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HB 3 to prioritize low-income families

House's 'school choice' bill has slim GOP majority supporting

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AUSTIN – The state's House of Representatives introduced House Bill 3, which is its version of a school choice bill, after the Senate filed and approved its own bill to address the matter last month (Senate Bill 2).

The school choice topic has been a top legislative priority of this session by both Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. HB 3, which was written by Rep. Brad Buckley (R-Salado), who serves as the chairman of the House Committee on Public Education, seeks to allow parents more control over their children's education, according to the bill's text.

If approved, it would allow taxpayer funds to be used for private school tuition, homeschool resources and specialized educational services.

It would accomplish these objectives by creating education savings accounts that families could use toward these expenditures.

According to reports, a slim majority of members in the lower chamber have voiced support for the bill, with 75 Republican representatives signed on to support the bill with Buckley.

State Rep. Trent Ashby (R-Lufkin), is one of the legislators who signed on to support the bill. Ashby, who recently stated to media, said much of the funding for the bill would

help special needs children and low-income families. Ashby serves on the public education committee, and said that his "first and foremost" priority is taking care of public schools in his district.

Ashby's District 9, which encompasses Tyler County, is served in the Senate by Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville), who was the lone Senate Republican to vote against SB 2.

Ashby said that the House bill is a better bill than the one that came through the Senate in February. Both of the bills would call for \$1 billion in proposed funding for a school choice program.

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Colmesneil Princess



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Spurger Princess



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Warren Princess



Alyson Neville
Woodville Princess

Meet the princesses

A LOOK AT DOGWOOD ROYALTY IN 2025



The third weekend, Queen's Weekend, which is celebrated on Saturday, April 5, will culminate with the crowning of a new Dogwood Queen. Here is a look at the five young ladies who were selected to serve as the county's Dogwood Princesses, each one vying for the crown in April.

Lily Grace Read – Chester Princess

Chester Princess Lily Grace Read is the daughter of Wade and Stacy Read. Lily's escort is Cutter David Lowe, son of Laura David and Stacey and Teri Lowe.

Lily has been dedicated to showing Brahman cattle for around a decade, a passion that has instilled a strong work ethic, goal-setting skills, and the confidence to step out of her comfort zone. Her dedication to agriculture has earned her numerous honors, including the Legacy Award, Overall Herdsman Award, and the R.A. Jernigan Award at the Tyler County Fair.

Outside of the show ring, she enjoys traveling, spending time with family, and shopping. She has excelled in athlet-

ics during her high school years as well. Her three favorite things are her sisters, listening to music, and her sweet dog, Quincy.

Lily plans to attend Angelina College to complete her basic courses before transferring to Stephen F. Austin State University to pursue a degree in Agricultural Communications.

As a child, one of her most treasured Dogwood memories was attending the Royal Tea Party and admiring the Princesses and Ladies in Waiting. She is looking forward to experiencing the Tea Party from the other side this year.

Lillian Jasmine Jalomo – Colmesneil Princess

Lillian Jasmine Jalomo will represent Colmesneil as Princess for the 82nd Dogwood Festival. Lillian is the daughter of Lorena Shamblyn and Toby Brown. She will be escorted by Zakary Rien Mitchell, son of Erin Derden and Chris Mitchell.

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Special to the Booster

TYLER COUNTY – The Dogwood Festival season is upon us soon. In two short weeks, with the Festival of the Arts weekend to kick it off, the festival will enter its 82nd year and mark the inauguration of springtime to befall Tyler County.

Zero past due in Chester

By Michael G. Maness

CHESTER – Chester City Secretary Balela Weaver reported that there were zero past due accounts for the Chester Gas Company at the city council's regular meeting Monday evening, March 3.

Mayor Robert Poynter noted that the "zero" was a first, perhaps in 20 years, and all were thrilled.

Weaver said the city was offered a calling service by their phone company that would handle after-hour calls for a small extra monthly fee. After a small discussion, the council voted to approve the additional service that should, in the long haul, relieve the mayor and others from non-emergency or irrelevant calls, such as Poynter would get at night for the water company over which the city has no oversight.

The budgets for the city and gas company were tabled to the next meeting. There was discussion over allotments for the miscellaneous fund, and the members present wished the two absent to be present for a fuller consensus.

The city's finances were approved without further ado.

Watson Preserve conducts prescribed burn

By Chris Edwards
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WARREN – On Sunday, March 2, the Watson Rare Native Plant Preserve (WRNPP), located near Warren on Lake Hyatt, conducted its annual prescribed burn.

Shawn Benedict, who works as preserve manager for the Southeast Texas region for the Nature Conservancy, oversaw the burn, along with members of the Warren Volunteer Fire Department, who assisted with resources.

Board members of the Watson Preserve, along with volunteers, were also on hand to see that the process was conducted safely.

The Watson Preserve, which is named for its founder Geraldine Ellis Watson, a late, self-taught botanist, artist and environmentalist, is open to the public year-round, free of charge. It was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 2009 by Watson, and boasts a diverse range of rare species of native plants, such as milkweeds, wild azaleas and four of the five species of carnivorous plants.

Watson, who had long led conservation efforts in the area, and died in 2012, had purchased the property on the shore of Lake Hyatt, which was a 10-acre spread, and built a cabin, where she lived.

Watson believed the land should be preserved for future generations to study the flora and fauna of the area, and deeded the land to the non-profit she'd founded.



A sight at the Watson Preserve. CHRIS EDWARDS | TCB

Since her death, the WRNPP board of directors, along with many of the organization's volunteers, have managed the preserve to honor Watson and her legacy, and the prescribed burn in one of the management activities undertaken, annually.

Anyone interested in visiting the Watson Preserve can get to it by turning east onto County Road 4770, off of US 69. Once on that road, the preserve is located off County Road 4777, about a half-mile down the first turn off, and about a quarter mile on the left on CR 4777.

Guided tours can be arranged by calling Pauline Singleton at 281-421-2469, or by emailing her at pollytx1@gmail.com.

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LIFE TRIBUTES

Cecil Collins, Sr.

Cecil Ray Collins, Sr., 86, of Hillister, Texas, passed away Thursday, February 27, 2025, at his residence.

Cecil was born March 12, 1938, in Port Arthur, Texas, to Arva and Katie Lee Collins. Soon after graduating high school, he joined the Navy and proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1959 – 1961.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Myrtis Collins and his parents, Arva and Katie Lee Collins.

He is survived by his sons Cecil Collins, Jr., Richard Collins and wife Diane, and Ernest Collins; daughter Susan Townsend and husband Ira; grandchildren Brian Collins, Jennifer Gates, Heather Barnett, Brooke Collins, Brittany Collins, Dylan Frederick, and Dustin Frederick; 12 great-grandchildren; and sisters Mary Alice Priddy and Martha Lynn.

Visitation was Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 10 am until service time at 11 am at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Officiating was Pastor Robert McClelland. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. 169



Richard Kean

Richard Hall Kean, 88, of Hillister, passed away on February 25, 2025.

Born in Redbank, Tennessee, to Delmon and Marie Kean, he was a graduate of Redbank High School. He joined the U.S. Air Force and proudly served his country. After being discharged from the Air Force, he worked for NASA for thirteen years. After a short stint with Texas Instruments, he formed his own company, MTS (Machine Tool Specialty), and eventually retired from Bruderer in Huntsville. After his retirement, he and the love of his life, his wife, Wanda, traveled until she became ill. He eventually settled in Hillister where he became his granddaughter, Amanda's biggest fan. He loved his family with his whole heart.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Delmon and Marie Kean; his wife, Wanda Kean; his son, David Kean; and his daughter-in-law, Joyce Kean.

His loving family survives him: sons Timothy Kean and Patrick Kean; granddaughter Amanda Jordan; grandson Daniel Kean; seven great-grandchildren; sister Pat Bowlin and husband Chester; and a host of other family members and friends.

A celebration of life will be held Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 2 p.m. with visitation from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the Riley



Funeral Home chapel. Services are held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home, Woodville. 215



Tommie Sanford

Tommie Ray Sanford of Colmesneil passed away peacefully on February 26, 2025,

at the Houston Methodist Hospital in Houston.

Tommie lived in Colmesneil for many years. He retired as a ship captain, and his love for travel began. His strong personality and passion for people led him never to meet a stranger. No matter where he might be, the grocery store or the gas store, he talked to everyone and helped them when needed.

Being a very smart man, Tommie never let a problem go unsolved. He enjoyed restoring cars, working in the yard, and listening to music, especially Hank Snow and Hank Williams. He loved his dogs, but his grandsons and great-grandsons were the apple of his eye. His family meant the world to him.

Tommie was preceded in death by his parents, Horace Sanford and Earvil Kirby Sanford; his sister, Paula Adkins; his brother, Howard Sanford; and his grandson, Stephen Windham.

He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret Sanford; daughters, Diana Southard and Teresa Worley; grandson, Jason Windham and wife, Kimberly; great-grandsons, Anthony and Austin Windham; brother, Bobby Sanford and wife, Vie; sister, Joyce Edgeworth and husband, John; brother-in-law, Jimmy Adkins; sister-in-law, Sue San-



ford, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cremation services are held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home, Woodville. 216



Wild Game Dinner a success

By Michael G. Maness

WOODVILLE – The annual Tyler County Wild Game Dinner was another success at Woodville First Baptist, Saturday night, Feb. 22.

Under the leadership of Mark Tolar, they raised almost \$30,000 in donations from almost 300 guests and the auction of over

15 top-quality guns for Caring Is Sharing.

"Hunting Heritage Awards" were given to Sharon Broom and then to John David Risinger for their decades of support for hunting, family values, and their churches. The Nathan Areno Band opened the banquet with several classic country and gospel songs. Renowned Hunter Randy McBrayer was the keynote speaker and added to the auction a month of dog training.



John David Risinger receives a "Hunting Heritage Award"



Sharon Broom received a "Hunting Heritage Award"

PRINCESSES

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An active and well-rounded student, Lillian has been involved in numerous activities as a Bulldog, including volleyball, cross country, tennis, basketball, powerlifting, track and field, theater, FFA, and UIL. Her hard work and dedication have advanced her to the regional competition level in both cross country and powerlifting—an accomplishment she holds with great pride.

Outside of all her high school activities, Lillian finds joy in working with her animals and is also employed at the renowned Burger House in Colmesneil. After graduating from high school, Lillian will attend Texas A&M University, where she will pursue a degree in veterinary medicine.

Family, food, and Jesus Christ are the three things closest to Lillian's heart. As Dogwood Princess, she is most excited about the coronation itself and the chance to make new friends and memories to cherish throughout her life.

Carter Geneva Wright – Spurger Princess

Carter Geneva Wright will represent Spurger as Princess this year. Carter is the daughter of Morgan and Chesney Wright. She will be escorted by Landon Lee Guillory, son of Brandon and Nicole Guillory.

Carter has demonstrated academic excellence throughout high school, earning 52 college credit hours while remaining active in extracurricular activities. She currently serves as FFA President, BETA Club President, and Senior Class President. Her dedication to leadership and service earned her the Greenhand Award and the title of Miss SHS.

Passionate about creativity and animals, Carter enjoys art, sewing, and working with all animals, from chickens to cattle. She treasures times spent antique shopping with her sister, listening to classic rock, and caring for her cat, Julio.

Carter plans to continue her education at Stephen F. Austin State University, where she will pursue a degree in Animal Science.

One of Carter's fondest childhood Dogwood memories happened when attending a festival brunch. Unbeknownst to her mother, Carter proudly chose to wear hot pink vampire teeth that perfectly matched her dress.

Carter is honored and excited to represent her school as Princess, sharing this tradition with her family, joining her cousins on the stage, and being escorted by her best friend.

Chloe Faith Johnston – Warren Princess

Chloe Faith Johnston is the Princess from Warren. Chloe is the daughter of Lorie and Dennis Moore and Rex Johnston. She will be escorted by Parker Anthony Brocato, son of Paul and Suzann Brocato.

A natural leader, Chloe has made a lasting impact on her school. She currently serves as Student Council Treasurer and has been actively involved in FFA, NHS, HOSA and Cheerleading all throughout high school. This year, she had the honor of leading her squad as Varsity Cheer Captain. Her FFA achievements include advancing to Area in Public Relations and reaching the State level in Floriculture.

Chloe loves spending time with her family and her cherished dog, Bentley. She also enjoys baking, reading, and shopping.

After high school, she plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University, where she will pursue a degree in Nursing.

One of the moments she is most excited about as a Dogwood Princess is participating in the parades, as she enjoys seeing the entire community come together to create spectacular floats. Chloe is grateful for the opportunity to represent Warren and extends her appreciation to all who make the Dogwood Festival possible.

Alyson Rene Neville – Woodville Princess

Woodville Dogwood Princess, Alyson Rene Neville, is the daughter of Wesley Neville and Erica Neville. Alyson will be escorted this year by Stephen Boudreaux, son of Larry Joe Boudreaux.

Alyson is so honored to represent Woodville on the stage this year, and she looks forward to celebrating the 2025 Dogwood Festival alongside her friends. When she has free time, Alyson enjoys painting, shopping, and spending time with her family and friends. Her favorite things include anything sweet, pasta, and her dogs.

Alyson has taken on leadership roles in multiple organizations during high school, serving as National Honor Society President and Class Vice President. She is also an active member of the Student Council, FCCLA, HOSA, and Floral Design. Additionally, she plays volleyball and takes dual-credit college courses. Her favorite high school activity has been athletic training, as she has found a passion for helping to keep athletes healthy, prevent injuries, and aid in recovery. She also enjoys the fast-paced, hands-on aspect of training, all while being part of a team.

Following graduation, Alyson plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University to major in kinesiology.

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Dustin Burrows (R-Lubbock), who is the Speaker of the House for this session, said the House is welcoming public input on the matter.

"We want to continue to make the bill better and improve it," he said. "If there's room for improvement or to make the bill better, that's part of the process."

The bills have been referred to the public education committee, with public hearings ensuing, and if it HB 3 is advanced, it would move to the House's Calendars Committee, which would determine whether or not it gets a vote. In the past, the House has been the obstacle to any sort of school choice/voucher bill passing, primarily due to opposition from rural lawmakers. Recently, in the 2024 GOP Primary, Abbott supported candidates who voiced support for school choice over incumbents who have not.

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Friday 3/14: Fish, French Fries, Slaw, Hushpuppies, Dessert

Hadnot named to head up Dallas County juvenile board

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HADNOT

DALLAS – H. Lynn Hadnot has been named to lead the Dallas County Juvenile Services, as the head of the organization's operating board.

Hadnot had recently been named to head up the county's Juvenile Services division, which helps at-risk youth. The Woodville native has been working with the juvenile division of neighboring Collin County, in the DFW Metroplex, for more than 10 years, and was named deputy director there in 2015.

In a statement to media, Hadnot said of the division in which he is tasked with leading that "the sky's the limit."

"I'm really looking to have Dallas County be at the forefront of leading the state of Tex-

as," he said.

The Juvenile Board in Dallas County has been under many challenges, recently, including the revelation of substandard conditions and poor treatment of inmates within the county's juvenile detention center, following a state inspection.

According to reports, the state's Juvenile Justice Department found that officers at the facility kept children isolated for days, and falsified records of observation checks as well as school attendance.

Hadnot, in statements, addressed those reports and called them "concerning," but committed to being a visible leader, and said that his experience has shown him that, through the years, when youth offenders know that adults charged with their care display care and genuine interest, a positive impact is produced.

Sex offender arrested for registration failure

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CHARLES DAVID GROVES

WOODVILLE – If you are a convicted sex offender in Tyler County with a requirement to register with the Tyler County Sheriff's Office, and have failed to do so, there is an open space in the Tyler County Jail for you.

Recently, according to Tyler County Sheriff Bryan Weatherford, one registered offender, who had failed to report a change of address, was located and apprehended.

Weatherford said that at the beginning of the year, Sgt. Ricky Coker with the TCSO was conducting a review of sex offenders within the county who are required to register, and found that Charles David Groves, also known as Charles Groze, a 31-year-old county resident, had failed to meet his requirements for registration.

Groves/Groze has originally reported that he was living at a residence in the Mount Neches/Town Bluff area, but during a check of the residence, which Coker conducted, he discovered the residence to be abandoned, with opened doors and no electricity.

Coker returned a week later to check, and found the residence, a travel trailer, to be in the same condition, and still unoccupied.

Coker presented a complaint/probable cause affidavit to Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace Tina Self, who issued a warrant for Groves/Groze's arrest.

Groves/Groze, who was charged in 2007 with aggravated sexual assault of a child (a seven-year-old female) and given a probated sentence, and again on two charges in 2013, is listed by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Sex Offender Registry as a "moderate" level offender, with a lifetime requirement to register, annually.

On Saturday, Feb. 15, Weatherford said that Groves/Groze was located and taken into custody for failure to require with registration requirements. Pct. 4 Justice of the Peace Jim Moore set his bond at \$1,000.

JAIL BOOKINGS

Jail Booking Report for
Feb. 24- March 3, 2025

Greg Dwaine Coleman, 49, of Hillister – Assault causes bodily injury to family member; Damage to property (Class C)
Cody Darnell Davis, 43, of Hillister – Assault of family/house member impede breath/circulation
Jami De Davis, 59, of Colmesneil – Deadly conduct discharge firearm
Kaden James Essary, 21, of Spurger – Theft of material aluminum/bronze/copper/brass <\$20K
Fredrika Jackson, 30, of New Iberia, LA – Fugitive from justice

Reginald Keith Jones, 29, of Woodville – No driver license
Evan Alexander Johnson, 19, of Longview – Property crime Class C
Levi Daniel Riddick, 32, of Woodville – Possession of controlled substance PG 1/1-B <1G
Kedesha Scott, 30, of Port Arthur – Burglary of building; Failure to ID fugitive intent to give false info
Jeremy Dude Walden, 51, of Woodville – Possession of marijuana <2 oz; Unlawful possession of firearm by felon
Michael Lee Womack, 59, of Woodville – Assault class C



NUTRITION CENTER RECOGNIZED BY BABIN

U.S. Rep. Brian Babin recently presented a commendation and U.S. flag to the Tyler County Nutrition Center in Woodville. Sarah Blacksher (pictured far right) presented the certificate and flag to the center staff on behalf of Babin's office. Gene Robinson (third from left) was instrumental in facilitating this recognition for the center. COURTESY PHOTO

Woodville holding citywide clean-up effort

From Staff Reports

WOODVILLE – The City of Woodville will accept heavy waste at the City Warehouse located at 200 Wingate Street from Monday, March 3 through Friday, March 14 as part of a citywide cleanup effort. Heavy waste will be accepted Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Restricted materials to include oil, tires, paint, batteries, and electronics such as televisions and computers cannot be accepted.

The city will also be sponsoring a "Be Green - Stay Clean" event during this time and is encouraging individuals and organizations to help clean up the city by picking up litter on various streets throughout the city.



The city can assist with garbage bags and vests for volunteers and will pick-up and dispose of all trash that is collected.

Please call Woodville City Hall at (409) 283-2234 for more information about these events.



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OPINION

In Bezos's America, you are free to have an opinion...as long as he approves

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Meditations 'n Musings

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Ah, the Washington Post, or "WaPo," as attention span-deficient culture has shorthanded it in recent decades. It's only the national paper of record, which under the leadership of the great Katherine Graham, rose to the pinnacle of what a major newspaper could do in the United States.

The Post, after all, printed the Pentagon Papers and broke the Watergate scandal, which led to the resignation of president Richard Nixon in 1974.

In 2013, the Graham family sold the newspaper to Nash Holdings, a company owned by Jeff Bezos, the Amazon billionaire and stunt double for Superman's arch nemesis Lex Luthor.

Last week, Bezos publicly shared a dispatch to social media, which he had shared with the staff of the

newspaper. The message was about a "change coming to our opinion pages," which is that the staff dedicated to those pages will be "writing every day in support and defense of two pillars: personal liberties and free markets," and that "viewpoints opposing those pillars will be left to be published by others."

Bezos's rationale with his nonsense is that the idea of a newspaper broadcasting a more broad-based range of opinions on the pages designated for such has been made obsolete by the accursed internet.

The internet, of course, is the very conduit by which Bezos and his monolithic super-mega retailer Amazon were able to circumvent

sales taxes for a decade and put thousands of businesses out of business.

Now, personally, I am all about personal liberties and free markets, but I am also about the opinions pages of newspapers being a platform to showcase a variety of viewpoints.

It should come as a surprise to absolutely no one reading this that after Bezos's announcement on Wednesday, his muzzling of the opinions pages came with repercussions. Immediately, opinions editor David Shipley resigned, and more than 75,000 digital subscribers 86'd the paper from their daily digital lives.

Bezos claimed in a tweet that he had offered Shipley the opportunity to "lead this new chapter," but if his answer wasn't "hell yes," then it had to be no.

The move also drew criticism from many who were formerly as-

sociated with the paper, including former executive editor Marty Baron, who said he was "sad and disgusted" by Bezos's demands.

Baron, claimed in his 2023 memoir, *Collision of Power: Trump, Bezos, and the Washington Post*, that Bezos was "basically fearful" of President Donald Trump.

Baron also has accused Bezos of cozying up to Trump, who has attacked the press and sued outlets for unfavorable coverage, to suit his own business interests.

The Post drew a great deal of criticism last year when a planned endorsement of Kamala Harris was killed, which ended the paper's long-standing tradition of endorsing presidential candidates, and later it was reported the Bezos donated a million bucks to Trump's inaugural committee.

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The dangerous politicalization of Evangelical Christianity

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5-11 (NIV):

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Christianity, particularly Evangelical Christianity in its current form, has become far too dangerous to mince words, so I won't.

Evangelical Christianity has become synonymous with right-wing Republican ideology. It no longer models Christ. The actions that are being taken by the current Republican controlled administration are antithetical to the Gospel of Jesus. Those who support the cruelty and hate of these actions in the name of Jesus are committing heresy. If you call yourself a Christian and support the



Just Jim

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evil that is consuming our government with hate under the under the guise of Christian love, you need to spend some time in the New Testament, because you have no idea what a Christian is. You are deluded.

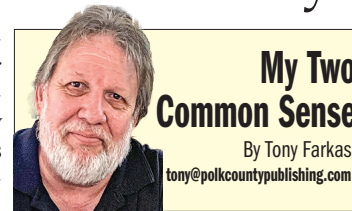
It is increasingly difficult to ignore how many American evangelicals have veered from Jesus's core teachings. Rather than emphasizing humility and compassion, they have grown closely aligned with Republican ideology. This carries serious consequences, shaping both the Church's public reputation and the spiritual journeys of countless individuals. Surveys and historical data affirm that a movement once marked by mercy is now often more defined by partisan conflict than by the Gospel.

Historically, early Christians were recognized for their remarkable generosity, freely sharing resources to meet others' needs (Acts 2:44-45). Though imperfect, they endeavored to emulate Jesus, who prioritized people over political structures. Modern evangelicalism, however, often pursues worldly influence. According to the Pew Research Center, most White evangelicals routinely back Republican candidates, sometimes with little critique [https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2019/08/29/white-evangelicals-see-trump-as-fighting-for-their-beliefs/].

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Government needs a dose of business world reality

Years ago in my career, I was working for a family-owned newspaper group in New Mexico when there was an economic downturn.



My Two Common Sense

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The company had recently acquired business partners (BlackRock) in order to finance a split in the ownership that had been hampering the company.

In order to get the company back on its feet and weather the storm, the company instituted pretty severe belt-tightening measures, which included not only budget cuts that went across the board, but a series of rolling furloughs that were designed to keep people employed but slow the cash hemorrhaging out of the bank, regardless of whether the individual newspapers were on solid financial footing.

Other measures included selling off portions of the company that were performing poorly and consolidating operations, such as printing and accounting.

Yes, the employees were upset about it, because of course the employees had to take the brunt of the measures (however, everyone at every level suffered), but everyone believed it was necessary to keep the business afloat. It's that old business maxim — if your expenses outpace your income, you're done.

I've been in many other types of work in my life, and all of them, in tight times, followed the same rules. Cut what you can until better times come along. So how come that kind of response to low income doesn't happen in realm of government?

There have been numerous people lamenting the fact that many government employees have been shown the door. Other employees have been asked to detail their accomplishments for a week and have begun clutching pearls at the audacity of the administration.

Still others are complaining that the government is requiring employees to actually report to their respective offices. Then, there are those complaining that the money that was intended for certain groups has been denied because the administration is cutting back on non-essential payments and contracts.

Lawsuits have been filed, news reports have been filed, and countless social media posts have gone out about the heartlessness displayed in reining in government spending.

When did the government get a pass on austerity measures? How is it that government employees get paid whether they work or not? On our furloughs, we did not get paid, but during government shutdowns, the money still flows.

How is it that budgets for businesses face the axe of cost-cutting, but the government, operating without a budget, not only continues to spend money, but continually looks for more ways to spend money without concern, like the proverbial drunken sailor?

Then when you factor in the way the government gets its funds — from the country's population under force, and with the authority to appropriate more — there seems to be a disdain for proper business practices and a belief that government agencies are above such mundane requirements. Just look at the amount of debt the country has, something with no end in sight.

It would behoove the government to adopt good business practices — balancing budgets, including matching income and expenses while remembering that the U.S. isn't a for-profit organization.

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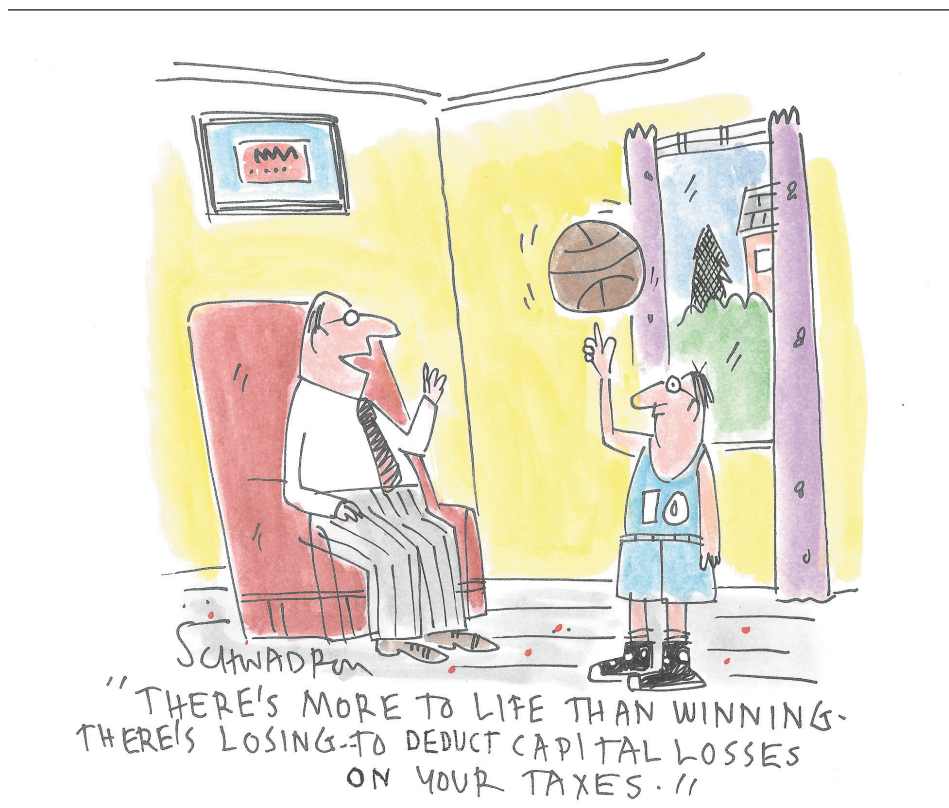
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Spurger ISD addresses 'hit list'

By Chris Edwards
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SPURGER – A possible “hit list” allegedly circulating around the Spurger High School community last week did not actually exist, according to Spurger ISD Superintendent Jeff Burnthorn. Burnthorn said the rumor circulated, and although law enforcement became involved, there was no such “hit list” found to exist.

“This is understandably concerning for students, parents, and staff,” Burnthorn said. Spurger ISD coordinated with the Tyler County Sheriff’s Office to investigate the rumor, and ultimately, “it was determined that there is no credible or immediate threat,” Burnthorn said. He added that the district is “currently working to ensure the behaviors that led to the rumor are appropriately addressed and corrected.” Burnthorn said that the district takes the issue, and any

issue of the sort, very seriously, and will continue to monitor the situation and take any additional safety measures that are necessary. “The safety of all staff and students is our biggest concern. We know that our parents, students, and staff will continue to work together to help maintain a focus on safety and learning in our schools as we continue to address this matter,” he said. He encouraged anyone with questions or concerns to reach out to him.

JIM

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While voting is a right, it becomes problematic when political loyalty overshadows loyalty to Christ.

The roots of this alignment run deep. In the late 20th century, movements like the Moral Majority rallied evangelicals around culture-war issues such as abortion, same-sex marriage, and prayer in schools. These topics overshadowed broader biblical mandates to serve the poor and uphold justice. Over time, a faith identity deeply entwined with partisan goals displaced the radical, boundary-crossing love Jesus exemplified.

Prominent evangelical figures today frequently echo conservative talking points. When believers see faith primarily as a path to influence, they risk neglecting Jesus’s directives to aid the downtrodden. Congregations may adopt stances that alienate refugees, dismiss systemic inequities, or demonize people with different experiences. Younger Christians notice these contradictions.

Barna Group research shows that many millennials and Gen Z leave churches they view as politically driven rather than Christ-centered [https://www.barna.com/research/churchless-millennials/]. Outsiders, meanwhile, see a movement seemingly more focused on power than on fostering hope.

Romans 12:2 cautions believers not to conform to worldly patterns. Yet evangelical discourse often mirrors the contentious tone of American politics, even endorsing policies that marginalize immigrants or ignore racism—actions that defy Jesus’s mandate in Matthew 25:35–40 to love our neighbors. When Church leaders gloss over wrongdoing for the sake of securing political influence, the resulting hypocrisy saps credibility, and observers see the disconnect between proclaimed values and real-world alliances.

Not all evangelicals fit this mold. Many labor quietly in shelters, mentor at-risk youth, and support local outreach programs, reflecting Jesus’s compassion for the vulnerable. Yet these good works are frequently overshadowed by more outspoken voices

that treat the Gospel as a partisan tool. As a result, the line between genuine Christian faith and political religion blurs, tarnishing the larger reputation of evangelicalism.

Calls for change from within often meet resistance. Questioning deeply held alignments can lead to accusations of disloyalty or liberalism. This climate stifles frank conversations, making it difficult for believers to weigh political stances against the clear teachings of Christ. In such an echo chamber, certain ideological positions become virtually untouchable, even when they conflict with biblical imperatives like humility, mercy, and justice.

To confront this crisis, evangelicals must reacquire themselves with the broader witness of Scripture. The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5–7 elevates mercy, peacemaking, and selflessness, virtues that cannot be fully contained within partisan labels. Authentic faith requires holding political allies accountable whenever they stray from Christ’s command to love one another. This posture demands repentance, particularly for those who disregarded injustice or rationalized corruption to safeguard influence. Historically, the Church has gained credibility when it acknowledged failings—whether in its complicity with slavery, segregation, or moral failings among its leaders.

Fostering renewal also involves prioritizing service over self-interest. Instead of pouring resources into contentious political battles, believers might channel energy into local ministries that heal divisions, feed the hungry, and uplift marginalized communities. Tangible acts of compassion do far more to embody the heart of Christianity than public alliances with power brokers. These efforts underscore that the Gospel aims to transform lives through sacrificial love, not political triumph.

Such an approach may cause evangelicals to lose some political privileges, but it can restore moral authority. When believers criticize any party that contravenes the teachings of Christ, they regain respect among those disenchanted by hypocrisy. Younger generations in particular are searching for an honest, empathetic faith that transcends culture wars. Nonbelievers, too, often respond to tangible demonstrations of love more than mere rhetoric.

The choice confronting evangelicals is whether they will remain tethered to partisan ideologies or return to the radical model Christ set forth. The Church, birthed by spiritual awakening, could devolve into just another political faction unless it reclaims a higher calling. Society wonders if believers will be known by their love and humility or by unyielding loyalty to a party. The stakes are high: the Church’s witness hinges on devotion to Jesus over all else.

Despite the gravity of the moment, hope remains. Throughout history, Christians have renewed their commitments whenever they confronted idolatries and chose to realign with the Gospel. Today, some evangelicals advocate for immigrants, call out racism, and serve neglected communities, recalling the early believers’ focus on hospitality and shared sacrifice. By turning from partisan entanglements and embracing the broad scope of God’s kingdom—a kingdom in which every individual bears divine worth—the Church can step outside bitter political strife and into a mission of love that transcends human divisions.

Ultimately, the future of evangelical witness depends on this willingness to refocus on Jesus’s words and deeds. If believers resist the lure of partisan loyalties and prioritize genuine acts of service, they can once again shine as a beacon of hope. Such a shift may require sacrifice, but it will safeguard the Gospel’s integrity, remind the world of Christianity’s life-giving call, and draw seekers toward the faith’s true foundation.

True renewal may demand a season of self-reflection, where leaders publicly acknowledge how politics overshadowed the Gospel. It might require uncomfortable conversations that challenge habitual thinking. Yet in surrendering the idol of political power, the Church can reclaim its birthright as a transformative force in society, fueled by the simplicity of Christ’s command to love God and neighbor above all else.

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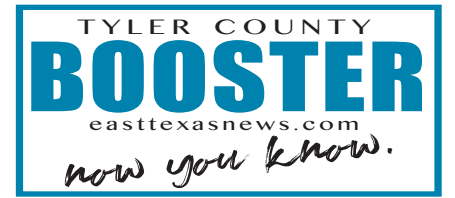
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Although we have never been in the practice of endorsing political candidates, we do provide information and opinion content for the full spectrum of the populace in which we service, and our opinion pages will continue to work to provide a broad range of opinions.

Admittedly, we don’t really have any far-left, or even any real-deal left-center columnists among our staff or from our guest contributors, but I’m sure many who read Jim Powers’ well-thought pieces imagine him to be some sort of goddess commie pinko. Heck, I’m sure at least one of the three (or maybe it’s four by now) readers of my scrawlings might think the same of me due to my audacious tendency to look at the Trump-Musk administration with a critical eye instead of worshipping it.

On the other hand, I’m sure there are some more liberal-minded readers out there who find my pal Tony Farkas’s reasoned missives to be a bit exhausting.

Be that as it may, the staff of this newspaper, as well as its publisher are committed to upholding our First Amendment right and providing fairness and balance during a day when it is sorely needed, and we are open to everyone in our opinion pages, not just those who think the way we do. It’s an example that the monolithic Jeff Bezos and the Washington Post could heed from our rural community newspaper.



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On Tuesday, March 18th, Woodville ISD will hold a roll out meeting for the second round of interested candidates for the Woodville Academy to Certify Teachers program (Woodville ACT). This meeting is open to the public as well as WISD staff who are interested in a career path that will lead to becoming a certified teacher at Woodville ISD (who currently have little or no college credit). The meeting will be held at the Woodville High School Library from 3:45 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about the program and its benefits are encouraged to attend.

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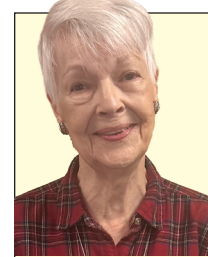
Time Sharing

"Single married", a new phrase I heard recently, refers to the style of relationships many couples, especially those where both work outside the home as well as at home, seem to have.

"Single married" means each doing their own "thing", generally in separate places, usually to get through faster, thinking to then spend time together and with the children. Often, their own "thing" is those jobs we tend to see along gender stereotypes ... the "moms wash, dads repair" sort of thinking! Yet much of the separate work can be shared by two or more, is certainly more fun and avoids the stereotyping pitfalls that seem to pass from one generation to the next gender limitations such as "boys don't do dishes" and "girls can't be doctors".

I once complained to a friend that I hated meal preparation ... and she surprised me by saying she loved it! I think she did! I think she loved how meal preparation at her home was a time for sharing and socializing for their whole family! She looked forward to each evening when she and her husband cooked, relaxed and shared time together along with their children. They prepared, ate and cleaned up as a family.

I thought of her as I heard the term "single married". Fam-



It Still Matters

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teaching children to become caring adults as they will view contributions to the home not on the basis of gender roles but on the basis of sharing time together. Why else is there to be a family and to have children except to spend time together?

Two really can do twice the work of one and enjoy it more as almost any activity shared becomes twice the fun, and then two can do something else together. Working together expands opportunities for learning new skills and spending more time with family members. The argument, "quality time not quantity time" really isn't valid when there is "no time". Saving time and making time do double duty in order to have more family time really is essential if we are to have

any time together. Being creative in changing how we use time can mean sharing and having fun doing some jobs we used to think of as the "personal property" of one person ... like Dad's time to change the oil or Mom's time to mop the floors. Housework that takes one person six hours will take two people three, and three people, just two! Imagine being done with all that hassle in just two hours and free to move on together to something else. Think of having two hours together ... when does that happen? Sharing time and jobs means you share one another ... a good plan for busy families. Kids who share in housework, yard work, and other responsibilities learn to view the family as a working unit rather than live-in maid and food service. Sharing is not something many of us do easily, whether it is our money, time, or possessions ... learning how to share one another's work and play is important for children to understand how communities and nations exist.

any time together.

Learning for children is through doing. Participating in family responsibilities as a means of sharing and having fun teaches many lessons and rewards such efforts by children's increased self-esteem and self-confidence. When their contribution is valued, they feel important.

Spring Turkey Season coming up soon



With the frigid weather a couple weeks ago, it's hard to believe spring turkey season is only a month away. We were all dressed like Eskimos but true to the nature of Texas weather, we were in shirt sleeves a few days ago. After about 45 years of hunting spring turkeys,

mostly the Rio Grande species but also a few eastern birds, I have pared my turkey hunting gear down to the bare necessities. I do a lot of 'run and gun' turkey hunting and the last thing I want to do is pack a lot of extra gear.

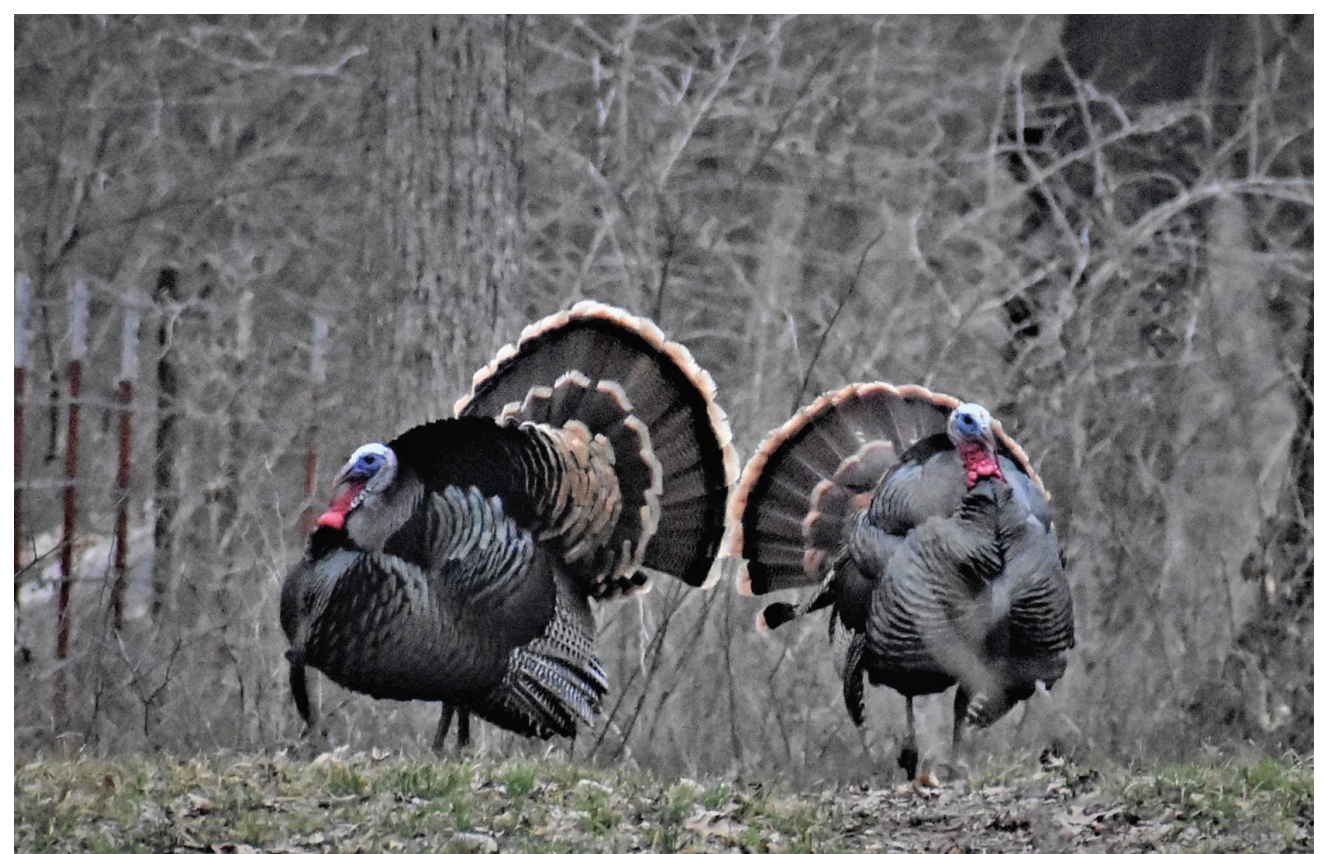
This past week, I went through my items for upcoming spring turkey hunts and checked it twice, can't afford to be way back in the woods on a turkey hunt and discover I've forgotten a vital piece of equipment!

I have a 'special' bag with all the basics needed for a day in the spring woods in pursuit of turkey. Calls, extra chalk for the box call, stakes for my decoys, a few extra shotgun shells, tape to attach the tag to the gobbler's leg, a pen to fill out the tag, and an eight foot by 4 foot piece of burlap camo I use to create a make shift portable blind, it's all in the bag. These are the bare essential for hunting gobblers in the spring and I don't want to pack one ounce more than I absolutely need.

I usually stay on the move, stopping occasionally to call. When I hear a response gobble, depending upon how far away the bird is, I set up a blind and stake the decoy out in front of, or if the gobbler is out a few hundred yards, I close the distance before setting up to close the deal. Very often calling every hundred yards or so tricks a gobbler into thinking the hen he is pursuing is on the move and caused him to come trotting into my set up.

Textbook spring turkey hunting goes something like this, the gobblers hears the hunter's plaintive hen yelps, he struts and gobbles back in the brush and then makes his way to what he thinks is a rendezvous with a hen. If he hears gobbler sounding off from a distance, a bit more calling by the hunter is usually in order. With each calling sequence, the gobbler will sound off back in the woods, getting closer each time until he pops out of the brush puffed up like a peacock, strutting and gobbling his head off. This is textbook turkey hunting but it doesn't always happen this way, actually is usually doesn't happen this way! Through the years, I've killed my share spring gobblers in this manner but it's far more likely that the gobbler will answer the hen yelps from back in the brush and then come in silent and suddenly appear, seemingly out of nowhere. That's why it's important to remain still when calling gobblers; you never know when a gobbler, especially a wary old long beard, will just sneak in to your set up.

The late Bob Hood who was outdoors editor for a major



Spring turkey season is only weeks away, time to once again head to the woods in hopes of outsmarting one of the most wary of birds. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

Texas newspaper for over four decades was my turkey hunting companion for many years. Bob had a saying, "Patience kills more turkeys than anything." Bob could set still for hours when turkey hunting and if he didn't hear a gobbler responding to his calling and he felt he was in a good spot, he remained still and called sparingly. He figured sooner or later, a gobbler out searching for hens would hear his yelps and eventually come in, spot his decoy and eventually come within range of his shotgun.

Calling too frequently is usually counterproductive. Listen to gobblers in the spring, even on days when there is lots of gobbling, individual birds only gobble every few minutes. It's just not the nature of a gobbler to gobble continuously for extended periods. I usually begin a calling sequence with a few soft hen yelps and then wait a couple minutes before resuming with louder yelps. Then I call every five minutes or so until I either have a gobbler sneak in or hear one gobbling back in the brush.

Through the years, I have written and read volumes written by others pertaining to outsmarting a spring gobbler. I have written many times that I have never experienced two turkey hunts that went exactly the same. Truth is, the turkeys are your best teacher, get out in the woods as often as you can and listen and observe, the birds will teach you.

TASTY TURKEY FAJITAS

I am about to share a method of making fajitas that is fool proof and rivals or surpasses the best fajitas you've ever eaten! I make these throughout the year using wild pork or venison backstrap or turkey leg or thigh meat when I have it. If using the leg meat from wild turkeys, make sure and wrap in foil and slow cook on the grill a couple hours to tenderize then pull the meat off the bone. If using breast meat or loin, cut the lean meat into pencil size fajita strips. Place them in a zip lock bag and season liberally with Fiesta Fajita Seasoning (available at many stores). Squeeze lime or lemon juice into the bag and marinate three or four hours. In a cast iron skillet, fry several pieces of diced bacon; do not drain the grease. Add some sliced jalapeno or chipotle (smoked jalapeno) peppers and several diced garlic cloves. Allow the peppers and garlic to cook a couple minutes and then add the fajita meat and allow to cook until almost done. Toss in some sliced bell pepper and onion and cook until done. Serve on hot flour tortillas with your favorite toppings. This is a special meal I love to prepare at turkey camp from fresh turkey meat but I often bring some fajita meat made from wild pork just in case we get outfoxed by the gobblers on opening day!

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Jackets shut-out Colmesneil

By Becki Byrd

The Yellowjacket baseball team continues to roll through opponents, starting the week with a perfect game defeating the Colmesneil Bulldogs 10-0 on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Senior Will Thomason earned the win on the bump striking out nine, no walks, zero hits, and zero runs over four innings. Rex Gilzow went two for three at bats. Thomason and Gilzow each drove in two runs. Bryson Swanson, Jesse Bittick, and Turner Johnson each drew two walks. Swanson had two stolen bases.

The Jackets continued to take care of business at the Latexo tournament. On Thursday, Feb. 27, the Jackets beat Latexo 11-6. Turner Johnson earned the win giving up two hits, four runs, three strikeouts and two walks. Cutter Lowe appeared in relief. Rex Gilzow led in RBI's with three. Lowe and Will Thomason each had two hits. Bryson Swanson stole two bases. Later that day the Jackets tied with Oakwood 2-2 due to time running out. Waylon Sturrock pitched, allowing four hits, two runs, 7 strikeouts, and four walks over five innings. Turner Johnson led RBI's with one. Bryson Swanson also collected a hit.

On Friday, February 28 the Jackets beat Slocum 4-0 in the same tournament. Jesse Bittick had a showing on the bump with 12 strikeouts, zero hits, zero runs, and one walk

over five and one third innings. This showing earned him "Diamond Pro Pitcher of the Week" by Texas High School Baseball. Will Thomason hit a triple, scoring two runs. Thomason and Waylon Sturrock each had two hits.

This week the Jackets will host their own tournament on March 6-8. Game times and schedule will be announced later in the week on the Yellowjacket Buzz Facebook page due to teams entered being in the basketball state finals.

The Lady Jacket softball team participated in the Blues Brothers Scholarship Tournament this past weekend. They faced teams from Cushing, Grapeland, Waskom, Hudson, Woden and Cayuga.

The Lady Jackets picked up a 4-3 win vs Cushing with help from Tegan Toler hitting a solo home run.

The Lady Jackets also beat Waskom 14-5. Lauren Citrano drove in four runs on three hits, doubling in the first inning scoring two, and hitting a single in the second inning, scoring another two. Lily Read, Marae Pounds, Tegan Toler, and Carlen Sluga each collected multiple hits. Allie Ogden earned the win giving up zero hits, and zero runs, two strikeouts, and no walks. Carlen Sluga also helped in the circle.

The Lady Jackets will host Colmesneil on March 4 and on Friday, March 7 they will travel to Diboll with a 5 p.m. start time.



Will Thomason gave up zero hits, zero runs, zero walks, and 9 strikeouts in a perfect game win against Colmesneil. Photo By Sandy Gilzow



EAST TEXAS FISHING REPORT

B.A. Steinhagen

FAIR. Water stain; 52 degrees; 0.32 feet below pool. Very few anglers on the water due to the arctic blast. Expect all species to relate in deeper water and use a slow approach.

Conroe

GREAT. Water stained; 52 degrees; 0.08 feet below pool. After main lake surface temperatures dropped from 64 degrees down to 50 degrees this week the fish are on the move. Catfishing is good in baited areas from 10-50 feet on Catfish Bubble-gum, liver, worms, and punch bait. Drifting creek channels and wind blown ledges with natural baits has been producing some trophy class fish as well as nice eaters. Bass have been fair and with the warm up coming they should move back up on the beds. Crappie have been pretty scattered due to the temperature swings. Report by Bradley Doyle, Bradley Guide Service. Crappie are being caught in 13-22 feet on or near standing timber and other structures. Minnows and hair jigs are out producing other plastics. Many of the hits are light. Hybrids are still being caught deadsticking in 33-39 feet of water, near river channels and flats. This might be the last week for deadsticking. After the water temperature increases past 58 degrees switch from deadsticking to live bait or jigging. Always wear your life jacket!

Lake O' the Pines

FAIR. Water slightly stained; 50 degrees; 1.85 feet above pool. Weather has kept water dirty in most areas besides wind-protected pockets on the north portion of the lake. Bass have started to slow down as water temperatures have dropped. Most fish have been caught in 8-14 feet of water with a jig, dropshot, or jig and minnow near docks, channel swings with timber and a steep drop off, and standing timber in 12-15 feet on steep points.

Livingston

GOOD. normal stain; 55 degrees; 0.12 feet above pool. White bass have moved to the creeks and should be there for the next month. Catfish are shallow in the river flow. Largemouth bass should be pushing to spawn on beds, if not on beds they will be

on wind blown points. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

Martin Creek

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 59 degrees; 0.04 feet above pool. Bass are good, fishing the hydrilla with underspin swim-baits, lipless crankbaits and weightless senkos. Crappie are fair to good in brush piles in 15-25 feet of water with minnows and powerbait champ minnows. Sand bass and catfish are good at the warm water discharge.

Nacogdoches

GOOD. Water stained; 50 degrees; 0.42 feet above pool. Largemouth bass are good in shallow grass with a bladed jig, lipless crankbait or chatterbait. Crappie are excellent roaming in standing timber with chartreuse jigs. Forward facing sonar is crucial to help locate fish. Catfish are slow.

Nacouche

FAIR. Water slightly stained; 52 degrees; 0.50 feet above pool. We experienced another cold snap with a lot of soft, but steady, rain. Expect water temperatures to drop. Large numbers and quality size bass can be caught with deep-diving crankbaits, jerkbaits and the Alabama rigs. As always, natural shad imitations get bit, but dirty water might require bolder colors. Some fish are pre-staging in the grass. A Chatter-bait is good ripped through the tops of the grass. Crappie population is good. Catfish are slow. Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services. Largemouth bass are good with dropshot and Carolina rigs in 10 feet of water around grass lines. Crappie are excellent suspended 15-20 feet in timber with a white crappie jig. Catfish are slow on live or cut bait.

Sam Rayburn

SLOW. Water stained; 55 degrees; 2.26 feet above pool. Bass are staging on points hitting Carolina rigs or rattle traps. The lake level is up, so expect all species to move to shallow newly submerged structures. Target timber as these areas will be warmer timber. The best bite has been midday.

Toledo Bend

SLOW. Water stained; 50 degrees; 0.41 feet below pool. Water level is on the rise after the recent rains with water temperatures in the upper 40s to low 50s. Most creeks are running muddy water, so it should take a week to clear. A few bass can be caught with spinnerbaits and chatterbaits around the flooded bushes and grass. Deeper bass, 8-12 feet of water, are hitting Carolina rigs and football jigs. With the rising water level expect these deep fish to move shallow. Crappie will be slow until the water clears back up. When the water clears live minnows and jigs will boat fish.

CASA hosting golf tourney at Wildwood

By Chris Edwards
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VILLAGE MILLS – The Sabine-Neches Region Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) organization is hosting its fifth annual CASA Classic golf tournament at Wildwood on Saturday, April 5.

The tournament, according to organizers is "far more than just a round of golf."

Participants and sponsors are pivotal in supporting trained CASA volunteers who advocate for children and youth suffering from abuse, neglect, and abandonment.

The tournament will help raise funds for the important work of CASA, and its endeavors to address the urgent needs of children within the child welfare system across Tyler, Orange, Hardin, Jasper, Newton and Sabine Counties.

According to Sheila McGarity, who works as the recruitment and retention coordinator for CASA, said there are still spots in the tourney available.

"We are always grateful for the unwavering support of our community," McGarity said. Events like the CASA Classic allow the organization the opportunity to "continue to

give children in our counties a voice in the courtroom."

The tournament will begin at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast, and four-person scramble play begins at 8:30 a.m. After golfing, participants can enjoy lunch, participate in contests to win prizes and enjoy other surprises in store at the pavilion, according to McGarity.

According to a CASA news release, in 2024 nearly 500 children in the six-county region serviced by the organization, were in protective state care, unable to safely remain at home.

"CASA of the Sabine Neches Region, a non-profit, trains and supervises community volunteers to provide crucial information and recommendations to judges, ensuring the best possible outcomes for these children. Regrettably, less than half of these children have a CASA advocate. Our mission is to ensure every child experiencing abuse or neglect has a dedicated CASA volunteer to speak for their best interests, helping them find a safe, loving home," the release stated.

To sign up for the tournament, contact McGarity at 409-886-2272 or email info@casasn.org.

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Make an Eclipse

Work with a family member to make an eclipse at home.

- Stuff you'll need:**
- Flashlight or a desk lamp
 - Basketball
 - Baseball



STEPS:



1. One person holds the basketball, which represents Earth.



2. Another person holds the baseball, representing the moon.



3. In a dark room, point the light at the basketball.



4. The person holding the baseball moves it into the shadow of the basketball. That's a total lunar eclipse!

Standards Link: Science: Create a model to explain scientific concepts.

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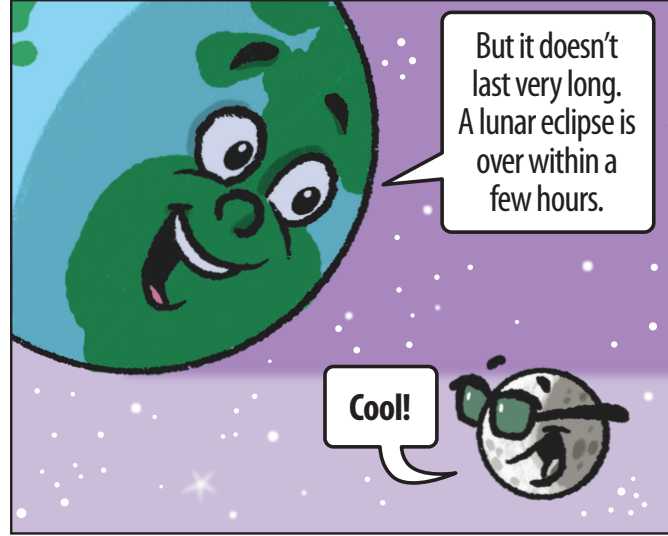
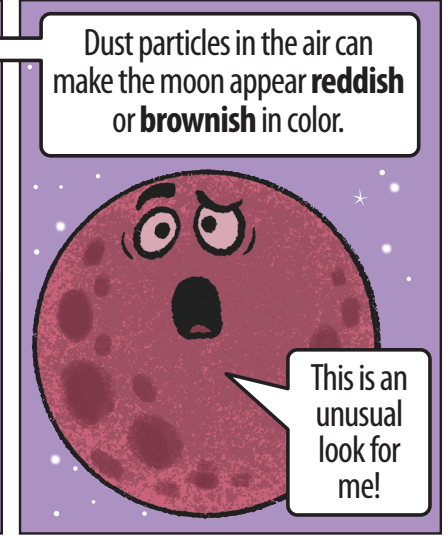
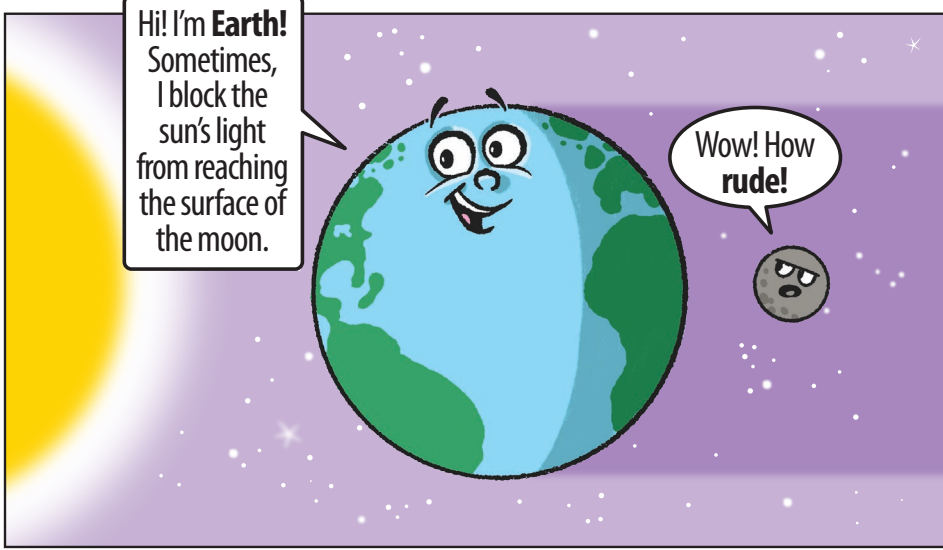
This week's word:
LUNAR
The adjective **lunar** describes something related to the moon.

Neil Armstrong was the first human to step on the **lunar** surface.

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

BLOOD MOON

What is a blood moon? It sounds a little spooky! But it's really nothing to worry about.



Standards Link: Science: Use a model to understand eclipses.

How to Watch the Eclipse

The blood moon will be visible in most of North America on Thursday, March 13 and Friday, March 14. Here are the times to watch for it. With a family member, circle your time zone.

- Eastern Daylight Time (EDT): 2:26 a.m.–3:31 a.m. (March 14)
- Central Daylight Time (CDT): 1:26 a.m.–2:31 a.m. (March 14)
- Mountain Daylight Time (MDT): 12:26 a.m.–1:31 a.m. (March 14)
- Pacific Daylight Time (PDT): 11:26 p.m. (March 13)–12:31 a.m. (March 14)
- Alaska Daylight Time (AKDT): 10:26 p.m.–11:31 p.m. (March 13)
- Hawaii Standard Time (HST): 8:26 p.m.–9:31 p.m. (March 13)



How many moons can you find in this picture?

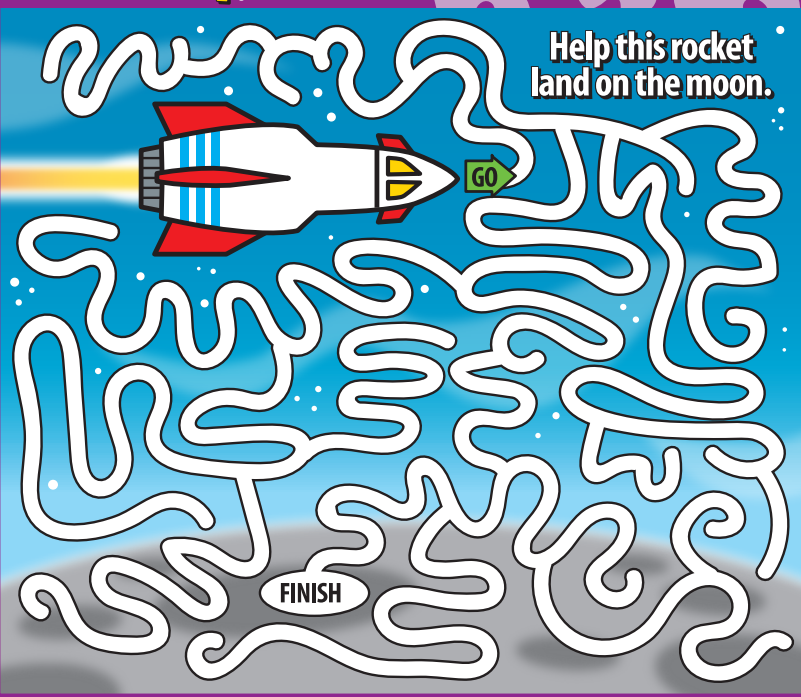
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Describe the Moon

Look through today's newspaper for five adjectives that describe the moon. Write them here:

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives.

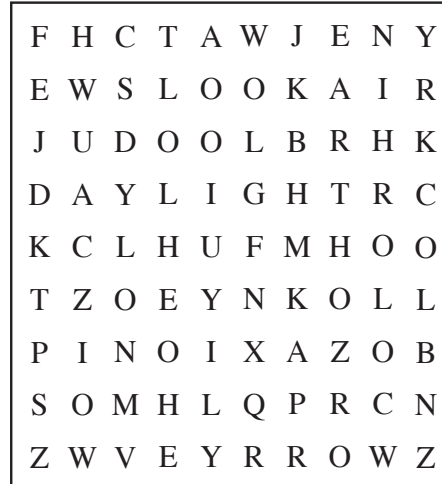
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Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.



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

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Space is the Place

Find an advertisement in the newspaper. Rewrite the ad to make it about something you would need if you took a trip to the moon.

Standards Link: Writing: Strengthen writing clarity by editing.



Write On!

My Home on the Moon

Imagine you live in a home on the moon. Describe what you do on an ordinary day.

Standards Link: Writing: Write narratives with details to develop imagined experiences.

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Mt. Carmel taking trip to Pigeon Forge, Smoky Mountains

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Colmesneil is looking for those who would like to take a Diamond Bus Trip to Pigeon Forge and the Smokey Mountain this fall. The seven-day and six-night trip is scheduled for Sept. 7 - 13, 2025.

The cost for the trip is \$929 per person based on double hotel occupancy. For a single occupancy the price is \$1,164. For triple occupancy the price per person is \$909. The package will include: 1) Motorcoach transportation; 2) six nights' lodging including four consecutive nights in the Smokies; 3) 10 meals: six breakfasts and four dinners; 4) Three Evening Shows: 'Country Tonite,' Paula Deen's Lumberjack Feud Show' and 'Array'; 5). Two Morning Shows: 'Smith Morning Variety Show' and 'Patty Waszak Show'; 6). One Afternoon Show: 'ICONS - The Original Legends Show'; 7). Guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and 8). Free time in Historic Downtown Gatlinburg

A \$75 per person deposit is necessary to ensure your seat on the bus. The deposit is due April 30. Payment in full for each person must be received by June 30.

For more information, please call Kathy Harris at 409-429-0372. September is a beautiful time to see the Smokey Mountains. We'd love for you to travel with us. Call before the bus fills up.

Running from God

Many people think they can outrun God, or hide from His presence, but this often leads to turmoil and regret. In attempting to escape God's reach, individuals may find themselves feeling increasingly lost and disconnected. Just as a child who runs away from home eventually realizes the safety and love they left behind, those who try to flee from God often find that they are only running from the One who offers them true peace and fulfillment.

Running from God will eventually get you in trouble.

Some think they can escape from God, but then they find out they can't. Some think if they hide from God, He won't bother them.

While we were knocking doors many years ago, a man said, "if there is a God, I want Him to leave me alone."

I hope that man woke up and realized he was foolish for even thinking such.

Jonah was called by God to deliver a message of repentance to Nineveh. But Jonah



The Preacher Says
By Keith Bellamy

ran away, thinking he could run from God. But Jonah knew all along he couldn't run from God. But he did run.

What would it take to get you to stop running from God? Could you land in the stomach of a giant fish? That's what brought Jonah to his senses.

This event marked the turning point that made him realize he couldn't escape from God.

My main point today is that you can't run from God! He is God! He is all-knowing!

Isaiah 46:9 states, "For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me." (ESV).

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Voucher bill has backing of House majority

A slim majority of Texas House members have indicated they will back House Bill 3, which creates education savings accounts that allow families to use taxpayer money for private school education. The Dallas Morning News reported that 75 Republican legislators have signed on with the bill's author, state Rep. Brad Buckley, R-Salado, to support the measure.

"For the first time in our great state's history, the Texas House has the votes to pass a universal school choice program," Gov. Greg Abbott said in a statement.

The Texas Senate has already passed a voucher bill, though it contains different provisions. The two measures will have to be reconciled before a bill reaches Abbott's desk.

The House bill has more stringent requirements based on income and whether a child has a disability. Both bills carry a \$1 billion price tag.

House Speaker Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, said his chamber welcomed public input.

"We want to continue to make the bill better and improve it," he said. "If there's room for improvement or to make the bill better, that's part of the process."

First measles fatality recorded in West Texas as cases rise

A measles outbreak in West Texas has resulted in the death of a school-aged child, and 146 cases have been identified as of Friday, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. DSHS predicts more cases are likely to occur, given the highly contagious nature of the disease.

An additional case was reported in an adult living in Rockwall County, in North Texas. An adult male tested positive after traveling out of the country. State officials say he was not vaccinated. The man spent about a week in a hospital but is now recovering at home.

Dr. Peter Hotez, co-director of the Center for Vaccine Development at Texas Children's Hospital, told the Houston Chronicle also believes the outbreak, the state's largest in 30 years, will continue to increase because of a growing number of children who are not being vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control estimates nine in 10 people who are not vaccinated will become infected if exposed to measles.

"I think these numbers will continue to accelerate for a while," Hotez said. "So this is going to be a very large, very dangerous measles epidemic."

Senate votes to ban lottery brokers



Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

the Austin American-Statesman reported. The bill is similar to one passed in the Senate two years ago that died in the House, but the issue has gained momentum after a ticket broker, called a "lottery courier company" bought all possible combinations for a single entity and won a \$95 million Lotto Texas jackpot last April.

Abbott last week ordered the Texas Rangers to investigate that incident and another last week in which a player won \$83.5 million with tickets purchased through an online courier company, the Chronicle reported.

"Texans must be able to trust in our state's lottery system and know that the lottery is conducted with integrity and lawfully," Abbott said in a statement.

Lottery Commissioner Clark Smith, appointed by Abbott in 2023, resigned abruptly last week.

Wildfire risk growing in western half of state

State officials are gearing up for an increased wildfire danger across the western half of Texas, including the Panhandle, South Plains, Permian Basin, and parts of the Hill Country. The Texas A&M Forest Service is reporting one active wildfire in Kimble County. It has consumed 722 acres and was 70% contained as of Sunday.

"It's important for Texans to prepare for wildfires, work to prevent them and heed warnings of local officials" Jared Karns, forest service fire chief, said.

The Texas comptroller's office recently released a report concluding that Texas communities face elevated wildfire threats as subdivisions spread into previously undeveloped areas with easy-to-ignite vegetation. Since 2005, more than 243,000 separate Texas wildfires have burned 13.9 million acres.

Last year, the Smokehouse Creek Fire near Canadian burned more than 1 million acres, the largest wildfire in state history.

The state Senate voted unanimously last week to outlaw third-party brokers who buy mass numbers of Texas lottery tickets online,

As of Sunday, 100 Texas counties had burn bans in place.

'Floodgate' of uncertified teachers causing concern

More than half of new teachers hired last year lacked state certification, according to The News, and Education Commissioner Mike Morath expressed concern at a recent House committee hearing. Morath said it was impossible to know what type of training uncertified teachers received.

"We are setting these folks up for a very rough ride," Education Commissioner Mike Morath told lawmakers during a recent House committee hearing.

The Legislature a decade ago loosened hiring requirements for school districts to hire teachers because of a shortage of certified applicants.

"We need to take responsibility for some of that because we've made it easier to get into a classroom without certification," state Rep. Gina Hinojosa, D-Austin, told her colleagues. "That is a policy decision that we have made."

The Texas Education Agency reports that schools with higher shares of uncertified teachers have worse outcomes on annual standardized tests. Legislation has been proposed to rein in the system that allows districts to hire uncertified teachers.

Growing number of leaking oil wells causing concern

State regulators are struggling with a growing number of leaking oil wells that threaten to contaminate aquifers, according to an investigative report in the Chronicle. The latest known leak is from an orphaned well in Pecos County, from which black, salty water is flowing along the sandy surface. Orphaned wells were previously owned by companies that went bankrupt or out of business.

"The number one concern is groundwater contamination," Schuyler Wight, a neighboring rancher, said. "Also, this well is adjacent to the Imperial Reservoir, which impacts downstream."

The Texas Railroad Commission plans to send a rig to plug the Pecos well. It has requested \$100 million in new funding from the Legislature to address the issue.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gborderstexaspress.com

Committee hearings on legislation ramping up

One hundred eighty-nine years ago, on March 2, 1836, Texas gained its independence from Mexico.

As we reflect on this historic day, it's important to remember the sacrifices and determination of the Texans who fought for their freedom. Their bravery and perseverance laid the foundation for the great state of Texas that we know and love today.

However, Texas Independence Day isn't only about looking back at our past — it's a time to celebrate our unique culture, traditions, and values that make Texas, Texas. So, let us take a moment to honor our past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a bright future for the Lone Star State.

With that, here's an update from your State Capitol.

Education committee holds first hearing

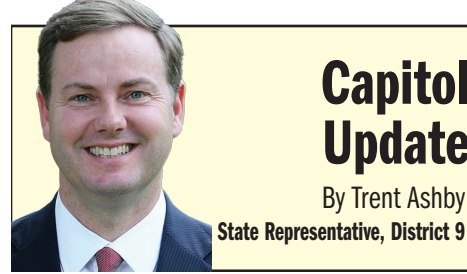
The work in Austin continues. This past week, the House Committee on Public Education, of which I am a member, held its first hearing. The committee heard testimony from several state agencies under its jurisdiction, including the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Texas Workforce Commission.

I was grateful for the opportunity to learn more about each of these agencies and the important work they're doing for our students.

One recent development I'd like to highlight was the unveiling of the House's proposal to once again address rising property taxes. House Bills 8 and 9, establish a property tax relief package of \$26.3 billion, which would provide the largest property tax relief package in Texas history.

HB 8 provides an additional 3.31 cents of school district maintenance and operations taxes through compression. This increases the total compression to 10.11 cents and will deliver immediate property tax relief this year.

Additionally, HB 9 dedicates \$700 million to raising the property tax exemption from \$2,500 to \$250,000, for small



Capitol Update

By Trent Ashby
State Representative, District 9

business owners. This is an increase of nearly 10,000 percent and would be the second-largest personal property exemption in the nation.

I applaud this bold proposal to provide meaningful, lasting property tax relief to Texas taxpayers, and I look forward to working with my House Colleagues to pass this historic legislation.

The mobile office is on the road again and looks forward to seeing you on the following dates, in the following locations: March 5 at the San Augustine County Courthouse from 9:30-11:30 am; March 12 at the Polk County Commissioner's Court Room in Livingston from 9:30-11:30 a.m., or at the Tyler County Courthouse in Woodville from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; March 19 at the Houston County Courthouse Annex in Crockett from 9:30-11:30 a.m., or at the Trinity County Courthouse in Groveton from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can help you in any way. My district office may be reached at (936) 634-2762. Additionally, I welcome you to follow along on my Official Facebook Page, where I will post regular updates on what's happening in your State Capitol and share information that could be useful to you and your family: <https://www.facebook.com/RepTrentAshby/>.

Trent Ashby represents District 9, which includes Tyler County, in the Texas Legislature.

TxDOT launches sober ride campaign in time for spring break

Special to the Booster

AUSTIN — What begins as a fun time with friends over spring break can turn tragic in an instant, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is reminding everyone to always get a sober ride.

Shocking cell phone video shows the moments before 17-year-old Andrea Elizalde of Amarillo was killed in a crash in the spring of 2019.

Elizalde was just weeks away from graduating from high school with dreams of becoming a brain surgeon, when she was thrown from a Corvette after her inebriated friend hit a light pole at 110 mph on an Amarillo highway.

Five years later, tragedy continues to strike young Texans who don't take the dangers of drinking and driving seriously. Andrea's father, David Elizalde, started the nonprofit Andrea's Project to share his daughter's tragic story with other students.

"If I can save people from getting DWIs and save people's lives, I'll have really accomplished something in my daughter's honor," Elizalde said.

This spring, TxDOT will take this same message to college students around the state as part of its "Drive Sober. No Regrets" campaign.

"There is never a good reason to drive after drinking," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "Everyone has the opportunity to choose a sober ride and prevent horrific crashes."

During the 2023 spring break period, there were 375 alcohol-related crashes in Texas involving drivers between the ages of 17 and 30, including nine deaths. That's more than half of all drunk driving crashes in the same 10-day period.

Students can save lives by designating a sober driver, using rideshares, taxis and mass transit, or simply staying put after drinking. To spread this message, TxDOT is partnering with the campus-based group U in the Driver Seat and other student leaders across Texas throughout March.

TxDOT will travel the state with its mobile "DWI Not So Fun House" exhibit to give the community an up-close look at the risks of drunk driving.

The exhibit features video stories from drunk-driving survivors and offenders to illustrate the consequences of driving impaired. It also includes an arcade-style driving simulator to demonstrate the effects of alcohol on motor skills and reaction time.

TxDOT's "Drive Sober. No Regrets" campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

The information contained in this report represents reportable data collected from the Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report (CR-3). The Texas Spring Break holiday time period in 2023 ran from Friday, March 10 (5 p.m.) to Sunday, March 19 (11:59 p.m.). This information was received and processed by the department as of November 13, 2024.

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "___ pipe cinch" (certain)

5 TXism: "got time on my hands"

6 film made in Texas: "___ Zapata"

7 TX Penal Code makes ___ offense to drive while intoxicated

8 TXism: "couldn't find neither hide ___ hair of him"

9 many cowboys once chewed it

16 Galveston has largest Mardi ___ celebration in Texas

18 TXism: "nervous as a frog ___ ___ pan"

21 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)

22 shallowest Great Lake

23 Pope ___ XIII established the diocese of Dallas

24 Toyota mid-sized truck

30 TXism: "mad as a rained-___"

34 Clint of film "Space Cowboys," also starring TX Tommy Lee Jones (init.)

35 farmer, e.g.

36 bad golf shot

37 loading areas in Texas coastal cities

39 former name: "Starr ___ Historical Park"

43 Texas "ragtime" Joplin

44 Texas Longhorn beef has ___ than many other breeds

45 early Texas film actress, Vinson (init.)

46 McAllen religious AM

47 Astro or Ranger pitcher injury: ___ cuff

49 this TX Brown won bronze medal in shot put in 1960

52 early cooler

53 TXism: "close but ___ cigar"

54 TXism: "fandango"

55 TXism: "I'd rather ___ (unappetizing)"

58 Dumas' county

59 actress, TX Longoria

60 nevertheless

61 to Tyler from Waco

DOWN

1 TXism: "___ high off the hog"

2 VIP at the Tyler County Booster

3 in Johnson County off I-35

4 Texas sausage maker, James

9 TX high tech co.

10 Gatesville has ___ ___ last drive-in theaters in Texas

11 honky tonks

12 TXism: "pitched ___ (tantrum)"

13 systems of beliefs

14 Astro Mike Scott won 1986 ___ Young Award

15 TXism: "black gold"

17 rock found in Palo Duro Canyon

19 TXism: "Satan's ___ (barbed wire)"

20 book "1941: Texas ___ War"

24 past Texas Rangers GM, Grieve (init.)

25 TXism: "costs an ___ and a leg"

26 TX Sissy's "___ Miner's Daughter"

27 Jerry Jones to the Cowboys

28 TXism: "a ___ (a lot)"

29 label of soundtrack for "Happy, Texas"

31 wagon track

32 TXism: "a horse ___ different color"

33 Houston NBA team

38 TXism: "___ dogs" (fair food)

40 TXism: "he's got the morals ___ alley cat"

41 ___ King Cole

42 from liquid to vapor

48 wander

50 steak order

51 noted TCU coach

52 "Dutch" Meyer (init.)

56 TXism: "seein' eye ___ (agreeing)"

57 from a loom?

Last Puzzle Solution

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Public Notices

Seized property sale April 1 at Tyler County Courthouse

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF TEXAS TYLER COUNTY DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2025 § and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Tyler County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on February 28, 2025, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in April, 2025, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the North Door under the Stairway, 100 West Bluff Street of the Courthouse of the said County, in the City of Woodville, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 AM, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Tyler and the State of Texas, to-wit: B-3050, AccountNo(s).R004873, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. ISAAC BROWN, ET AL, A0309 Z. R. GOOLSBEE ACRES 16.0, with an adjudged value of\$48,000.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$1,461.67; situs: JORDAN RD N B-3119, Account No(s). R025932, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. JAMES L. MUNSON, AKA JAMES LOUIS MUNSON, S5145 ROCKLAND (A767) BLK 5 LOT 1215 16 17 & 18 ACRES 0.7364 UNDIVIDED INTEREST 50.0000000000%, with an adjudged value of\$3,572.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of\$1,912.47; situs: FM 1014 B-3119, AccountNo(s). R059080, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. JAMES L. MUNSON, AKA JAMES LOUIS MUNSON, S5145 ROCKLAND (A767) BLK 9 LOT 1 2 3 4 & 5 ACRES 0.6057 UNDIVIDED INTEREST 50.0000000000%, with an adjudged value of \$14,870.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$9,550.82; situs: 195 CR 3380 B-3088, Account No(s). R023 1 08, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. THOMAS BAGWELL, AKA TOMMY BAGWELL AKA THOMAS WILLIAM BAGWELL, ET AL, S5503 TOWN BLUFF LAKES SEC 3 (A348) BLOCK 8 LOT 18, with an adjudged value of\$1,000.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of\$759.91; situs: B-3088, Account No(s). R01 7532, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. THOMAS BAGWELL, AKA TOMMY BAGWELL AKA THOMAS WILLIAM BAGWELL, ET AL, S5502 TOWN BLUFF LAKES SEC 2 (A348) BLOCK 2 LOT 19 20 23 44 45 65 66, with an adjudged value of\$420.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of\$420.00; situs: RIVER RD B-3088, Account No(s). R017547, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. THOMAS BAGWELL, AKA TOMMY BAGWELL AKA THOMAS WILLIAM BAGWELL, ET AL, S5503 TOWN BLUFF LAKES SEC 3 (A348) BLOCK 4 LOT 15 & 16, with an adjudged value of\$120.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$120.00; situs: LOWERY DR B-3088, Account No(s). R020309, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. THOMAS BAGWELL, AKA TOMMY BAGWELL AKA THOMAS WILLIAM BAGWELL, ET AL, BARLOW LAKES SEC 6 (A175) LOT 6, with an adjudged value of \$675.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of\$675.00; situs: B-3088, Account No(s). R030057, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. THOMAS BAGWELL, AKA TOMMY BAGWELL AKA THOMAS WILLIAM BAGWELL, ET AL, S5501 TOWN BLUFF LAKES SEC I (A348) LOT 47 48 49 50, with an adjudged value of \$4,000.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$1,603.00; situs: RIVER RD B-3088, Account No(s). R030186, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. THOMAS BAGWELL, AKA TOMMY BAGWELL AKA THOMAS WILLIAM BAGWELL, ET AL, S5503 TOWN BLUFF LAKES SEC 3 (A348) BLOCK 9 LOT 32 33, with an adjudged value of\$120.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of\$120.00; situs: B-3088, Account No(s). R030332, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. THOMAS BAGWELL, AKA TOMMY BAGWELL AKA THOMAS WILLIAM BAGWELL, ET AL, S5504 TOWN BLUFF LAKES SEC 4 (A348) BLOCK 2 LOT 3, with an adjudged value of \$1,000.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid

of\$800.94; situs: SPRING BRANCH DR B-3088, Account No(s). R029806, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. THOMAS BAGWELL, AKA TOMMY BAGWELL AKA THOMAS WILLIAM BAGWELL, ET AL, S5003 MONT NECHES SEC 3 LOT 21 22, with an adjudged value of\$2,000.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of\$1,982.02; situs: B-3299, Account No(s). R05822(R022493 and R015886), TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. LEE ROY COCKERHAM, JR., ABS 0487 J. NOWLIN ACRES 0.43, with an adjudged value of\$103,779.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of\$51,309.92; situs: 1910 SENECA RD B-3299, Account No(s). R022562, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. LEE ROY COCKERHAM, JR., A0487 J. NOWLIN ACRES .5, with an adjudged value of \$3,150.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$1,221.80; situs: SENECA RD ON LEFT B-3299, Account No(s), TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. LEE ROY COCKERHAM, JR., BLACKSTONE HANKS A-20 UNIT 266256414-000ZARVONA ENERGY/BROOKELAND(AUSTIN CHAAB 20 / HANKS ELIJAH F SURO.DO134400 R127211 (ID 196091), with an adjudged value of\$1,223.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of\$5,292.62; situs: B-3299, Account No(s), TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. LEE ROY COCKERHAM, JR., BLACKSTONE HANKS A-20 UNIT 166234703-000ZARVONA ENERGY/BROOKELAND (AUSTIN CHAAB 20 / HANKS E F SURO.OD134500 R127211 USE:(ID 197073), with an adjudged value of\$3,870.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of\$3,535.63; situs: B-3267, Account No(s). R013225, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. RANDY R. WILLIAMS, AKA RANDY RYDELL WILLIAMS, S4750 MEADOWBROOK (A657) BLK 75 LOT 32 & 33 ACRES 2.459, with an adjudged value of\$47,801.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$2,540.67; situs: 232 PR 7511 B-03415, Account No(s). R003032, TYLER COUNTY, ET AL VS. SHILOH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH AKA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH AT SPURGER, TEXAS,% VIRGINIA BINGHAM, ET AL, A0600 W. SPURLOCK ACRES 2.2091, with an adjudged value of\$21,428.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$16,880.00; situs: S W (any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Tyler County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. Dated at Woodville, Texas, February 28, 2025 Sheriff Bryan Weatherford Tyler County, Texas by Deputy Notes: The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCEL LATI O N WITHOUT NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE J D G M E N T. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP, attorney for plaintiffs, at (936) 639- 5040.

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Public Notices

City of Woodville seeking bids; due April 9

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS The City of Woodville will receive bids for the GLO 24-065-035-E490 GLO CDBG Regional Mitigation Program Street & Drainage Improvements until 10:00 AM on April 9, 2025 at the City of Woodville City Hall located at 400 W Bluff, Woodville, Texas 75979. The bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids are invited for several items of work as follows: Street and Drainage Improvements at several city street locations. Work includes but is not limited to scarifying and pulvermixing existing asphaltic surface and base material, chemical stabilization of base, constructing new hot mix asphalt surface and drainage improvements. Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file and may be reviewed at GLS, 1609 S. Chestnut, Suite 202, Lufkin, Texas 75901 (936) 637-4900. Bid/Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at www.civcastusa.com. A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to City of Woodville or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Cash currency is not acceptable as bid surety and is not to be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Granting Agency, Texas General Land Office (GLO) and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bid-

der must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex age or national origin. Funding for this project is covered under Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. All eligible bidders must comply with Section 3 requirements in regards to meeting or exceeding the required objectives for both hiring and subcontracting. In accordance with these objectives, contractors are required to direct their newly created employment and/or subcontracting opportunities to Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns. City of Woodville reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by City of Woodville for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award. All Contractors/Subcontractors whose 'System for Award Management' (SAM.gov) registration is not active or that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assisted programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project. City of Woodville is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer, Section 3 Residents, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit bids. City of Woodville Mandy Risinger, City Administrator March 6, 2025 (Locality) (Contracting Officer) (Date).

April 1 Sheriff sale (real estate) public auction

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (REAL ESTATE) BY VIRTUE OF A Order Of Sale issued out of the Tyler County District Court of Tyler County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered 26,221. On the 4 th day of February A.D. 2025 : Mobil oil Credit Union vs. Hiers of Jackie Ann Martin Durden, deceased, and David John Kundmueller (Executor of the Estate Pamela Janik), to me, as Sergeant directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 10 th of February A.D. 2025 and will between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. (starting at 10:00 A.M.) on the first Tuesday of April A.D. 2025, it being the first day of April, at the Court House of said Tyler County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title and interest, if any, which the defendant had to the 10 th day of February

A.D. 2025, or at any time thereafter, of in and to the following described property: A tract of land located in the Benjamin Burke League, Abstract No. 8., Tyler County, Texas, having approximate dimensions of 84 feet by 150 feet by 88 feet 4 inches by 150 feet, being more particularly described in a Home Equity Security Instrument recorded under Vol. 1163, Page 957-976, Official Public Records/Real Property Records of Tyler County, Texas, commonly known as 488 County Road 4090, Woodville, Texas 75979. Said property is levied on as the property of and will be sold to satisfy the judgment for \$40,621.48. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this 3 rd day of March A.D. 2025 Sheriff Bryan Weatherford Tyler County, Texas By Sergeant Richard Coker.

Estate of Thomas San Angelo

CAUSE NO. PR-10105 IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS SAN ANGELO, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS, IN PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Thomas San Angelo, Deceased, were issued on November 6, 2024, under Docket No. PR-10105 pending in the County Court of Tyler County, Texas, in Probate, to Georgia Kay Shebay Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows: Georgia Kay Shebay Independent Executrix of the Estate of Thomas San Angelo

c/o Frank A. Adams, 3280 Delaware Street, Beaumont, Texas 77703. All persons having claims against his estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and within the manner prescribed by law. Dated: February 27, 2025 /s/Frank A. Adams. Frank A. Adams, Attorney for Georgia Kay Shebay Independent Executrix of the Estate of Thomas San Angelo State Bar No. 00855700 3280 Delaware Street, Beaumont, Texas 77703. Phone: 409-899-1900 Fax: 409-892-3903. Email: frankaadamspsc@yahoo.com.

Hatch's Towing: Blue Honda motorcycle

Hatch's Towing, L.L.C (VSF# 006601409C) has the following: Blue Honda motorcycle at 1426 East Gibson St Jasper Texas 75951. No Vin or License Plate available. The Charges

per day in storage are \$22.76 per day plus the original Tow bill. Please contact us at 409-622-9100 for more information.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
NOTICE OF POSITION OPENING
February 7, 2025

The City of Livingston is accepting applications for (1) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR. This is a full-time position with benefits. Applications will be accepted at Livingston City Hall, 200 W. Church Street, Livingston, TX through Friday March 7, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL, THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND VARIOUS CITY INSPECTORS, THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR WILL OVERSEE COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT.

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Application, job description and a list of benefits are available at City Hall, or an application can be downloaded from www.cityoflivingston-tx.com. Resumes may be attached to the application, however, all the information requested in the application form must be completed.

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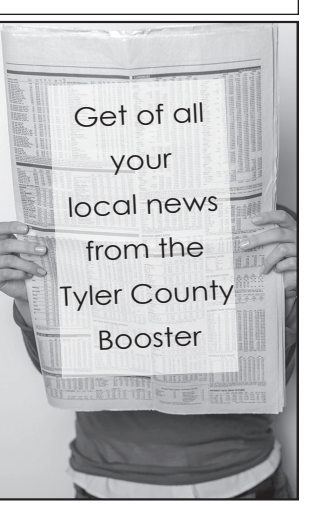
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