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SIC election comes with drama

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Early voting for the 2024 general election starts Monday, and races at all levels are treated as high stakes.

The race between former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris has been touted as the race that saves democracy; at the state level, Republican Sen. Ted Cruz is facing stiff competition from Democrat U.S. Rep. Colin Allred and Libertarian Ted Brown, while incumbent Rep. Morgan Luttrell faces Democrat Laura Jones; and since Janis Holt defeated incumbent Earnest Bailes in the primary election, she will face Libertarian Seth Steele for State Representative District 18.

At the county level, a lawsuit over the results of the primary election sheriff between incumbent Greg Capers and Constable Sam Houston has been filed; while Houston's name is on the ballot, the results of the civil suit could change things.

Houston won the primary election;

however, Capers filed a suit contesting the results. A trial had been scheduled to begin on Monday as well; however, Capers' attorney is seeking to delay the trial until Nov. 18.

Houston's attorney has filed an answer to the suit, claiming it was filed too late, and since ballots have been delivered and early voting has started, the case is moot.

Last week, Capers put a press release on social media stating there are numerous misconceptions and misinformation being spread concerning the Sheriff's election contest lawsuit against Mr. Sam Houston.

The release states the Sheriff's Office received complaints from residents of San Jacinto County alleging possible voter fraud had occurred in the San Jacinto County primary elections, but only after the recount had occurred.

An investigation was initiated, and investigators found a number of illegal/ineligible votes had been cast and counted, according to the statement.

The investigators then contacted the Election Integrity Division of the Texas

Attorney General's Office concerning this investigation, and subsequently, Capers filed his lawsuit, which is the only means to contest an election result. Judge Albert McCaig was assigned to the case.

Capers said in the statement that the civil trial has no bearing on the criminal investigation, and that his lawsuit is about "doing what's right" and ensuring that the truth is exposed to the public.

A release from Sam Houston states that while he believes it is in the best interest of the residents of San Jacinto County to have investigations into elections, those that involve a sitting official should be conducted by a third party to ensure fairness.

Law enforcement should focus its efforts on investigating crimes and protecting residents and on upholding peace and safety, and taxpayer dollars and crucially important man-hours should not be spent bolstering a civil lawsuit, the statement reads.

It also states that Houston refutes allegations of improper votes affecting the election and has every confidence that the San Jacinto County public servants conducting

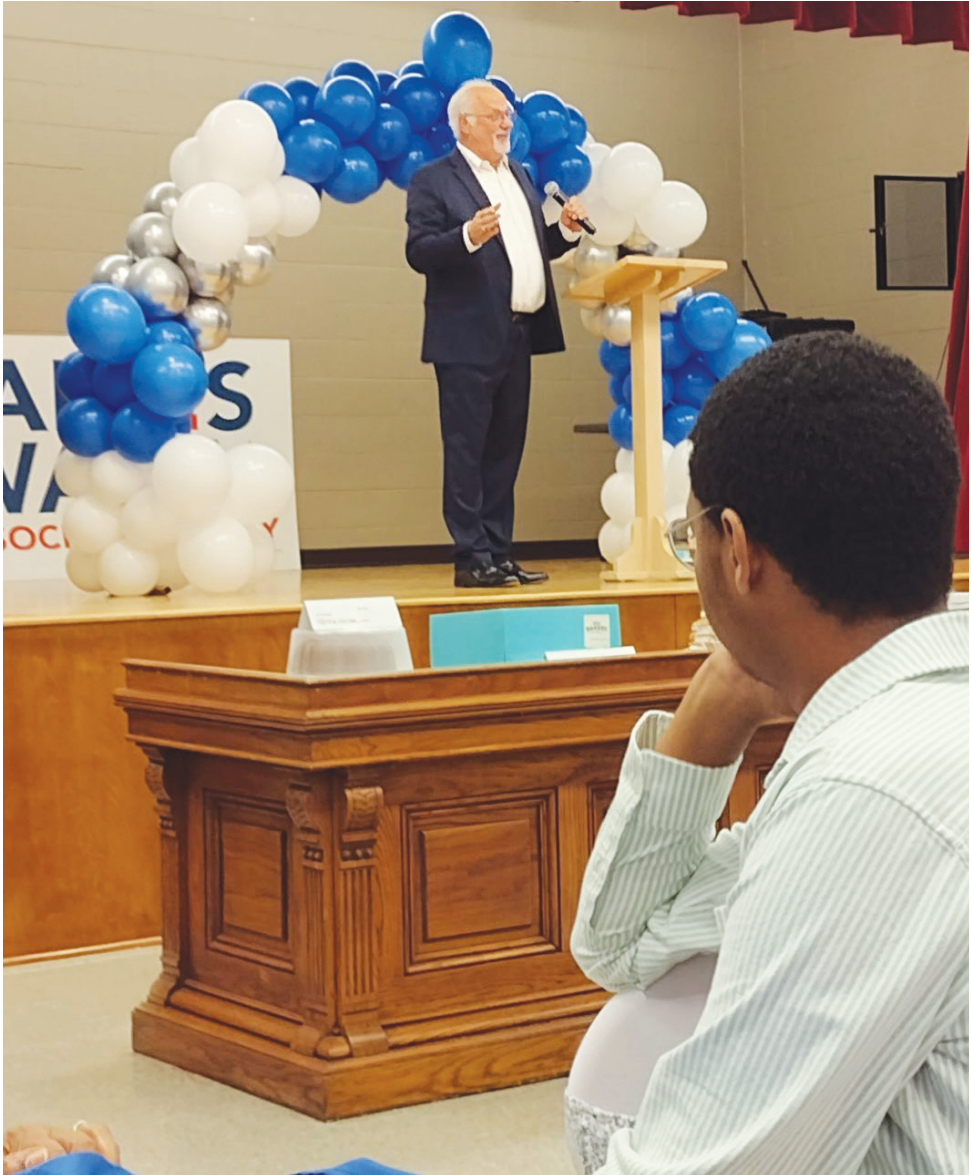
the election did an outstanding job.

2024 General Election Early Voting Election Administration Building, 51 E. Pine Ave., Coldspring

Oct. 21-25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Oct. 26, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Oct. 27, 1 p.m.-7 p.m.
Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Election Day Polling Places Nov. 5, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

- Elections Administration 51 E. Pine Ave., Coldspring
- Shepherd Community Center, 10251 State Highway 150, Shepherd
- Evergreen Community Center, 7550 State Highway 150 West, Coldspring
- Bear Creek VFD, 11550 FM 1725, Cleveland
- Point Blank, Precinct 4 Annex, 221 Boat Launch Road, Point Blank
- Oakhurst Fire Department, 990 US 190, Oakhurst
- New Hope Baptist Church, 13200 FM 2025, Cleveland



NEW BEGINNING

San Jacinto County Democratic Party Chair Dennis Ready addresses the assembled Democrats at the inaugural Fall Gala, held Saturday at Jones Auditorium. The event featured candidates for offices at the federal and state level as well as fundraising auctions. COURTESY PHOTO

Coldspring to clean up right of way issue

SJNT staff

COLDSPRING — An old county right of way ordinance will need changes in order for new owners of a gas station.

Mayor John Benestante said that at the Oct. 7 City Council meeting, attorneys for the new owners of the station found that during a title search, a 1931 ordinance was passed granting San Jacinto County a 100-foot right of way.

The property in question was later annexed by the city of Coldspring, so the attorneys approached the city about an amendment to the ordinance.

Benestante said the city attorney is now working on an amendment to

change the right of way to 30 feet, which will be discussed at a special meeting at the end of this month.

In other business, the council:

- reappointed William Baker to represent San Jacinto County incorporated municipalities;
- amended the budget for the Resilient Communities Program grant fund;
- amended the city budget to add a line item for second vehicle for the Public Works Department;
- added line items to the budget for the Community Center;
- agreed to join with San Jacinto County for animal control; and
- approved an interlocal agreement deeding Live Oak Street to the county.

COCISD earns state's highest fiscal accountability rating

Special to the News-Times

Coldspring Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "A" for Superior Achievement under Texas' School FIRST financial accountability rating system.

The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of COCISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the 18th year of School Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas, a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency.

The primary goal of School FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources,

a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We are very pleased with COCISD's School FIRST rating," said COCISD Superintendent Dr. Bryan Taulton. "This rating shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. This rating shows that COCISD's schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

The Texas Education Agency assigned one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "A" for Superior Achievement, followed by "B" for Above-Standard Achievement, "C" for Standard Achievement and "F" for Substandard Achievement. COCISD has achieved the highest rating attainable for its FIRST rating.

2025 Texas Fish Art Contest opens for entries

Special to the News-Times

ATHENS — The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center has opened the Texas division of Wildlife Forever's 2025 Fish Art Contest for entries.

The Fish Art Contest, accepting entries until Feb. 28, is part of an international conservation education program designed to foster youth interest in fish, fisheries and fishing.

"The Fish Art Contest does a tremendous job of exposing students across Texas to the wonders of fish and fisheries resources through the nexus of art," said Tom Lang, TFFC director. "We always look forward to this time of year when we are once again amazed by the outstanding work and artistic interpretations of these young Texans."

Participants must submit a completed entry form, and an original illustration of a wild fish found in Texas. Applicants in grades 4-12 are also required to submit a one-page creative writing piece. Once the entrance form is submitted, applicants must mail their artwork to TFFC, 5550 FM 2495, Athens, TX, 75752. The physical artwork must have a landscape orientation between 8X10 inches and 9X12 inches and be postmarked no later than Feb. 28.

The Texas Fish Art Contest's new category this year is the Special Species Award, which will showcase a focused species or set of species each year. One winner will be chosen from all entries and spotlighted at the TFFC. Students must correctly label their artwork and be identifiable as the correct focus species, but do not need to submit additional paperwork for consideration.

For the 2024-2025 contest year, the focus species is Guadalupe bass, the state fish of Texas.

This year's award honors Shirley Watson

and her third-grade class at Decatur Elementary School, which, in 1989, realized Texas had no official state fish. They traveled to Austin and testified in front of lawmakers about why a fish found "only in Texas" was the right fish for the job and their efforts paid off. Find out more about the state fish and how the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is working to restore this Texas icon to its native range.

Texas winners are recognized in the Texas Fish Art calendar, win scholarships, are featured in TPWD's Fish Art Contest Flickr album and invited to a family fishing celebration to recognize their achievements.

Additionally, winners will earn automatic entry to Wildlife Forever's national contest. Texas students may choose to enter national specialty awards with fish not found in Texas, however, they will not be eligible for Texas state awards due to the one entry per student limit.

"We have a unique opportunity to celebrate the talents of our Texas students, and the beauty of our diverse fish found in Texas," said Kate Barkalow, Education and Interpretation Coordinator at TFFC. "In doing so, we also recognize the amazing efforts of our teachers and biologists who support them. To complete their piece of art, students research their fish, its habitat and conservation efforts being made to protect the species, forging a connection between the student and fish."

Educators who wish to have their students enter the 2025 contest can find entry forms, rules, guidelines and more online. A lesson plan offers interdisciplinary curriculum including lessons and activities, a species identification section profiling each state fish, a glossary and student worksheets.

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Fundraising not just a trivial matter

Did you know that Friends of Shepherd Library are hosting a fundraiser Team Trivia Night? This is a chance to have some fun with your friends and/or family team. This event is family-friendly and includes other games, a silent auction and music. Snacks and sodas will be offered, and all proceeds go to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for both libraries in our county.

Tickets are \$10 if you register early, \$15 at the door. It will run from 7-10 p.m. Friday at Coldspring Community Center, 101 E. Cedar Ave. Bill Powell, well-known DJ in our area, will host the Team Trivia. Register at Shepherd library, call (936) 628-3515.

• The San Jacinto County Women's League met last week with guest speaker Karen Smithson. Karen talked about social media at any age, how to connect and what can be gained from it.

Among those qualities she mentioned, learning from experts in many fields, hobbies and recipes, community news and making friends to overcome

Did You Know
By Yvonne Cones



loneliness. Karen had starting walking to lose weight, which she accomplished so well she was wearing one of her daughters dresses.

The meal was catered by Julie Gray of Lucy's Country Store & Tea Garden and was delicious. President Mary Ann Pittman led the business part of the lunch and the decoration theme by April Plunkett and her team was Halloween. The next meeting will be the second Thursday of November at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Charline Smith of Coldspring Senior Center.

•The Senior Center will have Fish Friday on Oct. 18, sponsored by SJ-CRradio.com. The owners, Dale Everitt

and Charles Ballard, will be there. The Center has a lot of programs coming up, as well as the Line Dancing Class and Losing Weight group. They have DJ Ken Janek playing on Fridays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

•Oct. 26 will be Coldspring VFD Fire Fest. At 20 Hill Ave, starting at 10 a.m., there will be a gun raffle, silent auction, scarecrow contest, costume contest, free candy and family fun. Entry is free.

• The SJC Historical Commission will have its Annual Haunted House at the Jail Museum in Old Coldspring, just a short way from the Fire Station at 200 Slade St. Entry is \$5 for children, \$10 for adults and will be on Oct. 25-26. You can buy your Raffle ticket in the Courthouse Basement office of Carson Anderson, call her at (936) 653-2091. They are \$10 each. Prizes include a fabulous custom-made guitar, a bigfoot quilt and an entertainment center.

• Here is something different: Daiquiries To Go and Family Restaurant

are holding a costume party on Nov. 2 from 5 p.m.- midnight. The theme is 60s, 70s and 80s Party. Choose your decade and dress up, or you can come as you are and enjoy the fun anyway. Cards, dominos and bingo at \$1 a card are some of the evening's program. Food and drink with a DJ to make the music will keep the evening lively. Located at 2700 S. Byrd Ave. in Shepherd, for information call (346) 988-5059.

• Saturday at Jones Auditorium the San Jacinto County Democratic Party held its first Fall Gala. Candidates Laura Jones for U.S. Representative District 8, Lauren Ashley Simmons for Texas House District 146, and Katherine Culbert for Railroad Commission spoke to the crowd and County Chair Dennis Ready and Joyceln Traylor introduced the speakers and spoke to the gathering.

Calandra Johnson was recognized and so was Kimberley Jones for the beautiful decorations and overall elegant look of the Hall. The food was catered by AMF Catering who did a mar-

velous meal, and the live auction went extremely well with the cakes brought by donors for bids. Several cakes made well over \$150, all money will be used in our county, Dennis Ready told the packed auditorium.

Gregg Cones sang to the audience to loud applause with his rendering of "I'm a Believer." Thanks to all those who worked hard to make the evening a success.

• Coldspring Chamber of Commerce hosts its 39th Wolf Creek Car, Truck and Bike Show Oct. 19-20. This event draws a lot of people. Food and drink and vendors add to the draw of many amazing vehicles on show. Call the Chamber for more information or go online to the website.

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.



Karen Smithson spoke at the Women's League lunch.. COURTESY PHOTO



The Democratic Party Gala at Jones Auditorium in Coldspring. COURTESY PHOTO

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Fire Danger Rating
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AREA DIGEST

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. 19 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.
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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
HEARTS 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.

easttexasnews.com sports new look

Polk County Publishing Company Inc. is pleased to announce that its new website, easttexasnews.com, is fully operational. It features news from PCPC's four newspapers — Polk County Enterprise, Tyler County Booster, San Jacinto News-Times and Trinity County News-Standard — in addition to features from its quarterly magazine, East Texan.
Beginning Oct. 15, however, parts of the site will be behind a paywall (e-editions, news, opinions, sports). All print and e-edition subscribers will have access to everything at no additional charge. Website readers can pay \$1 per story or subscribe to all stories on the site for \$20 annually.
All subscribers will be required to set up a new username and password their first time on the site after the paywall is established. After that, the system will remember them.

SENIOR MENUS

Oct. 21-25
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Monday, Wednesday, Friday is Texercise. Tuesday is line dancing. Thursday is bingo. Friday is karaoke.
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TUESDAY: Pork roast and gravy, potato and carrots, salad bar, rolls.
WEDNESDAY: Taco soup, salad bar, cornbread.
THURSDAY: Chicken fried chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot salad, rolls.
FRIDAY: Cheeseburgers, steak fries, ranch beans.
• **Shepherd Senior Citizens Center** | (936) 628-3733
Second Tuesday of each month includes birthday cake for dessert.
Bingo is Oct. 16, 23 and 30. Bag Day is Oct. 18. Craft Days are Oct. 17, 24 and 31. A fall fundraiser with barbecue baked potatoes will be Oct. 20.
MONDAY: Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, banana pudding.
TUESDAY: Pancakes or biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, fresh fruit.
WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce, zucchini, garlic bread, ice cream.
THURSDAY: Fried pork chops, rice and gravy, green beans, pecan bars.
FRIDAY: Chicken and sausage gumbo, rice, potato salad, brownies.

FISH ART

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The Fish Art Contest is sponsored by Wildlife Forever, Bass Pro Shops, Rapala, U.S. Forest Service, Wonders of Wildlife, Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, National Fish Habitat Partnership, U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Adventure Keen, International Game and Fish Association, REPYOURWATER and Western Native Trout Initiative.

Located in White Bear Lake, Minn., Wildlife Forever is a nonprofit multispecies conservation organization dedicated to conserving America's wildlife heritage. Working at the grassroots level, Wildlife Forever has funded conservation projects in all 50 states, committing millions of dollars to "on-the-ground" efforts. Wildlife Forever supports habitat restoration and enhancement, land acquisition, research and management of fish and wildlife populations.
For more information, visit the TFFC Texas Fish Art Contest website and the Texas Fish Art Program Facebook page.

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OPINION

VIEWING IT DIFFERENTLY

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

Enemies Within - Donald Trump's Dangerous Rhetoric

So, here's a thought experiment. It's the 1950s, and Senator Joseph McCarthy is on the television, wagging his finger at the American public, naming "enemies within" our borders. He's telling us that they're lurking in our schools, our workplaces, maybe even next door. McCarthy had a list, or at least he said he did, a list of communists infiltrating every facet of American life. He used fear to divide, to accuse, and to consolidate power. Fast forward seventy years, and here we are again. The names and faces have changed, but the story feels eerily similar.

Donald Trump, in his most recent speeches, has revived this dangerous rhetoric. He's dusted off the old phrase, "enemies within," and is pointing fingers inward, at people who don't look like his supporters, who don't vote the same way, or who challenge his version of reality. This is no longer about political differences or simple disagreement; it's about turning Americans against Americans, and that, my friends, is a recipe for disaster. We've seen it before, and history has made one thing clear: it doesn't end well.

Think about Adolf Hitler in the 1930s. He didn't just take power; he made people terrified of each other. He didn't only blame the Jews for Germany's problems; he portrayed them as a force working against the nation's very survival. He turned neighbors into enemies by repeating the idea that Germany had internal foes, people who wanted to destroy it from the inside. Hitler's rhetoric wasn't just divisive, it was catastrophic. It laid the groundwork for the horrors that followed: the concentration camps, the gas chambers, the unimaginable cruelty. When a leader begins to talk about enemies within, it's time for everyone to sit up and pay attention.

Now, I'm not saying Trump is Hitler. But I am saying that the rhetoric he's using comes from the same dangerous playbook. It's one that thrives on fear, paranoia, and distrust. When Trump talks about "enemies within," he's not just saying there are political opponents or critics. He's saying that these people are dangerous, that they are traitors working to undermine the country. In doing so, he's feeding a monster that's already too big in our society: the idea that people who disagree with us are not just wrong, but evil.

We need to remember what happened during McCarthyism. It wasn't just a series of televised hearings; it was a period of real damage to real lives. Teachers, actors, writers, and everyday people lost their jobs, their reputations, and in some cases, even their lives because of baseless accusations. McCarthy used fear as a weapon, and the wounds it caused took decades to heal. The people who lived through it will tell you it was one of the darkest times in American history, a time when suspicion and accusation were enough to destroy a person.

And here we are, with Trump singing the same tune, wanting us to believe that the biggest threat to America isn't poverty, inequality, or climate change, but rather our own neighbors. Maybe it's someone who disagrees about how we should teach our children. Maybe it's someone who trusts different news sources. Trump wants us to believe these people are out to get us, that they are somehow conspiring against America. This rhetoric is not just dangerous; it's profoundly un-American. The greatness of this country has always been our diversity, not just in culture and background, but in thought and opinion.

Let's also remember how Trump has always framed himself: the outsider who's here to save us from ourselves. In his speeches, he draws a clear line: it's him and his followers on one side, and the traitors on the other. He doesn't want debate; he wants loyalty. He doesn't want a functioning democracy; he wants obedience. This language, this strategy of othering and vilifying opponents, is not just a political maneuver, it's a red flag. It's a sign that he's not interested in leading a united America, but rather a divided one, where power is maintained by pitting us against each other.

Think about what happens if Trump becomes president again. He's not coming back with humility or a desire to serve. He's coming back with a vendetta. He's already openly discussed retribution, getting even with his perceived enemies. Imagine what that means when a president's enemies are, in his own words, within the country. He's not just talking about rival politicians or elite institutions. He's talking about everyday people who dare to criticize him, journalists who report the facts, and even government employees who do their jobs without pledging loyalty to him personally.

And then there's his recent interview with Fox News' Maria Bartiromo where



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Trump suggested using the military or the National Guard against the so-called "enemy from within" on Election Day, whom he described as "radical left lunatics" and other internal threats. Let that sink in for a moment. A former president, who wants to be president again, is talking about using the military against American citizens. This is not just hyperbole or tough talk. This is a direct threat to the very fabric of our democracy.

The military is meant to protect us from external threats, not to be wielded against our own people. Using the military in this way would be a terrifying step towards authoritarianism, where dissent is met not with debate or discussion, but with force. It is a blatant attempt to intimidate and silence those who oppose him, and it's a move straight out of the authoritarian playbook.

Imagine a country where the government views dissent as treason. Where protesting, disagreeing, or even thinking differently becomes grounds for punishment. We've seen countries like this. Look at Russia, where dissenters fall out of windows, or are poisoned with nerve agents. Look at North Korea, where entire families disappear because one person speaks out. It's not an exaggeration to say that Trump's rhetoric lays the groundwork for this kind of governance, a system where the leader decides who the enemies are, and the rest of us are expected to fall in line.

But it doesn't have to be this way. The beauty of our democracy is that it's still in our hands. We still get to decide who leads us, and what kind of country we want to be. Do we want to be a country that sees enemies around every corner, or do we want to be a country that comes together to solve our problems? Do we want to be driven by fear, or do we want to be driven by hope? The answer seems obvious, but it's up to us to make it a reality.

When you hear Trump talk about enemies within, remember McCarthy. Remember Hitler. Remember that history teaches us these are the words of leaders who do not want a free society, but rather one where power is unchecked and unchallenged. Trump wants to be president again, but he doesn't want to lead all Americans, only those who will follow him without question. And for those of us who believe in democracy, in freedom of thought, in the right to disagree, that should scare us all.

It's easy to think that the lessons of history don't apply to us, that somehow, we're different, that we're immune to the dangers that other societies faced. But we're not. We're just people, and we're just as vulnerable to fear and division as anyone else. The only way to guard against it is to recognize it for what it is, to call it out, and to stand up against it, before it's too late. Vote!

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Time to close the tab on federal largesse

No matter where you come down on FEMA's inability — or more accurately lack of funding — for hurricane relief for the back-to-back disasters on the East Coast, one thing should stand immediately and perfectly clear: our federal government is the worst steward of your tax dollars ever.

That, by the way, includes King George III (you know, the idiot whose taxation policies kicked off the American Revolution).

Whether it's the Biden Administration raiding FEMA coffers to help illegal immigrants, or if Congress just hasn't approved addi-

tionals funds for disaster relief, our leaders have not done right by the American people.

Billions of dollars are being spent in the Ukraine for no good reason, as countering Russian aggression isn't our battle unless they're invading our nation. Billions of dollars being spent on wars in the Middle East — going all the way back to Desert Storm — have resulted in precisely nothing. The Taliban still is going strong, ISIS is still kicking up its heels, and every terrorist organization from the PLO to Hamas and Hezbollah is operating pretty much unrestrained, as is evidenced by the ongoing war against Israel.

The campaign promises of student loan forgiveness and first-time homeowner assistance further underscore that our elected officials are approaching the coffers and spending like we elected an entire slate of drunken sailors. Funds spent on specific special interests, while nominally for U.S. citizens, are given in an attempt to buy votes as well as solve problems that were created by the government's spending habits in the first place. Then, with the amount of

funds being sent overseas being added to that total show that there is not now, and hasn't been for a very long time, anything like fiscal responsibility in Washington, D.C. A government at any level does not generate any income or anything of substance; it simply moves around funds that it has taken — by threat of force — from taxpayers, and for the most part, those governments, mostly at the state and local levels (at least in Texas) follow spending laws and budgets.

At the national level, though, that kind of financial thinking hasn't been around for decades; for FY 2024, the feds spent \$1.9 trillion more than they have taken in. Given that this has been the case for a very long time, our vaunted leaders have racked up a \$35 trillion debt.

Putting it all together, you have a government that is practicing the exact opposite of fiscal restraint and sending billions across the pond for aid to other peoples and countries, there's nothing left to help the people here that need it — disaster victims and veterans to name but a few.

The icing on this particular type of spending cake is that the money they're blowing through is yours, and there is absolutely no sign of it stopping soon. In fact, every campaign promise, every federal plan proposed or in place, continues to grow, and politicians are looking to us to continue to feed the bottomless pit of federal bank accounts.

The only way this changes is with us at the ballot box, by electing candidates that want fiscal responsibility, that believe that government is not the answer to every problem, that respect private property and individual rights.

Since early voting for the 2024 general election starts Monday. Let's make this a start of reclaiming the country of the people, by the people and FOR the people.

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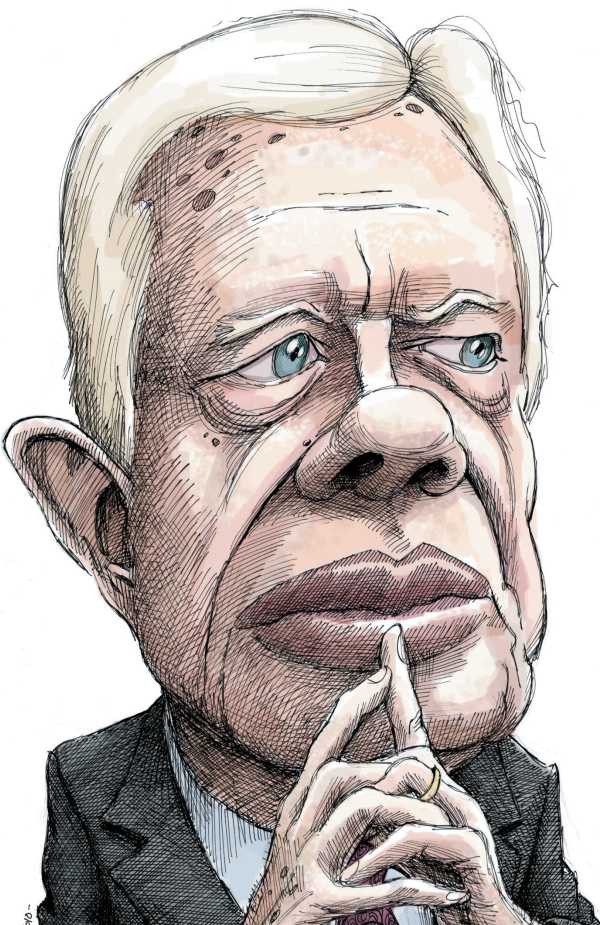
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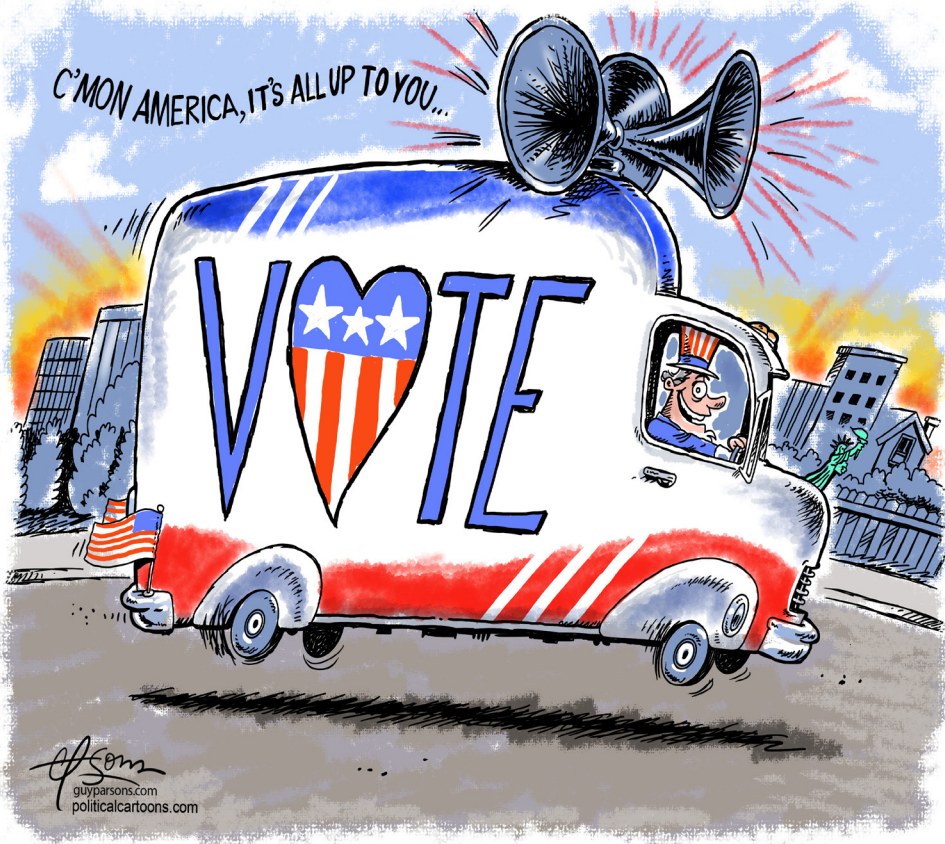
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THE EYES HAVE IT

The lady of the house was busy cooking supper when the door-bell rang. When she answered the door, she was surprised to find a little neighborhood boy standing there. He had a big, friendly grin on his face, so she greeted him politely and asked what she could do for him.

“I’m collecting aluminum cans, ma’am. I’m trying to raise \$1,000 for our church for mission work. Do you have any aluminum cans that you could give me?”

Suppressing a giggle at the thought, the lady asked him, “Isn’t that a mighty big job for such a little boy?”

Proud and confident, the boy replied, “Oh, it’s not just me. Joey



Dan’s Divinities

By Rev. Dr. Dan Darby

is working the other side of the block.”

The boy got his cans. He was a young man with a vision, and he was committed to it. He couldn’t be denied.

Bartimaeus was a blind beggar. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, a large crowd surrounded Him. When Bartimaeus heard it was Jesus passing by, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy

on me.” (Mark 10:47). Many people ordered him to be quiet, but he shouted all the louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me.” (Mark 10:49).

By shouting “Son of David,” he was proclaiming Jesus to be the Messiah. When Jesus heard this profession of faith, He stopped and gave him the gift of physical sight to accompany his spiritual insight.

When it comes to Christianity, the eyes have it, not the nays. When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the only Son of God who came to save us from our darkness, we gain spiritual insight to receive the gift of victorious living. We often live in darkness, defeat,

and isolation, but Jesus calls us to live in light, victory, and community.

When our spiritual eyes perceive that Jesus loves us, reconciles us to God, gives us a new birth as eternal beings, and adopts us into the family of God, then we can shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.” and know that Jesus will help us, heal us, and give us the victory. Others may try to discourage us, but we will shout all the louder with the eyes of faith, and Jesus will save us.

Among the students at a college was a young man on crutches. Although not a handsome fellow, he had a talent for friendliness and optimism. He earned many

scholastic honors and had the respect of his classmates. One day, a new student asked him what had caused him to become so badly crippled.

“Infantile paralysis, due to polio,” replied the genial young man.

“With a misfortune like that,” exclaimed the other fellow, “how can you face the world so confidently and so happily?”

“Oh,” replied the polio victim, “the disease never touched my heart.”

This was a young man with a vision for life. He refused to let the expectations of “the many” limit his vision. He had the eyes of faith.

Dr. Dan Darby is a retired United Methodist pastor.



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Wednesday Night Service.....7:30 PM

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Morning Service.....11:00 AM
Sunday Night.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Night.....7:00 PM

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Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
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Wednesday Prayer Service.....5:00 PM

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Evening Worship.....5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM

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Wed. FLYTE (6th Grade).....5:30 PM
Wed. Youth (7th-12th Grade).....5:30PM
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Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00 PM

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Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Evening Worship.....5:30 PM
Wednesday Service.....7:00 PM

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Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
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New Waverly, Texas 77358 | 936-767-4742
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Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

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Wednesday Worship.....6 PM

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Sunday Youth Class.....4:00 PM
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Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM

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Sunday Mass.....8:00 AM Spanish
.....10:00 AM English
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Saturday.....4:00-4:30 PM

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Worship.....10:00 AM
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
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Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

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The Scholastic Book Fair: A rich tradition

You may have noticed through our Shepherd ISD Social Media Posts, and Messaging updates that the Scholastic Book Fair is in town. Not to mention, the signs posted on school grounds signal to passers-by that the Book Fair is here.

I can remember seeing the bookshelves set up in our school library and the excitement of the class trip to the library to peruse the book listings. I would bring my newspaper-like form home for my mom to look over the checkboxes I had already made and ask for the money to purchase said items.

Of course, I had a few posters and pencils make the list, but they were quickly erased, as my mom stated, “I’m happy to buy the books, but you will have to wait for Christmas for the other stuff.” Oh, the days of the book fair — it truly is a kid’s dream.

For years, the Scholastic Book Fair has been a cherished tradition in schools nationwide,



bringing a sense of excitement and anticipation to students, parents, and teachers alike. In our small town, where close-knit values are at the heart of everything we do, the Scholastic Book Fair offers more than just books — a gateway to imagination, learning, and lifelong success.

Why literacy matters

In today’s fast-paced, technology-driven world, literacy remains a foundational skill for success in all areas of life. Reading is at the core of learning, whether it’s solving a math problem, understanding history, or grasping complex science concepts.

Strong literacy skills empower

children to think critically, communicate effectively, and broaden their horizons. More than just the ability to read words, literacy is about comprehending and analyzing information, skills that will benefit students well into adulthood.

Sadly, many students across the country struggle with reading, often due to a lack of access to quality books or encouragement to read for pleasure. This is where initiatives like the Scholastic Book Fair make a difference.

A celebration of books and learning

The Scholastic Book Fair turns reading into an event — a celebration of books. Children are surrounded by various stories, from classic literature to the latest graphic novels, all presented in an environment that encourages curiosity and exploration.

When students walk into the fair, they’re not just buying

books but discovering worlds beyond their own. They can see themselves as explorers, adventurers, and problem-solvers, all through the pages of a book.

For many students, this is their first chance to own a book. That sense of ownership can make reading feel more personal and exciting. The fair also helps to build home libraries, ensuring that students have access to reading material outside the classroom, which is crucial for developing literacy skills.

Building a community of readers

The impact of the Scholastic Book Fair extends far beyond the individual child. When students, parents, and teachers come together to celebrate reading, it helps build a community of readers.

Teachers also benefit from the fair. Many schools use the proceeds from book sales to enhance classroom libraries

or fund literacy initiatives. This ensures that all students, regardless of background, can access engaging and diverse reading materials. It’s a win-win for the entire school community.

A lasting impact

The Scholastic Book Fair is more than just a few days of book sales. It’s an investment in our students’ futures. Studies have shown that children who read for pleasure outside of school tend to perform better academically.

In our small town, where we know the value of coming together and supporting one another, the Scholastic Book Fair is an event that unites us in the shared goal of growing literacy. It’s a chance for us to invest in our children by buying books and nurturing a lifelong love of reading that will carry them far beyond the classroom.

Dr. Jason Hewitt is superintendent of Shepherd Independent School District.

Luttrell co-leads legislation to enhance veteran suicide prevention efforts

Special to the News-Times

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Morgan Luttrell, R-Texas 8, along with Greg Landsman, D-Ohio, Derrick Van Orden, R-Wisconsin, and Chris Deluzio, D-Pennsylvania, introduced the What Works for Preventing Veteran Suicide Act, a crucial step toward improving the effectiveness of suicide prevention programs within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

With veteran suicide rates tragically high, this bill aims to strengthen data collection and transparency to ensure that life-saving resources are allocated to the most effective initiatives.

“Veteran suicide is a crisis we cannot afford to overlook, especially as the numbers continue to climb. As someone who served alongside many of these brave men and women, I am committed to ensuring we bring this number down and eventually to zero,” said Congressman Luttrell. “This bill will help us understand which programs are truly working, so we can maximize on those efforts and save lives.”

The What Works for Preventing Veteran Suicide Act will:

- Establish clear, measurable objectives for VA suicide prevention pilot programs and grants before they begin;
- Develop comprehensive methodologies to guide the timing, frequency, and criteria for collecting and analyzing data;
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Houston sworn in as president a month early

David G. Burnet, head of the temporary government, gave into public pressure and unexpectedly resigned on Oct. 22, 1836, to make way for president-elect Sam Houston. At four o'clock that afternoon, the hero of San Jacinto took the oath of office weeks ahead of schedule.

Mirabeau Lamar, Burnet's biased soul mate, later grumbled, "That little month Houston could not wait." But popular impatience rather than the general's ambitious agenda was responsible for the early exit of the lame duck. Texans were in a hurry for Houston to take the reins and get on with the business of running the country.

In truth the clamor gave Burnet a convenient excuse to vacate the hot seat. After holding down the fort during the darkest days of the Revolution, he was ready to put the burden on someone else's shoulders.

The problems facing President Houston were as immense as the majestic land he helped to liberate. Starting out a million dollars in the hole with no cash or credit, he had to create a viable regime that could rule the unruly nation.

A pressing priority was an effective policy toward the Indians, a mixed bag of tribes whose attitudes ranged from incorrigible hostility to inscrutable suspicion. Besides keeping the Indians in check, Texans also had to guard against Mexico making good on its threat to wade the Rio



Grande and repossess the rebel province.

Houston's inaugural remarks were chock-full of contagious confidence in speedy annexation. He assured the receptive audience the United States would soon "hail us welcome into the great family of freemen." Therefore, the task was merely to stall for time until Washington opened the door.

Two major miscalculations sank this simplistic strategy. First, Houston overestimated how far out on a political limb Andrew Jackson, his American counterpart and former mentor, was willing to go for the Lone Star cause. Second, he badly misjudged the clout of the New England lobby so zealously committed to locking Texas out of the Union.

Clearly convinced he would be the Republic's first and last chief executive, Houston was in for a rude awakening. In the summer of 1838, when he finally accepted the fact that the motherland wanted nothing to do with Texas, there were

but four months left in his term.

Critics predicted in October 1836 that Houston would surround himself with bootlicking yes-men, who would feed his insatiable ego. To their surprise he shrewdly put together a broad coalition with as many enemies as allies.

A galaxy of able individuals from all points on the political compass were appointed to important positions. By giving every quarrelsome clique a taste of power, Houston made certain all factions had a stake in the success of his administration.

Both candidates swamped in the September election were graciously invited into the cabinet. Cantankerous Henry Smith accepted the treasury post, and Stephen F. Austin, who finished a distant and disappointing third in the balloting, agreed to serve as secretary of state.

For vice-president, however, Houston was stuck with the voters' choice. The second highest spot in the national pecking order belonged to none other than Burnet's buddy, 38-year-old Mirabeau Lamar.

Houston and the glib Georgian did not share the same ticket in the campaign, and once in office they did not share the same vision for the new nation. As committed to permanent sovereignty as his superior was to American adoption, Lamar rejoiced at every pothole the president encountered on the rocky road to annexation.

The one volatile issue that demanded Houston's immediate attention was the prisoner whose presence continued to be a powder keg. As long as Santa Anna remained in custody, the dangerous prospect of mob revenge lurked in the shadows. Those Texans, who mourned the slaughter of friends and relatives in the Goliad and Alamo massacres, longed to spill the Mexican's blood.

In addition, the humbled "Napoleon of the West" had lost any value as a diplomatic pawn. The Velasco treaties he signed after San Jacinto became worthless scraps of paper the moment his replacement repudiated the accords.

Since Andrew Jackson preached the pious necessity of sparing Santa Anna's life, it seemed only fitting that the fate of the famous captive wind up in his hands. Houston cleverly maneuvered his old Tennessee tutor into a corner and forced him to play host to the unwanted exile.

President Houston startled the Texas senate on Nov. 16, 1836, by announcing the sailing of Santa Anna for Washington. One problem down and 100 to go, but most would not be solved so easily.

Read all about the early years of the oil frenzy in "Texas Boomtowns: A History of Blood and Oil" Order your copy for \$24.00 by mailing a check to Bartee Haile, P.O. Box 130011, Spring, TX 77393.

Language development vital to young children

I love my niece, Sarah, but for a while, when she was very young and stayed with us, I nearly went wild with her chatter. My sister said she was vaccinated with a phonograph needle and that really described Sarah ... she talked all the time, to anyone or to herself.

It wasn't the sort of conversation adults can sometimes just say "huh" and "ah" to and be thought to be attentive. She demanded answers to questions and made observations that required explanation. One result of this early language development is that her vocabulary and speaking ability now are far above average for her age and she is doing beautifully in honor classes in school. She has the ability to reason, to think, and to explain that reasoning so others understand.

Her early language development was no accident. Sarah was born into a family that valued children's questions and conversations as ways for the adults to help them learn vocabulary, develop language skills,



and explore their environment: they encouraged her in all the ways they could.

Sarah was born to a family that also understood language development: they would have known if she was not developing language skills at appropriate ages, and so would know to get help for her if she wasn't.

The best way children learn to talk is from parents and other adults talking to them. There is just no two ways about it ... parents serve as the model for children to copy in every area. For most parents, in

those early months of parenthood, it isn't too difficult.

I once heard it said that we need to teach all children, all the time, the way we teach them to say "Mama", and those other early words. That is, "forty thousand times, with a smile". That is exactly what we do ... patiently, over and over, we smile and say, "Say, Mama." We never give up and we never get angry, we never say, "Listen, you, I said, say mama, and i meant it."

We pronounce the word the way we want the child to say it, and we don't "baby talk" because children need to hear words correctly to reproduce them. We all have our favorite stories of words mispronounced by children that have become family favorites ... one of mine said "froggy" when he meant "foggy" ... however, most words can be clearly spoken if clearly heard.

Children who are not spoken to clearly and who are not required to speak carefully develop not only lazy speech habits such as not putting the ending "ing"

sound on "going" so it becomes "goin" and substituting "p" for "b" or "do" in words. They also do not develop the ability to distinguish letter sounds which makes learning to read by sounding out letters very difficult.

A good rule of thumb for speech development is the number of words a child says in a sentence should equal or exceed the child's age. A 1-year-old says "car," meaning "I want to in the car"; the 2-year-old says "go car"; 3's say "go in car"; 4's will say "I want to ride," etc.

Another guideline is if your child can be understood outside his immediate family: if only you know what your 3-year-old means, you should ask about it. Don't wait if you think your child needs help.

Early treatment of speech problems, like any others, will probably avoid lots of frustration later. And when your child, like Sarah, drives you up the wall with chatter, if you and others can understand him, count your blessings.

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Coldspring Oakhurst Consolidated ISD (COCISD) Earns State's Highest Fiscal Accountability Rating

Coldspring Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "A" for "Superior Achievement" under Texas' School FIRST financial accountability rating system. The "Superior Achievement" rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of COCISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the 18th year of School FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 and amendments under House Bill 5, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013. The primary goal of School FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We are very pleased with COCISD's School FIRST rating," said COCISD' Superintendent Dr. Taulton. This rating shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. This rating shows that COCISD's schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

The Texas Education Agency assigned one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "A" for "Superior Achievement," followed by "B" for "Above-Standard Achievement," "C" for "Standard Achievement" and "F" for "Sub-standard Achievement." COCISD has achieved the highest rating attainable for its FIRST rating.

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Early voting begins next week



Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

Early voting for the Nov. 5 general election begins Monday, Oct. 21 and ends on Nov. 1. Texas voters will be choosing from a full slate of candidates, from president to U.S. senator to various county positions.

The deadline to register to vote was Oct. 7. Voters are reminded to bring one of seven approved forms of photo IDs to the polls. Among the options are a Texas driver's license, U.S. passport, or handgun license. A complete list of acceptable IDs can be found at vote.texas.gov. Voters can also make sure they are registered by going to that site.

A recent Texas Standard story notes that under a little-known Texas elections law, convicted felons in prison are eligible to register and vote if they are actively appealing their convictions. It is unknown, however, how many of the 134,000 people currently held in state prisons actually register and vote, since the state doesn't track that data.

"Nobody's asking to do this because they have no idea that they can," Jennifer Toon of the Lioness Justice Impacted Women's Alliance, a nonprofit for incarcerated women.

Under state law, a conviction is not considered "final" as long as it is under appeal. Convicted felons who never appealed their case, or who lost their appeal, are not eligible to vote.

Surge in school threats prompts dozens of arrests

At least 40 Texas students were arrested in September in connection with making threats against schools, The Dallas Morning News reported. The surge came after a 14-year-old fatally shot two fellow students and two teachers at Georgia's Apalachee High School. Those arrested face an assortment of charges ranging from generating a false alarm to making terroristic threats, or threatening to use a firearm.

"My concern is these threats are going to desensitize people," said Shane Wallace, director of the Texas Association of School Resource Officers. "It's an abundance every day. The one that's not reported may be the one."

While most of the threats turn out to be non-credible, law enforcement officials are obligated to investigate every threat, some of which turn out to be legitimate. For example, a 12-year-old student was arrested Sept. 10 in Bexar County after allegedly threatening to shoot another student. When his home was searched, deputies seized a pistol, ammunition and body armor. The child was charged with making a terroristic threat.

Dallas ISD Police Chief Albert Martinez said his officers were devoting nearly all of their time dealing with reported threats made by students.

\$50 million allocated for debris removal after storms

Gov. Greg Abbott and other state leaders have approved \$50 million in emergency funding to help communities in Southeast Texas with debris removal after Hurricane Beryl in June and a derecho storm in May, the Houston Chronicle reported.

While Abbott cited a shortage and delay of funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, that agency said it has enough funds to meet recovery needs – even though two more major hurricanes have struck the United States since then.

"FEMA has the necessary resources to

meet the immediate needs associated with Hurricane Helene and other disasters," a statement from the Department of Homeland Security said.

Beryl left behind approximately 4.1 million cubic yards of debris, enough to fill Houston's NRG stadium, the Chronicle reported. That figure only includes storm debris such as broken and scattered vegetation. It does not include debris from damaged homes, buildings and roads.

Comptroller Glen Hegar supported the funding move because it will provide quicker assistance where needed.

"In the aftermath of storms like these, questions about funding can lead to significant delays in recovery efforts and timelines," he said. "These delays can have disastrous long-term ramifications for local and regional economies."

Allred outraises Cruz in third quarter Democratic challenger U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, raised \$30.3 million during this year's third quarter, far outpacing incumbent U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz in their high-profile matchup, according to The Tribune. Cruz raised \$21 million during the same time period.

The two have collectively raised at least \$132 million since the race began, far outpacing the amount raised in Cruz's successful reelection campaign in 2018, when he beat challenger Beto O' Rourke by less than 3 percentage points.

Polls indicate a tight race, with Allred trailing slightly but within the margin of error.

High court to hear nuclear waste challenge The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a challenge to plans to store nuclear waste in West Texas, according to U.S. News & World Report. That comes after the state appealed a decision by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to grant a license to a private company to store spent nuclear fuel at a dump in Andrews County.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals previously found that the NRC has exceeded its authority under federal law. Abbott has said that Texas "will not become America's nuclear waste dumping ground."

The state of New Mexico is closely watching the case, since it is fighting plans to build a similar facility just across the line from the proposed site in Andrews County. Approximately 100,000 tons of spent fuel, some of dating back to the 1980s, is stockpiled at current and former nuclear plants while the legal battles ensue. A proposal to build a national storage facility at Yucca Mountain in Nevada has been abandoned because of widespread opposition in that state.

Monarch migration not looking promising

Millions of monarch butterflies are making their way through Texas to their winter vacation site in Mexico, but conservationists say the migration this year features far fewer than hoped, kut.org reported. The butterflies started the spring in Mexico with the second-smallest population ever recorded. Poor weather conditions in the upper Midwest, where many of the beautiful creatures spend summers, hurt monarch reproduction before the southern migration.

"It's not looking as promising as we had hoped," said Kristen Baum, director of the nonprofit research group Monarch Watch.

Researchers won't know the full picture until butterfly census takers head to the mountain forests of Central Mexico this winter. That is where the monarchs spend the cooler months.

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Motorists should stay alert as deer season begins

Special to the News-Times

LUFKIN — With deer season nears, the increased activity in wooded areas and along with the cooler weather, the deer population is already on the move. Motorists are urged to stay alert in pre-dawn hours and just after sunset.

Bow season for white-tailed deer in Texas began on Sept. 28 and ends Nov. 1 in East Texas. Opening day for deer hunting in Texas begins Nov. 2 and ends Jan. 5, 2025. Through these weeks, motorists should be on alert for moving deer that cross the roadways.

"The increased traffic and the scent of humans in East Texas rural wooded areas will drive deer to move, which many times means they will cross the roadway," said Rhonda Oaks, public information officer. "We are already seeing evidence of deer hits on East Texas roadways. Motorists should watch the roadway and scan the wood line and shoulders, especially during early morn-

ing and near sunset."

Safety tips that could help motorists avoid a crash include:

- Reduce speed if you see a deer near the edge of the roadway. Deer seldom run alone. If you see one, others could be nearby.
- When driving at night, use high beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. The high beams will better illuminate the eyes of the deer.
- Slow down and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten deer.
- Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near the road but stay in your lane. Many serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid hitting a deer.
- Always wear your seatbelt.

If your vehicle strikes a deer, do not touch the animal. A frightened and wounded deer can hurt you or further injure itself. Move your car off the road, and if possible, call 911. Remain in your vehicle. It is the safest place. Many secondary crashes occur due to pedestrians in the roadway.



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Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District

Proposition A

Distrito Escolar Independiente Consolidado de Coldspring-Oakhurst

Propuesta A

Ratifying the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.8067 per \$ 00 valuation in Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 9.63% in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the p eceding year, which is an additional \$1,185,726.

Ratificación de la tasa impositiva ad valorem de \$0.8067 po cada \$100 de valuación en el Distrito Escolar Independiente Consolidado de Coldspring-Oakhurst para el ejercicio en curso, u na tasa que resultará en un incremento del 9.63% en ingresos fiscales de mantenimiento y operaciones para el distrito para el ejercicio en curso en comparación con el ejercicio anterior que representa un adicional de \$1,185,726.

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Against En Contra

Constable, Precinct 2

Condestable, Precinto 2

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Ray Atchley

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Shepherd Independent School District

Trustee, Position 6

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Shepherd

Síndico, Posición 6

Vote for none or one

Vote por ninguno o uno

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Daniel Landers

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Yvonne Johnson

Shepherd Independent School District

Trustee, Position 7

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Shepherd

Síndico, Posición 7

Vote for none or one

Vote por ninguno o uno

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Brooke Rhoden

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Vote for none or one

Vote por ninguno o uno

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City of Shepherd

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Vote for none, one, or two

Vote por ninguno, uno, o dos

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William "Billy" Lacoste

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Lisa Stockwell-Almazan

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Yvonne Ryba Canes

County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Comisionado del Condado, Precinto 3

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Crystal Dominy

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Constable, Precinct 3

Condestable, Precinto 3

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Constable, Precinct 4

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San Jacinto County Emergency Services District No. 2

Proposition A

Distrito Numero 2 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de San Jacinto

Proposición A

Confirming the creation of San Jacinto County Emergency Services District No. 2 and authorize the imposition of a tax not to exceed the rate allowed by Section 48-e, Article III, Texas Constitution.

Confirmar la creación del Distrito Numero 2 de los Servicios de Emergencia de Condado de San Jacinto y autorizar la imposición de un impuesto que no exceda la tasa permitida por la Sección 48-e, Artículo III, Constitución de Texas.

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For A Favor

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Against En Contra

Willis Independent School District

Proposition A

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Willis

Proposición A

THE ISSUANCE OF \$27,000,000 OF BONDS FOR A STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE LEVY AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

LA EMISIÓN DE \$27,000,000 EN BONOS PARA UN CENTRO DE ACTIVIDADES ESTUDIANTILES Y LAS MEJORAS RELACIONADAS, Y EL GRAVÁMEN Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.

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For A Favor

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Against En Contra

Willis Independent School District

Proposition B

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Willis

Proposición B

THE ISSUANCE OF \$68,000,000 OF BONDS FOR AN ATHLETIC STADIUM COMPLEX AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE LEVY AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

LA EMISIÓN DE \$68,000,000 EN BONOS PARA UN COMPLEJO DE ESTADIO DEPORTIVO Y LAS MEJORAS RELACIONADAS, Y EL GRAVÁMEN Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.

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For A Favor

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Against En Contra

Willis Independent School District

Proposition C

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Willis

Proposición C

THE ISSUANCE OF \$19,600,000 OF BONDS FOR AN AQUATICS CENTER AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE LEVY AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

LA EMISIÓN DE \$19,600,000 EN BONOS PARA UN CENTRO ACUÁTICO Y LAS MEJORAS RELACIONADAS, Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.

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Brayden White (No. 88) towers over the Tarkington offense all night long as the Pirates take a 50-32 win. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Landen Dellinger is just way too fast for the Tarkington Defense and keeps the win in Shepherd. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

Pirates post huge win against Tarkington

By Charles Ballard
SINT correspondent

SHEPHERD — Shepherd bulldogged its way to a 50-32 district win over the Tarkington Longhorns on Friday.

The Pirates received the ball for the opening kickoff, and it was all Pirates from that point on; between Landen Dellinger, Preston Stephens, Jearis Marsh and the rest of the Pirate offense, the team pushed 70-plus yards for the first score of the game.

The Longhorns returned with a field goal, and Shepherd didn't respond until the second quarter.

The Pirate offense heated up in the second half, running the score to 36-10. In the fourth, the teams traded TDs, and with 3:10 left in the game, quarterback Landen Dellinger takes the ball up the center of the field for 21 yards and the final score of the night.

Head Coach Miles Robison said, "I thought our kids came out focused and ready to play. We knew that we needed to win this game to give us a good shot of getting to the postseason. We felt like we needed to be more physical up front than Tarkington and we had a good chance."

The big difference in the game was the offensive line for the Pirates, which has played

tremendously this season, Robison said.

"Our running backs have done a good job of taking care of the ball, and the defense has made stops when we've needed them," he said. "We need to clean up some things."

Shepherd will face West Orange Stark, a top-rated team and the Pirates will need to be focused and ready to play, Robison said.

With a total yardage of 505 yards for the night, Preston Stephens had 12 carries for 143 yards and 1 TD and 1 reception for a score; Landen Dellinger had 17 carries for 215 yards with 2 TDs; Jearis Marsh had 13 carries for 97 yards and 2 TDs; and Gage Murphy had 2 carries for 28 yards and 1 TD.

Coldspring

The Trojans fell to Orangefield by a heart-breaking 2 points on Friday, 28-26.

Coldspring had 416 total yards in offense, with 246 rushing for 3 TDs and 170 yards passing with 1 TD.

David Rowe went 7 for 12 in the air, while giving up 1 Interception. Tyga Parker posted 162 yards on 22 carries for 2 TDs; Antwan Phillips had a 43-yard reception; Landon Ellisor had 36 yards on 2 receptions; Cadyn Barton posted 43 yards on 8 carries; Cookie McGowen had 14 yards on 4 carries; and David Rowe had 31 yards in 4 carries.



Coach Dwain Anderson and the Lady Trojans talk over game plans before facing Anderson. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Kinsey Reynolds digs off the deck during the game against the Lady Owls. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

Lady Trojans split week's outings

By Charles Ballard
SINT correspondent

COLDSRING — While the Lady Trojans lost 3-0 to the Anderson-Shiro Lady Owls on Friday, they dominated the Trinity Lady Tigers 3-0 on Oct. 8.

Coldspring lost 25-20, 25-12 and 25-22.

Head Coach Dwain Anderson said, "It

was definitely not the outcome we wanted but we will learn from and be ready when we travel to Anderson. As always, they are a tough team and we will have to play our best against them. We came out a little flat last night and against a team like Anderson, and you just can't do that."

On Oct. 8, the Lady Trojans were the opposite of flat, downing Trinity 3-0.

Scores were 25-6, 25-4 and 25-10.

The Lady Trojans used the runaway game to try a few new plays and lineups.

Shepherd

The Lady Pirates posted two losses on the court last week — 3-0 to Livingston on Oct. 8 and 3-1 to Tarkington on Friday.

The scores against Livingston were 25-13, 25-9 and 25-16.

Kylie Montgomery had 4 kills on the night, and Addison Kowis had the lone ace.

Chloe Fuller led the defense with 9 digs. The scores against Tarkington were 25-21, 22-25, 7-25 and 15-25.

Callie Dean posted 7 digs in the effort, as well as 4 aces.

Abbey Anderson had 11 digs, while Fuller contributed 10.

There’s more than venison to a deer hunt

It’s deer season. Bow hunters have been in the woods a couple weeks and many ranches with managed land permits allow hunting with all legal weapons. Acorns are on the ground and leaves of sweetgum, elm and hickory are just beginning to turn.

This is my 63rd year hunting deer. I’ve only missed a couple years thanks to obligations to Uncle Sam and family matters. In retrospect, that is a long, long time to do anything. I’ll be 75 years old in a few months and have been blessed with good health. I can still drag a buck back to the where I can load him in a truck, climb a tree stand, albeit much slower and more cautiously than I used to. I still bow hunt but cranked that 70-pound bow down to 55 pounds years ago. Thanks to modern technology the bow I shoot today at this lighter draw weight is faster than some of the 70-pounders I hunted with years ago.

If you are younger than your mid-30s, you will probably scroll through this column and mark it off as the ramblings of an old hunter, but If you’ve spent a lot of time in the fall woods pursuing deer, you can probably relate. When I was a teenage hunter and throughout my 20s, deer hunting was all about filling a tag and shooting a big buck. Oh, how I wish I could do a take two on some of those hunts back in the day. I would surely slow down and as the saying goes, “take time to smell the roses.”

Don't get me wrong;



I still hunt as hard and probably much smarter than I did 50 years ago. My goal is to put two or three deer in the freezer each year, but these days, just being out there in the fall woods is every bit as important as antlers for the wall or meat in the freezer.

The camaraderie with family and friend is a big part of deer hunting and deer camp. Setting around a campfire outside a cozy cabin on a crisp fall evening, telling stories of deer hunts of the distant past as well as that big buck that “Ole Joe” missed on opening day is far better than watching the evening news on TV or even that outdoor show where the hunter seems to bag a monster buck on every episode.

And there are the sights and sound of the woods that might or might not include the sighting or harvest of a buck. How about that giant spider web made by an orb-weaver spider that was glowing silver from dew that you almost walked into on your way back to camp from the morning hunt? Few sights in nature are more amazing. How long did it take that little spider to create such a perfect geometrical structure?

Did you take time to stop and study the irides-

cent colors of that dragonfly perched on the top strand of the barbed wire fence you just crossed? That little bug’s life was quickly coming to its end with the cooling weather but its colors would put a rainbow to shame.

What about the color of leaves adorning a stand of hickory trees on a distant ridge on a late afternoon, aglow from the suns slanting final rays of the day? Did you pause a minute to soak in the beauty? I know I never took the time back in my younger days as a hunter. Oh, I’m sure my eyes took in these sights but seriously doubt I stopped to realize or fully appreciate nature’s beauty I was being gifted.

How about the smell of wood smoke on a crisp fall day or that pot of steaming coffee bubbling on the camp stove? Or the smell of a big breakfast of fried eggs, bacon and potatoes? Who could start a morning’s hunt without first stoking up on a big breakfast?

How about late in the afternoon, just before the end of legal shooting light, did you ever listen to a gray (cat) squirrel make those soft mewling sounds much like a house cat anticipating a big saucer of milk. Just about the time the sun sets, how many times have I heard a distant coyote open up with its mournful howl only to be answered by others of his kin from distant parts of the woods. Are those yotes sounding off in efforts to assemble in a pack or simply alerting others to the section of woods they will be hunting?



There’s a whole lot more than deer to see on a deer hunt, as Luke pauses to admire a giant spider web, adorned by sparkling dew drops in the morning sun. COURTESY PHOTO

Owls have a way of telegraphing their location through the woods. Usually I hear one sound off then another and another. I’ve often wondered just how far back into the evening woods these night hunting birds are saying “good evening” to each other. Or are they actually communicating to each other? Do they all just begin hooting when the sun sets? There are many things about hunting deer and spending time in the woods that I sort of take for granted without questioning why but the older I get the more I wonder about such things.

After a successful hunt back at camp, is there anything tastier than fresh fried venison back strap? Most deer hunters know that venison is best when aged a few days but tell that to a group of hun-

gry hunters at camp after someone has taken the time to carve off a few tasty venison steaks, season them with salt, pepper and garlic, dust them in flour and expose them to some hot grease in a cast iron skillet over a bed of glowing hardwood coals. This and a pan of cream gravy with a pot of rice on the side is the stuff memorable deer camp meals are made.

We deer hunters have once again made it to the time of year we treasure most. With the opener of rifle season in a few weeks, campfires will be glowing brightly all across this great state, from the Pineywoods to the Panhandle. Here’s hoping this time honored tradition goes on forever. I fully intend to be a participant as long as possible and share my passion for being out

there in the wild places.

I better wrap up this week’s column now; it’s time to check the scope on my old deer rifle and make plans for my first rifle hunt of the season with my friends in Kaufman County. The bucks should be coming to rattling horns in a week or two. The sight of a mature buck slipping through the woods, hopping to sneak in and elope with the doe those two bucks he hears fighting over is something to behold.

As one old hunter once told me around the campfire, “If you have any adrenaline in your body, a buck coming into the horns will get it pumping.”

Email outdoors writer Luke Clayton through his website www.catfishradio.org.

B.A. Steinhagen

FAIR. Water stain; 85 degrees; 0.06 feet below pool. Mayflies are hatching, so expect some topwater bass action. Bass are fair on soft plastics in the cuts, or with frogs over grass. Crappie are fair with jigs in flooded timber. Catfish are fair on jugs.

Bob Sandlin

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 85 degrees; 0.83 feet below pool. Crappie are excellent in 15-20 feet of water on brush piles with minnows or jigs. Channel catfish are fair in 25 feet of water on baited holes with stink bait. White bass are fair at night in the lights with a white spinnerbait. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service. Black bass are chasing shad and bream. Windy retaining walls will produce marauding bass. Try topwater baits in a fish pattern and streamers in a bream pattern. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. Water clarity is 3-5 feet of visibility. Bass are great under shaded docks with shaky head worms and jigs, and grass edges with bladed jigs, buzzbaits or frogs work well in shallow creek pockets. Topwater walking baits and Alabama rigs are great in the morning and evening. Report by Blake Doughtie, Lake Country Lunkers Lures and Guide Service.

Caddo

GOOD. Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.17 feet below pool. Caddo is fishing good with these cool mornings helping to bring the temperature down. Look for the shad on the main lake and fish with a fluke, frog, trap or spinnerbait. In the river a drop shot, Texas rig or shaky head will still work but a Shad color crank bait will come into play very soon out here. The old Alabama rigs will come into play soon in the river around the cuts and points. The lake will be turning red pretty soon and will be even



more of a majestic time to come visit this beautiful lake that God spoke into existence. Report provided by Vince Richards, Caddo Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

Conroe

GOOD. Water stained; 86 degrees; 0.94 feet below pool. Water temperatures are reaching the mid to upper 80s during the day and water is as clear as Conroe gets. Catfish are doing good on baited holes from 10-30 feet of water on Catfish Bubblegum, worms, liver, and punch bait. Drifting natural baits on wind blown points can produce some nice catches as well. Crappie are poor to fair in 14-21 feet with a few folks able to find some but the population is still low and will be for the next couple years most likely. Bass have been good chasing bait shallow early and moving offshore and under docks as the relentless sun gets higher in the sky. Pitching docks and cranking wind blown points have been working well.

Fork

GOOD. Water Stained; 81 degrees; 1.94 feet below pool. Bass are good early on top waters and frogs and flukes near pond weed. Shaky heads are good around boat houses in 3-8 feet. Carolina rigs are good on road beds and points in 12-17 feet. Deep crankbaits are good over humps and road beds 12-22 feet. Report by Marc Mitchell, Lake Fork Guide Service. Windy banks can provide schooling bass action, so be ready with a small topwater lure or streamer. Dock fishing is providing a variety of fish with small beaded fish imitations. Catfish are shallow around boat houses. Bream are scattered in shallow banks. Report by Guide

Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. The crappie fishing on Lake Fork is improving as the water temperature drop into the 70s. You can find fish all over the lake and any type of structure between 12-58 feet. We are seeing some fish on brush piles, laydowns, bridges and road beds. The best fish are definitely on timber. Focus on the edge of timber and creek channels mostly. We will see more fish hitting deeper timber as the water temps drop to the 60’s and 50’s over the next few months. Minnows are still a dominant bait, but small hand ties are producing again and soft plastics should also put some good fish in the boat. The overall bite will get better and better as we head deeper into fall and winter. Catfishing continues to be incredible on Lake Fork. We are seeing lots of catfish around timber in depths from 18-58 feet as they follow bait fish using smelly prepared catfish bait. You can also draw even more fish in with some chum, cattle cubes or sour grains. Report by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky Wiggins Guide Service.

Houston County

SLOW. Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.14 feet below pool. Fishing patterns are consistent, but this should change as the weather begins to cool. Sunfish are good. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Bass are slow midday, with the best bite in the morning.

Lake O’ the Pines

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 90 degrees; 1.00 feet above pool. Water clarity is slightly stained with 2-3 feet of clarity. Bass can be caught on creek channel bends throwing Texas rigged creature baits, senkos, or compact jigs in black and blue. Grass edges are holding a high number of fish and can be caught on 3-4 inch swimbaits, flukes, or bladed jigs. Matted vegetation seems to hold the larger fish in fewer numbers, and can be caught

throwing a ribbit frog or hollow body frog. Report by Blake Doughtie, Lake Country Lunkers Lures and Guide Service. Crappie are starting to migrate to creek channels timber in 6-30 feet of water with jigs. Be cautious of lake turnover as the water begins to cool. This will slow the bite for about two weeks until the water stabilizes. Report by River Bottom Boys Guide Service.

Livingston

GOOD. slightly stained; 89 degrees; 0.95 feet below pool. White bass are great in shallow water in the mornings and late evening in 2-6 feet of water. The midday bite is in 10-20 feet of water with Duck Tracker slabs. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

Martin Creek

GOOD. Water normal stain; 85 degrees; 1.80 feet below pool. Bass are good early and late fishing the hydrilla with pop R’s, spinnerbaits and Texas rigged worms. Crappie are good fishing brush piles and timber in 20-25 feet with fish suspended at 15 feet. Minnows and Bobby Garland jigs are working well. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers. Report by Hambone guide service. Reported by Hambone guide service.

Nacogdoches

GOOD. Water stained; 78 degrees; 1.55 feet below pool. Largemouth bass are excellent with 3-5 pound fish being caught on Carolina rig, dropshot and deep crankbaits. Crappie are fair on 1/8 ounce white crappie jig on a split shot. Catfish are slow on live minnows and cut bait. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal’s ETX Guide Service.

Nacoinche

FAIR. Water slightly stained; 78 degrees; 0.00 feet full pool. The fish still cannot decide if they need to stay or go from their typical summer haunts. Expect the next two cold fronts to drop temperatures to the mid 70s or cooler triggering the fall turnover. Keep an eye on

the thermocline. Bass will bite squarebill crankbaits in 5 feet, if you find them hugging the bottom in 8-10 feet dragging a Texas-rig Mag-worm can be effective. Crappie population is good. Catfish are slow. Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services. Largemouth bass are excellent on dropshots, small paddle tail swimbaits in 4-12 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on brush and standing timber in 10-15 feet of water on 1/16 ounce white crappie jigs. Catfish are fair on cut bait and live minnows in the fishing pier area. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal’s ETX Guide Service.

Pinkston

FAIR. slightly stained; 76 degrees. Water clarity is clear. Largemouth bass are good on small paddle tail swimbaits in 4-12 feet of water. Crappie are good on brush piles and standing timber using 1/8 ounce white translucent crappie jig. Catfish are fair on live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal’s ETX Guide Service.

Raven

FAIR. Water light stain; 85 degrees. Crappie are fair on minnows and artificial grubs. Bass are fair on soft plastic artificials. Catfish are fair on worms fished off the bottom. Bluegill are excellent at the boathouse dock on crappie bites and worms.

Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; 1.24 feet below pool. Fishing is consistent. Bass are schooling more in the morning so expect more topwater action on grass edges and points. Crappie are fair on standing timber in 27 feet on brush piles with minnows over jigs. Blue and channel catfish are fair in 24-27 feet of water and in the river bends on cut bait and minnows. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. Expect the lake level to continue to drop slowly through the winter. Shallow bass are centered around shoreline brush and

hay grass along with high spots, shallow ditches and creek channel swings. These fish can be caught on Texas rigs, wacky rigs, shallow water crankbaits and topwaters. There is a large population of schooling bass heavily chasing bait balls around main lake ledges in 17-22 feet, main lake drains in 10-17 feet, and main lake and secondary points. Cast a dropshot, Carolina rig, ½-¾ ounce jig, or deep diving crankbait. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Guide Service.

Toledo Bend

FAIR. Water normal stain; 85 degrees; 4.20 feet below pool. Topwater action is improving in the morning for the first hour at daylight along the edge of grass. Once the sun rises, work a wacky worm and light Texas rig along deep edges of grass and in creek bends in 8-12 feet. Bass are fair in the main lake at 14-20 feet, but most are still small to just keepers, these fish coming on big crankbaits and Carolina rigs. As water continues to cool, the action will improve. Crappie are still slow. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

Tyler

GOOD. Water normal stain; 84 degrees; 1.04 feet below pool. Fishing patterns are holding steady. Crappie are good with minnows on brush in 16-20 feet of water, and off the barge. Catfish are good in 10-16 feet of water stink bait, liver and nightcrawlers. Bream are good on red worms off the barge and throughout the lake. Bass are fair on topwater baits, crankbaits and spinner baits in 4-12 feet of water. Report by The Boulders at Lake Tyler.

Welsh

FAIR. Water stained. 95 degrees. Few reports from anglers.

Wright Patman

GOOD. Water stained; 83 degrees; 3.89 feet above pool. Catfish are good with stink bait. Crappie are good with minnows and jigs.



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 a difficult choice.

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 to go to the movies with
 Amy or the park with Kevin.

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

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Halloween Riddles

Write down some of your favorite Halloween jokes and riddles and mail them to a friend.



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Featured Felons for the Week of 10-11-2024

All warrants confirmed active as of 10-09-2024
LKA = Last Known Area of Residence (Street name and City)

BENITEZ, Kiley Larae White / Female Height: 5'01" Hair: Brown Warrant: #231117495 Motion To Revoke Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon LKA: Heartwind Ct, Houston		BORGFELD, Cody Ray White / Male Height: 5'07" Hair: Brown Warrant: #240813293 Bond Forfeiture Theft Of Property >=\$2500-<\$30k LKA: W. Heritage Oaks Dr, Porter	
CHATLIN, Joshua David Black / Male Height: 6'02" Hair: Black Warrant: #240710473 Hay County Warrant Capias Assault Family Violence w/Previous Conv LKA: Buda, Tx		DOYLE, Bartley DeWayne Jr. White / Male Height: 5'09" Hair: Brown Warrant: #240810349 Bond Forfeiture Theft Of Property <\$2500 2+ Previous LKA: Senders Dr, Magnolia	
EDWARDS, Stormy Nicole White / Female Height: 5'07" Hair: Blonde Warrant: #240304848 Bond Forfeiture Assault Family Member w/Previous Conv LKA: Mayer Rd, Porter		KIRKPATRICK, Matthew Lee White / Male Height: 5'07" Hair: Red Warrant: #220810349 Order Of Arrest Assault Fam Member Impede Breath/Circ LKA: Hwy 105, Cleveland	
PAINTER, David Mathew White / Male Height: 5'09" Hair: Brown Warrant: #240711078 + Surety To Surrender x 2 Unauthorized Use Of Motor Vehicle x 2 LKA: Lost Lake Dr, New Caney		VALDEZ, Jacob Isaiah Unknown / Male Height: 5'06" Hair: Black Warrant: #230710488 Order Of Arrest Evading Arrest/Detention w/Vehicle LKA: Franconia Dr, Montgomery	
VALLE-MARTINEZ, Wilson Geovany Hispanic / Male Height: 5'09" Hair: Black Warrant: #240812696 Bond Forfeiture DWI w/Child Under 15 YOA LKA: Homeless, Willis		VASQUEZ, Omar Enrique Hispanic / Male Height: 5'06" Hair: Black Warrant: #240813134 Bond Forfeiture Abandon/Endanger Child LKA: Road 5023, Cleveland	

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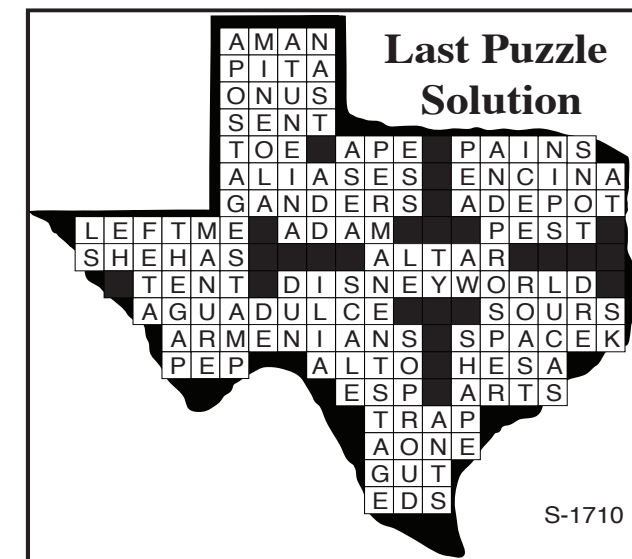
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ACROSS

1 Mustang Island, e.g.
5 TXism: "she's _____ ringed" (engaged)
6 TXism: "suits _____ a fare-thee-well"
7 San Antonio private college (abbr.)
8 TXism: "_____ rat" (toddler)
9 Sinatra of 1963 film "4 for Texas"
14 TXism: "sitting in high cotton"
15 TX J. King Fisher is buried in Uvalde's _____ Cemetery
17 TX Clint Black's "_____ Man"
19 Coleman paper: Chronicle & Democrat
22 SMU's James Cronin won 1980 Nobel Prize in this
27 TXism: "feeling his _____" (frisky)
28 actor Jack of "JFK"
29 historic B&B in New Braunfels: "_____ Mansion Inn"
30 "Baby Boomers" are _____ babies of WWII
32 Dallas actress Darnell (init.)
33 "_____ Blancas" (The White Islands)
36 TXism: "skinny as a _____"
37 Texas-based "Steak and _____" eateries
38 square dance move

DOWN

12 TXism: "_____ gift horse in the mouth"
13 Mesquite FM radio
14 TX George Jones' "The _____"
15 dogs or cats
16 top edge of Palo Duro Canyon
18 where some Texans ski in New Mexico
20 amass sports cards
21 TXism: "fizzled out"
22 former U.S. Senator, Gramm (init.)
23 Astro or Ranger "four bagger" (abbr.)
24 Brynner of "The Magnificent Seven"
25 TX Gene Tierney 1951 film: "The Mating _____"
26 TXism: "plumb loco"
28 lion's "casa"
31 home of Baylor University
34 winning general at San Jacinto (init.)
35 Rio Grande's first name: Rio de _____ Palmas
37 what frat guys tap at a party (2 wds.)
40 Grand Ole _____
43 TXism: "top _____ on the ladder" (best)
44 TXism: "scarce as grass _____" hog trough"
50 TXism: "likely _____" (probable)
51 this TX Gale was "My Little Margie" (init.)



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

“BUT SINCE YOU’RE ASKING ME,
I’LL TELL YOU MY OPINION:
ALL CORNBREAD IS AUTHENTIC,
AS LONG AS IT’S GOOD, HOT,
AND MADE WITH LOVE
AND FRESH INGREDIENTS.”
– JEREMY JACKSON



RETURNING TO AN OLD, FORGOTTEN FAVORITE ...

It’s funny sometimes how there will be a dish that you love and make fairly often and then time passes, you discover new dishes and some of your old faves are relegated to the past, albeit unintentionally. Then something happens and you think of it and you’re like, wow, how could I have forgotten about that.

That happened to me not long ago when a friend of mine referred to a dish that I used to make fairly regularly, and she commented on how much a mutual friend of ours always loved it. It was a dish I’d completely forgotten about.

The dish to which I refer is Mexican Cornbread. My grandmother and one of her sisters used to make it all the time and it became a family staple. It’s basically cornbread that has a layer of browned ground beef and onions in the center of it, with a can of cream style corn,

a good helping of shredded cheddar cheese and chopped jalapenos in it as well.

Ever since my friend mentioned it, I’ve had a hankering to make it. And now that we’re empty-nesters, it seemed the perfect time. Daughter doesn’t care for cornbread or hushpuppies or basically anything with cornmeal, so to appease her, I basically quit making anything that had cornmeal as a main ingredient.

The dish is pretty much a meal in and of itself, but in an attempt to be a little more civilized, I decided to pair it with a side. I made a simple salad and a homemade vinaigrette. Then I looked over and saw some yukon gold potatoes that weren’t long for this world so I decided to cut them into wedges and roast them as an additional side.

For the salad, I just bought a premixed bag of a baby spinach and spring green combo and

tossed in some halved grape tomatoes for color. I then whisked together a vinaigrette with extra virgin olive oil, white wine vinegar, minced garlic, chopped shallots, freshly chopped chives, thyme and dill and some salt and pepper.

As for the potatoes, I cut them into wedges and mixed them in a bowl with some extra virgin olive oil, garlic powder, dried oregano, dried thyme and salt and pepper and roasted them on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet for about 25 minutes in a 450-degree oven, turning about halfway through the cooking time.

It all came together easily and made a nice combo. Hubby liked it all and said that we definitely need to add the Mexican Cornbread to the rotation. Sounds good to me. And when the weather finally cools off, it sure will be good alongside a big bowl of chili. ■

“I USED TO ALWAYS HAVE A PRETTY HIGH,
LITTLE CLEAR VOICE, BUT AS I GOT OLDER,
I GOT A LITTLE CORNBREAD IN IT.”
– WILSON PICKETT



“YOU’VE GOT TO CONTINUE TO GROW,
OR YOU’RE JUST LIKE LAST NIGHT’S
CORNBREAD - STALE AND DRY.”
– LORETTA LYNN

MEXICAN CORNBREAD

- 1½ pound ground beef
 - 1 large onion, chopped
 - ½ pound grated cheddar cheese
 - 1 cup yellow cornmeal
 - ½ teaspoon baking soda
 - 2 cups buttermilk
 - ¼ cup bacon grease
 - 1 can cream style corn
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - 6 jalapeno peppers, drained and chopped fine (You may use fresh or pickled. I prefer pickled for this and used about a ¼ cup, chopped.)
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. As the oven preheats, place the ¼ cup of bacon grease in a cast iron skillet in the oven to melt. Once melted, remove and set aside.
- Brown ground beef with onion in a different skillet and drain.
- In a mixing bowl, combine cornmeal, baking soda, buttermilk, bacon grease, corn, salt and peppers.
- Pour half of the batter into the greased cast iron skillet, then add meat and cheese. Add remaining batter on top.
- Cook for 50-60 minutes.



A Stand Against Drug Misuse

East Texas Unites for Red Ribbon Week

Special to the News-Times

Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 23-31, and East Texans are preparing to engage in a campaign that extends far beyond spirited dress-up days and themed school events.

This week is an invaluable opportunity to deliver a powerful, unified message: communities across the nation are committed to fostering a safer environment by preventing drug misuse and raising awareness collectively.

While Red Ribbon Week is often associated with light-hearted activities like wearing mismatched socks or sporting outlandish hairstyles, its true purpose runs far deeper. These engaging activities are merely the opening of a broader conversation — a conversation that leads to greater understanding, education, and proactive change.

It is a crucial opportunity for parents, educators, students, and

community members to connect, communicate, and emphasize the importance of staying drug-free and making health-conscious choices. The significance of these conversations cannot be overstated; they lay the foundation for a resilient, informed community that is prepared to confront the challenges of drug misuse and support one another effectively.

Participation in Red Ribbon Week is about delivering a unified, unwavering message across schools, communities, and states — one that ensures everyone is engaged in this critical dialogue. By organizing coordinated activities and events, East Texans can amplify this message, making it resonate across our region: embracing a drug-free lifestyle is essential, not only for personal wellbeing but for the shared strength and future of our community.

Schools are at the forefront of these efforts, working dili-

gently to make this week both impactful and memorable for students. Educational programs and themed events are designed to initiate meaningful conversations with young people in a way that is engaging and accessible. While dress-up days may add an element of fun, the discussions these activities prompt are what leave a lasting impression.

Through these conversations, students gain a better understanding of the real consequences of drug use, and they are equipped with the knowledge to make informed decisions. Teachers, school counselors, and guest speakers play a pivotal role in this process, offering factual insights, addressing concerns, and answering the questions young minds may have. It is through this open and ongoing dialogue that young people feel empowered, supported, and ready to make positive choices.

Red Ribbon Week also extends

far beyond the school environment, serving as a broader call to action for the community. It is about fostering a culture of awareness and prevention that reaches every household and neighborhood.

Community rallies, workshops, and public awareness events are important platforms for amplifying this message, providing opportunities for residents to engage actively and reinforce the significance of this cause.

The ultimate goal is for families to leave these events not only informed but also empowered—understanding that they are part of a larger, collective effort to curb drug misuse and promote healthier, more fulfilling lifestyles.

The origins of Red Ribbon Week date back to 1985, rooted in the story of DEA agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, who sacrificed his life in the fight against drug trafficking. His untimely

death ignited a movement that has evolved into a powerful national symbol of resilience and a collective commitment to a drug-free America. Today, the red ribbon stands not only as a tribute to Camarena’s legacy but also as a promise—a pledge to safeguard our families and communities from the perils of drug misuse.

East Texas holds the capacity to unite, support each other, and build a future in which every individual has the opportunity to flourish, free from the adverse effects of mis-used or illicit drugs. By standing strong, renewing our collective commitment, and working towards a safer and healthier community, we can bring this vision to life.

Participating in Red Ribbon Week allows each of us to contribute to spreading this vital message and establishing a foundation for enduring positive change that will benefit our community for generations to come.

Legal/Public Notices



SALES FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2024
LOCATION: Official Door of the Courthouse
TIME: 10:00 AM

Tax Sales Information*

- 1) Tax foreclosure sales are conducted by the Sheriff or Constable of the county where the property is located. These sales are held on the first Tuesday of the month between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at a place designated by the commissioner’s court.
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Cause No:	District Court:	Style of Case:	Legal Description:	Adjudged Value:	Estimated Minimum:	Account #
D-10,000-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. KEVIN LEE THOMS ET. AL.	Lot 12 in Block 7 of Unit XIA (aka 11A) of GREENTREE VILLAGE OF WATERWOOD, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as more fully described in Volume 224, Page 428 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. & Lot 11 in Block 7 of Unit XIA (aka 11A) of GREENTREE VILLAGE OF WATERWOOD, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as more fully described in Volume 224, Page 428 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$11,000.00	TBD	R66250 & R66249
D-10,022-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RICHARD WAYNE WINNINGHAM ET. AL.	Lot 1214 in CAMILLA TWIN HARBORS, Section 4, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as more fully described in plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$2,100.00	TBD	R50991
D-10,051-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. EVA L. ROSAS ET. AL.	Lot 267 LAKE RUN-A-MUCK, Section 12, a Subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, described in Volume (OR) 161, Page 573 of the Official Records of San Jacinto County. Account No. R72033/5212-000-2670	\$97,830.00	TBD	R72033
D-10,127-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. JOYCE HELEN THOMPSON ET. AL.	.571 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, KNOWN AS TRACT 113.1 IN ABSTRACT 31, THE JOSE DOLORES MARTINEZ SURVEY, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED UNDER COUNTY CLERK'S FILE NUMBER 2000-5386 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$54,100.00	TBD	R90983
D-9616-17	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. NATASHA MOHAMMED, ET AL	BEING LOT 13, BLOCK 8, WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS. DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT # 07-4304, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$5,620.00	TBD	R68500
D-9748-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. ERNEST SIMS LOVE	AN UNDIVIDED 50% INTEREST IN PROPERTY CALLED TRACT 6A, .37 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN ABSTRACT 5, THE MESSINA BROWN SURVEY, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED UNDER FILE NUMBER 2011-2362 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$8,210.00	TBD	R39836
D-9748-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. ERNEST SIMS LOVE	AN UNDIVIDED 50% INTEREST IN PROPERTY CALLED TRACT 6.7, .201 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN ABSTRACT 5, THE MESSINA BROWN SURVEY, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED UNDER FILE NUMBER 2011-2363 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$1,510.00	TBD	R89148

D-9768-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RAYMOND E. TOLAR, ET AL	Lot 11, Block 3, KINGS RIDGE #2, CAPE ROYALE, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as described in Vol. (OR) 317, Page 517 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. Account No. R52966/1232-003-0110	\$18,020.00	TBD	R52966
D-9768-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RAYMOND E. TOLAR, ET AL	Lot 38, Block 7, CAPE ROYALE, PINE HARBOUR SECTION, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as described in Document # 00-2848 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. (Account No. R52405/1210-007-0380)	\$12,880.00	TBD	R52405
D-9768-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RAYMOND E. TOLAR, ET AL	LOT 11, BLOCK 4, Cape Royale, ROYALE GREENS SECTION, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Volume 174, Page 364 and Page 365 of the Deed Records, San Jacinto County, Texas. Account No.1220-004-0110/R52507.	\$12,340.00	TBD	R52507
D-9768-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RAYMOND E. TOLAR, ET AL	Lot 6, Block 7, Cape Royale, Forest Cove Section, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, according to map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 114, Page 384 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$5,100.00	TBD	R52149
D-9768-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RAYMOND E. TOLAR, ET AL	Lot 13, Block 2, CAPE ROYALE, KINGS RIDGE SECTION #1, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 121, Page 375 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$10,320.00	TBD	R52788
D-9812-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. MELISSA WINFREY	BEING 2 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF A 51.28 ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN THE SAMUEL MCCOMBS LEAGUE, ABSTRACT A-27, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN DEED BY INDEPENDENT	\$54,980.00	TBD	R87008
			EXECUTOR-EXECUTOR-DESIGNEE, VOLUME 200, PAGE 797 DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS. ACCOUNT R87008/0027-00-0226			
D-9822-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. NOE GARZA, ET AL	BLOCK 23, LOT 29, OUT OF TRAILS END SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, BEING 1.498 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, BEING THE SAME TRACT OF LAND AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF; RECORDED IN VOLUME 00-1141, PAGE 4180, REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$115,200.00	TBD	R91984
D-9858-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. MIRIAN E. RIVAS-TORRES	Lot Thirty Two (32), Block One (1), of CAPE ROYALE, ROYALE GREENS SECTION, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 115, Page 265, of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$4,770.00	TBD	R52438
D-9870-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RANDY DURRETT, ET AL	Lot Six (6), Block One (1), Section One (1), Hidden Cove, a Subdivision San Jacinto County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 130, Page 624, of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. & Lot 11, Block 1, Section 1, Hidden Cove, a Subdivision San Jacinto County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 130, Page 624, of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$6,980.00	TBD	R57945 & R57950
D-9870-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RANDY DURRETT, ET AL	LOT FORTY FOUR (44), BLOCK TWO (2) HIDDEN COVE, SECTION 1, A SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 130, PAGE 624, OF THE DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$3,460.00	TBD	R58061

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Legal/Public Notices

Estate of James Alan Knight

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION CAUSE NO. P2024-103 THE ESTATE OF JAMES ALAN KNIGHT TO ALL UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES ALAN KNIGHT, DECEASED CHARLES KNIGHT, filed in the San Jacinto County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas, September 23, 2024 an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION - INTESTATE, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of JAMES ALAN KNIGHT, 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 October 8, 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 Laura Prigmore 50 Slade Street Coldspring, Texas 77331 (P) 936-653-4016 (F) 936-653-2555 Email: lpattorneyatlaw@hotmail.com

Plat revision in Waterwood Lakeview Estates

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.

Citation by publication for Fritz Faulkner

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - Rule 114 & 101 - Rules of Civil Procedure CLERK OF THE COURT TAMMY CURRIE DISTRICT CLERK 1 STATE HWY 150, RM 4 COLDSRING, TX 77331. ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF FRITZ FAULKNER 30 NORTH BUTLER ST, COLDSRING, TX 77331. THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you." TO: THE HEIRS OF WILLOW SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND P.B. CARTER AND SARAH TRAWEEK, TRUSTEES, Defendant, Greeting: You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 11TH of NOVEMBER, 20 24 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 258TH Judicial District Court of Texas, at the Courthouse in Coldspring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on the 22ND day of AUGUST 20 24 in this case, numbered CV18.042 on the

docket of said court, and styled: JAMES BRADLEY STREET, ET AL VS. WILLOW SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: JAMES BRADLEY STREET, ET AL. WILLOW SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: TRESPASS TO TRY TITLE ACTION OVER 2.0 ACRES OF LAND WHICH WAS CONVEYED TO WILLOW SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, IN A DEED DATED OCTOBER 27, 1924, OVER 100 YEARS AGO AS DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS ABOVE, AND WHICH DEED IS RECORDED IN VOLUME 17. PAGE 491 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Coldspring, Texas this the 23RD day of SEPTEMBER A.D. 20 24. TAMMY CURRIE, District Clerk San Jacinto County, Texas By: MAL-LORY STILES Deputy

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO RECONCILE FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER COSTS

On September 30, 2024, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("Entergy Texas") filed an Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") to reconcile its eligible fuel and purchased power costs incurred during the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2024 ("Reconciliation Period"). This filing was made pursuant to Section 36.203 of the Texas Utilities Code and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 25.236. The Commission has assigned Docket No. 57134 to the Application.

In its Application, Entergy Texas seeks to reconcile approximately \$1.61 billion of fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the Reconciliation Period to generate and purchase electric energy for its retail customers. In this reconciliation proceeding ETI seeks Commission review of Entergy Texas' eligible fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the Reconciliation Period and a determination they were reasonable and necessary to serve retail customers.

Entergy Texas's under-recovery balance for the Reconciliation Period totals approximately \$30.0 million, which includes interest expense on the under-recovered amounts. Entergy Texas does not seek to implement a fuel-related refund or surcharge of its eligible fuel costs in this case. Entergy Texas proposes to roll any ending fuel balance resulting from this proceeding forward to serve as the beginning balance for the next reconciliation period.

All customers and classes of customers receiving retail electric service from Entergy Texas whose electric service rates include charges pursuant to Rate Schedule FF (fixed fuel factor) will be affected by the Application. This Application has no effect on Entergy Texas' non-fuel rates.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Entergy Texas at Attn: Customer Service—Fuel Reconciliation, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call 1-866-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this petition is available for inspection at the address listed above or by email at tcr@entergy.com.

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989. A deadline for intervention will be established for this proceeding. All communications should refer to Docket No. 57134.

Legal/Public Notices

CISD board meeting Oct. 28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS COLDSRING-OAKHURST CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD will present at the regular public board meeting at 6:30 PM, October 28, 2024 in the

High School rotunda (foyer), 14100 TX-150, Coldspring, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District's **A Superior Achievement** on the state's financial accountability system.

Constable's Sale Nov. 5

NOTICE OF CONSTABLE'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SAN JACINTO NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 258th Court San Jacinto County, 29th day of August 2024, by District Clerk, of said District Court for the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE & 37/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of WATERWOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. in a certain cause in said Court, No. CV17,329 and styled WATERWOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. vs. CHRISTA BOWSER , placed in my hands for service, I Brian A. Cosme as Constable Pct 4 of San Jacinto County, Texas, did on the 18th day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, levy on certain , situated in San Jacinto County, Texas, described as follows, to wit: Lot 3, Block 17, of Bass Boat Village of Waterwood, A Subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, According to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 5 page 28,

plat records, San Jacinto County, Texas (the "Property") and levied upon as the property of CHRISTA BOWSER and that on the first Tuesday in NOVEMBER, 2024, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of San Jacinto County, in the City of Coldspring, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will offer for sale and sell at public venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, all right and title and interest of the said CHRISTA BOWSER in and said property. Lot 3, Block 17, of Bass Boat Village of Waterwood, A Subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 5 page 28, plat records, San Jacinto County, Texas (the "Property") And in compliance with the law, I give notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the San Jacinto News Times a newspaper published in San Jacinto County.

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On October 7, 2024, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI") filed an application for a Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission" or "PUC"). The application was assigned PUC Docket No. 57162. The proposed TCRF is requested in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act § 36.209 and 16 TAC § 25.239. A TCRF allows a utility to recover its reasonable and necessary costs that have occurred since the end of the test year in the utility's last base rate case for transmission infrastructure improvement and changes in wholesale transmission charges to the electric utility under a tariff approved by a federal regulatory authority. In its requested amendment, ETI is seeking recovery of costs for transmission capital investments it incurred from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. ETI also seeks to recover approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through rates.

The proposed TCRF as amended would result in total TCRF retail revenues of approximately \$9.7 million on an annual basis, which would be a 0.79% increase in ETI's annualized non-fuel revenue requirement as compared to revenues approved in Docket No. 53719, ETI's most recent base rate case, and a 0.50% increase in ETI's overall annualized revenue requirement including fuel costs as compared to such revenues. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

The effective date of the proposed rate change would be the date that a Commission order adopting the proposed TCRF is issued. ETI has requested that, if no hearing is requested, the Commission adopt an order approving the proposed TCRF at or before its currently scheduled open meeting on December 19, 2024. All customers in ETI's Texas retail rate classes are affected by this request.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this filing may contact ETI at Entergy Texas, Inc., Attn: Customer Service—2024 TCRF Case, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, email tcr@entergy.com, or call 1-866-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed above. The Commission has assigned Docket No. 57162 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech- impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136.

The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the commission. Therefore, ETI has requested that the deadline be November 21, 2024 and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at: https://ftp.puc.texas.gov/public/puct-info/industry/filings/E-Filing_Instructions.pdf. Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: centralrecords@puc.texas.gov. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.



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