

Rockport-Fulton ISD set to vote on tax rate

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Rockport-Fulton ISD Superintendent Dr. Lesley Austin is urging the community to stay informed about the upcoming Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE), which will determine whether the district can increase local funding to maintain quality instruction and programs amid rising costs and declining enrollment.

In a recent statement,

Dr. Austin outlined the district's financial landscape, comparing Rockport-Fulton ISD (RFISD) to peer districts and explaining how the proposed tax rate would affect students, staff, and residents.

"The cost of educating students continues to rise, while our revenue has not kept pace," Austin said. "The VATRE allows our community to choose to invest additional local funds in our Maintenance & Operations, which directly supports teachers,



programs, and daily school operations."

Understanding the numbers

According to district data, RFISD's total proposed Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and Interest &

Sinking (I&S) revenue for 2025-26 is \$14,243 per student, compared to the peer district average of \$16,907.

However, when examining M&O spending only, RFISD spends slightly more than its peers — \$13,279 per student versus \$13,184.

This difference, Austin said, is largely due to the district's coastal insurance costs, ongoing maintenance needs, and the absence of certain local revenue sources

that other districts have, such as major industry partnerships and additional voter-approved "enrichment pennies."

Many neighboring districts have also used bond programs to fund facility upgrades and technology improvements. RFISD has instead used its M&O funds for similar expenses — reducing the amount available for classroom instruction and staff support.

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Community Faith in Focus

Rockport churches unite to raise funds for flood victims

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In a coastal community still shaped by the memory of its own disaster, two neighboring churches are joining forces this month to throw a lifeline to another Texas region grappling with devastation.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Catholic Church will host their fifth annual Oktoberfest on Oct. 25, marking the first major collaboration since St. Peter's acquired the property next door. But this year, the lederhosen and lively polka music are in service of a solemn cause: raising funds for victims of recent catastrophic flooding in Kerrville

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Pastor Mike Giese of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. (Contributed photo)



Father Tran of St. Peter's Church. (Contributed photo)

Catholic Vietnamese community prepares to consecrate new home

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For more than eight years, the Vietnamese Catholic congregation of St. Peter's in this coastal city has been a community in exile, worshipping in a rented warehouse since Hurricane Harvey destroyed their church.

Now, the long wait for a permanent home is nearly over.

"We are nearing completion," said Father Tran, the parish priest. "We'll be ready by Nov. 1."

The new St. Peter's, located at 2922 FM 1781, is a transformed space previously occupied by the Blue Holiness Lutheran Church. The Diocese of Corpus Christi helped acquire the property, ending a years-long search for a new home. The consecration and

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GLO approves Restore Little Bay initiative project

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Gary Guillory, co-chair of the Restore Little Bay initiative, recently presented an update on the Tier 1 project approved by the General Land Office (GLO) and the Clean Coast Texas program.



The project addresses ecological challenges in Little Bay caused by factors such as stormwater runoff carrying

pesticides and fertilizers, as well as fresh water effluent dumping. Currently, the water in Little Bay turns over every 42 days. If engineering suggestions are followed, this turnover time could be reduced to 19 days, which is considered critical.

Current planned

actions include dredging the Leggitt and Blevins channels and shoring up two central rookeries used by birds like the Blue Heron to prevent erosion. A major project will involve cutting a new canal from the water body adjacent to the marina, across the road, and into

Little Bay to increase circulation.

The canal project is moving into the grant process with the GLO. The group, which includes participants from the city, navigation district, and county, is also focusing on public education

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Maxwell
Jaclan Maxwell, born Nov. 16, 1964, in Houston, passed away on Sept. 30, 2025. She was the daughter of the late Vera Nell Bryan and Jack Robert Bryan, and sister of the late Brett Robert Bryan.

Jaclan is survived by her husband, Rick Maxwell and family; her brother, George Sparks and family; her sister, Michaelan Ledger and family; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She will be remembered for her playfulness and beauty, charm, and her deep love for children and animals.

Memorial services were held in Rockport on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m.

COMMUNITY SHORTS

Blood drives

The Coastal Bend Bloodmobile will be at the following location(s):
Nov. 2 – Wal-Mart Supercenter Rockport, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Nov. 8 – Rockport Fulton High School, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Nov. 10– Rockport Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Nov. 10 – Wal-Mart Supercenter Rockport, 2-5 p.m.

Coastal Bend Day of Giving

Coastal Bend's biggest day of philanthropy, the 17th annual Coastal Bend Day of Giving will be held Nov. 4. Administered through Coastal Bend Community Foundation, the Coastal Bend Day of Giving is a 24-hour, online matching gift program benefiting charities providing basic needs such as food, shelter, medical care, childcare and at-risk youth programs. This year, 24 matching funders have pledged \$1.6 million in matching funds, offering donors the opportunity to make gifts that are doubled, up to \$25,400, for each of the 63 local participating charities. To give to your favorite

charity or charities visit CoastalBendDayofGiving.org and click “donate now”. Gifts via credit/debit card or an electronic check are accepted using a shopping cart method to allow donations to multiple charities in one transaction.

Dementia/Alzheimer's support group

St. Peter's Episcopal Church invites anyone affected by a loved one's Dementia/Alzheimer's care to join a support group to connect with others that understand the journey on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 2 p.m. Family members, caregivers and friends are all welcome at the confidential support group at 555 Enterprise Blvd. in Rockport. The group is open to setting up other dates if needed. Call 361-729-2649 for more information.

4th Annual June Project

The 4th Annual June Project, hosted by Rock Bottom Park & Pub, 507 S. Austin St., in Rockport, will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25.
1-4 p.m.: Hotdogs for dogs
2 p.m.: Shiner Stein Challenge
2:30 p.m.: Pet costume contest
3 p.m.: Live auction
3>30 p.m.: Chinese auction
1-4 p.m.: Pictures with your pet
All are welcome to come enjoy food, drinks and live music.

Admission is free with proceeds going toward medical care of hurt and abandoned cats and dogs. Dr. Dana Mercer and her staff's mission is to give injured animals a fighting chance to find the forever homes they deserve.

Free Prescription Assistance Program

The Prescription Assistance Program assists the uninsured and underinsured (who qualify) in obtaining their brand name medications free directly from the pharmaceutical companies. Program representatives are available from 1-3 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of the month at: First United Methodist Church, 801 E. Main Street, Rockport, 361-729-1666. Bring a list of brand name medications, proof of yearly or monthly income, a photo id, social security number and insurance cards (if applicable).

Another Chance RFT volunteers, fosters

Another Chance, a 501C rescue that works daily with the dogs at Aransas County Animal Control, is looking for volunteers and fosters. Volunteer opportunities include daily walks, vet runs and assisting in transport to rescues and weekly doggie daycare. Another Chance is also looking to add to its foster base in order to save more dogs. Fostering is free.

A kennel, food and all supplies are provided. Volunteers are just asked to provide some love and a comfy spot to stay until a rescue or adopter is found. Those interested in volunteering or fostering are asked to contact Another Chance at acrftvolunteer@gmail.com or by calling the volunteer coordinator at 361-729-8860 for more information.

Mobile office hours for Senator Kolkhorst

The office of Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst (R-Brenham) announces mobile satellite office hours for Aransas County on the first floor of Prosperity Bank-Rockport, 1505 Highway 35 N, Rockport. Beginning in July, a staff member for Senator Kolkhorst will be available to meet with constituents every third Friday of the month from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. No appointment is necessary. For additional information, call Kim Moore at 361-573-7300.

Aransas Bay CCA meetings

Aransas Bay CCA meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Come have fun and help in Coastal Conservation. For more information, contact Mike Ferri at 361-790-4404 or email: txsprig@yahoo.com.

Reflection Church services

Reflection Church, 2953 Highway 35 North, in Rockport, holds worship services at

10:30 a.m. each Sunday.
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Cat Tales Rescue

Cat Tales Rescue is looking for volunteers to foster and transport cats and kittens to regional Humane Societies. Call 361-790-0015.

Coastal Bend Woodcarvers meetings

New or established wood carvers and wood burners are invited to gather from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Portobelo Village Clubhouse, 2009 W. Wheeler Ave., Aransas Pass. For more information, call Glenda at 636-734-3792, www.texascarvers.org.

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Diabetic Education and Support Group free class

Do you have diabetes? Are you pre-diabetic? The Diabetic Education and Support Group offers free classes that provide support, recipes, education tips, tricks and fun. All are welcome to attend the classes held from noon to 1 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, Rockport First United Methodist Church (Recreation Room #206), 801 E. Main Street, Rockport. For more information about the program, contact the Wesley Nurse at 361-729-1659 Ext. 2575.

Free exercise classes for seniors

Free DVD-led exercise classes for seniors are held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the First United Methodist Church of Rockport, 801 E. Main Street, Rockport. The classes have modifications to fit every fitness level. The exercises can be done seated or standing. For more information, call 361-729-1659.

Rotary Club meetings

The Rotary Club of Rockport meets at Benchwarmers/ Hudat in Rockport every Thursday at noon. All are welcome to attend.

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Brown, who specializes in criminal fine collections, was nominated by one of the county's vendors, Plow System, and voted for by the association board. She was recognized for her diligence and willingness to help improve the collection system used by the county.

Ribbon Cutting

The Boys and Girls Club Aransas County

Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce Board Members, Bay Blazers, and staff recently celebrated a Ribbon Cutting for The Boys and Girls Club of Aransas County, Friday, October 10, 2025 @ 1911 Hardee, Rockport, TX 78382

The Boys & Girls Club of Aransas County strives to provide a world-class Club experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters its doors. The organization's mission is clear: to enable all young people, especially those who need support the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. Through a variety of programs focused on academic achievement, character development, and healthy lifestyles, the Club ensures that every member is on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, while demonstrating good character and citizenship.

There are many ways to get involved and help support the Club's mission. Community members are encouraged to volunteer, participate



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CEPR Act feasibility study moves forward

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The Aransas County Commissioners Court recently approved two separate motions related to the Lamar Beach Road feasibility study and alternatives analysis project, which is funded by a \$500,000 Coastal Erosion Planning and Response (CEPR) Act award. The project is also categorized as a FEMA hazard mitigation and disaster recovery project.

Commissioners approved the acceptance of the \$500,000 Notice of Award and authorized the county judge to execute the necessary documents. The official contract from the GLO is expected in a few weeks.

Separately, the court approved the bid tabulation and awarded the contract to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. Stantec had achieved the highest score during the evaluation process. Due to a FEMA-provided period of performance ending May 22 of 2026, the county will immediately work to request an extension.

Catch of the week
'Wade a little bit more.'



John Lazarine with young fisher goes waist deep to find a better catch. (Contributed photo)



NOTICE OF VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION
ROCKPORT-FULTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the Registered Voters of Rockport-Fulton Independent School District:
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Rockport-Fulton Independent School District has ordered a Special Election be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of conducting a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (the "Election" or "VATRE"). Specifically, the following proposition will be on the ballot:

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Early Voting Clerk Aransas County: Kevin A. Stroud, Elections Administrator
Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to Kevin A. Stroud Aransas County Early Voting Clerk 602 E. Concho St. Rockport, TX 78382. Kevin Stroud may be reached at 361-729-7431 and his information is provided on the internet at: <https://www.aransascountytx.gov/electionadmin/contact.php>
FPCAs and applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 24, 2025.
For all eligible District voters, voting by personal appearance will be conducted on the dates and times and at the locations identified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Issued this 18th day of August, 2025.

RFISD Election Officer

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		Oct. 25 - 9AM - 2PM
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Pirates continue winning ways

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The Rockport-Fulton Pirates tightened their grip on first place in District 15-4A Division II on Oct. 17, spoiling Ingleside's homecoming with a 62-21 victory over the rival Mustangs at Mustang Stadium.

The Pirates controlled the tempo from the opening quarter and never looked back, improving to 5-3 overall and 2-0 in district play. Ingleside dropped to 2-6 and 0-2 with the loss.

The win, coupled with Cuero's 56-55 rally past Sinton in the other district matchup on Oct. 17, put Rockport-Fulton alone atop the league standings, a half game ahead of the Robstown Cottonpickers (6-1, 1-0).



The Pirates can clinch a playoff berth when they host Robstown on Friday, Oct. 24 at Pirate Stadium.

Read more about the Pirates' win at SouthTexasNews.com.



The Pirates' Evan Richardson signals "first down" as Rockport-Fulton coach Eric Soza watches. (Photo by Larry Doonan)



Rockport-Fulton's Kam Alston (9) bats down a pass during the Pirates' win over Ingleside. (Photo by Larry Doonan)

Lady Pirates drop two matches

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The Rockport-Fulton Lady Pirates saw their District 30-4A struggles continue on Oct. 14, falling in straight sets to the Sinton Lady Pirates 25-21, 25-19, 25-15.

Rockport-Fulton fell to 16-14 overall and 1-5 in district play. No Rockport-Fulton individual statistics from the match were reported.



In sub-varsity play, Rockport-Fulton's junior varsity rallied for a three-set win (25-9, 26-28, 15-9), and the freshman squad also won in three (25-27, 25-19, 15-13).

On Oct. 10, R-F was defeated 25-21, 25-17, 25-14 by the Beeville Lady Trojans in another 30-4A match.

Rockport-Fulton was led by Megan Leftwich, who posted 9 kills, 12 digs, 16 assists, and 1 ace. Holly Baergen added 8 kills, 13 digs, and a block, while Julia Lechler contributed 2 blocks and an ace.

Jada Saunders tallied 6 assists, Ellie Leftwich had 2, and Logann Wood added a block and ace.



Rockport-Fulton's Julia Lechler goes up for a kill against Sinton. (Photo by Larry Doonan)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION:
REQUEST FOR
COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS FOR
WEBSITE DESIGN SERVICES
RFP #2025-1201
Aransas County, TX seeks Competitive Sealed Proposals for Website Design Services. Specifications are available at the Aransas County Contracts and Procurement Office located 2851 HWY 35 N, Rockport, TX. 78382 and on the Aransas County website Aransas County Public Notices at aransascountytx.gov. You may contact Eric Smith, Contracts and Procurement Specialist, with any questions or concerns at esmith@aransascounty.org. All Proposals must be timely submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked “WEBSITE DESIGN SERVICES
RFP #2025-1201
SEALED PROPOSAL”

on the outside. Proposals will be accepted at the Aransas County Courthouse, 2740 HWY 35 N, Unit A, Rockport, TX 78382, until **Tuesday, December 02, 2025 until 2:00 P.M.** Questions and Clarifications. Interested parties may submit written questions and/or requests for clarification no later than Tuesday, November 18, 2025 by 12:00 P.M. Questions and clarifications will only be accepted in writing and must be emailed to the Contracts and Procurement Specialist, Eric Smith at esmith@aransascounty.org. All questions and answers will be distributed by email and/or by posting on the County's website www.aransascountytx.gov on the Aransas County Public Notices Page by **5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. Copies of the RFP Packet.** A copy of the RFP Packet can be obtained free of charge during regular business hours in the Contracts and Procurement's Office at 2851 HWY 35 N, Rockport, Texas, 78382 and on the County's website at www.aransascountytx.gov. The Courthouse is closed from 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. **Location and Time of RFP Opening.** Proposals will be opened at the Aransas County Auditor's Office, 2851 HWY 35 N, Rockport, TX 78382, on **Tuesday, December 02, 2025 until 2:00 P.M.** No submission may be withdrawn for at least **sixty (60) days** after the scheduled opening. Aransas County reserves the right to change the date of the opening, to waive any informalities, and to accept the submission deemed most advantageous for Aransas County. Aransas County reserves the right to reject any or all proposal(s), to waive any and all irregularities in said proposal(s), and to accept the proposal considered most advantageous to the County. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals. In order to be eligible to respond, VENDOR must not: be debarred or suspended from government bids; boycott energy companies; boycott Israel; engage in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization; be or be associated with a company that is majority owned or controlled by citizens or governmental entities of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or any other county designated by the Governor of Texas, or headquartered in any of those countries; be otherwise excluded from, or ineligible to participate in federal or state assistance programs.
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Equal Opportunity Employer. The successful VENDOR must ensure that its employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

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THIS IS AN OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION:
REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS FOR
ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL FOR
ARANSAS COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS
RFQ #2025-1101
Aransas County, Texas seeks responses (Statement of Qualifications) for On-Call Engineering Services Pool for Aransas County Capital Projects. Specifications are available at the Aransas County Contracts and Procurement Office located 2851 HWY 35 N, Rockport, Texas. 78382 and on the Aransas County website Aransas County Public Notices (aransascountytx.gov). You may contact Eric Smith, Contracts and Procurement Specialist, with any questions or concerns at esmith@aransascounty.org. All responses (Statement of Qualifications) must be timely submitted in sealed envelopes, clearly marked on the outside, and addressed as follows: “ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL RFQ #2025-1101 SEALED RESPONSE,” Attn: Eric Smith, Contracts and Procurement Specialist, Aransas County Courthouse, 2740 HWY 35 N, Unit A, Rockport, Texas 78382. **Questions and Clarifications.** Interested PARTIES may submit written questions and/or requests for clarification no later than **10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.** Questions and clarifications will only be accepted in writing and must be emailed to the County Contracts and Procurement Specialist, Eric Smith at esmith@aransascounty.org. All questions and answers will be distributed to prospective Engineering firm's by email and/or by posting on the County's website www.aransascountytx.gov on the Aransas County Public Notices Page. **Copies of the RFQ Packet.** A copy of the RFQ can be obtained free of charge during regular business hours in the County Auditor's Office located at 2851 HWY 35 N, Rockport, Texas, 78382 and on the County's website at www.aransascountytx.gov. The Courthouse is closed from 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. **Location and Time of Opening.** Responses will be opened at the Aransas County Auditor's Office, 2851 Highway 35 N, Rockport, Texas, 78382, on **Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. No response may be withdrawn for at least **sixty (60) days** after the scheduled opening. Aransas County reserves the right to change the date of the opening, to waive any informalities, and to accept the response deemed most advantageous for Aransas County. Aransas County reserves the right to reject any or all response's, to waive any and all irregularities in said response(s), and to accept the response considered most advantageous to the County. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit responses. In order to be eligible to respond, Engineer must not: be debarred or suspended from government bids; boycott energy companies; boycott Israel; engage in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization; be or be associated with a company that is majority owned or controlled by citizens or governmental Firms of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or any other county designated by the Governor of Texas, or headquartered in any of those countries; be otherwise excluded from, or ineligible to participate in federal or state assistance programs. The County of Aransas, Texas is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The successful Engineers must ensure that its employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

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PUBLIC HEARING
Planning & Zoning Commission

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, November 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Rockport City Hall, 212 N Live Oak, Rockport, Texas, to consider the *Final Plat of property located at 3250 – 3330 S H 35 Bypass; also known J W Paup Survey ABS A179 152.582 ACRES, J W Paup Survey ABS A179 6.887 ACRES, Lakeway Estates Phase 1.* Members of the public can view the meeting remotely via live stream at the address that will be provided on the **Planning & Zoning Commission Agenda of November 17, 2025,** and posted on the City's website www.cityofrockport.com. Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views during the Public Hearing can electronically submit a Citizen Participation Form in order to register to speak by going to <https://rockport.seamlessdocs.com/f/CouncilCitizenParticipation>, Using the same form, citizens can also provide written comments to the City Planner by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. The comments will be read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. *The City encourages citizens to participate and make their views known at the Public Hearings. For further information on this request, please contact the Building Department at (361) 790-1125.* **POSTED** the 23rd day of October, 2025 on the bulletin board at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas, and on the website www.cityofrockport.com. **PUBLISHED** in The Rockport Pilot in the Thursday, October 23, 2025, Edition, in accordance with the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS
Carey Dietrich,
Director Building & Development

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **Don G. Pyle**, Deceased, were issued on October 16, 2025, in Cause No. 7140, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Aransas County, Texas, to: Ana E. Pyle, aka Ana Ebol Pyle. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them directly to the Independent Executor below within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
**Ana Ebol Pyle
Independent Executor
Estate of
Don G. Pyle
Deceased
8 Redbird Trail
Rockport, Texas 78382** **DATED** the 14th day of October, 2025.
/s/ William Adams **WILLIAM ADAMS**
Attorney for
Ana Ebol Pyle
State Bar No.: 00885800
801 E. Market Street, Ste. B
Rockport, Texas 78382
Telephone: (361) 205-2425
E-mail: Wadams1777@gmail.com
10-23pd

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **Gary Steven Payne**, Deceased, were issued on October 16, 2025, in Cause No. 7144, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Aransas County, Texas, to: Julie Marie Fisher. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them directly to the Independent Executor below within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
**Julie Marie Fisher
Independent Executor
Estate of
Gary Steven Payne
Deceased
4220 Hwy 35 N., #13-B
Fulton, Texas 78358** **DATED** the 18th day of October, 2025.
/s/ William Adams **WILLIAM ADAMS**
Attorney for
Julie Marie Fisher
State Bar No.: 00885800
801 E. Market Street, Ste. B
Rockport, Texas 78382
Telephone: (361) 205-2425
E-mail: Wadams1777@gmail.com
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Rockport-Fulton ISD is responsible for identifying, locating and evaluating all children with disabilities who are in need of special education and related services and reside within the school district's boundaries. Rockport-Fulton ISD offers free screenings for children ages 3-5, who may need help walking, talking, seeing, hearing, moving or learning. The district also provides screenings for children ages 0-3 with serious vision or hearing problems. If you are concerned that your child may have a disability and is in need of special education services, please contact the special education office @ 361-790-2017 to set up an appointment for a free screening.
ROCKPORT-FULTON ISD EXAMEN GRATUITO PARA ENCONTRAR NIÑOS
Rockport-Fulton ISD es responsable de identificar, localizar y evaluar a todos los niños con discapacidades que necesitan educación especial y servicios relacionados y residen dentro de los límites del distrito escolar. Rockport-Fulton ISD ofrece exámenes gratuitos para niños de 3 a 5 años que puedan necesitar ayuda para caminar, hablar, ver, oír, moverse o aprender. El distrito también ofrece exámenes para niños de 0 a 3 años con problemas graves de visión o audición. Si le preocupa que su hijo pueda tener una discapacidad y necesite servicios de educación especial, comuníquese con la oficina de educación especial al 361-790-2017 para programar una cita para un examen gratuito.

10-16&23

PUBLIC HEARING
Planning & Zoning Commission

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, November 17, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Rockport City Hall, 212 N Live Oak, Rockport, Texas, to consider the *Replat of property located at 1325 & 1329 Broadway; also known as Smith And Wood, Lot "A" - "B", EAST OF BLOCK 308.* Members of the public can view the meeting remotely via live stream at the address that will be provided on the **Planning & Zoning Commission Agenda of November 17, 2025,** and posted on the City's website <https://rockporttx.gov/FormCenter/CitizenParticipation-Form-7/Board-and-Commission-Comment-Participati-56>. *Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views during the Public Hearing can electronically submit a Citizen Participation Form in order to register to speak by going to https://rockporttx.gov/MyAccount/?from=Url&url=%2FFormCenter%2FCitizen-Participation-Form-7%2FBoard-and-Commission-Comment-Participati-56*
Using the same form, citizens can also provide written comments to the City Planner by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. The comments will be read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. The City encourages citizens to participate and make their views known at the Public Hearings. For further information on this request, please contact the Building Department at (361) 790-1125. **POSTED** the 23rd day of October, 2025 on the bulletin board at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas, and on the website www.cityofrockport.com. **PUBLISHED** in The Rockport Pilot in the Thursday, October 23, 2025, Edition, in accordance with the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS
Carey Dietrich,
Director Building & Development

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PUBLIC HEARING
Zoning Board
of Adjustment

NOTICE is hereby given that the Rockport Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., **City of Rockport City Hall, 212 N. Live Oak, Rockport, Texas,** to consider a request for relief from the Zoning Ordinance for the 20 foot front setback on property located at 18 Catalina, otherwise known as KEY ALLEGRO UNIT #4, BLOCK 14, LOT 11. The City encourages citizens to participate and make their views known at this Public Hearing. For further information on this request please contact the Building Department at (361) 790-1125. This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 729-2213 ext. 225 or FAX (361) 790-5966 or e-mail citysec@cityofrockport.com for further information. Braille is not available. **POSTED:** this the 23rd day of October, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. on the bulletin board at City of Rockport Service Center, 2751 S.H. 35 Bypass, and Rockport City Hall, 212 N. Live Oak, Rockport, Texas and on the webpage www.cityofrockport.com. **PUBLISHED:** in The Rockport Pilot in the Thursday, October 23rd, 2025 Edition, in accordance with the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS
/s/ Carey Dietrich
Carey Dietrich,
Director Building & Development
Community Planner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, **Top Lock Storage** of Fulton located at **1351 FM 3036 Fulton, TX 78358** will hold a public auction of property to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale to be held online starting on **October 10th, 2025** and ending on **October 24th, 2025** at 11:00 am or later at www.storagetreasures.com Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Clean up deposit is required. Spaces contain household goods unless otherwise noted:
C12 Lindsay Irving
Tools, Shelving, Metal, Boxes, Machinery, Construction Materials.

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**NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF TEXAS
ARANSAS COUNTY
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BY VIRTUE OF
AN ORDER OF SALE**

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Aransas 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 or Constable of said County, I have on October 1, 2025, seized, levied upon, and will offer for sale the following properties, on the first Tuesday in November, 2025, the same being the 4th day of said month, Pursuant to Texas Tax Code 34.01 and as further provided in the Resolution To Allow Online Auctions For Tax Foreclosure Sales, And To Adopt Rules Governing Online Auctions adopted by vote of Commissioners Court of Aransas County, Texas, on October 10, 2022, and recorded as instrument number 394672 in the Official Real Property Records of Aransas County, Texas. The sale shall be conducted as an ONLINE AUCTION at the following URL:

<https://aransas.texas.sheriffssaleauctions.com>, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 AM, and will 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 Aransas and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Sale #1
Cause # A-23-3021-TX-A
Judgment Date: 07/23/25
Acct. #: 27491
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 01, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. LILLIAN J. JAMES, ET AL
Legal Description: Lot 6, Block 326, Manning Addition, an addition to Aransas County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 7, Map Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$7,000.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$2,648.13
Sale #2
Cause # A-23-3021-TX-A
Judgment Date: 07/23/25
Acct. #: 27492
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. LILLIAN J. JAMES, ET AL
Legal Description: Lot 7, Block 326, Manning Addition, an addition to Aransas County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 7, Map Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$7,000.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$2,648.12
Sale #3
Cause # A-24-3032-TX-C
Judgment Date: 07/23/25
Acct. #: 18637
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. JESUS SOLIS, AKA JESUS C. SOLIS, DECEASED AND UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF JESUS SOLIS, ET AL
Legal Description: The West 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2, East 1/2 of Outlot 26, Dougherty & Mathis Division, an addition to the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, as described in Volume J3, Page 597, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$49,500.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$26,527.60

Sale #4
Cause # A-22-3047-TX-C
Judgment Date: 07/23/25
Acct. #: 8820372
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. DIANE E. YATES, ET AL
Legal Description: Lot 18-A, Land Block 216, Burton and Danforth Subdivision, an addition to Aransas County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 6, Page 306, Map Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$132,750.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$13,027.53

Sale #5
Cause # A-18-3019-TX-B
Judgment Date: 06/18/25
Acct. #: 18143
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. R.L. WEST, ET AL
Legal Description: Lots 10,11, and 12, Block 123, Dougherty & Mathis Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, as described

as Section II, No. 4, in Volume W-2, Page 106, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$102,380.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$25,573.48
Sale #6
Cause # A-21-3062-TX-C
Judgment Date: 06/18/25
Acct. #: 26305
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. REESE ROZZELL, DECEASED, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF S. REESE ROZZELL, DECEASED, ET AL
Legal Description: Lot 12, Block 8, Little Bay Shores Subdivision, Unit 2, an addition to the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 60, Map Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$74,088.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$74,088.00
Sale #7
Cause # A-20-3003-TX-A
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 24236
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. EDMOND ALFRED CONNALLY, TRUSTEE, ET AL
Legal Description: 29.30 acres, more or less, situated in the M. Hunt Survey, Abstract 79, Aransas County, Texas, being an undivided 1/3rd of 1/2 interest in 174.00 acres as described in deed dated April 27, 1982, from Edmond Alfred Connally etal to Edmond Alfred Connally, Trustee, in Volume 293, Page 29, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$27,840.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: 27,840.00
Sale #8
Cause # A-20-3003-TX-A
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 25610
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. EDMOND ALFRED CONNALLY, TRUSTEE, ET AL
Legal Description: An undivided 1/3 of 1/2 interest in and to Blocks 43, 44, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53, City of Lamar, Aransas County, Texas, as described in Volume 294, Page 359, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$7,650.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$7,303.32
Sale #9
Cause # A-20-3003-TX-A
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 25631
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. EDMOND ALFRED CONNALLY, TRUSTEE, ET AL
Legal Description: An undivided 1/3 of 1/2 interest in and to Blocks 54, 55, and 56, City of Lamar, Aransas County, Texas, as described in Volume 294, Page 359, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$3,400.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$3,400.00
Sale #10
Cause # A-20-3003-TX-A
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 25639
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. EDMOND ALFRED CONNALLY, TRUSTEE, ET AL
Legal Description: An undivided 1/3 of 1/2 interest in and to Blocks 61, 62, 73, and 74, City of Lamar, Aransas County, Texas, as described in Volume 294, Page 359, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$4,530.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$4,476.42
Sale #11
Cause # A-20-3003-TX-A
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 25660
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. EDMOND ALFRED CONNALLY, TRUSTEE, ET AL
Legal Description: An undivided 1/3 of 1/4 interest in and to Blocks 80,85, and 86, City of Lamar, Aransas County, Texas, as described in Volume 294, Page 359, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$3,400.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$3,400.00
Sale #12
Cause # A-20-3003-TX-A
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 25693
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. EDMOND ALFRED CONNALLY, TRUSTEE, ET AL
Legal Description: An undivided 1/3 of 1/4 interest

in and to Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, Block 92, City of Lamar, Aransas County, Texas, as described in Volume 294, Page 359, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$31,730.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$16,634.24
Sale #13
Cause # A-20-3003-TX-A
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 25707
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. EDMOND ALFRED CONNALLY, TRUSTEE, ET AL
Legal Description: An undivided 50% interest in and to Blocks 97 and 98, City of Lamar, Aransas County, Texas, as described in Volume 294, Page 359, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$5,000.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$5,000.00
Sale #14
Cause # A-20-3003-TX-A
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 25733
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. EDMOND ALFRED CONNALLY, TRUSTEE, ET AL
Legal Description: An undivided 1/2 interest in and to Block 100, City of Lamar, Aransas County, Texas, as described in Volume 294, Page 359, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$3,400.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$3,400.00
Sale #15
Cause # A-20-3003-TX-A
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 25740
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. EDMOND ALFRED CONNALLY, TRUSTEE, ET AL
Legal Description: An undivided 1/2 interest in and to Blocks 103 and 104, City of Lamar, Aransas County, Texas, as described in Volume 294, Page 359, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$6,800.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$6,322.96
Sale #16
Cause # A-20-3003-TX-A
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 25752
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. EDMOND ALFRED CONNALLY, TRUSTEE, ET AL
Legal Description: An undivided 1/2 interest in and to Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block 106, City of Lamar, Aransas County, Texas, as described in Volume 294, Page 359, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$1,280.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$1,280.00
Sale #17
Cause # A-20-3003-TX-A
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 25576
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. EDMOND ALFRED CONNALLY, TRUSTEE, ET AL
Legal Description: An undivided 1/3 of 1/2 interest in and to Blocks 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, City of Lamar, Aransas County, Texas, as described in Volume 294, Page 359, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$7,940.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$7,262.63
Sale #18
Cause # A-20-3003-TX-A
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 25602
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. EDMOND ALFRED CONNALLY, TRUSTEE, ET AL
Legal Description: An undivided 1/3 of 1/2 interest in and to Blocks 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42, City of Lamar, Aransas County, Texas, as described in Volume 294, Page 359, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$6,520.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$6,108.51
Sale #20
Cause # A-22-3052-TX-B
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 59294
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. GARY T. OLSON, ET AL
Legal Description: Lots 14 and the West 1/2 of Lot 15, Block 5, West Terrace Acres Subdivision, Unit One, an addition to Aransas County, Texas, according

to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 65, Plat Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$169,880.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$15,218.31
Sale #21
Cause # A-22-3052-TX-B
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 35016
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. GARY T. OLSON, ET AL
Legal Description: Lots, 8, 9, and 10, Block 5, West Terrace Acres Subdivision, Unit One, an addition to Aransas County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 65, Plat Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$60,000.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$10,032.29
Sale #22
Cause # A-16-3028-TX-B
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 42360
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. BENITO DIAZ, ET AL
Legal Description: Lot 321, Holiday Beach Subdivision, St. Charles Section, a subdivision in Aransas County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 118, Map Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$14,500.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$8,163.18
Sale #23
Cause # A-16-3028-TX-B
Judgment Date: 08/06/25
Acct. #: 23748
Order Issue Date: OCTOBER 1, 2025
Style of Case: ARANSAS COUNTY VS. BENITO DIAZ, ET AL
Legal Description: Lot 312, Holiday Beach Subdivision, St. Charles Section, a subdivision in Aransas County, Texas, according

to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 118, Map Records of Aransas County, Texas.
Adjudged Value: \$14,500.00
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$7,656.79
(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Aransas 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 Rockport, Texas, October 1, 2025
/s/ Bill Mills
Sheriff **Bill Mills**
Aransas County, Texas
By */s/ Amanda L. Cantu*
Amanda L. Cantu, 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

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**ROCKPORT FULTON
INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT
INVITATION FOR BIDS
FOR SALE OF LAND**

The Rockport Fulton Independent School District (RFISD) is soliciting sealed bids from interested parties for the sale of undeveloped parcels of land described as Lots 11 thru 16, Block 8 of Denver Heights with a physical address of 1720 Colorado Ave, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas. The bid documents may be obtained by calling Kathy Henderson in the RFISD Business office, 361-790-2212 ext 8008 or by picking up a bid package weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning October 23, 2025 at 619 N. Live Oak, Rockport, Texas 78382. All bids should be completed in accordance with the bid instructions, sealed and returned to the RFISD Central Office on or before 3:00 p.m. (local time) on November 13, 2025. RFISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids for the above-described property. Any questions about the property should be directed to Kathy Henderson at khenderson@rfisd.us. 10-23&30



By **TODD HUNTER**
**State Representative,
District 32**



National Fire Prevention Month

Every year the month of October is recognized as National Fire Prevention Month. The purpose of this month is to increase the awareness of home fire prevention. According to the National Fire Prevention Association, every 23 seconds a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation. Along with this, unattended cooking is the number 1 cause of home fires. National Fire Prevention Month is important because it is a time to focus on education and preparedness to prevent house fires.

During National Fire Prevention Month, it is important to devise a plan in case of a fire. The National Fire Prevention Association reports that only 43% of homeowners have an escape plan. The American Red Cross provides the following tips to create an effective safety plan.

- Find two ways to get out of each room in the event the primary way is blocked by fire or smoke.
- Choose a safe meeting place a safe distance from your home.
- Practice getting low and moving to your exits in case there is smoke.
- Ensure children know what a fire alarm sounds like and what actions should be taken in the event an alarm goes off.
- Make sure that windows are not stuck, screens can be taken out quickly and that security bars can be properly opened.

In addition to a functional safety plan, it is important to check the smoke alarms every month to ensure they are working properly. According to the National Fire Prevention Association, 3 of every 5 house fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with broken smoke alarms. When smoke alarms do not operate correctly, it is generally due to missing, disconnected or depleted batteries. Therefore, it is important to note smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years from the manufacturer's date listed on the back of the alarm.

For more information about National Fire Prevention Month, please visit The National Fire Protection Association <http://www.nfpa.org>. Additionally, visit The American Red Cross's website to learn more about fire escape plans https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/fire.html?srsltid=AfmBOoq215-85GOSL_ba_W8pErimjOegOpeEbdPH8N7PU8sv_l7gbEW8. Along with this, you can visit <https://www.firstalert.com/> to learn more about house fire prevention tips.

If you have questions regarding any of the information mentioned in this week's article, please do not hesitate to call my Capitol or District Office. Please always feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or issues regarding a Texas state agency, or if you would like to contact my office regarding constituent services. As always, my offices are available at any time to assist with questions, concerns or comments (Capitol Office, 512-463-0672; District Office, 361-949-4603).

- State Representative Todd Hunter, District 32

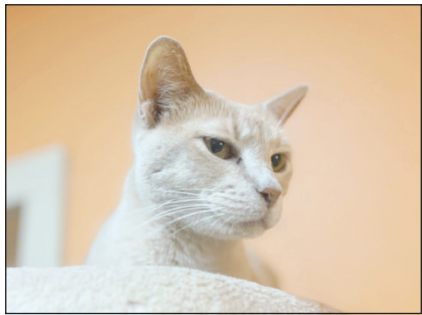
Rep. Hunter represents Aransas County and Nueces County (Part).
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Pets of the Week

Humane Society & Adoption Center of Rockport-Fulton
1308 Myrtle St., Fulton, 361-729-8186,
www.rockportfultonhumanesociety.org



Chello, they call me **Penelope** around here. I came into the shelter in early August, and I’ve been able to fully come out of my shell, and be me. Some of the dogs here are pretty fast, but I am **SPEED!** I’m in my prime right now; four years old and full of attitude. I would ideally do best in an environment without any kitties, kiddos or other dominant dogs. If you’re an exercise enthusiast that’s a huge plus! I’ll be here at the House of Hope - maybe I’ll see you around the bend.



Hello, I’m **Dakota**. I am a little shy, and definitely won’t be the one to say hi first. But, after I see your face a few times, I’ll warm up and we’ll be best of friends. I’ve been at the Humane Society for almost four years, and I’m still looking for that awesome someone to scoop me from the cattery. Come down and say hi sometime.

FLOOD, from P. 1A

and the surrounding Hill Country.

“The theme is helping out the flood victims in Kerrville,” said “Pastor Mike” Giese of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. “Communities helping communities is what we’re all about here.”

The sentiment is deeply personal in Rockport, a city that itself was ravaged by Hurricane Harvey in 2017. For years after the storm, St. Peter’s predominantly Vietnamese Catholic congregation worshipped in a rented warehouse after their original church was condemned.

“When Hurricane Harvey went through, churches from all over... came together to aid Rockport and Fulton,” Pastor Mike said. “Now it’s our turn to help back.”

The partnership between the two churches, one Lutheran and one Catholic, is a testament to a shared mission that transcends denomination.

“Working for a common cause, a good cause, can’t hurt,” Pastor Mike said. “It can only build community and be good.”

The event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 2872 FM 1781, is designed to be a full-day, family-friendly extravaganza. Attendees can browse a silent auction and arts and crafts sale, while children can enjoy hayrides, games, a cakewalk, and a bouncy house.

The main event, however, is a live auction at 2 p.m. featuring high-value items, including a golf cart and a grand prize of a seven-day safari for two to the Galapagos Islands.

The collaboration began taking shape just days after the Kerrville floods. Pastor Mike said his congregation quickly assembled and distributed “flood buckets,” rakes, shovels, and personal care kits to volunteer fire departments in the smaller, outlying communities around Kerrville that

were receiving less immediate aid.

For the pastor, a Minnesota transplant who fulfilled a decades-long dream to live on the Gulf Coast, the event embodies a core tenet of his ministry: knowing and serving the community’s needs.

“It’s not if another hurricane’s going to happen, it’s when,” he said, emphasizing the importance of organized disaster preparedness. “To be prepared and to think forward as to the needs of the community... that’s whatever we can do to be helpful.”

The Oktoberfest celebration promises a day of fun, but its ultimate goal is grounded in the hard-earned wisdom of a community that knows what it means to need a neighbor.

“What better service of a church to the community than providing an Oktoberfest or some kind of event that everyone can come together and have a good time?” Pastor Mike said. “That’s what we’re about, is having a good time with the community.”

TAX, from P. 1A

The VATRE's local impact

If voters approve the VATRE, the measure would add two cents to the district’s tax rate and generate an estimated \$960,000 annually, or about \$336 per student, all of which would stay within the district and not be subject to state recapture.

“This election allows our community to decide what level of funding our schools should receive,” Austin said. “These funds would help us retain high-quality teachers and sustain enrichment programs that support student growth.”

Austin also noted that the proposed tax change will not affect residents over 65 years old who have claimed the state’s homestead exemption. Their school district tax amount is legally capped under Texas Tax Code §11.26.

A community conversation

The superintendent emphasized that the VATRE is about local decision-making and continued investment in the district’s students and staff. While financial

resources alone do not guarantee improved academic ratings, Austin said targeted investments do.

“Money alone does not raise academic performance, but strategic investment does,” she said. “It’s about maintaining strong instruction, supporting teachers, and providing the tools our students need to succeed.”

She encouraged residents to focus on the broader impact of education on the local community, noting that RFISD graduates will become the future workforce and leaders of Rockport-Fulton.

“Public schools serve the majority of our community’s children,” Austin said. “They will grow up to serve all of us.”

Voting information

Early voting for the VATRE began Oct. 20, with Election Day set for Nov. 4.

Residents are encouraged to learn more about the proposal and participate in the decision that will shape the district’s financial future.

ST. PETER’S, from P. 1A

first Mass, to be led by Bishop Michael Mulvey, is set for 5 p.m. on Nov. 1 - which is All Saints’ Day.

The event marks a significant milestone, not just for the parish, but for Rockport’s vibrant Vietnamese community, which is celebrating 50 years in the area this year. “They came with nothing but their faith,” Father Tran said of the first arrivals who fled after the fall of South Vietnam in 1975.

Many were fishermen from a coastal region, and they found a familiar landscape and a new livelihood in the Texas Gulf Coast. In a poignant coincidence, Father Tran noted the name “Rockport” translates directly to “B?n Đá” in Vietnamese, which means “port of rock.” “It was God’s will,” he said.

The new church is more than just a building; it’s a cultural anchor. For older generations who may not be fluent in English, it provides a vital space to worship in their heart language. For their children and grandchildren, it’s a link to their heritage.

“It’s a safe space where they can use the language, the culture, the way of life that they know,” Father Tran said. “It’s important to have a place where... they have a refuge.”

The vision for the property extends beyond Sunday services. Father Tran described plans for a peaceful garden park on the grounds, complete with shaded seating and Stations of the Cross, inviting anyone to come for quiet reflection.

“I wish it were a place where people

can conceive it as their home,” he said. “A home for anybody, everybody.” The church’s location next to an existing Lutheran congregation is also a symbol of a broader community spirit. Father Tran sees the proximity as an opportunity for cooperation on common causes, from fundraising for disaster victims to simply being good neighbors. “Working for a common cause, a good cause, can’t hurt,” he said. “It can only build community and be good.”

The entire community is invited to the consecration ceremony on Nov. 1. For the congregation of St. Peter’s, it will be the end of a long journey and the beginning of a new chapter, a testament to resilience, faith, and finally coming home.

RESTORE, from P. 1A

to encourage residents to adopt simple habits like rainwater collection and organic fertilizers to minimize pollutants.

The ultimate long-term goal is to help the city replace its wastewater treatment plant

or construct a regional plant using reverse osmosis to remove contaminants like microplastics, pharmaceuticals, and forever chemicals. The initiative is forming a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to raise matching funds required for grants.

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South Texas News region gears up for Halloween fun

The South Texas News region will be alive during the Halloween season with events for adults and children.

Here is a county-by-county list of events:

ARANSAS COUNTY

Harbor Haunts

The Texas Maritime Museum in Rockport will host Harbor Haunts from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, welcoming families to a free afternoon of Halloween fun.

The museum will be decked out in festive decorations as local organizations hand out candy and offer games, face painting, and balloon twisting. Organizers describe the event as a “safe and family-friendly celebration” designed to bring the community together along Rockport’s scenic waterfront.

BEE COUNTY

‘A Nightmare on Washington Street’

Beeville Main Street will host its annual Halloween celebration, “A Nightmare on Washington Street,” from 5:30-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 in downtown Beeville.

This year’s theme – “Prehistoric Panic Takes Over Downtown” – will transform Washington Street into a Jurassic fright zone featuring life-sized dinosaurs, trick-or-treating booths, games, food vendors, and live entertainment.

The free community event is sponsored by H-E-B, McCoy’s Building Supply, AOKA and ACL Productions. For vendor or sponsorship information, contact Main Street director Melissa Sanchez at melissa.sanchez@beevilletx.org.

‘Decorate-a-Bucket’

Also on Saturday, Oct. 25, McCoy’s Building Supply will host its annual “Decorate-a-Bucket” event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children are encouraged to come in costume for a day of decorating, candy and Halloween-themed activities. The event is sponsored by Glidden Paint, and all supplies are provided free of charge with no registration required.

CBC pumpkin contest

Students and staff at Coastal Bend College can show off their creativity in the campus Pumpkin Decorating Contest, running through 31.

Participants may paint or decorate (no carving) their pumpkins, with entries due by Oct. 27. Winners will be announced Oct. 31, with prizes for first, second and third place. For details, contact the Dean of Student Services & Accessibility at (361) 354-2532.

Online costume contest

CC’s Juice Smoothie Coffee Bar will celebrate Halloween with its annual Costume Contest on Friday, Oct. 31.

Participants should dress up, take a photo on Halloween Day, and submit it via Facebook Messenger to CC’s by 11 p.m. that night. Contest divisions include Kids (12 & under) and Adults (13 & up), with a bonus award possible for best group costume.

Judges will rate entries on creativity, effort and overall wow factor, and winners will be announced Nov. 7 on Facebook.

Prizes include a \$250 cash award for “Best of the Best,” \$100 for first place, and a CC’s gift card for second.

GOLIAD COUNTY

‘Scare on the Square’

Goliad’s largest fall celebration, “Scare on the Square,” returns for its 35th year on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Downtown Goliad.

Presented by Main Street Goliad, the community tradition offers trick-or-treating, food, games, and carnival attractions, along with live entertainment, photo booths, and a downtown decorating contest.

Families can stroll the historic square under twinkling lights, enjoy the small-town Halloween spirit, and maybe even encounter a ghost or two wandering near the courthouse.

The Goliad High School Drama Club will present its annual Haunted House, running Oct. 25 and 26 from 5 to 10 p.m. inside the Goliad High School Auditorium at 749 Tiger Drive.

With an entry fee of \$5, the haunted house is part of the larger “Scare on the Square” festivities.

‘Haunting in Berclair’

The historic Berclair Mansion – a grand, 22-room estate shrouded in mystery and legend – is opening its doors for a rare, one-night-only paranormal event on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

This year’s event, “Haunting in Berclair,” invites guests to explore the mansion’s eerie elegance and participate in an evening that will combine chilling history with a live, interactive paranormal investigation.

During the event, hosted by the Beeville Art Association, Corpus Christi Spook Central, and South Texas Haunts, guests can choose between three experiences:

- Haunting Histories (6:30-8:30 p.m.), \$35. Guests will hear haunting tales of the mansion’s past residents, ghostly apparitions, and unexplained encounters.
- Paranormal Investigation (9 p.m. or 11 p.m.), \$90. Guests will join the experts from South Texas Haunts for a real-time ghost hunt within the mansion’s shadowed halls.
- The Full Haunting (both events), \$110

All proceeds benefit the mansion’s preservation and restoration. Space is limited and the event is open to ages 16 and older. Tickets and full details are available at berclairmansion.org.

Pumpkin carving, painting

In Goliad, the Halloween fun will begin with the Goliad Pumpkin Carving and Painting Contest, which will bring out creativity across all ages.

Pumpkin drop-off is on Friday, Oct. 24 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Arrow Fencing Office on the Square (142 Courthouse Square).

Judging and winner announcements will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25.

- Age categories include:
- pre-kindergarten and first grade
 - second and third grades
 - fourth and fifth grades
 - middle school
 - high school

Prizes will be gift cards of \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and



“Scare on the Square” draws a large crowd to downtown Goliad each October. (File photo)

\$25 for third place.

Participants are not to put names on pumpkins and to keep all designs appropriate. Anyone needing assistance purchasing a pumpkin can contact the event organizers at 361-405-9220.

KARNES COUNTY

Downtown Trick-or-Treat

The City of Karnes City will hold its annual Downtown Trick-or-Treat along the sidewalks and streets near City Hall, with local businesses and organizations setting up booths to hand out candy and treats.

To ensure safety, downtown streets will be closed from 5 to 8 p.m., and families are asked to walk in one direction to reduce congestion. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Connally Unit will sponsor a photo booth outside the old City Hall, while the Karnes City Fire Department will again host its annual Spook House.

Entertainment will be provided by PAC MAN Entertainment, and local churches – including First Baptist Church, Karnes City Methodist Church, and Prospect Baptist Church – will serve free hot dogs and drinks. The Stir Soda Shoppe will also be open on the corner of Calvert and North Esplanade.

For more information, residents can contact City Hall at (830) 780-3422.

Karnes City Methodist Church Trunk O’ Treat

Running alongside the city’s festivities, Karnes City Methodist Church will host a Trunk O’ Treat event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in its parking lot.

Families can stop by to collect candy

from decorated vehicles, enjoy fall fellowship, and take part in games and activities sponsored by the church’s congregation. The event is part of the Global Methodist Church’s Mid-Texas Conference outreach for the season.

LIVE OAK COUNTY

George West Trunk-or-Treat

The City of George West will hold its annual Trunk-or-Treat from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot on Friday, Oct. 31.

The family event invites residents to decorate their vehicle trunks and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters in a secure, well-lit space. Children are encouraged to come in costume and enjoy treats, decorations, and Halloween fun with neighbors and friends.

The event is free and open to the public, organized by city staff to provide a festive and safe holiday atmosphere for area families.

Three Rivers Trunk-or-Treat

The City of Three Rivers will host its community Trunk-or-Treat beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31 in the Three Rivers City Hall parking area.

Participants are encouraged to bring candy-filled car trunks and festive displays to share with trick-or-treaters. The event will also feature a “Best Trunk” contest, awarding a prize to the most creative Halloween setup.

Residents can RSVP through Three Rivers City Hall by contacting tsalaraz@citytrtx.com or calling 361-786-2528.

Halloween hike

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A hobby and passion becomes a business and labor of love

Last May, I was walking around the various booths and vendors that fill the area around the Fulton Convention Center as Babes on the Bay was gearing up for their captain’s meeting. Excited to compete in the artificial only division again – I was perusing various lures on display when one booth caught my eye. Up front, with multiple variations available, was the beloved spoon that is my go-to confidence lure in chasing redfish across the flats. As I was admiring the different weights, hammered styles, weedless option and with a red eye, Travis Meier walked over and introduced himself. After a few minutes of trying to connect where I knew him from, it hit me! We had communicated before about a large lady fish (skipjack) he had caught and I wrote about as the “Poor Man’s Tarpon” the previous October. His picture was used for that week’s column. Once our mutual “how do I know you” fugue dispersed, the serious business of lure selection began. I purchased several



Fin & Feather Corner
By Shannon Kennedy Sawyer
Love hard, forgive easy,
and make memories! Get outside!

of his spoons; he wished me luck, and the next day I caught three of the top four of our team’s redfish submitted for measurement using the gold, hammered, weedless red eye spoon, and we placed 4th for the tournament.

Being the curious type, I recently reached out to him about Flatwater Baits – the brand behind my go to lure. Travis Meier and his wife Jackie are the work behind the magic of these lures, and established Flatwater Baits during a time many didn’t know what to do. I asked him how it all started, and this was his reply: “Flatwater Baits began in my 6’ x12’ little storage shed on our property. I started playing around making soft plastics in 2020 during Covid. I couldn’t travel for work like I normally would so I started playing around with some molds and pouring plastics in colors I wanted to

throw. Those baits and colors were doing so well for me on the flats with redfish, trout and flounder that I started handing them out to friends, family members and guides to fish along the Texas Coast. Those people started coming back to me wanting to buy more of the soft plastic lures or asking me to make certain colors. We started with a shad paddle tail in a few colors and that expanded into shrimp, then darts, a thumper paddle tail and now added our Mad Crab on a standup jig. In 2021, I started painting hard baits like top waters, and wake baits that worked in our local waters around Rockport. Also, in 2021, we came up with our logo and name, Flatwater Baits, as we fish bays and back lakes most of the time. We started doing fishing shows, tournaments and events around the Coastal Bend showcasing our products in 2022. We found out in 2023 that Bagley Lures was



A Flatwater Baits hammered, weedless red eyed gold spoon caught the redfish. (Contributed photo)

no longer making their beloved gold spoons. Flatwater Baits was receiving a ton of requests to see if we could make something similar but with a twist ... a rattle. After a year of research and development and locating resources for the gold dipping process we finally have our spoons on the market. Our “Get Hammered” gold spoons are weedless, have a UV eye and a glass rattle. Along the way in our bait-making, my wife, Jackie, was tired of our truck “smelling like sweat, fish and old Whataburger”. That’s when we came up with a line of air fresheners that hang from the rearview mirror. We knew that we needed our air fresheners to

be masculine for our male anglers, so we decided on scents like leather, teakwood, and new-car smell among others; and in shapes of redfish, redfish tails and trout. Little did we know that these would be some of our bestsellers! This summer, we expanded from our little 6’ x 12’ storage shed to a new, larger, free-standing building which allowed us to really ramped up our production and ease our process. Around this time, Jackie left her main job as a pre-K teacher and made bait-making her full time job to keep up with demand, production and shipping. Currently, we offer 180 different SKUs, and our products are available in most of the local

tackle shops along the Texas Coast and a few in Louisiana, Florida, and the Carolinas. This journey that started off as a hobby out of boredom from being cooped up due to COVID-19 has really become a passion project. We love and are truly blessed by our loyal customers.”

Out of adversity, paired with a passion and nonstop work ethic, an excellent business bloomed and found a foothold in the angler community. In Rockport, these lures can be found at Tackle Town, and Flatwater Baits can also be found on Facebook and online at <https://www.flatwaterbaits.com>. Travis and his wife are both avid anglers, super friendly and a joy to discuss fishing with. If you see their booth at a show, stop in and visit – Travis might even share some updated fishing reports as he is in frequent communication with local guides and beta testing new lures – and he gets out on the water as often as he can. I personally can vouch for that hammered gold, weedless spoon. The proof was in the fish!

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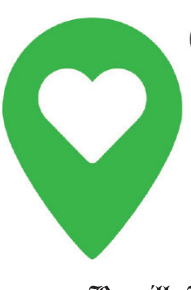
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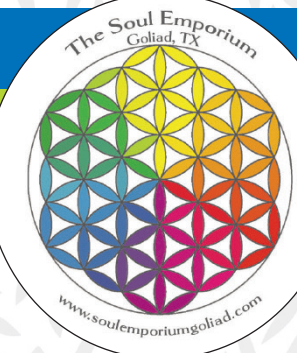


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What God’s Word is, does and requires

Pastor Samuel J. Sutton, Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church

Psalm 119, the longest psalm in the Bible, has one theme, the Word of God. Those 176 verses teach us what the Word of God is, what it does for us and what it requires of us.

What the Word of God is:

- It is the law of the Lord, originating with God. As such, it is the standard for Christians to follow.
- It is settled, meaning that it stands firm, is timeless and endures forever.

• It is our guide, showing us the direction we are to go and warning us when we have taken a wrong path.

• It is the truth; therefore, we should accept all of it.

What the Word of God does for us:

- It keeps us from sin when it is treasured and implanted in our hearts.
- It revives us, providing comfort and hope even in the midst of trouble.
- It gives wisdom and under-

standing.

- It saves us.

What the Word of God requires of us:

- We must love God’s Word. It is the truth. It is pure, refined and tested. Loving God’s Word involves having a real appreciation and gratitude for It.
- We must hate every false way, sin in any form. Sin and error cause people to be lost.
- We must obey God’s Word.
- We must praise the Lord regularly

Jesus didn’t share

Nancy Korzekwa, member of Followers of the Way, Goliad

When the Bible talks about Jesus’ suffering and death, it does not say that He came to share your sins. He did not. He did not offer to take some of your sins. He did not say He would help you carry your sins. He said He was taking your sins away; ALL of your sins.

Colossians 2:14 says, “Having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.” It did not say He took part of your sins and left you with the rest. It says, “he has taken it away.” Jesus took ALL of them.

So why do you hold on to them? Why do you keep looking back and remembering what was in the past? It is time to let them go; to move on and remember, not your faults and mistakes, but that the price has been paid for your forgiveness. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” So, if you are holding on to your past sins, let them go! It is time to start walking in the newness Jesus has bought for you. Jesus did not offer to share your sins. He took them all. Remember His sacrifice and not your past sins. His death allowed you to have new birth. Live like the new creature you now are.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Oktoberfest fundraiser

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2872 FM 1781, Rockport, will hold its Oktoberfest fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. Brisket plates will be sold for \$15. Bratwurst, pickles, pretzels and Oktoberfest beer from Bay Area Brewery will also be available. In addition, there will be hay rides, a bouncy house, games for children, live auction, silent auction and numerous raffles. The live auction will be at 2 p.m. Items include a golf cart from Clements Cart, a seven-day trip for two to the Galapagos Islands, and a large cooked brisket. The silent auction will consist of a large variety of donated items from local merchants. Proceeds from the event will go to the Texas

flood victims.

Fire Power and Living Proof

Evangelist, author and revivalist Mario Murillo and Pastor Todd Coconado will host a live Fire Power podcast, followed by a service at New Life Church in Beeville on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m.

Murillo is known nation-wide for his crusades and Fire Power podcasts which seek to revive the U.S and awaken the Church with bold truth, prophetic fire and miracles for a critical hour in America.

Murillo will also be bringing Living Proof Beeville, a three-day crusade, to the Beeville area at the New Life campus on Nov. 16-18 at 6:30 p.m. each evening.

New Life Church is located at 4622 Business Highway 181 North in Beeville.

No tickets needed at either event. Parking and seating is free. All are invited to come and expect miracles, signs and wonders.

Prayer, healing service

First United Methodist Church, 106 E. Cleveland, holds a prayer and healing service in their Prayer Chapel every first Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. All are invited to attend this service to receive prayers for healing for yourself or offer prayers for others. All are welcome. For more information, call the church office at 358-3350 or Nellie Boenig at 542-6684.

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The Purple Door is holding a support group for those affected by sexual assault. The group, striving to connect survivors as they seek peace on their healing journey, meets every Monday from 6-7 p.m. at Park Green Atrium, located at 4444 Corona Drive, Ste. 139 in Corpus Christi. For more information, contact Katlyn Campsmith at 361-248-3354. A 24-hour crisis hotline is available at 361-881-8888 or 1-800 580-4878.

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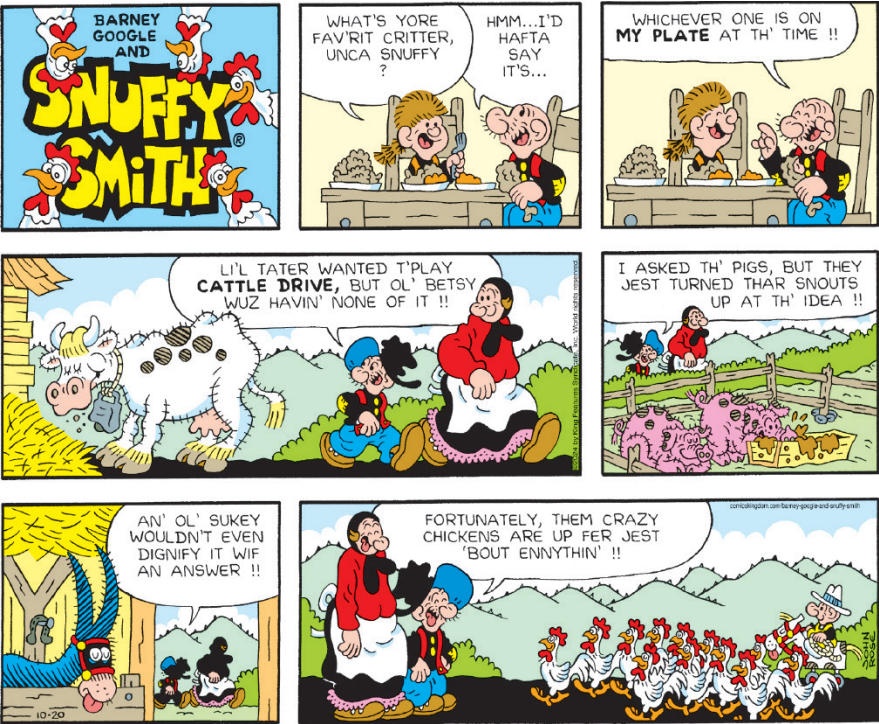
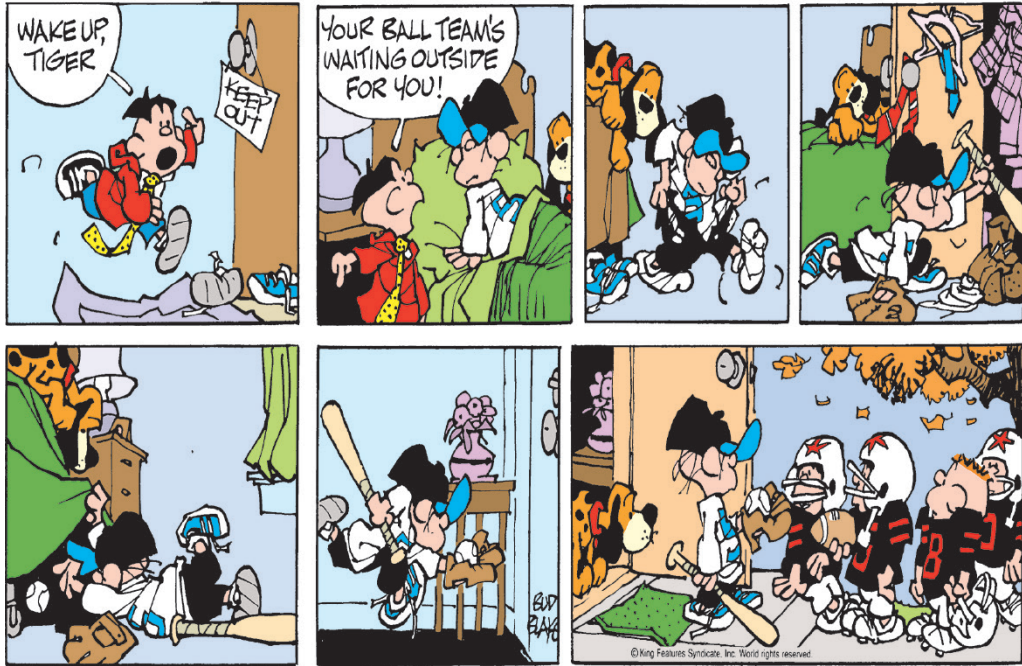
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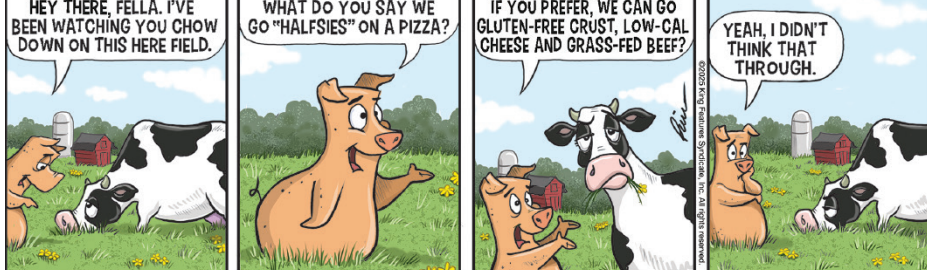
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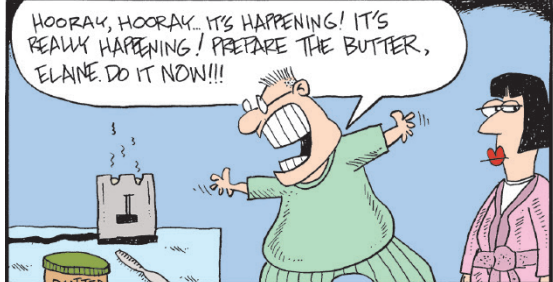
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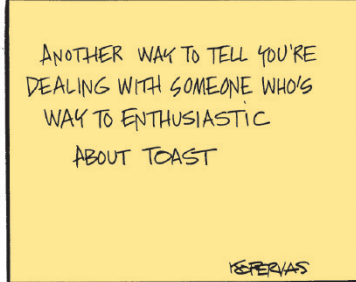
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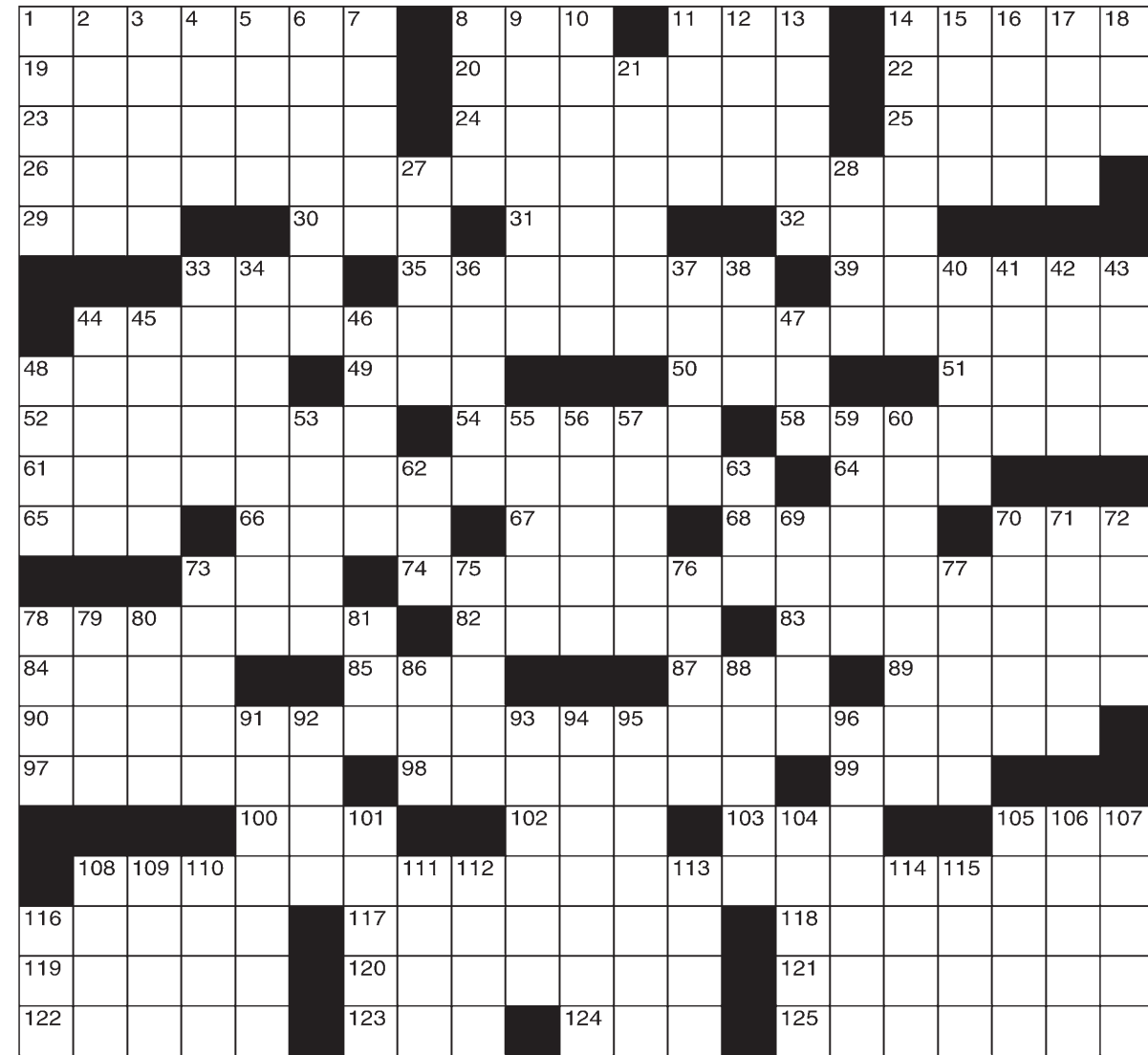
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Super Crossword

THINK INK

- ACROSS**
- 1 Direct applause toward
- 8 Finder's cry
- 11 April follower
- 14 Mimic a bird
- 19 Singer Patti
- 20 Take by force
- 22 Capital on the Red River
- 23 Art studio
- 24 Phases
- 25 "Tiny Dancer" singer John
- 26 Start of a riddle
- 29 Booming jet of old, in brief
- 30 Inseparable
- 31 Spike of corn
- 32 Olive bugged by Bluto
- 33 Prefix with light or night
- 35 Part of AOL
- 39 Thing with rungs
- 44 Riddle, part 2
- 48 Zac of 2017's "Baywatch"
- 49 German linking word
- 50 Org. for teachers
- 51 "Sure, we should do it!"
- 52 Desperate, as a situation
- 54 Syrian president
- 58 Auto racer's warm-up circuit
- 61 Riddle, part 3
- 64 In-vogue thing
- 65 Brand of fuel additives
- 66 Forearm bone
- 67 Crew tool
- 68 "You folks," in the South
- 70 West of "Diamond Lil"
- 73 "General" of Chinese cuisine
- 74 Riddle, part 4
- 78 Museum overseer
- 82 Golfer Sam
- 83 Eighth parts of circles
- 84 Redding of soul
- 85 Sly laugh sound
- 87 Gp. with merit badges
- 89 On a cruise
- 90 End of the riddle
- 97 "Strut" singer Easton
- 98 Affirm strongly
- 99 Flying geese formation
- 100 High peak: Abbr.
- 102 "No more details!" in texts
- 103 Sushi tuna
- 105 Archer's skill
- 108 Riddle's answer
- 116 Really virile
- 117 Apollo 7 astronaut Wally
- 118 Annuls, as a law
- 119 Resilient strength
- 120 Certain support group for adolescents
- 121 Lay out for printing
- 122 Gather bit by bit
- 123 Ad- (improvise)
- 124 Zig's reverse
- 125 Rind-shaving tools
- DOWN**
- 1 Feline nails
- 2 Trellis strips
- 3 Skip (flutter, as the heart)
- 4 Bombard
- 5 French policeman, informally
- 6 Butterlike product of beef fat
- 7 Air again
- 8 Many a prep sch.
- 9 Star of the past
- 10 Shows up
- 11 Part of 102-Across
- 12 Johnson of old comedy
- 13 Simple kind of question
- 14 Place with beakers, in brief
- 15 Disease-free
- 16 Engrossed by
- 17 Building top
- 18 Wrestling win
- 21 Game of falling shapes
- 27 Find out
- 28 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" heroine
- 33 Rosebush sticker
- 34 Hurricane hazard
- 36 Win gold, say
- 37 Rice of Bush's Cabinet, informally
- 38 Prop- or hex- ender
- 40 Meted
- 41 Mano-a-mano fight
- 42 "At Last" singer James
- 43 Filing tool
- 44 In progress
- 45 Common baby ailment
- 46 Scheduled to arrive
- 47 Interval
- 48 Ice cream brand
- 53 Inuit dwelling
- 55 Feel faint from ecstasy
- 56 Divide up
- 57 Vital blood line
- 59 Insurer with a duck icon
- 60 Sch. with a Fresno branch
- 62 Univ. dorm supervisors
- 63 Thesaurus word: Abbr.
- 69 Score (earn some points)
- 70 Minister's residence
- 71 Modify
- 72 Anna's sister in "Frozen"
- 73 Eat a bit of "Poppycock!"
- 76 "Sounds likely to me"
- 77 Unglossy photo finish
- 78 Simple beds
- 79 Neighbor of Colorado
- 80 Initiation, e.g.
- 81 Pi-sigma link
- 86 Very bad grades
- 88 Scandinavian
- 91 1986 #1 hit for 19-Across and Michael McDonald
- 92 Vow
- 93 Revel at a really hoppin' party
- 94 "Carlos" star Edgar
- 95 Neighbor of Ethiopia
- 96 Sinister gaze
- 101 Like some congestion
- 104 Rival of Avis
- 105 Demean
- 106 Lazybones
- 107 Ship spars
- 108 Postmarked pieces
- 109 Zapzyt target
- 110 Perlman of "Cheers"
- 111 Roman 651
- 112 "Moby-Dick" captain
- 113 Zingy flavor
- 114 Smartphone games, often
- 115 Cross paths
- 116 Soup flavor enhancer, for short



Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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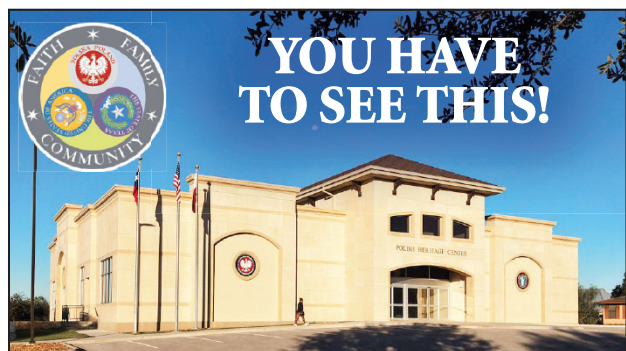
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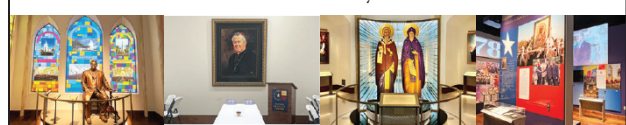
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A crisis of literacy: Why America can’t read its way forward

The September 10-16 edition of The Epoch Times featured a chilling column on America’s reading crisis – one that demands urgent, unflinching attention. Drawing heavily from its insights, the stark facts reveal a nation adrift in illiteracy, where reading proficiency falters at nearly every level.

Consider this: A recent high school honors graduate in Hartford, Connecticut, couldn’t read her own diploma. She couldn’t write, either. In 24 Illinois public schools, zero students read at grade level. Across the U.S., 54% of the population reads at or below a sixth-grade

level, while just 46% of adults have achieved even middle-school literacy mastery – let alone high school or college proficiency.

The official U.S. literacy rate of 99% is a cruel mirage. It measures only basic skills, equivalent to a K-3rd grade level – wholly inadequate for thriving in a world saturated with complex texts, from contracts to news feeds. In reality, about 21% of U.S. adults are functionally illiterate: They struggle to decipher instructions, fill out forms, or navigate essentials like job applications, Medicaid claims, or Social Security paperwork. This isn’t just a statistic; it’s a barrier to



Dennis Wade
Publisher

dignity, opportunity, and independence.

From my recent attendance at State of the District addresses across our local schools and candid chats with administrators, the picture is mixed: Some districts shine comparatively, others lag perilously. Yet one

refrain echoes through every meeting and conversation: the “whole student” approach, emphasizing social-emotional growth as a buffer to pure academics.

I respect that holistic view, but I must challenge it. Without rock-solid foundations in reading, writing, and arithmetic, the “whole student” is incomplete – doomed to a future riddled with unfillable voids. Emotional well-being can’t compensate for the inability to decode a ballot, a prescription label, or a lease agreement.

Texas public education has taken one bold,

overdue step forward: banning mobile devices in classrooms. How we ever permitted these digital distractions to hijack young minds defies common sense. Screens fragment attention, erode focus, and widen the literacy gap. They also crush many person-to-person engagements creating socially awkward young people, who are the future of our country.

In Bee County, the County Judge, Irace Morrill referring to the county funding of the local library said: “It’s a dying thing and it’s absurd that it is dying. There is very little that is as important to a community as

the knowledge and experience that can be gained from opening a book.” The Bee County Joe Barnhart Library is filled with great books, waiting.

The fix starts simple and sequential: First comes reading, the gateway to knowledge. Then writing, to articulate and persuade. Finally, arithmetic, to quantify and reason. Master these, and the rest follows. Ignore them, and we risk a generation lost in translation. It’s time to reclaim the basics – not as nostalgia, but as the unbreakable spine of progress. Our kids, our economy, and our democracy depend on it.

HALLOWEEN, from P. 1B

Saturday, Oct. 25, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Halloween-themed event invites visitors to enjoy a night of spooky fun along the park’s wooded paths at 358 Recreation Road 8 in Calliham. The event is free with normal park admission fees — \$5 for guests ages 13 and up — and open to all ages.

Park officials encourage attendees to come in costume and bring candy buckets as they explore the haunted trail and collect treats along the way. Guests can expect eerie decorations, themed displays, and friendly scares suitable for families and younger visitors.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP through the event page on Facebook, where additional details will be shared closer to the date. For more information, call 361-786-3868.

MCMULLEN COUNTY

Halloween Carnival

A carnival will be held at the Lions Club Park in Tilden from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24.

REFUGIO COUNTY

Pumpkin Junction

The Refugio County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Pumpkin Junction from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Friday, Oct. 31, offering a seasonal stop for families looking to pick the perfect pumpkin or snap a fall photo.

The free-admission pumpkin patch will feature pumpkins of all shapes and sizes, as well as games and photo props. Proceeds from pumpkin sales will benefit area FFA and 4-H groups. For more information, call the Chamber at 361-526-2835.

Haunted Jailhouse

For those seeking scares instead of scenery, the chamber will also transform the Refugio County Courthouse at 808 Commerce Street into a Haunted Jailhouse on Oct. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Nov. 1.

Tours will run between 6:30 and 10 p.m., with tickets priced at \$5 per single entry or \$10 for an all-night pass. Organizers promise frights, fun, and a few ghostly surprises within the courthouse walls.

Chili cook-off

The fall festivities continue at Mission Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing, located at 401 Swift Street, where staff and community members will face off in “A Nightmare on Swift Street Chili Cook-Off” on Friday, Oct. 24.

Setup begins at 9 a.m., and judging starts at 11 a.m. Cooks are invited to bring their best chili recipes, while hungry guests can taste and vote. Prizes will be awarded for Best Overall Chili, Spiciest Chili, and Most Creative



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Safe zones

On Friday, Oct. 31, two community trick-or-treating events will provide a safe and festive way for kids to collect candy.

The Refugio Police Department will host a Halloween Safe Zone in downtown Refugio from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., while the City of Woodsboro will hold its own Safe Zone from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Woodsboro town square.

SAN PATRICIO COUNTY

Monster Mash Trunk-or-Treat

The Ingleside Chamber of Commerce is inviting the community to join in the Halloween spirit with its annual Monster Mash Trunk or Treat, set for Friday, Oct. 31, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Howdy RV in Aransas Pass.

Businesses, community groups, and individuals will participate by decorating trunks, handing out candy, or sponsoring activities to help create a safe and fun Halloween experience for local families.

Taft’s Halloween on Green

The City of Taft will host its Halloween on Green celebration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31, featuring a trick-or-treat trail, face painting, games and more.

The event will be held at the city’s central green space and will include an award for the best-decorated station.

Residents and local businesses can sign up to participate by contacting Brooke Banda at bbanda@tafttx.gov or calling 361-528-3512.

Organizers say the event aims to “make this Halloween unforgettable for our community.”

Gregory Trunk or Treat

The City of Gregory Parks and Recreation Department will hold its Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Our Children’s Park.

Families can enjoy a bounce house, free food, games and a costume contest, while local businesses and civic groups are invited to set up decorated vehicles or tables to hand out treats.

Sign-up is available through Gregory City Hall at 361-643-6562.

Mathis Halloween and Día de los Muertos Celebration

The City of Mathis will blend spooky and cultural traditions during its Halloween and Día de los Muertos Celebration at City Hall, 411 E. San Patricio Avenue, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31.

The event includes kids’ activities, music and a Trunk or Treat. Those wishing to participate as vendors or trunk decorators must submit entry forms to

csadmin@cityofmathis.com or call 361-547-3343 by Oct. 29.

Portland Martial Arts and Fitness Trunk or Treat

Portland’s Martial Arts and Fitness Academy will host a Trunk or Treat event on Friday, Oct. 31, starting at 5:30 p.m. at 409 Cedar Drive in Portland.

The free public event includes a walk-through haunted house and awards decorative medals for first, second and third place in the trunk competition.

Organizers say the event aims to provide a safe and festive atmosphere for children and families while highlighting community participation.



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Native plants provide a bright spot during drought

The countryside is showing signs of extreme drought. Clouds form and tease us with the hope of rain, but nothing comes. Lakes continue to dry, leaving small towns in dire straits. Seems we can't get a break when it comes to rain.

Fall is usually the time to plant trees in South Texas. Sadly, when driving around town and the countryside, dead and dying trees are beginning to show up. This is nothing new; there are still a few skeletal remains of trees lost from the severe drought of the '50s on the ranch. They are a stark reminder of the lasting damage a severe drought can create.

While we have water in town, stage 4 water restrictions limit what can be used for our trees. Take advantage of when you bathe by placing a bucket in the shower to catch water for your trees. This will help keep them from being stressed and won't violate water restrictions. Stressed trees are more susceptible to disease and insects.

Don't fertilize trees during a drought. It is important to allow them to slow down on growth and respiration rate to compensate for the lack of moisture. Don't prune during a drought. Pruning reduces a tree's ability to make food and transport water to survive.

Needless to say, you shouldn't plant a tree during a severe drought. Last year, Beeville Garden Club had the opportunity to work with the Forrest Service giving away free trees to the public. With the severity of the drought, the club passed on the free tree event this year.

DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

By Gwen DeWitt
Texas Master Gardener



Native plants have provided a bright spot in the garden. They survive on minimal water and provide food for wildlife and beautiful flowers to attract pollinators. Integrating native plants instead of exotics not only benefits wildlife; these plants can cope more efficiently with drought and high heat. Native plants are species that have evolved over tens of thousands of years. They have adapted to the local climate, to the soil and the precipitation. Most important, wildlife has evolved along with these plants and relies upon them as their primary source of food.

In a drought, we gardeners need to provide wildlife with water, shelter and places to raise their young. Native plants provide three out of four of these needs. Native plants provide seeds, nuts, fruits, berries and browse. In addition, native plants may have nectar, sap or pollen. Native plants support more insects than exotics and insects are important to the natural order. Insects are an important food source for birds, amphibians and other wildlife.

It is important to provide shelter for wildlife to protect them from the extremes of temperature and to hide them from predators. Some of the same native plants that provide food can provide shelter.

Drought makes you

appreciate the need for water. Water provides a place for the critters to get a drink, bathe and provide habitat for frogs, dragonflies, toads and some salamanders.

If you are going to provide habitat for the critters, please don't use pesticides and limit fertilizers that run off into the local waterways.

One of my favorite natives is the Violet Ruellia (Ruellia nudiflora), a member of the Acanthus family. This charming wildflower can be found across most of the state, growing in heavier sands, clays and deep calcareous soils. Commonly known as wild petunia, the plant's charming purple to lavender flowers are produced during the summer in loose clusters on erect to reclining-ascending stems rising from grey green obovate leaves. The plant produces smaller clusters of non-opening, self-fertilizing (cleistogamous) flowers in the spring.

The charming wildflower is a member of the genus Ruellia named in honor of Jean Ruel, an early French herbalist.

Another wildflower that's not only surviving the drought but flourishing is Sawtooth Frog-Fruit. It is a member of the verbenacea family.

The plant has a prostrate, trailing, mat-forming growth habit. The leaves are lanceolate and have margins with teeth on the



The dainty purple bloom of the wild petunia -Violet Ruellia (Ruellia nudiflora) (Contributed photos)



LEFT: Dainty pink blooms of the Barbados Cherry (Malpighia glabra); RIGHT: Red cherry-like fruit of the Barbados Cherry.



upper three-quarters of the blade. The blooms appear on cylindrical spikes on long peduncles rising from the leaf axils of the plant. The tiny white flowers have five petals with a rose tint and a yellow center. Sawtooth Frog-Fruit has small nut-like, dry fruit.

The plant will grow in various soils on prairies, openings, waste places and along roads in the Rio Grande Plains and Coastal Prairies. Wildlife, such as white-tailed deer, javelinas and feral hogs eat the leaves.

Barbados Cherry (Malpighia glabra) is a charming native shrub native to South Texas, South America and the West Indies. It is normally 1 ½-2 ½ feet wide and 3- 4 feet tall but can reach 9 feet with optimum conditions. Barbados Cherry can serve as an understory bush, thriving in dappled shade to part shade but also thrives in full sun. It isn't fussy about soil adapting to sand, loam, or clay as long as it doesn't have wet feet.

Barbados Cherry is a fast-growing shrub with rich glossy green oblong leaves. The shrub is covered in pink and white blooms from spring to early fall. The blooms are followed by tiny red fruit resembling cherries – a favorite of birds. The fruit is high in vitamin C, fragrant, and sweet making it excellent in jelly.

The evergreen shrub can be used as a topiary or a hedge. If allowed, the shrub can grow into a large, soft accent shrub. There is a dwarf selection that reaches 2 feet making it a great container plant. If grown in areas that have temperatures fall in the 20s on a regular basis keep the shrub in a container and bring it inside during cold weather.

Add a few of these native plants and welcome wildlife to your garden while conserving water.

Happy gardening!

OIL & GAS

PERMITS

COMPLETIONS

Oil and gas permits for Aransas Bee, Goliad, Karnes, Live Oak, McMullen, Refugio and San Patricio counties.

Oct. 6-12, 2025

Aransas County
None.

Bee County

Rosewood Resources, Inc.; approved; lease(s): 1H Cicada and 1H Locust; total length: 14,000 feet; field(s): Sugarkane (Eagle Ford); location: 0.7 miles southwest of Pawnee at the M Alcornte Survey, Abstract 70.

Goliad County
None.

Karnes County

Gulftek Energy, LLC; drilling permit; lease(s): 2H Fred Gawlik B; total length: 11,500 feet; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location: 2.4 miles southwest of Falls City at the Menchaca, Hrs L Survey, Abstract 5.

EOG Resources, Inc.; drilling permit; lease(s): 1H Blanco A; total length: 11,800 feet; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location:

3.4 miles northeast of Falls City at the Hrs A Hernandez Survey, Abstract 4.

EOG Resources, Inc.; approved; lease(s): 101H Blanco AC A; total length: 11,800 feet; field(s): Sugarkane (Austin Chalk); location: 3.4 miles northeast of Falls City at the Hrs A Hernandez Survey, Abstract 4.

Gulftek Energy, LLC; mapping; lease(s): 3H Fred Gawlik C and 4H Fred Gawlik D; total length: 11,500 feet; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location: 2.4 miles southwest of Falls City at the Menchaca, Hrs L Survey, Abstract 5.

BPX Operating Company; approved; lease(s): 9H, 10H and 11H Mayer A; total length: 14,000 feet; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location: 7.2 miles southeast of Falls City at the Hrs A Hernandez Survey, Abstract 4.

BPX Operating Company; mapping; lease(s): 6H Mayer B; total length: 14,000 feet; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location: 7.2 miles southeast of Falls City at the Hrs A Hernandez Survey, Abstract 4.

BPX Operating Company; drilling permit; lease(s): 2H and 3H Mayer A AC; total length: 14,000 feet; field(s): Sugarkane (Austin Chalk); location: 7.2 miles southeast of Falls City at the Hrs A Hernandez Survey, Abstract 4.

Live Oak County

Aurora Resources Corporation; state wide rule hold; lease(s): 6 Schwartz; total depth: 1,500 feet; field(s): Simmons City (Govt. Wells); location: 6 miles west of Three Rivers at the T Adams Survey, Abstract 1.

Burlington Resources O & G Co LP; recompletion; approved; lease(s): 1 Rafter Two Unit E; total length: 12,442 feet; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location: 10.8 miles northwest of Three Rivers at the Poitevent, J/Claunch, S J Survey, Abstract 589.

McMullen County
None.

Refugio County
None.

San Patricio County
None.

Oil and gas completions (initial potential) for Aransas, Bee, Goliad, Karnes, Live Oak, McMullen, Refugio and San Patricio counties.

Oct. 6-12, 2025

Aransas County
None.

Bee County
None.

Goliad County
None.

Karnes County

Burlington Resources O & G Co LP; well: 12; lease: June Day Unit B; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location: 3.4 miles southwest of Ecletto; total length: 17,649 ft.; 24-hr production test: 1,642 mcf of natural gas and 1,682 bbl of oil.

Burlington Resources O & G Co LP; well: 11; lease: June Day Unit B; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location: 3.4 miles southwest of Ecletto; total length: 17,880 ft.; 24-hr production test: 1,333 mcf of natural gas and 1,719 bbl of oil.

Live Oak County

Verdun Oil & Gas LLC; well: 101H; lease: Hauglum; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location: 7 miles southwest of Westhoff; total length: 17,240 ft.; 24-hr production test: 1,932 mcf of natural

gas and 525.9 bbl of oil.

Verdun Oil & Gas LLC; well: 102H; lease: Hauglum; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location: 7 miles southwest of Westhoff; total length: 17,000 ft.; 24-hr production test: 1,590 mcf of natural gas and 521 bbl of oil.

Verdun Oil & Gas LLC; well: 103H; lease: Hauglum; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location: 7 miles southwest of Westhoff; total length: 16,935 ft.; 24-hr production test: 1,667 mcf of natural gas and 545.3 bbl of oil.

Verdun Oil & Gas LLC; well: 6H; lease: Hauglum C; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location: 7 miles southwest of Westhoff; total length: 16,770 ft.; 24-hr production test: 1,281 mcf of natural gas and 415.7 bbl of oil.

Verdun Oil & Gas LLC; well: 7H; lease: Hauglum C; field(s): Eagleville (Eagle Ford-2); location: 7 miles southwest of Westhoff; total length: 16,870 ft.; 24-hr production test: 735 mcf of natural gas and 237.2 bbl of oil.

McMullen County
None.

Refugio County
None.

San Patricio County
None.

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