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Bond Reduced For Sex Traffic Arrest

Bond has been lowered for Amber Parker, a Freestone County woman charged with Trafficking of a Child for Sexual Conduct; the alleged victim a member of her family.

Parker was arrested on January 2nd after returning from a trip to Morocco, where she met the men she had been in contact with in regard to the exchange of sexual acts.

Initially, her bond was set at \$25,000 by Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 Judge Shirley Mays. It was later raised to \$250,000 by Judge Mays.

Judge Patrick Simmons of the 87th District Court presided over the bond hearing held Monday morning, January 28th.

Parker appeared before the judge with court appointed attorney Chris Martin.

Martin explained that typically a bond adjustment is made

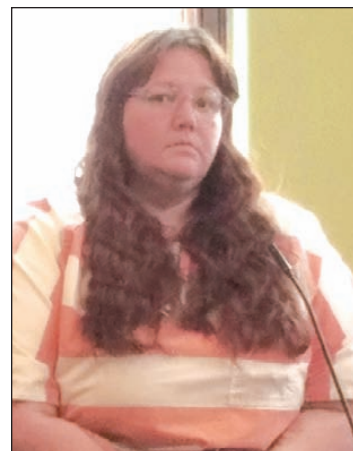
due to a new development in the case. In Parker's case, he maintained that nothing changed between the time of the arrest and initial bond setting and when the bond was raised.

"Since there were no changes to substantiate the bond being raised, and no reason given, I think it's safe to say that the Judge raised the amount due to so much media coverage. It's reasonable to believe she didn't want to be seen as having given such a low bond on a high-profile case," stated Martin. "We're asking that you consider reducing the bond with the knowledge there will be conditions with that."

"Your Honor, I believe the reason for the increased bond was for fear of the defendant absconding, or fleeing because of her connections to overseas in Morocco," explained District Attorney Brian Evans. "The state is asking that you consider leaving the bond as it currently sits; or that if you lower the amount, that there be strict stipulations attached."

Martin put Parker on the stand to testify that she has no means of paying the \$250,000

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AGREEING TO STRICT stipulations during a Bond Reduction Hearing is 37-year-old Amber Parker.

CALENDAR

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Black History Month Program
February 9th - 5:00-8:00 pm
Butler Community Center
Program & Sweetheart Dinner

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A SURPRISED BARNEY LEACH SHARES A HUG with Lisa Schick and Brenda Pate of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce as an emotional Mary Small moves to join in after presenting him with the Lifetime Achievement Award during last week's banquet. (Photo by Megan Hempel)

Service To Others: Fairfield Citizens Honored at Chamber Awards Banquet

"An encourager."
"A hidden gem."

"Doing whatever the community needs."

These were just a few of the depictions given by presenters of this year's community award winners during the annual Fairfield Chamber of Commerce banquet, held Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Twisted Vines Event Center in Fairfield, Texas.

The décor was straight out of the 1970's, with lots of tie-dye, peace signs, and psychedelic flowers.

Many of the attendees dressed for the occasion, sporting fringe vests, go-go boots, and hippie head bands.

Best Dressed award went to the Chamber's newest Ambassador, Lisa Nichols and her husband, Bobby, who traded hair care tips with several attendees.

Dinner was served in metal "TV trays," featuring home

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Judge Patrick Simmons ordered the parties to meet in his courtroom in Limestone County on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, a week earlier than planned, to hear Teague's motion for another continuance.

Andrew Messer, attorney for the City of Teague, again requested more time to review the 57,717 pages of records received from Fairfield since investigation into the Agreement began in April 2018, obliging Teague's requests for more than twenty years of records and information regarding the jointly owned facilities at the Boyd Unit.

"If I spent a minute looking at each page of those documents it would take me roughly nine hundred and twenty-eight hours, twenty-three weeks, five and a half months if I worked exclusively by

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Discrimination Lawsuit Settled

Settled out of court on November 9, 2018 was the Wrongful Termination and Racial Discrimination civil suit of Dianne Manning vs. Linda Jarvis, individually and in her official capacity as County Clerk of Freestone County.

According to Manning's Attorney, Chad Morgan, the parties met on November 9th for a court ordered mediation.

"The issue was settled on amicable terms," says Mr. Morgan. "I can't say

any more than that."

Per Mrs. Jarvis, a Gag Order is in place as part of the settlement terms.

Mrs. Manning originally filed a Petition For Depositions Before Suit against Mrs. Jarvis on April 12th, 2018 and a hearing was scheduled for May 9, 2018 in the 87th District Court.

The case was moved to Federal Court at the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Waco Division following the receipt of a

Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

A Right to Sue Letter is a letter from the EEOC stating that they do not wish to be involved in the case. It allows the parties to continue with the civil case without the EEOC's involvement.

Representing Mrs. Jarvis was Attorney David Ryan Iglesias with the Texas Association of Counties.

Nicole Schaefer reporting

More Time Asked by Plaintiff..Again in Teague vs. Fairfield Lawsuit Judge, Defendant Focus on Jurisdiction

"We're wasting our time and our money, spending lots of Teague's money, Fairfield's money on discovery right now in a case where this court lacks jurisdiction to decide it," states Eric Storm attorney for the City of Fairfield as the City of Teague requests another continuance in the ongoing lawsuit between the two cities.

The cities met again in court for another hearing in the suit filed by Teague last year citing a breach of the twenty-nine year old Interlocal Definitive Agreement between the two municipalities and Texas Department of Criminal Justice's (TDCJ) Boyd Unit.



ATTORNEYS FOR TEAGUE AND FAIRFIELD met in the Limestone County Courtroom of Judge Patrick Simmons Wednesday, January 23rd to address the City of Teague's request for another continuance in the lawsuit alleging a breach of contract to the Interlocal Definitive Agreement between the two cities. (Photo by Megan Hempel)

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Business Of The Year Sonic Drive-In

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style meatloaf and a banana pudding dessert in mason jars. Entertainment was provided by Love Show, featuring the groovy singing talents of Rita Joye Gray and Kristian Craig. These two also donned stilts while posing for pictures with local celebrities.

The evening's program opened with a rendition of the National Anthem by Mr. Cool Daddy, Andrew Weirtner, pastor of New Life Assembly of God.

Small Business of the Year was presented by Jerry Don Sanders to "my favorite daughter," Amy Ralstin of Kennedy's Korner.

Ralstin has worked in retail for twenty-seven years, beginning with her first job at a gift shop in Mexia. She has owned and operated Kennedy's Korner for thirteen of those years. Described as an encourager and a supporter, Ralstin was commended for mentoring several individuals who desired to start their own businesses, many of whom made their first entrepreneur foray inside her shop in downtown Fairfield.

Currently, Ralstin is partnering with three small businesses: Kilman Comfort, a luxury mattress company; East Pine Designs, which creates the popular FreeCo brand of clothing and accessories; and Hart to Table, that delivers shelf stable food items that are sugar-free, grain-free, and keto-friendly.

"Sheriff Billings, you might want to look into that," teased Sanders during his presentation. Additionally, almost a year ago, Ralstin took on the task of bringing the Fairfield Fest - Downtown Market to the courthouse square on the third Saturday of each month. This one-day event brings a variety of vendors, and shoppers, to the area.

Finally, Ralstin gives "honor and praise to the Lord for the success of her business," according to her proud father, and thanks all her loyal customers, and her family.

Community Spirit Award was presented by Amy Freeman to Fairfield's hidden gem, Fairfield Lake State Park.

The facility has enjoyed a resurgence in popularity, she said. "This summer, they had a swimming area so full of visitors, they had to shut the park to be able to accommodate everyone."

The entire campground has been remodeled, and the staff has added programs and events to enhance the experience of park visitors, as well as the community.

Freeman goes on to say that the Park reached out to the Chamber of Commerce and partnered with several organizations in the community, including the museum, library, school district, area business, media, local law enforcement, fire department, and EMS.

They have added nature programs, hiking, fishing, archery and a fan favorite: Dutch Oven cooking by Uncle Mike's

Kitchen. Events include the annual Fish Derby and Christmas in the Park.

According to Freeman, these additional activities, along with a passionate staff, have helped the park reach a record number of visitors, "and the interest continues to grow."

Ranger Kate Sherman and Officer Kyle Ware accepted the award on behalf of Fairfield Lake State Park.

Civic Organization of the Year was presented to the Freestone County Historical Museum by County Sheriff Jeremy Shipley.

"We have a fantastic museum," said Sheriff Shipley. "If you reside in this county, and you have not been to our museum, shame on you."

The Freestone County Historical Museum was created on May 2, 1957 and was originally housed in the old county jail, which operated from 1881 to 1913.

Museum artifacts were moved to the newly constructed Barbara & H. Neil Bass Wing, and work began on the jail restoration project, which will eventually serve as a tribute to local law enforcement in Freestone County.

Currently, proceeds from book sales of the famous news column of late late J.R. "Sonny" Sessions, Jr. are earmarked for this restoration effort.

Museum curator, Patricia Pratt, and members of the museum board were commended for the great work they have accomplished.

Business of the Year was presented to Sonic of Fairfield by Gina Martin, who says their commitment to community is obvious.

"2018 has been a year of true team work, dedication, and understanding that giving back to the community is a way of life," says Martin, who commends Supervisor Bill Freeman and his staff.

Among those that Sonic was worked with include AirEvac, Fairfield EMS, Fairfield Lake State Park, Fairfield Police Association, Fairfield Fire Department, Fairfield ISD, Fairfield Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, nursing homes, cheer teams, basketball teams, and more.

Citizen of the Year was presented by former sheriff Ralph Billings to Tammy Gawryszewski, or Tammy G., as many call her.

Gawryszewski has been a significant contributor to every program she has been involved in.

As an educator, she has built up a video program that allows students to learn news broadcasting, as well as branching out to assist the local hospital with video services.

As a member of the Fairfield Library Association, Gawryszewski was an integral force in the recent modernization of the facilities.

She also assisted the museum in securing a grant to preserve local history by digitizing newspaper archives.

"You've done a super job," said Billings. "We appreciate you!"

"That's me!" said a surprised Barney Leach to his wife, as presenter Mary Small listed the accomplishments of this year's recipient of the **Lifetime Achievement Award**.

Leach worked as an Aerospace Technologist and Mathematician with NASA, building computers from the ground up and began programming in code. He created space flight software for the Gemini space program and for the Lunar program.

"He gave a big 'thumbs up' to the Apollo 13 movie," said Small.

Leach was also awarded the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, by then President Richard Nixon.

He worked many years with the National Weather Service, and in his retirement, still provides monthly rainfall reports for Freestone County.

Leach has been active in the Fairfield Rotary Club, served twenty-five years as a greeter at First Baptist Church, and still delivers Meals On Wheels. He counts one of his biggest accomplishments as surviving a double-knee replacement at the age of eighty-five years.

"From the cotton fields of Mississippi to Mission Control, he has proved that you can do anything you want," said Small with a catch in her voice.

"Let me tell you some things you might not know about our dad," said the proud daughters of Tony Price, recipient of the well-earned **Legacy Award**.

With a passion for service, Price has worked in the Fairfield community the past thirty-three years in several capacities, including Fairfield ISD, Main Street Program, City Council,

Community Spirit Award Fairfield Lake State Park

County Fair Board, and the Fairfield Hospital Board.

"My dad is incredibly proud of the small part he played in keeping the local hospital available to service this community."

Price participates in a personal Random Acts of Kindness campaign, inspired by the novel, Pay It Forward by Catherin Ryan Hyde.

He sends personal birthday cards to each teacher in the district.

He keeps stamps in his truck for every military branch of service, and gives them to any veteran he may meet.

And, he makes a point to eat last, no matter where he goes. "It may be a small thing," said his daughters, but it points to a life dedicated to take serving others.

After hugs from his wife and daughters, Acting Superintendent Price switched gears to recognize the 'bridge builders' at Fairfield ISD who earned **Teacher of the Year** awards from each campus.

--High School: Nanceen Perry Hoskins - English Teacher "She teaches English to Freshmen, and if any of you think that's easy, come try it for half an hour," said Price.

--Junior High School: Annisa Curtis - "She takes kids with very limited skills and has them do extraordinary things. We are blessed to have her," says Price.

--Intermediate School: Lizzie Daniel - Physical Education Teacher

Principal Shetonia Scires shares that "[Daniel's] enthusiasm and passion has made a huge impact on our students and faculty."

--Elementary School: Penny Meredith - Reading Interventionist

Principal Sheila Ransom shared that "[Meredith] cares deeply for the whole child and works tirelessly to build a bond with parents to bridge between home and school."

Assistant Superintendent Melissa Cox presented the **Student of the Year** award to

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Best Packer Bulls	-----N/T
Stock Cows (per head)	-----N/T
Few Young Cows (per head)	-----450-700

Steers/Best #1 Quality

300-400	-----165-180
400-500	-----150-165
500-600	-----138-150
600-700	-----125-134
700-800	-----110-122

Heifers/Best #1 Quality

300-400	-----140-158
400-500	-----127-140
500-600	-----120-130
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Slaughter Cows

Cutter Cows	-----44-63
Fat Cows	-----46-60
Canner Cows	-----15-40

Slaughter Bulls

Heavy Bulls	-----65-86
Light Bulls	-----57-63

Pairs

Choice Pairs	-----N/T
Good Pairs	-----1200-1475
Plain Pairs	-----875-1150
Bred Cows 3-6 yr old	-----650-1025

Steer/Bull Calve & Yearlings

150-200 lbs	-----125-200
200-300 lbs	-----140-195
300-400 lbs	-----135-200
400-500 lbs	-----130-182
500-600 lbs	-----125-172
600-700 lbs	-----115-160
700-800 lbs	-----110-136

Heifer Calves & Yearlings

150-200 lbs	-----110-185
200-300 lbs	-----125-192
300-400 lbs	-----120-196
400-500 lbs	-----110-173
500-600 lbs	-----95-160
600-700 lbs	-----95-125
700-800 lbs	-----85-118

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Receipts from Waco Livestock Auction on January 22, 2019
Head Count of 753

No. 1 Steers

Under 300 lbs	-----150-190
300-400 lbs	-----150-185
400-500 lbs	-----140-165
500-600 lbs	-----125-150
600-700 lbs	-----120-140
700-800 lbs	-----115-135

No. 1 Heifers

Under 300 lbs	-----130-165
300-400 lbs	-----130-155
400-500 lbs	-----120-150
500-600 lbs	-----115-140
600-700 lbs	-----115-135
700-800 lbs	-----105-125

Slaughter Cows

High Yielding	-----44 to 50
Low Yielding	-----35 to 42
Fats	-----45 to 53
Thin & Shelly	-----25 to 35

Packer Bulls (1250-2075 lbs)

Yield Grade 1&2	-----65 to 74
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Cow & Calf Pairs

Young Choice	-----1000 to 1350
Young Fair	-----800 to 1000
Aged Pairs	-----600 to 800

Young Pregnancy Test Stocker Replacement Cows
450 to 1050

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Receipts from Groesbeck Auction & Livestock Co. LLC showed a total of 228 head of cattle on January 24, 2019.

Slaughter Cows & Bulls

Cows	-----31-56
Bulls	-----68-80

Stocker Cows

Stocker Cows	-----750-1100
Pairs	-----N/A

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings Steers Good & Choice

300-400 lbs	-----190-207
400-500 lbs	-----165-182
500-600 lbs	-----135-167
600-700 lbs	-----130-151
700-800 lbs	-----N/T

Heifers Good & Choice

300-400 lbs	-----135-165
400-500 lbs	-----127-155
500-600 lbs	-----120-145
600-700 lbs	-----118-130
700-800 lbs	-----N/T

Woods, Waters, and Wildlife

Getting Kids Outdoors

by John Jefferson

Every kid needs a mentor to teach shooting, hunting, fishing, safely driving a car, telling the truth – and living life. Unlike fastening their shoes, there are no Velcro-like shortcuts to the important things.

WWII deprived me of the father that could have taught me. My mother did the best she could, even showed me all she knew about shooting a .22 pistol.

Fortunately, my grandfather's favorite hunting buddy agreed to help. "Uncle Josh" Munro got me started. His lessons on the ways of the woods and waters, taught at his backwoods place on Beech Creek at the end of a dirt road in Hardin County, have stayed with me for a lifetime.

Maybe that's why I've introduced my kids and grandkids to hunting and fishing and assisted on youth hunts, outdoor camps and kidfish events. I owe a debt, and that's the only way to repay it.

Kids need to be in the outdoors – hiking and camping in a state park, swimming in a natural stream or splashing in the waves at the beach. If you are a parent but don't feel mentor-qualified to give a kid the off-the-pavement alternative to being couch-bound to electronic entertainment, the



TAMARA TRAIL, A TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE employee and seasoned volunteer instructor at Buckskin Brigade camps, coaches a camper in rifle safety and marksmanship. (Photo by John Jefferson)

following tips will hopefully help.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are a great place to start – and not just for the cookies I ate a while ago! My grandson surprised me by gathering an appropriate selection of dried branches and twigs and getting a fire started on his first night – a cold one – at our deer lease. Scouting had taught him how.

Beyond that are camps and organizations that offer more advanced areas of outdoor enjoyment. The Texas Brigades, sponsored by Texas Wildlife Association (TWA) and staffed by Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) employees and other qualified natural resources specialists is one of the best, and has

been copied by other states. It began as Bobwhite Brigade, the brainchild of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Dr. Dale Rollins, a regional quail authority.

Rollins termed it a bootcamp for leadership and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries and land stewardship. It now also includes Buckskin (deer), Bass, Waterfowl, Ranch (cattle), and Coastal Brigades throughout Texas. I've instructed at North and South Buckskin Brigades and at Bass Brigade and learned more than I imparted! Application deadline is March 15. Find out more at www.texasbrigades.org.

A similar type camp is the Wildlife Conservation Camp sponsored by the

Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society. It's in a different venue each year. I've also instructed there and recommend it. App deadline is May 1. Check their website at www.wildlifecamp.tx.org.

Then, there is the Texas Youth Hunting Program (TYHP), a joint venture between TPWD and TWA. They have hunts for several species of game, providing mentored hunts for kids and help with processing. A parent may accompany. We have assisted at a number of youth hunts. www.tyhp.org.

It's been said that if you teach your kids to fish and hunt, you won't have to hunt for your kids.

It works. Believe it! JJ

Soil Health Course

February 26-27 in Palestine

The focus of an upcoming Texas Soil Health Short course will be the "Increasing Biological Wealth with Livestock." The event will be held February 26-27, 2019 in Palestine at the Civic Center. The short course will offer the opportunity to gain a better understanding of soil properties including water infiltration, water holding capacity, organic matter content, nutrient and energy efficiency.

It is being facilitated by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCD), USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Texas Wildlife Association and hosted by the Anderson-Houston Soil and Water Conservation District.

The short course will feature leading researchers and producers in soil health. Speakers include Dr. Christine Jones, an internationally renowned and highly respected groundcover and soils ecologist from Australia; Dr. Richard Teague, Texas A&M AgriLife research ecologist from Vernon; David Daigle, rancher from Beauregard Parish, Louisiana; Jimmy Downe and Joe Beall, ranchers from Anderson County, Texas; and several soil health and range management specialists from the NRCS.

The Texas Soil Health Short Course is designed to provide participants with research and experiential learning opportunities in dynamic soil properties as well as technical information about practical approaches to implementing a system to improve soil health. Conservation demonstrations and field tours will showcase the functions of a healthy soil system and highlight its improved water infiltration, soil porosity, increase biological activity, and greater nutrient efficiency.

According to Jason Hohlt, a range management specialist with USDA-NRCS, several NRCS staff have been working closely with ranchers to implement projects to help identify effective soil health practices in East Texas. This event will showcase preliminary results from a three-year demonstration project aimed at application of commonly discussed management practices geared to improve soil health.

The cost of early bird registration is \$50 to secure that rate you must be registered by February 15, 2019. Anyone registering after February 15th, the cost will be \$75. For more registration information, or opportunities for your nonprofit or association to sponsor the short course, please visit <https://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/events/texas-soil-health-short-course> or call Iliana Pena at 210-826-2904.



Hope you can stand another "feeding the cows" story from me! This past week I was off on my way to feeding. Everything was going great, no problems. WOW! I thought I was seeing a miracle and I believe I was since I asked God to help me this time and not let me have the problems I had the week before. We have had a lot of rain as I am sure y'all know and to get to the Back Herd it is necessary to go down the private road that runs along side the ranch. It is much longer but necessary. However, I decided on my own that maybe I would try cutting across the pasture in between. The Colonel had told me not to do that because there was a good possibility I could get the tractor stuck, but more importantly, he said it was dangerous. He said you have to go very fast and if you hit a bump you can get thrown off the tractor.

Well, sometimes I just have to do what someone tells me not to do...have always been like that. So, the decision was made that I would give going across that pasture a try. I certainly didn't want to get stuck but neither did I want to get thrown from the tractor. Off I go in fifth gear. The hogs have really torn that pasture up so I had to watch for the holes they have made and it was raining so visibility was not great. The Colonel hadn't exaggerated when he said it would be rough and dangerous. I was in the air more than I was on the seat from all the bumping of the rough field. Part of the time I took to the side of the road that goes through the pasture because the road has become rutted, but then the side was rough from the hogs rooting too.

It was a thrill however because I was able to do it and I liked the adventure of trying to conquer it. One thing I hadn't counted on going to the back I had a hay bale adding weight but coming back I didn't so...it was even rougher! Fun times at the Red Oak Ranch!

Private Applicator Training In Fairfield

Private Applicator Training will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019.

Registration: begins at 7:30 a.m., Training will begin at 8:00 a.m.; training will end at 12 noon.

Location is Fairfield Conference Center at the Fairgrounds, Fairfield TX.

Cost is \$50 per person, training materials will be provided.

Call the Freestone County Extension Office 903-389-3436 to Pre-Register by February 15, 2019.

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OBITUARIES



Glen Nichols

Glen Nichols, 84, of Fairfield, died Wednesday, January 23, 2019 in Temple. Glen was born November 21, 1934 in Westminster, Texas to parents Leo and Billie Trotter Nichols. He married his wife Carolyn on November 17, 1973 in Del Rio, Texas. Glen had been a resident of Fairfield for 35 years having moved from

Henderson, Texas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the V.F.W. He was retired from Big Brown. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Carolyn; four children, Laura Byron and husband Howard of Kilgore, TX; Larry Nichols of Fairfield; Sonny Earnest of Temple and Lisa Earnest of Temple. three grandchildren, Chance Ramsey, Cheyenne Fleming and Tara Earnest; two great-grandchildren Shalynn Ramsey and Aston Fleming; one sister, Ethelene Collins of Bells, TX.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

To view an online obituary, send a personalized sympathy card, or leave the family a personal tribute, please visit our website at www.cappschapel.com

Annual Rummage Sale at Pleasant Hills Children's Home

Pleasant Hills Children's Home is having their annual Rummage Sale this month!

Come shop for clothes, shoes, books, furniture, toys and more starting Thursday, January 31st from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Friday, February 1st from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.; and Saturday, February 2nd from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cash only.

Pleasant Hills Children's Home is located halfway between Fairfield and Palestine on Highway 84 East. GPS address is 170 Private Road 292, Oakwood, Texas 75855. For more information call 903-389-2641.

Golf Tournament in March Benefits Teague Student

A Benefit Golf Tournament will be held in honor of Peyton "Peanut" Williams of Teague.

Peyton is a 7-year-old second grader at Teague Elementary who was diagnosed with Lymphoblastic Leukemia and who will be receiving chemotherapy treatments for three years.

This special Four-Person Scramble will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Tri-County Golf Club.

Cost is \$50 per person. Hole Sponsorship is \$100.

All proceeds will go to the Williams family to help offset medical costs.

Follow Peyton's journey on a special Facebook page titled 'Prayers For Peyton.'

For more information, contact Jackie Dillon at 254-625-1830 or Ed Prasil at 903-388-4786.

NARFE Meeting February 12 in Corsicana

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Chapter 1191, will hold its monthly meeting at the Sirloin Stockade in Corsicana on Tuesday, 12 Feb 2019, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Sirloin Stockade is located at 2508 W.7th Ave. (TX Hwy 31) in Corsicana, Texas.

The guest speaker for the meeting will be Gary Price, who with his wife, Sue, own and operate the 77 Ranch near Blooming Grove in Western Navarro County. They have been active in many enterprises which promote the stewardship of natural resources and have won many local, state, and national awards for their work including the Grazing Management Award from the Society for Range Management, Lone Star Land Steward Award from the Texas Parks

and Wildlife Comm., the Leopold Award from the Sand County Foundation, Environmental Stewardship Award from the National Cattlemen Beef Assn. and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raiser's Assn. In addition to raising beef cattle, the work at 77 Ranch includes wildlife management, wetland and water development, restoring quail and wild turkey populations, and harvesting nuts from native pecan trees.

NARFE Chapter 1191 has members from Ellis, Navarro and surrounding counties. Members, guests, and all who are part of our federal active and retired family are invited.

For membership info, contact: in Corsicana 903-874-3092, in Ennis 214-949-6197, in Waxahachie 214-850-4783, in Red Oak 412-722-6307, and in Midlothian 972-268-5793.

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Chili Supper

Southern Oaks Volunteer Fire Department will have its annual Chili Supper, Cake Auction, & Silent Auction on Saturday, February 16, 2019 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Plates are \$7 per adult and \$3 for children under 12-years-old. All monies raised will go toward the operation of the fire department.

The event will be held at the Fire Department.

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Black History Month Program

"Fighting Through The Struggle With Love" is the theme for the Black History program at the Butler Community Center, Butler, Texas.

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bond. His questioning concluded that Parker does not have the financial means to cover the costs, no bond company is willing to take on the responsibility, and none of Parker's family members are able, or willing, to help.

Parker explained that her husband, who recently filed for a divorce, is the only family member willing to help her in any way.

She stated that the couple owns a home in Teague where they have lived for the past two years. Her husband, Harvey Parker, Jr. is now renting a home in Hubbard and that he would allow her to reside with him there if she is capable of making bond.

"You realize that if the bond is lowered you would most likely have to wear an ankle monitor, which you will have to pay for," said DA Evans. "Will you be able to afford that?"

Parker replied that she believes she would be able to take on that cost.

"You also realize that you will not be able to have contact with the victim in this case," he asked; to which she again replied that she understood.

"Where is your daughter located now," he inquired.

"She is living with her biological father," explained Parker.

After several minutes of deliberation, Judge Simmons made the decision to lower Parker's bond to \$50,000 with several conditions to include an ankle monitor, a 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. curfew, no internet, no passport, must stay within 75 miles of Fairfield at all times, must not relocate from residence in Hubbard, no contact with the victim, and twice per month reporting to the probation office.

Unless and until bond can be made, Parker will remain housed in Limestone County Jail.

Parker has yet to be indicted, but DA Evans expects the case to go before the Grand Jury in February.

In an exclusive interview with *The "Times,"* DA Evans stated that the FBI, State Department, and McLennan County Sheriff's Office are assisting Freestone County Sheriff's Office in this investigation.

He also confirmed that Moroccan authorities have been contacted and have requested information regarding the case through their embassy and the State Department.

This case should be tried in Freestone County courts unless unforeseen events occur, according to DA Evans.

Trafficking of a Child for Sexual Conduct is a first degree felony and carries a punishment of five to ninety-nine years or life in prison.

When asked if this case is part of a larger operation, DA Evans replied, "I cannot answer that question regarding Amber Parker until further investigation is conducted. However, it is part of a larger human trafficking problem that is plaguing the United States."

"There is a large movement from lawmakers, law enforcement personnel, and prosecutors to actively combat this issue," he continues. "This includes training to recognize situations and the resources for agencies to win the fight."

The "Times" will continue to follow this case and report as details become available.

Nicole Schaefer reporting

-City Lawsuit-
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looking at nothing else but those documents eight hours a day and did paperwork," illustrated Messer.

Messer maintained that due to the significance of this case, it is only fair to have more time to review the documents before proceeding.

He also noted that the engineer's study of the facilities was just conducted by Teague's engineering firm, TRC Engineers, Inc., the previous week, a process that has been delayed waiting on approval from prison administrators.

However, attorney Eric Storm representing the City of Fairfield disagreed.

"Just to read back to the volume of the documents, obviously that's a function of the breadth of their requests," said Storm.

He reminded the court that their previous hearing, Judge Simmons had admonished Teague's attorneys to limit their discovery to only the issues relating to the plea for jurisdiction.

As an example, he produced the most recent request received from Teague's attorneys since that hearing requesting any and all documents regarding Fairfield's prior City administrator, including but not limited to his personnel file.

Storm called Teague's recent requests for information "ridiculously broad" and not limited to the plea for jurisdiction.

He explained that Fairfield has produced all documents relating to TDCJ.

Storm contended that much of the information recently requested by Teague's attorneys had either already been provided by Fairfield earlier in the discovery process, or has nothing to do with the lawsuit itself.

"Our motion is purely on the law," Storm affirmed. "We're saying this is not the kind of contract for which sovereign immunity is waived."

Fairfield's attorneys' goal has been to prove that the city maintains sovereign immunity, meaning that the city is immune from civil prosecution.

He cited a recent Texas Supreme Court ruling stating that in order to determine whether sovereign immunity applies the court must look at the original nature of the contract.

The ruling states that the focus must be on whether the municipality was operating in a governmental or propriety function when they entered the contract, not at the time the alleged breach occurred.

"The law of sovereign immunity applies because this is an interlocal governmental agreement," he explained. "It's called, in fact, the Interlocal Definitive Agreement, and by statute an interlocal agreement is, by law, a contract to perform government functions and services."

He maintained that since

water and sewer systems are governmental functions, the nature of the interlocal agreement is not a proprietary one.

Storm also informed the court that according to the Texas Supreme Court, a trial court must determine at its earliest opportunity whether it has the authority to decide the case before allowing litigation to proceed.

He accused Teague's attorneys of using stall tactics and noted Messer's expressed intent to seek a Rule 172 audit, which Storm says will take the case out of court, depriving Fairfield of their opportunity for a jury trial, and putting the decision in the hands of an auditor.

"We filed our plea for jurisdiction October 16th. We've been waiting for four months. We're entitled to our day in court. We need to decide if this is the kind of case that can go forward or not," concluded Storm.

"We feel confident that they will be denied and we will move forward," responded Messer.

"We will seek an audit. We want another third party that's independent to come in and look at the books for the two cities."

"To be fair, it helps us give a report to the court. You can make that decision, you can look at it. We think that's a fair way to go about this."

Messer requested that the court allow adequate time to conduct discovery before proceeding with litigation.

Judge Simmons interjected, asking if there is any more discovery to be conducted.

Messer clarified that the additional time requested is to review all of the items collected during the discovery process.

"I want the most information I can get to make this decision," said Judge Simmons, reiterating the significance of this case and its potential to one day be appealed in a higher court.

"Let's put off this idea that somehow this case will be resolved in the next month, that's not going to happen," urged Simmons, "But I'd like as much information as possible to make what I would hope would be a correct ruling."

He asked Storm what objections Fairfield has to granting another continuance. Storm replied that Fairfield would be agreeable if discoveries would cease.

Judge Simmons ordered an end to discovery and depositions for both parties, directing Storm and Messer to hold off until the time of their hearing.

Furthermore, he requested that both parties submit their respective case law and additional information to him to review in the interim.

Judge Simmons reminded both parties to focus on the matter at hand - establishing the court's jurisdiction.

Simmons tentatively set the date of February 27th at 1:30 p.m. in his Freestone County Courtroom.

Megan Hempel reporting

-Teacher Awards-
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She has served as Drum Major for the Grand Band from Eagle Land and has qualified each year for the State Solo and Ensemble Contests, playing the tenor saxophone.

Anna Kay is Senior Editor for the *Eagle Beat* and has competed in journalism at both regional and state levels.

And, she has participated in the Drama program, taking on the lead role for the last two years.

"Thank you for being an exemplary example," said Cox.

"We do what we do because we love where we live," stated incoming Chamber Chair, Gail Farish. She recognized each of the Chamber's volunteer ambassadors before presenting the **Ambassador of the Year** award to Karen Leidy, describing this year's recipient as going above and beyond to "make sure the Chamber always shines so brightly."



Ambassadors for 2019 include Amy Freeman, Bettye Trask, Landis Bayless, Mary Small, Karen Leidy, Daniel Stauffer, Kris Simmons, Lea Anne Somerville, Rachel Glander, Tammy Moore, Julee Emmons, Ronnie Miller, Sid & WA Davis, Kim Bishop, Debbie Wilson, Keith Daniels, Elizabeth Waters, Rachel Middlebrook, Nichole and Josh Belile, Jason Pate, Russell Gilbreath, Randy Martin, Carol Moller, Nichole Fry and Lisa Nichols.

The **2019 Board of Directors** include Chair - Gail Farish, Vice-Chair - Josh Bayless, Treasurer - Gina Martin, Secretary - Brenda Finley, and Directors: Averie Grant, Libby Harris, and Eli Pratt.

Former Director, Patty Pratt, was thanked for her service.

Brenda Pate serves Fairfield Chamber of Commerce as Executive Director.

Administrative Assistant will be Ashley DeVillier, with Lisa Schick leaving for a full-time position at the end of January.

The Fairfield Chamber would like to thank the following for

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Cake Auction was conducted with the assistance of James Grant of Grant & Minchew Auction Services.

Special thanks to Jennifer and Sonny Daniel for donating Twisted Vines Event Center, to Jimmy Lee at L&M Trophies, and to Gail Farish with Creations for her fabulous expertise and assistance with décor. Balloon flowers were fashioned by Tommy Lynch.

Reporting by Karen Leidy, photography by Megan Hempel. Purchasing the "Secret Recipe Pound Cake" for the news staff to enjoy, valued this year at \$350, is Office Manager, Natalia Marsters.

Thanks to all for a wonderful awards banquet!



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Eagles Fall From Lead



The Fairfield Eagles split the games this week and fell into second place in District 19-4A. The Eagles dominated Rusk on the road 70-33 and lost to district leader Palestine 62-47 on Friday at the Johnson Activity Center.

The Eagles travelled to Rusk for the third game of district play against the winless Eagles. Jaise Oliver and Kobe Freeman teamed up for ten points and built a 17-9 lead in the first quarter. They ended the quarter on a 10-0 run.

Fairfield followed with extending the lead by 10 more when Oliver scored six and Daniels hit his first three of the season. Keshawn Crenshaw hit a pair in the quarter and the Eagles led 35-17 at the half.

Freeman scored the first two baskets of the half, the first coming on a dunk. Daquann McWilliams took over in the Eagle backcourt and score a pair of possession, one with a foul shot connected to it. Fairfield closed the quarter on a 13-0 run and a 53-23 lead after three quarters.

Cunningham and Freeman led four double digit scorers with 13 points. Oliver had ten and Crenshaw poured in a season high 11 with 16 rebounds and added four assists.

Fairfield returned to the Johnson Activity Center to

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FLYING BETWEEN TWO WILDCATS is Devin Cunningham (at left) who added to the Eagle scoreboard.



PLAYING STRONG DEFENSE against Elkhart is Teague's #24, Meeyah Davis. The Lady Lions demolished their opponents with a score of 83-10.

District Lead For Ladies



A pair of wins last week put the Fairfield Lady Eagles in control of first place in the District 19-4A standings. A road win over the Rusk Lady Eagles and a dominating win over the Palestine Lady Cats put the Lady Eagles at 6-0 with two games remaining.

Fairfield travelled to Rusk to battle the Rusk Lady Eagles on Tuesday and left with a 40-36 win. Jada Clark scored six in the first quarter and Josey Richardson added a three-pointer and took a 14-6 lead after one.

Breyanna Dowell scored six of her 12 points in the second quarter and had a 22-16 lead. Free throws told the rest of the story. Clark scored 17 points to lead all scorers in the win.

Fairfield returned home to face the Palestine Lady Cats in a pivotal district contest. They would tangle with perhaps the premier player in the district in senior Destanee Matthews. She had scored some high point totals and the hopes of the Lady Cats fell on her shoulders.

The Lady Eagles did a spectacular job of defending the scorer. They held Matthews scoreless through the first half on 12 shot attempts. The Lady Eagles hit nine of 14 in the first quarter and scored the first 18 points of the game. The Fairfield defense had seven steals and Belle Johnson hit a

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ANOTHER TWO POINTS for the Lady Eagles with this layup by Jaida Clark (at left). (Photos by Melissa Lee)



FLYING OVER ELKHART FOR THE SHOT is Teague Lion #2, Keshawn Rice. The Teague Boys Varsity team won the game with a score of 71-43. (Photos by Melissa Lee)

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ALL AGES CAME OUT FOR THIS YEAR'S Iigurubando Con in Fairfield this weekend. This young man (left) had much to say to a fellow Star Wars fan. The "Lady Power" Panel (above) featured musicians, artists and anime professionals. Proceeds from this event benefit Fairfield Band Boosters. (Photos by Megan Hempel)

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pair of three pointers. Ranina Hanzik hit a shot with 1:39 remaining in the first quarter and the Lady Eagles enjoyed a 21-2 lead.

Fairfield followed the first quarter with making five of seven from the field in the second and extended the lead to 32-9. Braden Bossier scored five in the quarter and Teyalla Simpson scored a basket. Lex Calhoun scored four for Palestine.

The Lady Eagles ran some clock in the third quarter and continued the masterful defensive job on Matthews. She scored her first basket of the game and scored eight in the quarter, but the game was a runaway and she was forced to keep shooting. Jarahle Daniels hit a three at the buzzer to extend the lead by another three to 44-18 heading into the final quarter.

Bossier had 14 points and 11 rebounds and Dowell added 12 points.

Scott Batts reporting.

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take on the Palestine Wildcats. At the beginning of the game, the teams were tied for first in the district race.

D'Michael Bellfield scored the first points of the game and Eric Carthen added a three pointer. Freeman scored the first four of the game for the Eagles to keep the game close in the early moments. Matt Wages built a five-point lead with a three pointer and Quentin Cook scored a layup in the final seconds for a 17-10 lead after one quarter.

Oliver scored and was fouled to complete the three-point play and had a put back to close the gap. He scored 12 of the 13 points in the quarter and were able to close the gap to 29-23, but the Eagles missed all 11 of their three-point attempts. Palestine hit four shots in a row, coupled with a Wages three-pointer.

Palestine scored on their first three possessions, Bellfield scored eight in the quarter after foul trouble in the first half. Wages and Enoch Fatade scored and forced a Fairfield timeout. They would hit four more in the quarter, while the Eagles only hit three of 16 from the field. Fairfield was outscored 17-6 in the frame and the Wildcat lead swelled to 46-27.

Fairfield missed their first 18 three pointers in the game before DJ Houston hit three in the fourth quarter. Bellfield scored nine to seal the game and the 62-47 win.

Oliver scored 18 in the game to lead the way. Wages scored 16 and Bellfield added 17 of his game high 22 in the second half for the Wildcat win.

Fairfield has an open date on Tuesday and will travel to Mexia to take on the Blackcats on Friday very important contest.

Scott Batts reporting.

Beginners Welcome: 42 Tournament Saturday

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BTW / JAB Scholarship Apps

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For more information, send an email to dnrnealy@gmail.com.

Pushwater Performs Feb. 16 Winter Dance Benefits Lemonade Day

Get your tickets for A Winter Dance, featuring Pushwater, on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 8:00 p.m. to midnight at Twisted Vines Event Center in Fairfield, Texas.

This event is a fundraiser for Lemonade Day, a National Entrepreneur Program for FUSD students.

Over forty intermediate students participated in the pilot program last year, learning all the ins and outs of "owning" their own business. Teacher and small business owner, Gina Martin, leads the program.

VIP Tables are still available for this event. Tables for eight are \$400 and include a beer tasting event from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sponsor Tables for eight are available for \$500, includes the beer tasting event, and gets your logo on the Lemonade Day backpacks for students.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for single ticket holders. Tickets are \$25 per person.

This event is hosted by Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 903-389-5792.

Teague FFA Host Varmint Hunt

Teague FFA is hosting its Sixth Annual Varmint Hunt on Friday and Saturday, February 1-2, 2019.

Entry Fees are \$200 for a 2-4 person team.

Payout is \$1,000 and four buckles for First Place and \$500 and four knives for Second Place.

Side Pots include Winner Takes All (100% payout), and \$25 each for Heaviest Coon, Heaviest Coyote, Heaviest Hog, and Heaviest Bobcat.

All counties are acceptable to hunt!

Eligible varmints for points (15 animal cap out on each species): Coons - \$10, Coyotes -

\$50, Hogs - \$5, Skunks - \$5, Bobcats - \$75, Fox - \$75, Opossum - \$10, Mountain Lion - \$250, Chupacabra - \$250.

A polygraph will be administered to the winning teams, performed by Bobby Rachel of Polygraph Services and Investigations, LLC.

Check-in is on Friday, February 1st from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Weigh-in will be Saturday, February 2nd from 7:00-8:00 p.m.; both at the Teague ISD AG building.

For questions or more information, call Chance Sullivan at 254-424-6901 or the Teague Ag Department at 254-739-1560.

Valentine's Day Raffle

Raffle tickets are available for purchase a La Quinta Inn & Suites in Fairfield, Texas.

Proceeds will benefit the family of seven-year-old Lexie Neptune, who has been fighting a brain tumor since the age of three.

First place winner will receive a free stay at La Quinta and a bottle of wine to celebrate with their Valentine sweetheart. Second place winner will receive a free stay at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Buffalo.

Additional prizes include facials, eyebrow waxes, gift cards, hog hunt show VIP tickets, Jimbo art, and coupons for Te'jun the Texas Cajun dinner.

Tickets are one (1) for \$5 or six (6) for \$20. Be sure to write your phone number each ticket you purchase.

The fundraiser is being organized by Thomas Rodgers of Fairfield, Texas.

Drawing will be held via Facebook Live on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to donate additional prizes, or for more information, contact Rodgers at 903-390-3785.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Hotel stay will be free, but require a card to check-in per hotel policy in case of damages.
2. Those under the age of 18 are not eligible to win a hotel stay; and those under 21 are not eligible to win a bottle of wine.
3. Hotel stays are booked for Valentine's day, but may be changed according to availability.
4. Additional raffle prizes for 3rd, 4th, etc. draws may be announced at a later date.

Wortham War On Hogs Hunt

The 7th Annual War on Hogs hunt will be held February 15-17, 2019, benefiting the Wortham Police Department Reserves War on Drugs.

This year there are two divisions:

--Dog Hunt (Knife Kills ONLY) - Maximum of six-man team. Entry fee is \$600.

--Conventional Hunting - Maximum of two-man team. Entry fee is \$200.

All divisions have \$50 side-pots for biggest

boar, biggest sow, and longest cutters.

First, Second, and Third Place teams will receive buckles. A bonus will be offered to the team with the most hogs weighted.

There will also be many door prizes!

Hunting begins at 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 15th.

For more information, or to register, contact the Wortham Police Department, located at 104 W. Concho Street, at 254-765-3319.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Weekly Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, save up your energy because you might need it for a difficult project on the horizon. This could mean you have to keep socializing to a minimum.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you have been on a stable path, and this is a good thing. Wasting time floundering will get you nowhere fast. Keep up the good work and momentum.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

A rough patch or string of bad luck will soon pass, Gemini. Focus on the positives in your life and give them all of your energy for the time being. Gray skies will clear up.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, a great opportunity is coming your way and you are eager to dive right in. Write down the pluses and minuses of this endeavor before getting too deep.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, ensure that your voice is heard on a particular matter; otherwise, you may regret not speaking up. Wait until others are quiet to get your point across.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if you've been looking for a new career, you may be pleasantly surprised with the news coming your way. Opportunity knocks, but you must be paying attention.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Extra spending on essentials may have you reevaluating your budget this week, Libra. You might need to cut corners to make everything work, or find new income.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, it seems the bumpy stretch in your life has been long, but you're finally able to see that pot of gold at the end of the

rainbow. Keep your head high.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

A relationship may be blossoming and you won't be sure which direction it will go for a little longer. If you trust your instincts on this and be yourself, things will work out.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you will prove your mettle and show everyone just how tough you can be with a surprising announcement this week. Be prepared for some applause.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, even though many things are changing in your life right now, you'll probably find that you welcome change whole-heartedly. It's time to shake things up.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Moving in a new direction can mean many things to you, Pisces. A change of address, a vacation, a new career, or even a new style fit the bill.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- JANUARY 27**
Patton Oswalt, Actor (50)
- JANUARY 28**
Sarah McLachlan, Singer (51)
- JANUARY 29**
Justin Hartley, Actor (42)
- JANUARY 30**
Brooke Hyland, Dancer (21)
- JANUARY 31**
Justin Timberlake, Singer (38)
- FEBRUARY 1**
Ronda Rousey, MMA fighter (32)
- FEBRUARY 2**
Gerard Pique, Athlete (32)

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

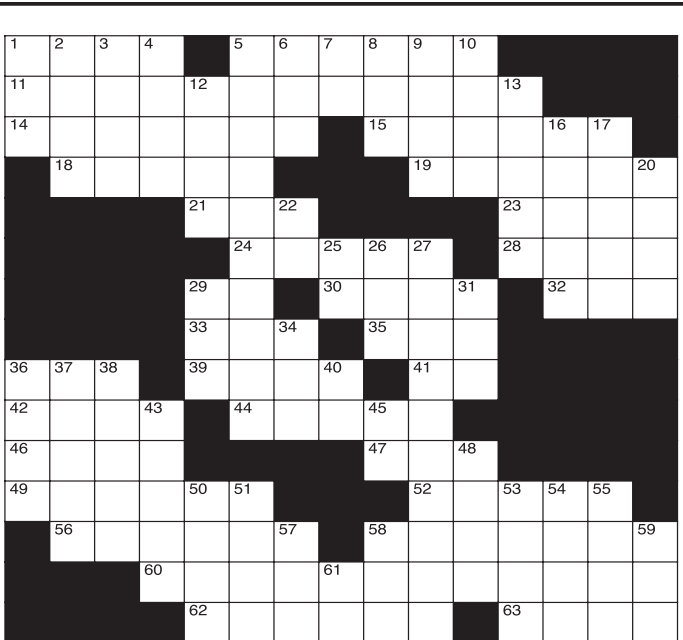
Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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3	5	6	4	1	7	8	2	9
3	5	6	4	1	7	8	2	9

ANSWER:



CLUES ACROSS

1. Sheep sounds
5. Turn up
11. Statements of support
14. Spells
15. Evil doer
18. One-time baseball stadium staple
19. Activities
21. WWII-era US President
23. Soft, flexible leather
24. Proverb
28. Wish (Hindu)
29. Injury treatment
30. Red Sox ace
32. "Deadliest Catch" captain
33. Baseball stat
35. Where marine life lives
36. Heartbeat test
39. Signs on the dotted line
41. Atomic #24
42. Bind securely
44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
46. Fragrant brown balsam
47. Where you were born
49. Sells a ticket for more than its price
52. Where goods are presented
56. Jewish salutation
58. Fruits
60. Poorly educated
62. Microorganism
63. Depicted

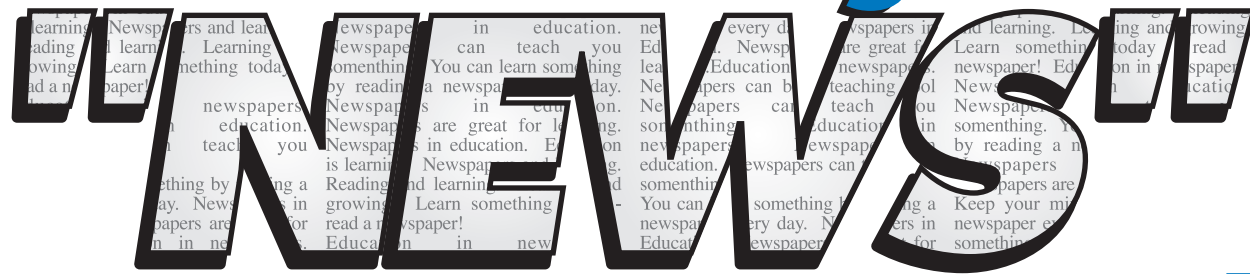
CLUES DOWN

1. Ballplayer's tool
2. Hairdo
3. From a distance
4. Belt one out
5. Revising a text
6. More (Spanish)
7. Beloved Spielberg alien
8. BBQ dish
9. Provoke
10. Within
12. Canadian flyers
13. Smugly smile
16. Buffalo
17. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
20. Grab
22. Rural delivery
25. Equally
26. It's sometimes passed
27. Citizens who are qualified to vote
29. Greek letter
31. Body part
34. Boxing result
36. Newts
37. Predatory semiaquatic reptiles
38. Cockatoo
40. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
43. Leguminous east Indian tree
45. News reporting organization
48. A nemesis of Batman
50. Legal term
51. Not all
53. A way to greet
54. Knot in a tree
55. Satisfy
57. Russian space station
58. A baby's mealtime accessory
59. Stitch together
61. ___ and behold

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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ENGLISH: Body

SPANISH: Cuerpo


ITALIAN: Corpo

FRENCH: Corps

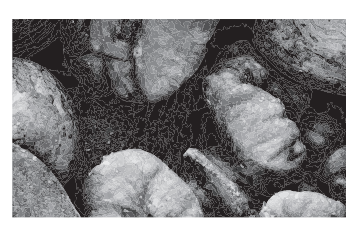
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ANSWER: NUTS

ITALIAN MENU WORD SEARCH

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- ARRABBIATA
- BRACIOLE
- BRANZINO
- BRUSCHETTA
- CACCIATORE
- CALAMARI
- CALZONE
- CANNELLONI
- CAPONATA
- CARBONARA
- FARFALLE
- GNOCCHI
- LINGUINE
- MARINARA
- MINISTRONE
- MOZZARELLA
- ORZO
- PANCETTA
- PANE
- PASTA
- PESCE
- PESTO
- PIZZAIOLA
- PROSCIUTTO
- RAGU
- RAVIOLI
- RISOTTO
- SALAMI
- SARDE
- SCAMPI
- TORTELLONI
- VITELLO
- ZITI
- ZUPPE

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

VIEWPOINTS



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Teague's Pavilion Committee Reviews Engineers' Report, Prepares to Make Official Recommendations

Assignments Announced for Texas Legislators

Committee assignments were announced recently for the 86th Texas Legislature.

Representing local voters, Representative Cody Harris (Dist. 8) is serving his first year in the Texas House. He represents Anderson, Freestone, Hill and Navarro Counties.

Harris will serve on three committees: natural resources, energy resources, and local & consent calendars.

"I'm fortunate that all three committees will allow me to represent House District 8 in significant ways, and I am enthusiastic to see what is in store for the next few months," says Rep. Harris.

Senator Charles Schwertner (Dist. 5) is beginning his third term in the Texas Senate. His constituents encompass a ten-county area that includes Brazos, Freestone, Grimes, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Robertson, Walker and Williamson Counties.

Schwertner has been appointed as vice-chairman of the intergovernmental relations committee and will also serve on transportation, agriculture, business and commerce, veterans affairs, and border security.

Bring Your Ideas Our Town Meeting Friday

The first meeting of the Our Town committee will be this Friday, February 1, 2019 beginning at 12:00 noon in the meeting room at the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

Members will be using the results of a community survey to work on ways of promoting our small town to bring visitors – and money – to the area. The planning of future activities and festivals will also be discussed.

Those interested in joining Our Town committee may call Brenda Pate at 903-389-5792, send a text to Karen Leidy at 903-388-3792, or an email to ourtownfft@gmail.com

"The existing structure has outlived its useful life and needs to be removed," read the official report compiled by Structural Design Consulting, and the City's engineering firm TRC Engineers, Inc. following their inspection of the pavilion on January 4, 2019 as directed by the city's Park Pavilion Committee.

The long-awaited structural recommendation report evaluating the structural integrity and ultimately determining the fate of the one hundred year old 8th Avenue Park Pavilion in Teague was reviewed by the committee Monday, January 28th.

Due to numerous structural deficiencies, the facility is deemed unsafe in its current condition. Engineers recommend that the pavilion remains closed to the public and removed in its entirety.

"Any attempt to properly repair or renovate the structure would require the pavilion to be taken down completely to its foundation and rebuilt."

Engineers submitted their executive summary, noting that the structure does not conform to the 2015 International Building Code or the National Specification for Wood Construction and



Under designed rafters with some consisting of 2x4 boards nailed together. Roof ridge bracing not lined up with support columns.

listing such deficiencies as rotted column bases, poorly designed structural framing, truss support that has separated and very near catastrophic failure, rafters support beams near failure, under-sized roof rafters and beams, and more.

The Committee voted to accept the engineers' report, agreeing unanimously to present their official recommendation for demolition of the Pavilion structure at the next meeting

of the City Council for consideration and action by the board of Aldermen.

In the meantime, the Committee will solicit all-inclusive bids for demolition from at least three contractors based on the scope of work to be determined by Public Works Director Jacob Cowling and Alderman Jerry Ballew, agreeing to meet again for more discussion when the bids are received.

Furthermore, the Committee took steps to work toward preserving the history of the Pavilion through detailed photographs and a commemorative plaque; making salvageable materials available to the public if possible; and scheduling workshops and other means of gathering the public's input for new facilities at the 8th Avenue Park.

The Committee will continue to work with the City Council throughout this process to represent the public's interest in this very significant project.

Some discussion of the project may be held at the City's Budget Town Hall meetings on February 4th at 10 a.m. and February 5th at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. Teague City Council will meet Tuesday, February 19th at 6 p.m. at City Hall

The Times will continue to follow the project as it progresses. Megan Hempel reporting



Rotted wood at base of support column.



Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect the views of the Freestone County Times

Dear Editor,

City Council members are elected to help carry the burden of local government for their fellow citizens. Adding millions of dollars to an almost paid debt seems an odd way to help carry a burden. Adding onto an existing bond, consolidating, or even a totally new bond issue may be legal, but doesn't seem very ethical without input from our citizens. If we, the community, have no say in the matter, some of us reading this letter will be dead and gone by the time the full debt is paid, and we will have shouldered our children with the load, and our streets will still be full of potholes by then. The citizens should vote on increasing our bonds unless it is an emergency. This is not.

I suggest we have a reputable firm not connected with the city do a structural study of our present building, and let's see just what we have, and

if it can be fixed. We need a landscape firm to show us how to divert the runoff water from City Hall; perhaps using retaining walls and French drains. The point is – instead of crying "the sky is falling," and running off to pour millions of dollars into another old building; why not explore other options and costs first? I want to know what we have, and what repair or upgrade possibilities there are before we haul off and perhaps go into unnecessary debt. Don't you?

With the economic downturn in our area, we need to take a much more conservative approach to resolving this issue by focusing on needs, not wants.

Jo Olive Watson Zickhur
Fairfield, Texas

Editor's Note: Turn to page 1-D for news coverage of the proposed bond by Fairfield City Council.

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Choosing Wedding Color Palettes

Some brides may feel beholden to the color white on their wedding days, at least in regard to their gowns. Those who do often embrace the opportunity to showcase their personal styles and set the mood for their nuptials by embracing various colors throughout their ceremonies and receptions.

According to the bridal guide *A Practical Wedding*, wedding colors can give couples a starting-off point for all of the other details of their weddings. This ensures the wedding ultimately has a cohesive look. Colors need not necessarily match, but borrowing on similar hues can make it easier to plan wedding party wardrobes, flowers, table linens, and much more.

Colors can come from anywhere, but many couples try to coordinate their color schemes with the season in which the wedding takes place. In fact, couples who are finding it difficult to decide on a palette can look to seasonal colors for inspiration. For example, pastels and blooming flowers can set the scene for spring weddings, while jewel tones and rich reds and greens may be fitting for winter ceremonies.

Some couples opt for more loosely defined color palettes, such as neutral and natural colors. Country and garden weddings can borrow ideas from the landscape, with natural linens paired with wildflowers. Using whites, grays and beiges enables couples to add a pop of color without overwhelming the setting.

Brides magazine suggests that couples avoid choosing too many colors. A maximum of three with one metallic can ensure that things look cohesive without being over-the-top. Also, brides and grooms needn't feel pressured by the 'hot' colors of the moment. As with clothing and hairstyles, trends change. It is better to select colors that will stand the test of time and look good for years to come.

Couples may have to incorporate colors already at their wedding venues into their style. Fortunately many reception sites are outfitted in neutral tones to enable customization.

The wedding resource *The Knot* also says having a basic knowledge of the color wheel can help. Typically, colors that pair well together are those that are opposites on the color wheel. Also, colors that share proximity on the color wheel will have similar tones and play well together. Examples of opposite colors include purples and yellows, reds and greens, and oranges and blues.

Couples should not be afraid to take some chances with their color palettes, especially if they want to make a bold and modern statement.

Engagement Ring Guide

What To Know When Shopping for Your Ring

Wedding planning often begins moments after couples get engaged. Once a ring is presented, a new chapter in a relationship is born.

While couples remember the sentiments and the style of their engagements forever, the engagement ring serves as the lasting symbol of that momentous occasion. Choosing the right engagement ring is complicated. Such a decision involves knowing what a future spouse desires in a ring and balancing those desires with budget.

Shopping for an engagement ring can be both nerve-racking and exciting. But there are ways to make the process go as smoothly as possible.

--Listen carefully anytime jewelry is discussed. Getting an idea of which style of jewelry the love of your life

prefers requires keeping your eyes and ears open anytime jewelry is mentioned. Subtle hints may be dropped and pages to magazines may be folded back to provide a nudge in the right direction. It's also perfectly fine to ask for your future spouse's input, particularly if you've already spoken about marriage and know that an engagement is on the horizon.

--Have a good idea on the shape of the stone. All gemstones need to be cut in particular ways so that they reflect light and sparkle. Stones are also cut in specific shapes that provide the overall form of the stone. These include round, princess, emerald, oval, marquise, and pear, among others. Many people have distinct preferences when it comes to the shape of the ring. Keep in mind that some shapes are

more common than others and some may be more expensive as well. According to Long's Fine Jewelers, round cut diamonds are the most popular today and also some of the most expensive. Marquise and oval also tend to be pricey. Princess and emerald cut diamonds may be more affordable, offers Genesis Diamonds.

--Know all the specs. Buying an engagement ring means being armed with a lot of knowledge. In addition to shape, there are the four Cs to consider. These refer to the stone's cut, carat, clarity, and color, and will determine the financial value of the gemstone. Take some time to learn about each of the four Cs so you can make a more informed decision when visiting the jeweler.

--Shop around. Not all jewelers are the same, and you

want to find one with whom you feel comfortable and believe you will get the best value for your money. Believe it or not, you can purchase the ring in two parts - opting to shop for a setting from one place and a stone from another. Jewelers will often do whatever is necessary to make their customers happy, so don't be afraid to ask for customization.

Engagement ring buyers may also want to consider gemstones other than diamonds. Buyers also must know their beloved's ring size before buying the ring. Brilliant Earth jewelry says 6 to 6.5 are the most common ring sizes.

When shoppers are prepared, the engagement ring-buying process is that much easier.

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Weddings are memorable for a host of reasons. While couples remember their weddings because they mark the day they officially tied the knot, guests may remember weddings for other reasons, including the food served at the reception.

--Don't zero in on specialties. While couples might be tempted by specialty dishes when choosing their wedding menus, couples who are hosting dozens, if not hundreds, of guests should keep things simple.

--Consider potential allergies. In regard to entrees, make sure guests with food allergies can

choose something that won't make them sick.

--Don't hesitate to offer a favorite food. While specialty entrees might not be a great choice, especially at large receptions where lots of mouths must be fed, a couple who has a favorite food that's symbolic of their relationship should not hesitate to offer it during the cocktail hour. For example, a couple who met in Thailand may want to offer a favorite Thai dish.

--Offer an elaborate dessert. The last bite guests will take is dessert, so couples who want their guests to go home raving about the food may

want to offer something special after the entrees have been taken away. Some guests may not indulge, but those who do might end their nights thinking about the delicious dessert they enjoyed as the festivities drew to a close. If the dessert is especially unique, offer something more traditional alongside it for more hesitant guests.

Choosing a wedding menu should be fun. Menus should reflect not only couples' tastes but also include some popular foods so no one goes home hungry.

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How To Create Your Wedding Day Schedule

Wedding days can be hectic. In fact, many couples note after tying the knot that their wedding days were so busy that the ceremonies and receptions were over before they knew it.

Creating a wedding day schedule can seem like a daunting task. Couples tend to have lots of things to do before saying 'I do' and organizing everything so ceremonies begin on time can seem as puzzling as a brain teaser. But certain scheduling strategies can help couples ensure they look their best and make it to the altar on time.

--Start with the ceremony. Couples can establish a framework for their wedding day schedule by working back from the ceremony. Once the ceremony time is set, couples who plan

to take photos before their ceremonies can then work with their photographers to determine how much time they will need for photos and where they want to take the photos. Bridal parties may need transportation to the photo session, so determining when and where to take photos before the ceremony gives couples an idea of when to arrange for pickup.

--Confirm when the wedding venue is open to the wedding party. Before booking hair and makeup appointments, couples should confirm when they will be able to access their wedding venue. Brides may want to get their hair and makeup done at the ceremony sight, but that may only be possible if the venue opens early for the wedding party. If it does not, then brides must account

for transportation time to the ceremony sight when making their wedding day schedules.

--Determine how much time is needed for hair and makeup. Weddings that feature large bridal parties will require more time for hair and makeup than ceremonies with small bridal parties. Grooms and groomsmen often take care of their own hair, though some grooms might want to schedule hot shaves for themselves and their groomsmen. Grooms should ask groomsmen if they want a hot shave and then work with their barbers to determine how much time it will take to tend to all participants. Brides with large bridal parties may need to book more than two hair and makeup artists so everyone can get done on

time. Wedding hair and makeup sessions can last several hours for large bridal parties, so brides should schedule their sessions early if their parties are big.

--Make lunch arrangements. Some couples choose to tie the knot and host their receptions at the same venue. In such instances, if brides are getting their hair and makeup done at the venue, ask the venue representative if lunch can be provided to the bridal party. Some venues may include small lunch buffets in their reception costs, while others might charge extra. Confirm the availability and costs, and if it's unavailable or too expensive, then arrange for lunch to be delivered. Either way, couples should not skip lunch, as it may be their only chance to eat until after the ceremony.

--Distribute your schedule to one another and the bridal party. Once the wedding day schedule has been devised, couples should share it with each other and their wedding parties. Grooms' wedding day to-do lists might not be as extensive as brides', but grooms should still be kept in the loop regarding the schedule so they can help if anyone has questions or if something goes awry. Sharing the schedule with the wedding party decreases the chances of someone being late or missing an appointment. Couples can solve the riddle of scheduling their wedding days by working backwards and asking their vendors to cooperate in laying out the day's events.

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Overcome Wedding Weather Obstacles

Summer approaches with the promise of warm temperatures. Weather is one reason why summer is such a popular season to tie the knot. But just because sunny skies and rising mercury are par for the course, that does not mean Mother Nature won't invite herself to the festivities and attempt to upstage happy couples in the process.

Some feel it's good luck for couples to get rain on their wedding days, but many couples would trade in a little of that luck for clear skies. However, weather can be fickle, and couples who build contingency plans into their wedding festivities are much more likely to overcome inclement weather than couples without such plans.

--Have solutions for sun and heat. Couples don't want their wedding guests or bridal party members passing out due to heat exhaustion. Make sure to offer shade if the ceremony or reception is outside. Stock the area with cold bottles of water or a chilled lemonade stand. Have fans and umbrellas available just in case guests need a way to protect themselves from the sun.

--Strong storms. Over the course of hot and humid days, storm clouds can develop and roll in. Afternoon thunderstorms are quite common on summer days. Accommodate for sudden downpours by hosting early luncheon receptions or ensure there is a plan B that includes a covered area.

Couples can stash spare shoes or even rain slickers in a car to keep their wedding attire protected against rain as they dash between venues or take photos.

--Embrace the rain. Vivid skies with lightning or overcast days can make for unique and striking wedding photography. Couples needn't look at the downside of rain, but rather they should see the opportunities for one-of-a-kind memories.

--Keep a generator on standby. Storms may knock out power. Some reception halls or banquet facilities may have their own backup power, but be sure to address how power outages are handled. If need be, bring in a portable generator to keep the reception room cooled by fans.

--Plan for wind. Coastal outdoor weddings present beautiful backdrops for weddings. But being near the shore may mean accepting windy conditions. Tie down tents and use weights to keep wedding programs or other papers from catching a current. The bride and her wedding party should opt for free-flowing tresses so they needn't worry about intricate updos coming undone.

--Maintain a sense of humor. It's impossible to predict wedding day weather, but staying calm, going with the flow and laughing at things they can't control can help couples make memories that last a lifetime.

Shopping For Your Wedding Gown

Because fashion preferences were once ornate and dependent on precise fits, ready-to-wear clothing really did not become widely available until the early 20th century. Such attire is now available in just about any retail store. Because ready-to-wear clothing is so readily available, the average person may be unfamiliar with custom-made or tailored items. In fact, a couples' wedding may be the only instance in their lives when they require the services of a seamstress or tailor.

Fittings are a part of wedding planning, and here's how brides-to-be can navigate the process of finding and being fitted for a dress.

--Try on sample gowns. The first step is to make your rounds to various gown shops and try on the samples they have available. Most sample sizes will not be the size you wear every day, so expect them to be ill-fitting. Do not be discouraged. Once a gown is chosen, the dress shop will take your measurements and order the gown according to the manufacturer's sizing guide. Again, this can be shocking, since the size will likely be larger than what you wear in street clothes. Some shops will also order a little larger to allow for adequate tailoring.

--Schedule the first fitting. The first fitting should be anywhere from eight to 12 weeks before the wedding date, according to experts at WeddingWire, an online wedding information provider. This is the time it takes to complete most standard alterations. Complex customizations can take even longer. Brides should also budget a minimum of \$500 for alterations, which may or may not be included in the price of the dress.

--Bring shoes and undergarments. Remember to bring along the exact shoes and undergarments you will wear with your gown. A change in shoes or bra/corset can result in the alterations fitting poorly the next time. Bring these items along to all subsequent fittings.

--Speak up. Martha Stewart Weddings suggests speaking up at fittings if anything is uncomfortable or needs tweaking. Seamstresses are masters at their crafts, but only if they understand the desires of the bride.

--Check the details. The second fitting is designed to check that all issues from the first fitting have been addressed, the gown is comfortable and you can move freely. At the last fitting, ask the maid of honor to come along so that she understands how to bustle or help you handle complicated straps or closures.

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The Pros & Cons of Friday Weddings

Couples give a great deal of thought to the day they choose to get married. Many engaged couples are more attached to a particular season than a specific day, but some couples will consider any time of year to say 'I do.'

Weather factors heavily into many couples' decisions regarding when to get married. According to The Knot 2015 Real Weddings Study, 39 percent of the nearly 18,000 U.S. brides and grooms surveyed chose to get married in the months of September, October or November, three months of the year when the weather tends to be both predictable and pleasant.

But more and more couples are paying more mind to which day of the week to get married as well. While Saturday is widely considered the most traditional day to tie the knot, couples may want to consider walking down the aisle on Friday. Friday weddings can be just as enjoyable as Saturday weddings, but there are some pros and cons to choosing Friday over Saturday.

Pros: Perhaps the biggest advantage to getting married on a Friday is the cost. Wedding venues tend to be most expensive on Saturday because that's when the majority of couples prefer to get married. While each venue is different, couples willing to get married on a Friday might find it far less expensive than getting married on a Saturday.

Another advantage to getting married on a Friday is the opportunity to spend more time with guests. Couples who get married on a Saturday tend to be busy most of Friday and Saturday, and that leaves little time to spend with their guests, many of whom will return home first

thing on Sunday morning. But by getting married on a Friday, couples then have Saturday to spend with their guests, and they can even plan a laid back get-together like a backyard barbecue or Saturday brunch with guests who will likely stay in town through the weekend.

Cons: Likely because they are so extraordinary, Friday weddings may be less popular with guests. Bridal party members may be obligated to take two days off from work in order to make it to the rehearsal dinner on Thursday night, and that might not sit well with friends and family who do not have much vacation or personal time. Even guests who are not in the bridal party may need to take a day off from work that they otherwise can avoid taking if the wedding was scheduled for Saturday or even Sunday.

Couples also should know that Friday weddings tend to begin later at night, as it's customary to start the ceremony in the evening so guests who have to work can still arrive on time. Couples inviting several elderly guests or children may find that these people miss the ceremony and/or reception because of the later start time.

Brides-and-grooms-to-bemay find their options with regard to venues and entertainment are more limited when they choose to get married on a Friday instead of a Saturday. Some venues may only host weddings on Saturdays, while entertainers like deejays or bands who work day jobs during the week may not be available on Friday nights.

Couples considering tying the knot on a Friday should consider a host of factors before making their final decision.

Including Pets in Your Special Day

Pets are full-fledged members of many families and even, apparently, families-to-be.

In its 2016 American Wedding Study, Brides magazine found that 8 percent of wedding ceremonies included pets. While the couples of yesteryear might have left Fido at home, many of today's couples want their four-legged friends to be there on their big day. Though no studies to date have examined which animals are most likely to make an appearance at couples' nuptials, it's fair to assume that dogs, which tend to get out of the house more than most other types of pets, are the most common furry bridesmaids, groomsmen or ring bearers.

Before including dogs in their wedding plans, couples may want to consider a few factors to ensure asking Fido to be there come the big day is what's best for couples, their guests and, of course, their beloved pooches.

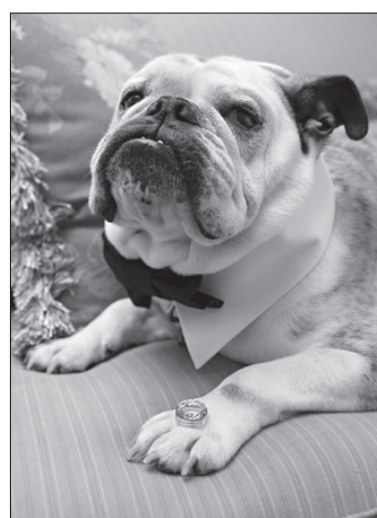
Eligibility: Some venues do not allow pets that are not documented assistance animals on the premises. Confirm a venue's pet policy before purchasing any wedding day attire for your dog. Couples who are intent on including their pets in their wedding ceremonies should only consider pet-friendly facilities, which may be hard to find. Couples who plan to take a limousine to and from their wedding also should confirm that the cars allow pets before booking.

Personality: No two dogs are the same. Some dogs might love people and attention, while others might prefer one-on-one time with their owners. Dogs that are sociable and unaggressive may make perfect additions to wedding ceremonies, while animals that exhibit anxiety around strangers or seem uncomfortable in noisy settings should be kept out of the ceremony.

Health: Dog owners also must consider their pets' health when deciding whether or not to include them in the wedding ceremony. Couples who bonded over a love of their dog may really hope to include their furry friend in the festivities, but should not do so at the expense of the animal's health. Outdoor wedding ceremonies under sunny skies may produce potentially unhealthy conditions for certain breeds or older dogs. Dogs that have difficulty getting around may need a red wagon (and attendant) to make the rounds at the wedding.

Assistance: Couples will be busy on their wedding days, so they may need to arrange for a caretaker to look after their dog during and after the ceremony. Asking a guest or guests to play this role may be asking too much, as guests will no doubt want to celebrate without having to take care of a dog. A professional pet sitter might work, but that can be costly, as couples must pay for the sitter and will likely need to pay for the sitter to have a seat and a meal during the reception.

Dogs can make great additions to weddings, but couples must consider a host of factors before deciding to have Fido join them as they tie the knot.



Choosing Your Venue

Once couples become engaged and share the good news with their friends and families, the next step is to begin planning their weddings. While couples must make a myriad of decisions during the wedding planning process, perhaps none is more significant than where to tie the knot.

According to The Knot 2016 Real Weddings Study, the average cost of a wedding for couples who married in 2016 was \$35,329. That's a sizable amount, and a big portion of that was spent on the wedding venue. The Real Weddings Study found that couples spent an average of \$16,107 on their wedding venues in 2016. That figure easily dwarfs the next biggest expense (\$6,163 for the engagement ring) for couples tying the knot.

Because the wedding venue comes with such a potentially high sticker price, couples should give ample consideration to a host of factors before choosing where to get married.

Size: Until they can agree on a guest list, couples might want to delay even looking for venues. However, some couples might want to first look at some venues so they can determine just how many guests they can afford to invite. Whether they're hosting small affairs or large parties, couples should choose venues that can comfortably accommodate all of their guests. If possible, look for venues with multiple reception areas, which might allow for some wiggle room if the guest list grows or dwindles during the planning process.

Availability: Some couples might have an ideal time of year they hope to get married. Some even know the exact date they hope to get married.

While that can help with the planning, it can also limit couples with regard to their venue options. Some venues may be booked for as much as a year or more in advance during peak wedding season. The Real Weddings Study found that the most popular months to get married in 2016 were October and September. Couples who hope to follow in the footsteps of many 2016 brides and grooms may need to book their wedding venues well in advance. Those who can be more flexible regarding their wedding dates may find it easier to book their dream venues.

Insurance: Ask about the venue's insurance policies, including the policies the venue has to protect itself. In addition, ask if the venue requires couples to have their own wedding liability insurance for protection in the event of injury, property damage or incidents related to alcohol. Couples may also want to make the investment in cancellation/postponement insurance, and some venues may even require it.

Financials: It's easy for couples to be focused on the bottom line when choosing wedding venues, but it's also important that they get a complete grasp of the financials before choosing a wedding venue. Ask about the amount of the initial deposit and if that deposit is refundable. In addition, ask when the deposit is due and when each subsequent payment is due until the balance is paid in full. This can make budgeting easier and planning less stressful.

Couples should have fun choosing their wedding venues while recognizing that certain factors must be given ample consideration before signing any contracts.

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How To Host A Casual Wedding

Weddings tend to be formal affairs, but there are no laws prohibiting happy couples from hosting more casual affairs. In fact, many couples confronted with the rising costs of tying the knot are doing just that.

According to The Knot 2016 Real Weddings Study, the average cost of a wedding in 2016 exceeded \$35,000, and that price tag does not even include couples' honeymoons. Some couples may not have the means to finance such lavish affairs, while others may want to save for larger expenses, such as a house, while still being able to celebrate their nuptials with family and friends. Casual weddings can provide that opportunity. However, while casual weddings are less formal, couples will still need to keep some things in mind to make their ceremonies and receptions both fun and memorable.

--Let guests know the wedding will be casual. Perhaps the most important thing couples can do when hosting a casual wedding is inform their guests that the ceremony and reception will not be formal affairs. Be as specific as possible regarding the dress code so guests don't feel embarrassed if they overdress.

--Don't abandon tradition entirely. Couples hosting casual weddings may not feel beholden to all the traditions associated with more formal affairs, but that does not mean tradition should be



abandoned entirely. For example, fathers-of-the-bride may still hope to share a spotlight dance with their daughters, while siblings or friends may still hope to serve as bridesmaids or groomsmen. Just because a wedding is less formal does not mean it has to be completely void of tradition, especially those traditions that can let couples' closest loved ones know how much they are loved and appreciated.

--Create your own traditions. Embracing some tradition does not mean couples cannot simultaneously create their own wedding traditions. Guests at casual weddings will likely be expecting something different than they're used to, so couples should not hesitate to provide that. Couples should strive to keep things tasteful but not shy away from unique ideas that fit into the casual theme.

--Plan to feed guests. While couples having casual weddings may choose to have

their receptions somewhere other than banquet halls, they should still plan to feed their guests. Some guests may be traveling and staying in hotels to attend the wedding, and it's a nice gesture to show appreciation for their efforts by providing them with a meal. A meal also offers a great chance for guests to mingle with the married couple and fellow guests. Something simple like a backyard barbecue or a catered meal at home fits nicely with a casual setting.

--Don't overlook logistics. Small details, like transportation, parking and lodging will still need to be arranged. If hosting guests at home after the ceremony, make sure guests will have ample places to park their vehicles. In addition, make the same efforts regarding lodging for guests that you would if planning a formal wedding, as out-of-town guests will still need a place to sleep.

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Honeymoons are big business. According to a recent Conde Nast Bridal Infobank survey, the average couple spends more than \$5,000 on their honeymoon, indicating just how much meaning couples assign to their first official trip as newlyweds.

If the average spending on honeymoons seems high, it's important for couples working on budgets to realize that there are plenty of ways to plan memorable getaways without breaking the bank. Couples can keep the following strategies in mind as they plan their honeymoons.

--Plan and book early. In its 2016 Real Weddings Study, online wedding resource The Knot found that the average engagement length was 15 months. That gives couples plenty of time to plan their weddings, but also a great chance to book their honeymoons well in advance of their wedding days. Fifteen months affords couples the chance to piece together the perfect honeymoon on their own or shop around for package deals.

--Delay the honeymoon. Couples without much wiggle room in their budgets or those who simply want to save money can delay their honeymoons, choosing to take their getaways months after they tie the knot. This provides couples with more traveling flexibility. And depending on when couples get married, delaying the honeymoon may push the

trip into the vacationing off-season, when more affordable deals can often be found.

--Don't shy away from your newlywed status. Resorts might not advertise it, but many offer special amenities to honeymooning newlyweds. Some may provide complementary spa services, while others might offer free room upgrades if they have any vacancies. Such amenities may be grand or small, but no matter their size, they can make honeymoons feel more special.

--Give ample consideration to all-inclusive honeymoon packages. Whether couples are working on tight budgets or planning their honeymoons without regard to cost, all-inclusive packages may be worth the extra money upfront. All-inclusive packages tend to include meals, some beverages and fun activities that couples would otherwise have to pay for a la carte. All-inclusive packages may also remove some of the work of planning the honeymoon because couples won't need to tirelessly research activities and find the most affordable local vendors. Couples can examine the nuts and bolts of all-inclusive packages to make sure they include activities and foods they're likely to enjoy.

Planning a honeymoon takes work, but much of that work is fun, and couples who do their due diligence can save substantial amounts of money.

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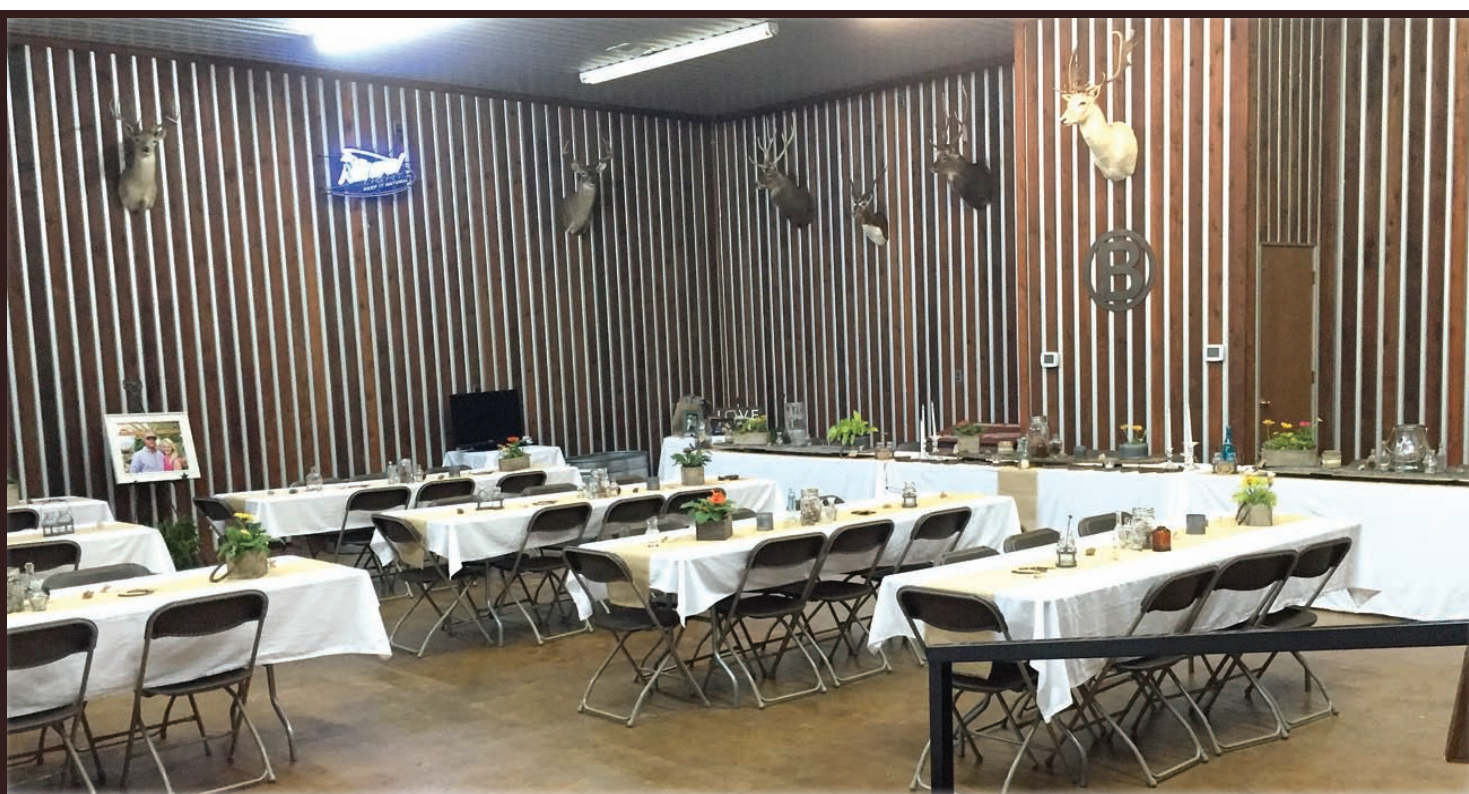
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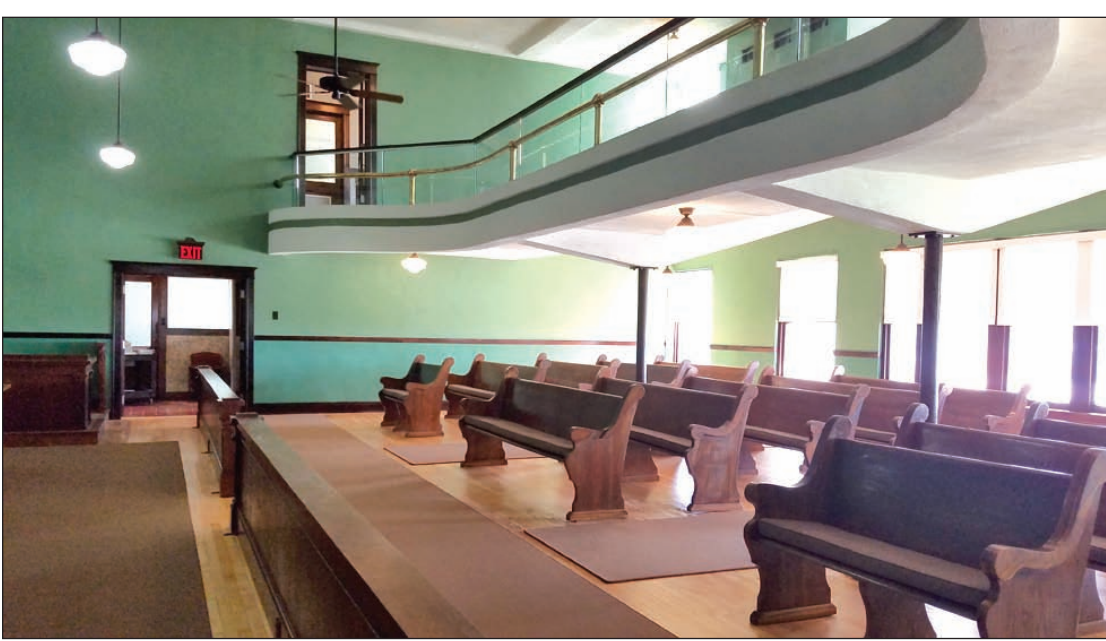
Community National Donates to FISD Education Foundation

DONATING \$500 TO THE FISD Education Foundation is Community National Bank of Fairfield on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. On hand for the donation were (left to right) Tammy Moore (CNB), Demar Hill (FISD), Chifawn Johnson (FISD), Teresa Duke (CNB), Pam Chavers (FISD), Shari Dickens (CNB), Muriel Morton (CNB), and Jason Hullum (CNB). (Photo by Nicole Schaefer)



District Courtroom Nearly Complete

FREESTONE COUNTY'S DISTRICT COURT ROOM will finally be opening up for use following an extensive remodeling project. Courthouse staff expect the courtroom to be fully operational in time for February court dockets. (Photos by Nicole Schaefer)



Fairfield Council Considers New Bond City Weighs Options While Citizens Voice Concerns

Many Fairfield citizens, business owners, former mayor Roy Hill, and a few former council members attended the City Council meeting on January 22, 2019; some to voice their opinions and concerns regarding the possibility of a new bond.

This bond would be used for several projects the City wishes to accomplish in the next few years, such as purchasing the Navarro College Campus as the new City Hall, street repairs, street lighting, new restroom at the fairgrounds, and a concession/bathroom for the soccer field.

An unsubstantiated rumor around town, and on social media, stating that the City would be looking to obtain a \$7.5 million bond, significantly higher than what is actually being considered, rightfully had many people concerned for the future of the City.

"With the plant/mine shut down and businesses closing, it's really bad timing to seek a bond for the City," says former mayor Hill. "It's a bad move to do this at this time. There may be more options available you have yet to look into. I request you put this off for now."

Resident Don Thornton equates the acquiring of a bond to burying the City in debt and smothering it to death. "I ask the Council to reconsider this," he says.

Business owner Barry Capps explains that he believes in the government to make decisions, but asks, "Is it morally and ethically right for citizens to be strapped with debt? It is my opinion that we should walk away from this bond. I cannot fathom this is a good deal for the City of Fairfield," says Mr. Capps.

James Bonner, Fairfield resident, asked Council to "Think about what you'll be doing. I would rather you build a brand new one [City Hall]. I'm betting you could get one for a lot less money."

As these comments were made during the Visitors and Citizens Forum, Mayor and Council were unable to address these concerns at that time.

Council was given a presentation from Bond Council, Dusty Traylor of RBC Capital Markets, on financing options for funding proposed City projects.

Currently, the City has one outstanding bond that should be completely paid off within the next year or two. Its

balance is approximately \$1.5 million. The present bond rating for the City is an A3, which is a very good rating.

Mr. Traylor gave four bond options based on the assumption that the bond would be for a twenty-year period, however, the length of a bond can be adjusted to meet City needs. The interest rate would be 4%, give or take. If the bond is issued in May of 2019, the first payment would be made in March of 2020.

The four options were \$1.2 million, \$3.5 million, \$5 million in one lump sum, or \$5 million divided into \$3 million in 2019 and \$2 million in 2020.

"You're positioned very well to take on a bond," explains Traylor to Council. "Bonds are for capital improvements, not running the city. You're proposed projects are right in line."

No discussion was had regarding what monthly payments would be for the different bond amounts.

Council did not take any action on this item that night. They will have further discussion prior to taking a vote on this matter.

City Administrator Nate Smith encourages citizens to contact him or Council members to discuss their opinions and concerns regarding a bond and future projects.

Fairfield Council will be upgrading from paper and ink to i-Pads, bringing them up-to-date with the majority of councils around the state. Though the initial purchase of the technology will come at a cost of approximately \$600 per device, the savings on paper, ink, and time will far outweigh those costs in the long run. There is currently \$5,831 in the budget for this type of purchase.

Council unanimously approved the purchase of the i-Pads.

Billy McMillian with Little Dribblers requested \$30,000 from the Hotel/Motel Fund to bring a four-day National Tournament to the City of Fairfield. These funds would be used to purchase trophies, T-shirts, and other merchandise to sell at the tournament. This event would bring about 150 teams to town that would require hotels and restaurants during their stay.

Council unanimously approved to sponsor this event.

Valentine's Day Blood Donations Needed

Show your love by donating blood today!

Community National Bank and Trust of Buffalo is hosting a blood drive from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 30 at 906 N. Buffalo Avenue in the parking lot on the Carter BloodCare bus. For more information or to schedule an appointment time, contact Tommy Neyland at (903) 322-8800.

Freestone Medical Center will host a blood drive on Thursday, February 14, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 125 Newman Street in Fairfield, Texas on the Carter BloodCare bus. For more information, contact Rebecca Yarbrough at 903-389-1618.

Carter BloodCare says blood donors can return as often as every 56 days. Additionally, blood types that are Rh negative (A-, B-, O-, AB-) occur less frequently in the population, so blood centers can run low on these types.

An increasing number of cancer treatment facilities

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Fairfield ISD Announces New High School Principal

Sonya Gibson Named



"I am humbled that I have been selected to be the next Fairfield High School Principal," says Sonya Gibson. "I am honored to have been entrusted to serve and lead the students and staff of Fairfield High School."

Mrs. Gibson, currently serving as Dean of Secondary Instruction at Fairfield High School, has been selected as the school's new principal, effective as of July 1, 2019. She will be taking the place of long-time principal, Mr. Von Wade, who submitted his retirement to be effective at the end of this school year.

"Fairfield High School has a tradition of academic excellence that is largely attributable to the legendary and outstanding leadership of Mr. Von Wade, talented staff, continued support from parents and community, and the diverse student body," says Mrs. Gibson. "As the new principal of Fairfield High School, my goal is to continue to build on the success and traditions of Fairfield High School and explore new and innovative opportunities for our students."

"Success does not look the same for every student and there is no one path to success," she continues. "Whether students choose the path of college, technical school, work force, or military, I will continue to ensure every Fairfield High School student is prepared and equipped for success beyond high school and students become lifelong learners. I will continue to promote a learning environment of excellence in which every individual is respected and encouraged to reach their full potential through character, worth ethic, citizenship, and high levels of

academic achievement."

Mrs. Gibson believes positive relationships are crucial to the success of students and the school community and is looking forward to building relationships with staff, students, parents, families, and community members.

"I am committed to fostering a collaborative learning community where we work together to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students," she says.

Mrs. Gibson was raised in Fairfield from birth through sixth grade. She graduated from Longview High School in 1992.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, with a minor in mathematics, from Texas A&M University - Commerce in 2005.

Shortly thereafter, she began her career in education at Fairfield ISD in August of 2005.

Mrs. Gibson has served in the following positions:

- Three years as Fifth Grade Accelerated Math Teacher
- Two years as Eighth Grade Math Teacher
- Six years as Fairfield High

School Algebra 1 Teacher

--One year as Elementary Assistant Principal

--One Year as Junior High Assistant Principal

--One Year in her current position as Dean of Secondary Instruction

Mrs. Gibson also earned a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Stephen F Austin University in 2010.

She and her family reside in Fairfield. Her family members include husband Gregory, and their four children, Jerregan, Jordan, Jermaca, and Gelisa.

Her hobbies include spending time with family and friends and traveling.

"I am extremely grateful to the FISD School Board, Superintendent Tony Price, and current Fairfield High School Principal Von Wade for their continued support and unwavering confidence in me," Mrs. Gibson concludes.

Nicole Schaefer reporting

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Now that sponsorship has been offered, a decision from the National Little Dribblers Association will determine if the tournament will be held in Fairfield.

Also approved was the renewal of the current tax abatement guidelines and criteria for the City for a two-year term. State law requires an update every two years. Per Administrator Smith, this is a pretty standard agreement and no changes have been made from what is currently in place.

Resident Justin Turner's reappointment to the FEDC Board was approved, though not unanimously.

Councilman Place 1 James Tyus voted against, while all others voted in favor.

Turner will now begin his third three-year term on the board. This will be his last term as there is a three-term limit for board members.

A special called meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 30th at noon for the possible hiring of a new police officer and for discussion on the City Administrator's employee benefits.

Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Nicole Schaefer reporting

FISD January Birthday Bookclubs



FAIRFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATED its January birthday book club members last week with lunch in the library. A book was chosen by each student in their honor that will be enjoyed for many years to come. We appreciate their families for supporting our wonderful library. January members are left to right, top to bottom: Mariah Frazier, Kinley Shaw, Beatriz Hernandez, Santiago Fierro, Peyton Higdon, Lyndal Sumuel, Norah Jones, Mallory Jones, Emory McFerrin, and Brianna Hatton. (Submitted Photo)

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are opening throughout north, central and east Texas. Cancer patients are often administered platelet transfusions, to counter the side effects of treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation. Carter BloodCare urges blood donors to consider giving platelets and to speak with a staff member about your eligibility for this type of donation. Platelets have a five-day shelf life, so your donation will assist a patient within days of your giving it.

Eat a nutritious meal and drink plenty of water one to two hours before giving

blood. Standard eligibility requirements are a minimum weight of 110 pounds, the donor feels well that day and presents a government-issued photo ID at each donation. Potential blood donors may volunteer at age 16 with parental consent; 17-year-olds may give independently; and there is no upper age limit for donating blood.

For more information on donor eligibility and to make an appointment, call 1-800-366-2834 or visit carterbloodcare.org.



FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB celebrated January birthdays with lunch and birthday snacks in the library. These students' families donated a book to the library in honor of their birthday. The members celebrating this month are: Obie Crook, Mikhaila Rodriguez, Jaxon Utley, and Cole Tomanek. The Fairfield Intermediate School is very grateful to these families for their donations. (Submitted Photo)

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Nominations Being Taken

Fairfield ISD is now taking nominations in the Gifted and Talented (A.I.M.) program for the kindergarten talent pool. If any parent or community member would like to nominate a student to be tested for this program, please contact Rachel Bossier at Fairfield Elementary, 903.389.2148, by Friday, February 7, 2008. Fairfield ISD is committed to the belief that each of our students must have the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills, and competencies to achieve at his/her greatest potential. Fairfield ISD offers a flexible system of viable program options throughout the district that provides a learning continuum and reinforces the strengths, needs, and interests of gifted and talented students.

Nominaciones que se toman

Fairfield ISD está tomando las nominaciones ahora para el programa de dotado y talentoso (A.I.M.) para grado kindergarten. El cura del cualquier el miembro del el o del la comunidad le gustara nombrar un estudiantes del un ser probado para este programas, los por favorecen el avise Rachel Bossier, Fairfield Elementary, 903.389.2148, viernes, el 7 del febrero de 2008. Fairfield ISD se compromete a la creencia que cada uno de nuestros estudiantes debe tener la oportunidad dado desarrollar conocimiento, habilidades, y competencias para lograr al el mayor potencial. Fairfield ISD ofrece un sistema flexible de opciones del programa viables a lo largo del distrito que proporciona un continuo del aprendizaje y refuerzos las fuerzas, necesidades, e intereses de estudiantes dotados y talentosos.

PUBLIC NOTICE

JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 COUNTY OF FREESTONE §

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 11 day of January, 2019, and September 7, 2018, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Freestone County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 11th day of January, 2019, seized, levied upon, and will on the 5th day of February, 2019, at the Courthouse Steps, at 10:00 A.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Freestone County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the V and P reference (V/P) or document number of the Deed Records, Freestone County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #	MIN BID
1	13-297B	Freestone Co v Gwendolen Palmore Moore	An Undivided interest in two 50' Acre Tracts of land out of the J Loyd Surv, A-363 #00363-00066-00000-000000/00363-00039-00000-00000-000003 Off of FCR 890, Teague, TX	\$13,310.80
2	15-380-B	Freestone Co v Joseph Randle	24.14 Acs, A-550, J Strickland Surv (V1274/P686) #00550-00005-00000-00000-000001/00550-00005-01000-00000-000001 FCR 971, Wortham, TX	\$7,467.09
			Lot 9, Blk 1, Stubbs-Martin Addn, Wortham (V1035/P204) #25217000001 Stubbs Ln, Wortham, TX	\$724.42
3	15-381-A	Freestone Co v Clarissa Perry Canady	Part of Lot 5, Division 11, Wortham (V1034/P638) #25083000001	\$924.00
			8.50 Acs, A-231, Wm Fain Surv (V211/P179) #00231-00001-00000-00000 FCR 511 (Post Oak Area) Fairfield, TX	\$8,793.86
4	16-097A	Freestone Co v Leslie Michelle Browning	0.11 Acs, A-23, I H Reed Surv, Fairfield (V198/P628 S/E V203/P210 & V284/P281) #00023-00091-00000-000000 310 Blanton, Fairfield, TX	\$318.47
			1.53 Acs, Subd 5 & 3, Subd 4, Div 13, OT-Wortham (V1145/P356) 400 S Ave C #25154000001 400 S. Ave C, Wortham, TX	\$5,857.32
5	CV 16-322-B	Freestone Co v Denise L Mayfield	2.00 Acs, A-437, M Moore Surv (V1103/P422) FCR 196 #46277000001 FCR 196, Winkler/St Elmo Area	\$5,394.86
6	CV 17-276-B	Freestone Co v Sherwood Resources, LLC	21.44 Acs, R J Carothers Surv, A-126 & A Sanchez Surv, A-553 (V1391/P303) #97570/158250/560990-Co/9009757-ISD FM 489, Lanely/Dew, Texas	\$21,958.84
7	CV 17-308-B	Freestone Co v Bennie McNett	8.32 Acs, A-7, M Decantona Surv & a Manufactured Home, L#HWC0392602 (V1405/P262) #2957000001, 54355000001 971 FCR 930, Teague, TX	\$5,654.40
8	CV 18-071-A	Freestone Co v Eric Houston	Und. Int. in 104.97 Acs of Land, Antonio Sanchez Surv, A-553 & assessed as an undivided 5.00 Acs of land (V1143/P893) #15837000002/47388000001 921 E FM 489, Lanely/Dew, TX	\$5,658.66
9	CV 18-211-A	Freestone Co v Caswall Brown	Lot 18, Blk 4, Southern Oaks II Addn (V1069/P357) #21125000001 Southern Oaks Dr., Streetman, TX	\$3,350.58
10	CV 16-333-A	Freestone Co v Kecia Y Abram	0.32 Acs, Lots 8 & 9, Blk 146, Teague (V530/P342) 403 Adams St, Teague #23633000001	\$5,661.88
11	CV 17-261-A	Freestone Co v Mark Grabs	14.87 Acs, A-39 MR Alston Surv (V1440/P796) #41185/53375 125 & 129 FCR 931, Teague, TX	\$10,352.96

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12			17.34 Acs, more or less, out of Abstract #268, J.M. Hallmark Surv, being described as Tract 2, Vol. 48, P 29 & Vol. 505, P 387 of the deed records, Freestone County, Texas under Tax Account #00268-00090-00000-000000, and all of the royalty interest as assessed on the tax rolls of Freestone County, Texas under the names of Eddie Lee Crowder, Mary Louise Crowder, Nawasa Crowder and Mack Crowder, Jr., in the M. A. Webster Gas Unit, Wells 1, 2, 4, & 5, said unit being described in V 1329, P 236 of the Official Records, Freestone County, Texas and assessed on the tax rolls of Freestone County, Texas under the following tax accounts: 0017173-1-0084121, 0017173-1-0084122, 0017173-1-0084123, 0017172-1-0084121, 0017172-1-0084122, 0017172-1-0084123, 0017172-1-0084124, 0017174-1-0084121, 0017174-1-0084122, 0017174-1-0084123, 0017174-1-0084124, 0017207-1-0084121, 0017207-1-0084122, 0017207-1-0084123, 0017207-1-0084124 Off of Hwy 75 S., Dew, TX	\$22,444.56
			10.86 Acs of land, more or less, Abstract 268, J.M. Hallmark Surv, Freestone County, Texas, being described as Tract 1 in Vol 48, P 29 and Vol 505, P 387, Save and Except, Vol 264, P 77, Vol. 378 P 23 & Vol 256, P 588 of the Deed Records, Freestone County, Texas, under Tax Account# 00268-00090-01000-00000 and all of the royalty interest as assessed on the tax rolls of Freestone County, Texas under the names of Mildred Crowder, Eddie Lee Crowder, Mary Louise Crowder, Nawasa Crowder and Mack Crowder, Jr., in the Utley "A" Gas Unit, Wells 1 - 18, & 20, 21 & 23, said unit being described in V 522, P 560, Deed Records, Freestone County, Texas, and assessed under the following tax accounts: 1947000-1-0015605, 1947000-1-0083222, 1947000-1-0083253, 1947000-1-0083477, 1947000-1-0083503, 1947000-1-0083583, 1947000-1-0083582, 1947000-1-0083775, 1947000-1-0083786, 1947000-1-0083829, 1947000-1-0083850, 1947000-1-0083869, 0017173-1-0084562, 0017173-1-0084563, 0017173-1-0084564, 0017173-1-0015605, 0017173-1-0083222, 0017173-1-0083253, 0017173-1-0083477, 0017173-1-0083503, 0017173-1-0083581, 0017173-1-0083582, 0017173-1-0083583, 0017173-1-0083775, 0017173-1-0083786, 0017173-1-0083829, 0017173-1-0083850, 0017173-1-0083869, 0017173-1-0084287, 0017173-1-0084383, 0017172-1-0084560, 0017172-1-0015605, 0017172-1-0083222, 0017172-1-0083253, 0017172-1-0083477, 0017172-1-0083581, 0017172-1-0083583, 0017172-1-0083582, 0017172-1-0083583, 0017172-1-0083775, 0017172-1-0083786, 0017172-1-0083829, 0017172-1-0083850, 0017172-1-0084287, 0017172-1-0084383, 0017172-1-0084562, 0017174-1-0015605, 0017174-1-0083222, 0017174-1-0083253, 0017174-1-0083477, 0017174-1-0083503, 0017174-1-0083581, 0017174-1-0083582, 0017174-1-0083583, 0017174-1-0083775, 0017174-1-0083786, 0017174-1-0083829, 0017174-1-0083850, 0017174-1-0083869, 0017174-1-0084287, 0017174-1-0084383, 0017174-1-0084560, 0017174-1-0084562, 0017207-1-0015605, 0017207-1-0083222, 0017207-1-0083253, 0017207-1-0083477, 0017207-1-0083503, 0017207-1-0083581, 0017207-1-0083582, 0017207-1-0083583, 0017207-1-0083775, 0017207-1-0083786, 0017207-1-0083829, 0017207-1-0084287, 0017207-1-0083850, 0017207-1-0083869, 0017207-1-0084383, 0017207-1-0084560, 0017207-1-0084562, 0017207-1-0084563, 0017207-1-0084564 Hwy 75 S., Dew, TX	\$20,306.05
13		14-016A Freestone Co Eddie Crowder	17.34 Acs, more or less, out of Abstract #268, J.M. Hallmark Surv, being described as Tract 2, Vol. 48, P 29 & Vol. 505, P 387 of the deed records, Freestone County, Texas under Tax Account #00268-00090-00000-000000, and all of the royalty interest as assessed on the tax rolls of Freestone County, Texas under the names of Eddie Lee Crowder, Mary Louise Crowder, Nawasa Crowder and Mack Crowder, Jr., in the M. A. Webster Gas Unit, Wells 1, 2, 4, & 5, said unit being described in V 1329, P 236 of the Official Records, Freestone County, Texas and assessed on the tax rolls of Freestone County, Texas under the following tax accounts: 0017173-1-0084121, 0017173-1-0084122, 0017173-1-0084123, 0017172-1-0084121, 0017172-1-0084122, 0017172-1-0084123, 0017172-1-0084124, 0017174-1-0084121, 0017174-1-0084122, 0017174-1-0084123, 0017174-1-0084124, 0017207-1-0084121, 0017207-1-0084122, 0017207-1-0084123, 0017207-1-0084124 Off of Hwy 75 S., Dew, TX	\$22,444.56
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RESALES

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES HELD IN TRUST BY THE TAXING UNITS LISTED BELOW ARE OFFERED FOR SALE PURSUANT TO § 34.05 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE:

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #	MIN BID
14	16-183A	Freestone Co v BC Cox Estate	1.00 Ac, IH Reed Surv, A-23, Fairfield (V531/P713) #5532000001 (Bid in Trust 6/5/2018)	\$6,000.00
			2.30 Acs, IH Reed Surv, A-23, Fairfield (V327/P287 S/E V379/P82; V403/P661 & V531/P713) #5531000001 (Bid in Trust 6/5/2018)	\$13,800.00
15	CV 17-408-B	Freestone Co v Debra Ury Roberson	11.00 Acs, A-2, JY Aguilera Surv (V314/P374) #1537000001 (Bid in Trust 6/5/2018)	\$5,990.69

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 11th day of January, 2019, at Fairfield, Texas

Jeremy Shipley
 JEREMY SHIPLEY
 Sheriff, Freestone County, Texas

You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (254) 756-7755.

FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CALLING SPECIAL ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INCREASE OF THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE

The Fairfield Hospital District Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 7, 2019, at Freestone Medical Center J.R. Corne board room at 12:00 noon, located at 734 W. Commerce St., Fairfield, Texas. The hearing is being held to discuss reasons for calling special election to increase maximum tax rate. The current maximum tax rate is 12 cents/\$100 taxable value. The 85th legislature approved a bill to raise the cap to 25 cents/\$100 taxable rate subject to local voter approval.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION CLASS 4 RULE 114 RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE AND RULE 101 AS AMENDED EFF. 3-1-52

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF LOLA L. JOLLIFF, DECEASED

Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 25TH day of FEBRUARY, 2019 at or before 10 o'clock A.M. Before the Honorable District Court of Freestone County, at the Court House in Fairfield, Texas. Said PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION was filed on August 2, 2019, file number of said suit being NO: CV 18-272-B

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 VS.
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 RONALD CROFOOT, FRANKLIN LEE JOLLIFF, AND RALPH VERNON JOLLIFF,

IN RE: 213 COUNTY ROAD 540, FAIRFIELD, TEXAS 75840

The attorney for petitioner: SHAWN K. BRADY, 6351 PRESTON ROAD, SUITE 160, FRISCO, TEXAS 75034

Issued this January 7, 2019

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or you're attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Fairfield, Texas, this January 9, 2019.

Teresa Black, District Clerk of Freestone County, Texas
 P.O. Box 722, Fairfield, Texas 75840
 By *Maya Stewart* Deputy

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A public hearing will be held for parents and property owners of the Fairfield Independent School District on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Fisd Administration Building at 615 Post Oak Road.

The purpose of the hearing is for discussion of the district's annual report that includes the Texas Academic Performance Report 2016-17 (TAPR); campus performance objectives; campus improvement report, a report of violent and criminal incidents; and information received under Texas Education Code 51.403(e) from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Fisd Board of Education.

NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Freestone County Judge's Office is accepting applications for Full time Clerk 1 position. Duties and Requirements: Ability to perform normal office duties, including good computer skills and ability to work well with others including the general public. Employees are subject to assignment to other duties as needed. Applications and additional information for this position can be obtained from the Freestone County Judge's Office, 118 E. Commerce, Room 205, Fairfield, Texas. Applications can also be obtained from www.co.freestone.tx.us. Applications will be accepted through February 13, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Legal Notice.

An application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a license type N (Private Club Registration Permit) and a PE certificate (for transport of products) by Rockin Kountry Club. An unincorporated association of person's dba Rockin Kountry Club. To be located at 125 County Road 506 Fairfield, Freestone County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are: John M Thompson -Vice President, Cindy Thompson - Secretary, and Josh Tinsley - President.

Legal Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Rm. Mixed Beverage Restaurant Permit with Food & Beverage Permit by Dew Drop In, Inc., to be located at Dew Drop In, 776 Hwy 179 E., Teague, Freestone County, Texas 75860. Officers of said corporation Justin McBroom - President / Secretary.

NOTICE PUBLIC AUCTION

Friday, February 1, 2019
 10:00 a.m.

ABC Storage
 107 E. Hwy 84
 Fairfield

The goods placed in storage by the following people will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction to satisfy a Landlord's lien for rent per Article 59.04 of Vernon's Civil Statutes.

- Eddie Brackens**
 Old records, furniture, guitars, Household items
- Ramona Collins 309**
 Video games, Household items
- Adella Dominguez**
 Household items
- Willie Dowell**
 Household items
- Tamara Flores**
 Generator, smoker, fridge Household items
- Beverly Franklin (2 units)**
 Furniture, fishing, rod & reels Household items
- Tevin Green**
 Baby bed, furniture Household items
- Sharon Jacoby Nehring**
 Furniture, Appliances, Household items
- Broc Kilman**
 Bunk beds, Furniture, toys
- Laurie Lyles 294**
 Household items
- Vanessa Ochoa**
 washer/dryer, vacuums, Household items
- Julia Shoemaker**
 Chest drawers, luggage, toys
- Ricky Mirales**
 Full bed, couch, bull skull, Air compressor, weedeater, Chain saw, skill saw, elec guitar Household items



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CLASSIFIEDS -- REAL ESTATE

-HELP WANTED-

Manager Trainee: forklift, customer service, computer skills a must. Apply in person 440 W I-45 Fairfield Metal Mart

CDL DRIVERS – CLASS A OR B NEEDED. Apply at 718 State Hwy. 75 South or call 903-389-7497.

-MISC SERVICES-

DALE SWINBURN CONCRETE – Sidewalks, driveways, porches, patios, cemetery curbs, foundations. Free estimates. 254-747-0218 or 254-739-3523. Over 35 years experience.

-HOMES FOR RENT-

HOUSE FOR RENT IN KIRVIN: 3 bedroom, 2 large living areas, washroom, fenced backyard, carport. \$700 deposit, \$625/month. 903-388-4607

-APARTMENTS-

1B Apartment: water, sewer, trash paid, \$500/month. Central air and heat, washer/dryer hookups, no pets. 2B House: no pets, central air and heat, washer/dryer hookups, must maintain yard \$550. Call 903-389-3109

-LAND FOR SALE-

124.8 Acres near Streetman/Fairfield, \$3,365/acre. 360 County Road 140. Two stock ponds with creek, open pasture and wooded, fenced and cross fenced. 15 miles from Richland Chambers Reservoir. 936-645-2014

HELP WANTED

Cooper Farms Farm Crew Leader

Must be able to operate tractor and have experience managing employees. Bilingual is a plus (\$ incentives). Competitive pay.

Contact Brady at 903-390-8543 to set up an interview, or for more information

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County Jail Administrator On Temporary Leave

"It was an oversight on my part," explains Freestone County Sheriff Jeremy Shipley to County Commissioners in regard to Jail Administrator Sheena Wimberly being placed on leave following a recent Human Resources assessment performed by Texas Association of Counties (TAC) on Jeannie Keeney, the new County Treasurer.

"TCOLE said I could designate anyone as jail administrator. She didn't work in the jail, so I didn't realize she needed a jailer's license." TECOLE is the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement; the statewide peace officer regulating agency.

Mrs. Wimberly has been serving as Jail Administrator since December 3, 2017. Previously, she served as Custodian of Records for the County. She is the third Jail Administrator to serve under Sheriff Shipley.

The County has issued Mrs. Wimberly one hundred and twenty-three hours of comp time, which she is using for her leave. During this time she will be obtaining her jailer's

license in order to return to work as soon as possible.

"I've contacted the Jail Commission," says Sheriff Shipley. "They are aware we are working to get this fixed."

When payroll for County employees came up for approval, Commissioners Clyde Ridge and Craig Oakes voted against approving because they do not feel the County should be paying Mrs. Wimberly comp hours at the Jail Administrator pay rate.

"We've been paying someone in that position that's not qualified," says Ridge. "And now we're going to keep paying them?"

As the payroll being brought for approval was for hours previously worked, Judge Linda Grant broke the tie to approve the payment.

Commissioners may address the comp hour pay at a future meeting.

Nicole Schaefer reporting



City Crew Works To Repair Oak Street

WORKING TO REPAIR SINK HOLES on Oak Street are City of Fairfield employees Randy Measles, Mark Taylor, Dustin Duncan, Cooper Blackwell, and Collin Puckett. Public Works Director Clyde Woods explains that the holes are situated over a sewer line that was installed about ten years ago. Repairs consist of installing screenings and white rock fill to stop further sinking. Work will continue from FM 488 to Highway 84; and is projected to be finished by the end of February, weather permitting. (Photo by Nicole Schaefer)

Gently Used Children's Books Needed

Do you have some books that your children or grandchildren have out grown?

Freestone County Retired Teachers are collecting gently used children's books for kids of all ages.

Books received will be given free of charge to Freestone County children to promote

and encourage children to read and adults to read to their children.

Donated books can be dropped off at Kennedy's Korner located at 124 S. Keechi St in Fairfield from 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Basketball Coach Celebrates Milestone



FAIRFIELD EAGLE COACH WORLEY celebrates his 400th WIN with this year's Varsity team! (Photo by Melissa Lee)

Casino Royale Gala March 1, 2019

The 3rd Annual FISD Education Foundation Presents Casino Royale Dinner & Gala on March 1, 2019 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Twisted Vines Event Center in Fairfield, Texas.

Event includes casino, auction, dinner, music, bingo, wine pull, cash bar, door prizes and more.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dress code is cocktail attire.

Cost is \$50 per ticket or \$500 for VIP table.

Sponsorship includes \$200 Gaming Table.

Tickets and Sponsorship opportunities available by contacting 903-879-3272 or online at www.FairfieldISDFoundation.com FISD Education Foundation provides grants to teachers

that allow them to fund programs and resources that enhance student learning.

Last month, the group awarded over \$11,000 in grants to Fairfield ISD teachers to fund special projects, including the following:

- a paint project for the Elementary playground
 - a functioning weather station at the Intermediate campus
 - robotics at the Junior High campus for problem solving with coding applications
 - items for preparing and transporting meals for the Long Handle Spoon Café at the High School campus
- Learn more about the FISD Education Foundation by visiting online at www.FairfieldISDFoundation.com