.

Know your equipment and practice with it regularly. Wardens recommend keeping bows in good working order and wearing proper safety equipment like arm guards.

"Don't buy a new bow at the beginning of September and then hunt with it opening morning," said Randy Stovall, Nacogdoches County game warden. "Practicing with it regularly will not only improve accuracy but can also help prevent accidents."

Ethical hunting practices

Ethical hunting should be the goal of every hunter. This includes knowing the target and the area around it, avoiding rushed shots or shots outside effective range, knowing equipment and ensuring quick, humane kills. Waiting at least 30 minutes before tracking a deer is also recommended.

"While we know hunters always try to do their best, sometimes things happen and a shot doesn't turn out as intended," said Zack Fisher, Childress and Hall County game warden. "In those cases, it's a good idea to have contact information for someone with a blood tracking dog. That way, if a deer runs far and you need help tracking it, you are prepared and will stand a greater chance of recovering the animal."

Weather and terrain challenges

Texas weather is often unpredictable, especially during archery season. Some parts of the state may still be hot while others could experience unexpected cold snaps. Temperature swings can happen quickly, so don't be caught unaware and without proper gear. Warmer temperatures can also be a concern post-harvest. Have a processing plan in place ahead of time to prevent meat spoilage.

Additionally, if participating in a spot-and-stalk style hunt, do your research ahead of time and familiarize yourself with the terrain and challenges that may arise.

Retrieving an animal

It is not uncommon for deer shot with a bow to travel immediately after being shot, which can mean leaving the property you have permission to hunt. Going onto someone else's property without permission from the landowner is trespassing, even if it is to retrieve your deer. If the deer crosses multiple properties, permission is needed from each landowner before entering the property.

"It's a misconception that game wardens can go onto private property to retrieve a deer for you," said Ryan McGinley, Comal County game warden. "I suggest hunters mark the fence or property line where the deer crossed and then use one of the outdoor apps that provide property owner information or go knock on the door of a house if you see one to ask for permission. Getting to know neighboring landowners pre-season is also helpful."

Harvest reporting, check stations and carcass disposal

In certain counties, white-tail deer must be tagged and reported within 24 hours of harvest via the Texas Hunt & Fish app or online. For digital license holders, execution of a digital tag serves as completion of mandatory harvest reporting in applicable counties.

Hunters who harvest white-tail or mule deer within designated Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) areas must comply with mandatory testing requirements at a TPWD designated check station within 48 hours of harvest. Hunters that are within the voluntary testing areas are strongly encouraged to have their harvest tested so biologists can monitor the potential presence or spread of CWD.

Statewide carcass disposal requirements must also be followed to help reduce the risk of unintentional transmission of CWD.

Get outside

All in all, archery hunting is a unique challenge that the whole family can participate in while spending time outdoors, something game wardens also enjoy.

"I hope hunters know that as game wardens, we aren't out to get them and are here to help," said Kelley. "If you blatantly do something wrong on purpose, we will address that, but if you're trying to do the right thing, we want to help educate you and help you enjoy the outdoors just like we do."

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.

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2024 San Jacinto County Fair and Rodeo champs



Grand Champion Steer was shown by Eli Herrod of San Jacinto County 4-H. PHOTOS BY TONY FARKAS



Grand Champion Heifer was shown by Layla Howton of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Grand Champion Junior Swine was shown by Maycie Taylor of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Grand Champion Senior Swine was shown by Hunter Oehlein of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Grand Champion Junior Lamb was shown by Maycie Taylor of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Grand Champion Senior Lamb was shown by Adalyn Hughes of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Grand Champion Junior Goat was shown by Jerry Bailey of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Grand Champion Senior Goat was shown by Mallory Smith of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Grand Champion Chickens was shown by Lance Goad of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Grand Champion Rabbits was shown by Jared Reed of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Reserve Champion Steer was shown by Collin Coogler of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Reserve Champion Heifer was shown by Karter Hughes of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Reserve Champion Junior Swine was shown by Makenna Lilley of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Reserve Champion Senior Swine was shown by Abby Migl of San Jacinto County 4-H. PHOTO BY NICOLE HOUSE PHOTO



Reserve Champion Junior Lamb was shown by Brittlynn Rhoden of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Reserve Champion Senior Lamb was shown by Mallory Smith of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Reserve Champion Junior Goat was shown by Steeley Robison of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Reserve Champion Senior Goat was shown by Adalyn Hughes of San Jacinto County 4-H



Reserve Champion Chickens was shown by Ethan Hamilton Coldspring FFA. PHOTOS BY TONY FARKAS



Reserve Champion Rabbits was shown by Alexander Reed of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Grand Champion Handicraft — Tooled Leather Purse, Bryson Goodman Shepherd FFA.



Grand Champion Food — Blueberry Lemon Cake, Rylee Nickle of San Jacinto County 4-H.



Grand Champion Fine Arts — Bucking Bull Painting, Sadie Ingebrigtsen Coldspring Art.



Grand Champion Floral - Lasso Wreath, Trinity Henry Coldspring FFA

2024 San Jacinto County Fair Results

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| <p>Poultry Show
 Grand Champion — Lance Goad
 Reserve Champion — Ethan Hamilton
 3. Ramsey Rhodes
 4. Wyatt Runyon, SJC 4-H
 5. Caitlin Loll, SJC 4-H
 6. Dillon Somers, Shepherd FFA
 7. Aubrey LaGarce, SJC 4-H
 8. David Somers, Shepherd FFA
 9. Cason Fisher, SJC 4-H
 10. Piper Lewis, SJC 4-H
 11. Kylah West, SJC 4-H
 12. Levi Richards, SJC 4-H</p> <p>Rabbit Show
 Grand Champion — Jared Reed
 Reserve Champion — Alexander Reed
 3. Gene Darling IV
 4. Amiya Gaia, SJC 4-H
 5. Westin Cooper, SJC 4-H
 6. Bexley Roach, SJC 4-H
 7. Kobi Sweeten, SJC 4-H
 8. Kasen Butts, SJC 4-H
 9. Gage A. Payne, SJC 4-H
 10. Diesel Rae Berger, SJC 4-H
 11. Skyler Wick, SJC 4-H
 12. Joy Allen, SJC 4-H
 13. Ashton Allen, SJC 4-H
 14. Kenzie Roach, SJC 4-H
 15. Kasin Johnson, SJC 4-H
 16. Colton Allen, SJC 4-H
 17. Grace Allen, SJC 4-H
 18. Jaelynn Lee, SJC 4-H
 19. Antwon Stanley, SJC 4-H
 20. Micah Gaia, SJC 4-H
 21. Callister Guinn, SJC 4-H
 22. Abigail Lee, SJC 4-H
 23. Mason Hammond, SJC 4-H</p> <p>Showmanship
 Senior Market Rabbit
 Grand Champion — Ashton Lee
 Intermediate Market Rabbit
 Grand Champion — Alexander Reed
 Reserve Champion — Grace Allen
 Junior Market Rabbit
 Grand Champion — Colton Allen
 Reserve Champion — Kasen Butts
 Lamb Show
 Senior Market Lambs
 Grand Champion — Adalyn Hughes
 Reserve Champion — Mallory Smith
 3. Brecken Rhoden
 4. Riley Ellis, SJC 4-H
 5. Brinlee May, SJC 4-H
 6. Paisley Coogler, SJC 4-H
 7. Jordan Cutaia, Shepherd FFA
 8. Marlee Thornton, Coldspring</p> | <p>FFA
 9. Faith May, Shepherd FFA
 10. Brooke Franks, Coldspring FFA
 11. Jeremy Cutaia, Shepherd FFA
 12. Olivia Morales, Shepherd FFA
 13. Levi Herrod, SJC 4-H
 14. Kensley Nye, SJC 4-H
 15. Leah Phillips, Shepherd FFA
 16. Krissie Bennett, Coldspring FFA
 17. Yeshua Cruz, SJC 4-H
 18. Emily Parker, Shepherd FFA
 19. Karissa Tibbetts, SJC 4-H
 20. Lacey Ramirez, Shepherd FFA
 21. Jeremiah Cruz, SJC 4-H
 22. Baylee Cross, SJC 4-H
 23. Mercy Cruz, SJC 4-H</p> <p>Junior Market Lambs
 Grand Champion — Maycie Taylor
 Reserve Champion — Brittlyn Rhoden
 3. Nolan Beverly
 4. Sutton Hurst, SJC 4-H
 5. Corbyn Coogler, SJC 4-H
 6. Knox Shrader, SJC 4-H
 7. Travis Swiech, SJC 4-H
 8. Addison Swiech, SJC 4-H
 9. Stetson W Spann, SJC 4-H
 10. Parker Fulcher, SJC 4-H</p> <p>Showmanship
 Senior Market Lambs
 Grand Champion — Mallory Smith
 Reserve Champion — Olivia Meadows
 Intermediate Market Lambs
 Grand Champion — Adalyn Hughes
 Reserve Champion — Riley Ellis
 Junior Market Lambs
 Grand Champion — Maycie Taylor
 Reserve Champion — Brittlyn Rhoden
 Goat Show
 Senior Market Goat
 Grand Champion — Mallory Smith
 Reserve Champion — Adalyn Hughes
 3. Karli Olvera
 4. Brinleigh Jones, SJC 4-H
 5. Cayleb Plaisance, Coldspring FFA
 6. Brylynne Samuelson, Shepherd FFA
 7. Levi E Essery, Coldspring FFA
 8. Jackson Chambliss, SJC 4-H
 9. Vega Essery, Coldspring FFA
 10. Logan Chambliss, SJC 4-H</p> | <p>Junior Market Goat
 Grand Champion — Jerry Bailey
 Reserve Champion — Steeley Robison
 3. Gracelynn Bailey, SJC 4-H
 4. Finley Lowe, SJC 4-H
 5. Lane Jones, SJC 4-H
 6. Morgan Smith, SJC 4-H
 7. Cameron Linscomb, SJC 4-H</p> <p>Showmanship
 Senior Market Goat
 Grand Champion — Mallory Smith
 Reserve Champion — Brylynne Samuelson
 Intermediate Market Goat
 Grand Champion — Adalyn Hughes
 Reserve Champion — Vega Essery
 Junior Market Goat
 Grand Champion — Jerry Bailey
 Reserve Champion — Finley Lowe
 Swine Show
 Senior Market Swine
 Grand Champion — Hunter Oehrlein
 Reserve Champion — Abby Migl
 3. Brandon Oehrlein
 4. Gunnar Migl, SJC 4-H
 5. Brailey Page, Shepherd FFA
 6. Walter Peachee, Coldspring FFA
 7. Teagan Schubert, SJC 4-H
 8. Mikaylah Jones, SJC 4-H
 9. Eli Currie, Coldspring FFA
 10. Callie Dean, Shepherd FFA
 11. Madison Smith, Coldspring FFA
 12. Cassidy Loll, SJC 4-H
 13. Jossilyn Manuel, Coldspring FFA
 14. James Clark, Coldspring FFA
 15. Hoyt Burnett, SJC 4-H
 16. Isabella Murphy, Shepherd FFA
 17. Annie Harrell, Coldspring FFA
 18. Taighlyn Schubert, SJC 4-H
 19. Cody Park, Coldspring FFA
 20. Lillian Cruz, SJC 4-H
 21. Zander Taylor, Coldspring FFA
 22. Olivia Meadows, SJC 4-H
 23. Kutter Currie, Coldspring FFA
 24. Paisley Steele, Coldspring FFA
 25. Maverick Robertson, SJC 4-H
 26. Dalli Fisher, SJC 4-H
 27. David McCann Jr, SJC 4-H</p> | <p>28. Ava Steele, Coldspring FFA
 29. Rylee Nickle, SJC 4-H
 30. Emery Kelso, SJC 4-H
 31. Brooklyn Mitcheltree, Coldspring FFA
 32. Ethan Manuel, Coldspring FFA
 33. Paisley Armstrong, Shepherd FFA
 34. Christine Loll, SJC 4-H
 35. Avery Nickle, SJC 4-H
 36. Kaedence Rice, Shepherd FFA
 37. Leah Chambers, SJC 4-H</p> <p>Junior Market Swine
 Grand Champion — Maycie Taylor
 Reserve Champion — McKenna Lilley
 3. Carter Robertson
 4. Whitley Nickle, SJC 4-H
 5. Lena Cruz, SJC 4-H
 6. Memphis Moore, SJC 4-H
 7. Jace Richards, SJC 4-H
 8. Aiden Wilson, SJC 4-H
 9. Mckinley Moore, SJC 4-H
 10. Madison Johnston, SJC 4-H
 11. Porter Allbright, SJC 4-H</p> <p>Showmanship
 Senior Market Swine
 Grand Champion — Austen Oehrlein
 Reserve Champion — Branden Oehrlein
 Intermediate Market Swine
 Grand Champion — Hunter Oehrlein
 Reserve Champion — Kutter Currie
 Junior Market Swine
 Grand Champion — Maycie Taylor
 Reserve Champion — Carter Robertson
 Cattle Show
 Replacement Heifers
 Grand Champion — Layla Howton
 Reserve Champion — Karter Hughes
 3. Colt Coogler
 Showmanship
 Seniors
 Grand Champion — Brad McBride
 Reserve Champion — Lane Swiech
 Intermediate
 Grand Champion — Karter Hughes
 Reserve Champion — Cooper Moss
 Market Steer
 Grand Champion — Eli Herrod
 Reserve Champion — Collin Coogler
 3. Kimber Calhoun</p> | <p>4. Jaylen Coogler, SJC 4-H
 5. Wade Currie, Coldspring FFA
 6. Cooper Moss, SJC 4-H
 7. Kaycee Cooper, SJC 4-H
 8. Kinsley Rhodes, SJC 4-H
 9. Averey Moss, SJC 4-H
 10. Hayley Baker, Coldspring FFA</p> <p>Showmanship
 Seniors
 Grand Champion — Avery Moss
 Reserve Champion — Wade Currie
 Intermediate
 Grand Champion — Kinsley Rhodes
 Reserve Champion — Kimber Calhoun
 Breeding Heifers
 Grand Champion — Layla Howton
 Reserve Champion — Karter Hughes
 3. Rodney Rhodes
 4. Rodney Rhodes, SJC 4-H
 5. Dawson Arnold, Shepherd FFA
 6. Brade McBride, Coldspring FFA
 7. Rylei Brewer, Shepherd FFA
 8. Logan Edwards, Coldspring FFA
 9. Emarie Herrod, SJC 4-H
 10. Lane Swiech, SJC 4-H
 11. Cyleigh Hues, SJC 4-H
 12. Krysten Neal, SJC 4-H
 13. Carter Beverly, SJC 4-H
 14. Hayden Richards, Coldspring FFA
 15. Cutter Hues, Shepherd FFA
 16. Rigby Bailes, Coldspring FFA
 17. Mayci Moore, SJC 4-H
 18. Abbey Anderson, Shepherd FFA
 19. Cody Calhoun Jr., SJC 4-H
 20. David Neal, SJC 4-H
 21. Peyton Campbell, SJC 4-H
 22. Bryson Goodman, Shepherd FFA</p> <p>Breed Champions
 American — Kinsley Rhodes
 British — Kimber Calhoun
 AOB — Layla Howton
 Showmanship
 Seniors
 Grand Champion — Layla Howton
 Reserve Champion — Rigby Bailes
 Intermediate
 Grand Champion — Kinsley Rhodes
 Reserve Champion — CJ Calhoun</p> |
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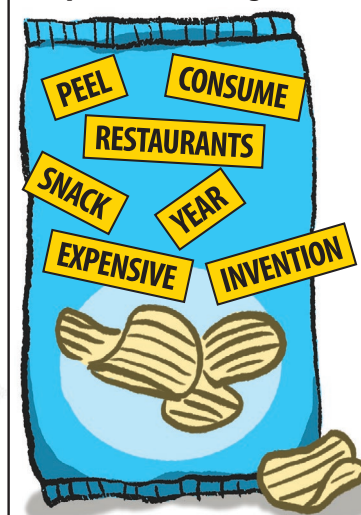
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The Potato Chip Story

Replace the missing words.



The first potato chips were a rare and _____

treat, served only at special _____.

That was because it took a long time to _____ potatoes by hand.

Then in 1920, with the _____ of the mechanical potato peeler, potato chips jumped from a special restaurant treat to a top-selling _____ food.

Today, Americans _____ more potato chips than any other people in the world. We eat about 1.85 billion pounds each _____. That's an average of about 6.6 pounds _____ per person!

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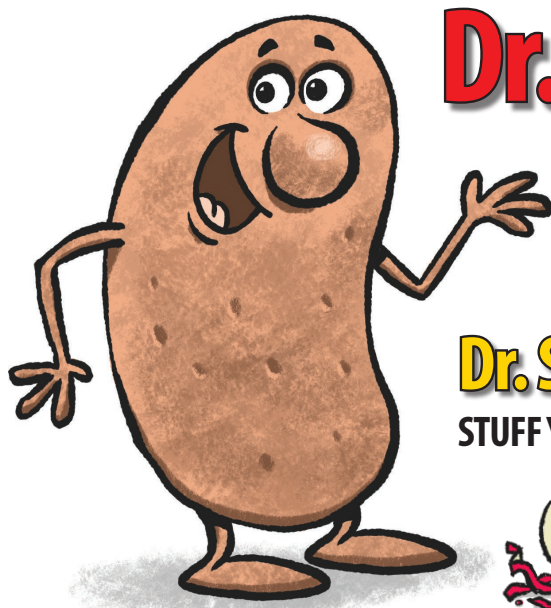
Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SPUD**
The noun **spud** is a nickname for a potato.

Mashed or baked are popular ways to eat a **spud**.

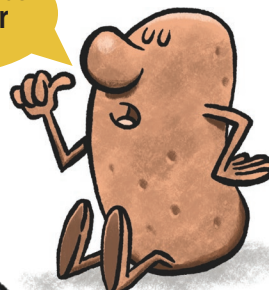
Try to use the word **spud** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Dr. Spud Wants to Know!



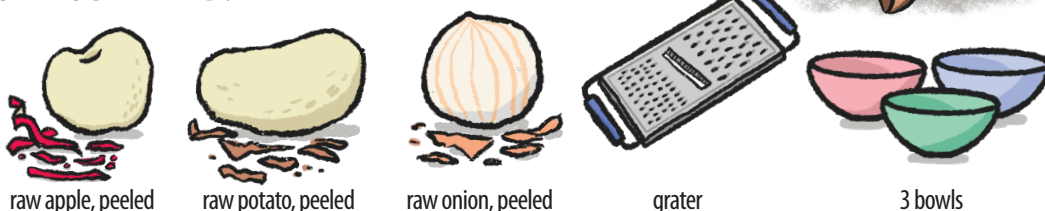
Can you taste the difference between an apple, a potato and an onion? Believe it or not, it is difficult to taste the difference between a potato and an onion if you can't smell it. Don't believe me? Try my experiment!

Only the nose knows for sure!



Dr. Spud's Tasteless Experiment

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



raw apple, peeled raw potato, peeled raw onion, peeled grater 3 bowls



1. Grate the apple, potato and onion separately. Wash the grater before grating each of the foods. Put each grated food in a separate bowl.



2. Blindfold a friend or partner. Have your partner hold their nose tightly.



3. Place a small amount (about ¼ teaspoon) of one of the foods on your friend's tongue. Tell your friend not to chew the food, but to roll it around their mouth. Ask your friend to guess which food is in their mouth.

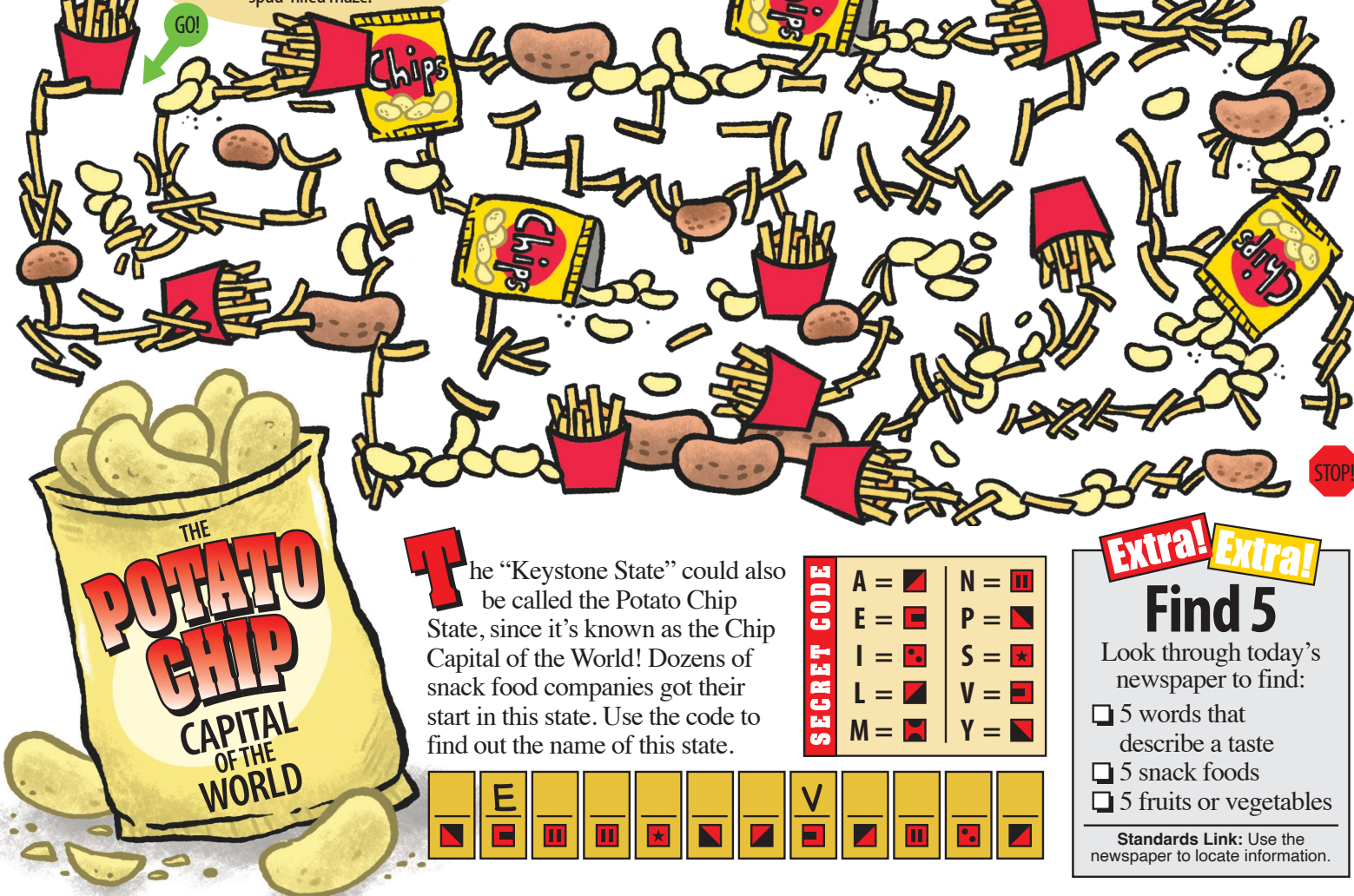


4. Repeat with each of the foods. Be sure to have your friend rinse their mouth between tastings. Do three taste tests with each food item. Use the chart to keep track of the taste tests.

WHAT WAS TASTED	WHAT TASTER THOUGHT IT WAS

Potato Maze

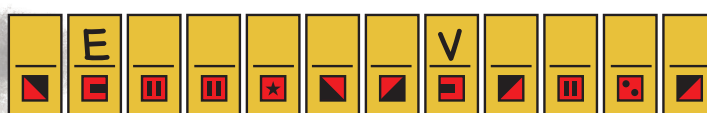
Find your way through this spud-filled maze!



The "Keystone State" could also be called the Potato Chip State, since it's known as the Chip Capital of the World! Dozens of snack food companies got their start in this state. Use the code to find out the name of this state.

SECRET CODE

A =	█	N =	█
E =	█	P =	█
I =	█	S =	█
L =	█	V =	█
M =	█	Y =	█



Extra! Extra! Find 5

Look through today's newspaper to find:

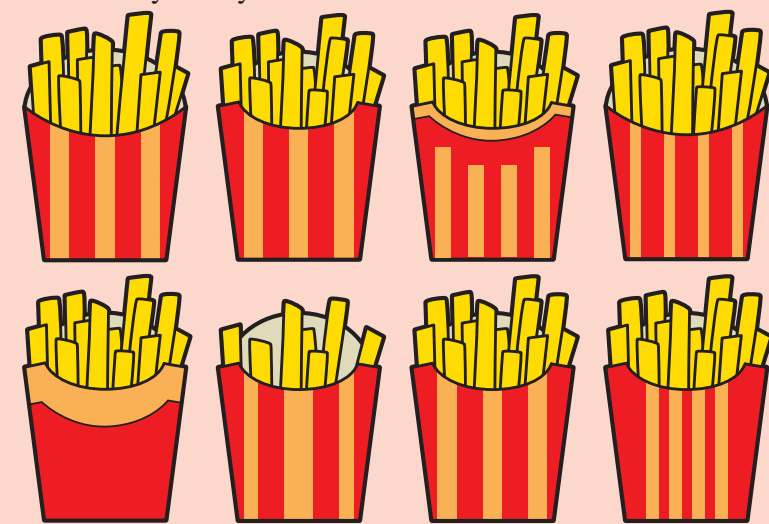
- 5 words that describe a taste
- 5 snack foods
- 5 fruits or vegetables

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

French Fry Fun

Look closely! Can you find the two identical boxes of fries?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- APPLE
- BOWL
- CHART
- CHEW
- CHIP
- CODE
- FOOD
- NOSE
- ONION
- POTATO
- SMELL
- STATE
- TASTE
- TESTS
- WORLD

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

One Potato, Two Potato ...

Find examples of one-syllable, two-syllable, three-syllable and four-syllable words. Find the words themselves, or cut out the letters to spell the words. Paste words with the same number of syllables into groups on a chart.

Standards Link: Recognize syllables in words.



How do you know when your fries are being stolen?

ANSWER: When the burger alarm rings.

Write On!

Ode to a Spud

Write a poem about a potato or your favorite way to eat one. Be sure to include descriptions using the five senses.

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My mom knew me well. So well, in fact, that as I left for college she outfitted me not only in the latest fashions for my body but she also armed me for life by the gift of a ceramic “book, a slightly worn piece that had resided on the kitchen window sill as long as I had memory. She knew me well. The “Serenity Prayer, in faded gilt script has resided with me ever since, on dorm dressers, in apartment alcoves and finally, on my own kitchen windowsills.

The “Serenity Prayer, known to millions, was written by Reinhold Niebuhr, in the early 1940s. In original form it reads, “God, give us the grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. It speaks to important, even life-saving, skills everyone who lives life successfully must develop. My mom had already seen to it that I had the models for courage, for wisdom, acceptance and serenity that I needed to learn those skills. The prayer, given to her by her mom, was to serve me as a reminder to use these skills.

How do children develop the strengths they will need to become

successful, happy, contributing adults? Where do the models for learning courage, serenity, wisdom and acceptance come from? Parents, obviously, are an important source. Children who live with kindness become kind, children who live with acceptance learn to love and children who live with anger become bitter. Beyond parents are aunts, uncles, grandparents and teachers, all who serve as examples for children to copy. Uncles who always have time for nieces and nephews teach them most of all the importance of having a caring special person who thinks they are important. There are others, those important members of our “extended families, the friends so close our children call them “aunt,, or “uncle,, and daily interact in our lives and from whom our children take their cues about the kinds of adults they will become. Our children watch and copy ... and they copy everything, good or bad.

Adults are the mirrors for what children will alter become; good examples are critical. By watching grown-ups cope successfully with joblessness, sorrow, hard times, death, disaster, children learn that adverse circumstances can be overcome, changed or accepted. By observing adults who look beyond imperfection of body to the inside perfection of spirit, who love the unlovable and forgive the unforgivable, children learn to do the same. Young people copy the way adults react to difficult situations ... by blaming or by problem solving. When their own tough times come, they remember and reach for the strengths that were planted in years past by the strong adults about them. They cannot use what we have not given them.

USDA launches assistance network for distressed farmers, ranchers

Special to the News-Times

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture 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 made this announcement Sept. 21 at the Farm Aid Festival in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

“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, the FSA is 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 programs FSA recently announced significant changes to Farm Loan Programs through the Enhancing Program Access and Delivery for Farm Loans rule. These policy changes, which took effect Sept. 25, 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.

For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.



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ATTAWAY, Randy Lee Wayne White / Male DOB: 09/05/88 Height: 6'03" Weight: 220 Hair: Blonde Eyes: Blue Warrant: #240914671 LKA: McComb Rd, Conroe ARRESTED Capias On Info Burglary Of Habitation		EDWARDS, Stormy Nicole White / Female DOB: 06/07/99 Height: 5'07" Weight: 138 Hair: Blonde Eyes: Hazel Warrant: #240304848 LKA: Mayer Rd, Porter Bond Forfeiture Assault Family Member w/Previous Conv	
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MARTIN, Owen Watson White / Male DOB: 11/09/04 Height: 6'00" Weight: 195 Hair: Blonde Eyes: Blue Warrant: #240914486 LKA: Virginia Ln, Porter Capias On Info Burglary Of Building		MEJIA-POL, Jose Manuel Hispanic / Male DOB: 01/15/92 Height: 5'04" Weight: 140 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Warrant: #240914482 LKA: Brookhaven, Spring Capias On Info Sexual Assault Of Child	
MOODY, Brandon James White / Male DOB: 03/03/97 Height: 5'10" Weight: 165 Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Warrant: #240914568 LKA: Pebel Beach Blvd, Montgomery Capias On Info Violate Bond/Protective Order 2+ Times		NELSON, Tyler Daniel White / Male DOB: 01/27/93 Height: 5'07" Weight: 138 Hair: Blonde Eyes: Blue Warrant: #240914496 LKA: N. Frazier St, Conroe Capias On Info Theft Of Property ~\$2500-\$300	
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Estate of Paul Olin Lavan, Sr.

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION CAUSE NO. P2024-87 THE ESTATE OF PAUL OLIN LAVAN, SR. TO ALL UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL OLIN LAVAN, SR., DECEASED SCHERINDA LAVAN, filed in the San Jacinto County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas, August 13, 2024 an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of PAUL OLIN LAVAN, SR., Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in said estate. The Court

may act on said Application and any opposition at any call of the docket on or after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the San Jacinto County Courthouse located at 1 State Highway 150, Coldspring, Texas 77331 in San Jacinto County, Texas. All UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS of this estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to said Application before the above stated time and date should you desire to do so. To ensure its consideration,

you or your attorney must file any contest, objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of San Jacinto County, Texas, on or before the above noted date and time. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Coldspring, Texas, on September 23, 2024. Dawn Wright, County Clerk San Jacinto County 1 State Highway 150 Room 2 Coldspring, Texas 77331 By: Jessica Swords, Deputy /S/ Applicant's Attorney Richard S. Browne 307 N. San Jacinto Conroe, Texas 77301 (P) 936-756-1813 Email: rsbrowneatty@verizon.net

Revision of subdivision plat in Waterwood

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REVISE SUBDIVISION PLAT The Commissioners Court of San Jacinto County, Texas has received an application to consider a Plat Revision in Block 1, Waterwood Lakeview Estates, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, by combining Lots 77 & 78; and

said Lots are renamed as Lot 77A. A public hearing to consider the application and to hear protests to the revision will be held at the Commissioners Court, Commissioners Courtroom, Coldspring, Texas on the 30th day of October, 2024, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Estate of Josue Johnathan Caceres Rivera

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION CAUSE NO. P2024-104 THE ESTATE OF JOSUE JOHNATHAN CACERES RIVERA TO ALL UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JOSUE JOHNATHAN CACERES RIVERA, DECEASED ANA BESSY RIVERA BETANCE, filed in the San Jacinto County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas, September 20, 2024 an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND IN THE ALTERNATIVE, LETTERS OF DEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of JOSUE JOHNATHAN CACERES RIVERA, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in said estate. The Court may act on said Application and any opposition at any call of the docket on or after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation,

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1 TXism: "jumpy as ___ on ice"
5 an Astro evading a tag at second base in Fort Worth: "___ Carter Museum of American Art"
7 late TX Swayze film: "___ of Kin" (1989)
8 in Amarillo: "___ & Rodeo"
17 TX George W. to TX George H.W. sunglasses that go to the sides too
21 TX Willie Nelson's "___ the Road Again"
22 praise in public
23 TXism: "wouldn't cut warm ___" (dull)
24 a Christmas game uses ___ Wrap ball
29 TX Dennis Quaid 2023 film: "On a ___ and a Prayer"
30 TX Christopher Rich sitcom (2001-07)
31 dir. from Seymour to Dublin, TX
32 singing under the window of a girl
34 Drake of 1953 film "Down Laredo Way" org. for one country music award show
36 TXism: "___ whipped pup"
37 Dak knows how to ___ a football
38 TXism: "___ ___ to" (intend)

39 symptoms of people with the flu (2 wds.)
41 TXism: "he's new to these ___"
42 TXism: "worn ___ frazzle" (tired)
43 TX Sam Rayburn was in Congress 48 ___
44 country singer, Hill TXism: "blister ___" (handle)
46 drink slowly

DOWN

1 TXism: "numerous ___ ___ worm"
2 Milam County seat
3 TXism: "active as ___ ___ a hen house"
4 camping shelters
9 Texas tone
10 TXism: "snug as a bug in ___"
11 small amount
12 "The Pelvis" init.
13 in El Paso County on I-10
14 Caribbean island
15 tiny bit
16 TXism: "he's lower than a snake's belly in a wheel ___"
19 Texas "Monkee," Michael
20 TX Roy Orbison's "In ___" (1963)
22 first Texas Lottery Commission director, Nora
24 TX Strait's "Gone ___ a Girl Can Get"
25 TXism: "it ain't ___ in cement"
26 Greek given name
27 TV controller
28 TXism: "she could talk the legs off ___ stove"
29 "___-washy"
30 TX Perot who twice ran for president
33 New Orleans Saints, "Who ___?"
34 movie chewies
35 transports for amateur golfers
37 historic Port Aransas hotel (2 wds.)
38 song written by TX Rodney Crowell: "___ Living Long Like This"
40 TX "Bum" Phillips real first name
41 least valuable chess piece
44 Tex-Mex, e.g. Baylor basketball "___" Carter
49 TXism: "___ ___ holler" (call me)

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