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We've Got The Ball!

REACTING TO A FUMBLE RECOVERY AND 92 YARD-RUN are Fairfield Twirlers (left-right) Kendall Crawford and Hallie Davidson. The play ended in a touchdown by Eagles #20 - Tyler Haynes. Turn to page 1-C for additional pictures and coverage of this exciting game. (Photo by Shae Garcia)

Suspected Arson Investigated

Library Copes With Loss

The community of Mexia, Texas is coming together after the fire that ravaged Gibbs Memorial Library.

A special meeting was held October 3rd, 2019 to discuss how to move forward after the disaster.

The Library staff has been provided a temporary office space inside of City Hall.

A plan is being worked on for material currently out in circulation, and for receiving donated books.

There is a possible location being discussed for a temporary library, but nothing is definite at the time of press.

The contents and damages must be inventoried and filed with the City's insurer.

A professional restoration company is being considered due to the magnitude of damage, and four remediation vendors have visited the library and are preparing quotes.

The items, including many of the city's historical artifacts, located in the Genealogy Room have been removed and secured. Most items were only damaged by smoke and

nothing is definite at the time of press.

The fire at Gibbs Memorial Library in Mexia, Texas is being investigated as suspected arson.

Fire professionals found a high probability of arson during their investigation of the library. This investigation is still ongoing.

The work has been divided as follows:

-City Manager - Overall coordination of rehabilitation, primary liaison with insurer, and primary public

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Officer No-Billed by Grand Jury

According to Teague Chief of Police, DeWayne Philpott, the officer who was involved in a recent shooting was returned to active duty as of Monday, October 1, 2019.

The Freestone County Grand Jury no-billed the officer on Wednesday, September 25th, 2019 after reviewing the evidence provided.

The incident occurred on Thursday, September 5th, 2019.

The suspect, Dexter Glenn Henderson, reportedly entered City Hall with a wooden rod that he shook at City Staff.

City Staff called the Teague Police Department to assist with the situation.

The suspect and the officer allegedly struggled; the officer first gave verbal command, and deployed his taser. After these were both ineffective the officer reportedly discharged his duty issued firearm.

The officer's name is being withheld. Victoria Keng reporting.

Teague Alderman Vote To Extend Olive Branch to Fairfield Seeking Mediation

"We want to get it resolved as best we can," stated Jerry Ballew, Teague Alderman - Place 1, when asked about a recent action taken by Teague City Council.

During a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, Teague's Board of Aldermen met in closed executive session to consult with their attorneys regarding the pending litigation regarding the City of Teague vs. City of Fairfield civil case.

When the Teague Council reconvened in Open Session, Aldermen voted unanimously to approach the City of Fairfield Council about mediation in the TDCJ lawsuit.

The Original Agreement

In the early 1990's, the cities of Teague and Fairfield entered into an Agreement in order to secure a bond to provide water and wastewater services to the TDCJ Boyd Unit, located between the two cities on Highway 84.

This project was initiated to secure jobs for local residents and help promote economic growth in the area.

The thirty-year bond was set to be fulfilled in 2020.

Journey to Civil Court

In April of 2018, the City of Teague was contacted with a request from the City of Fairfield regarding an early release from the Agreement, set to be completed in 2020, to allow Fairfield to pursue a new proposed bond with

TDCJ for expansion and improvements to the water and wastewater facilities.

In September of 2018, Teague answered by filing a lawsuit against Fairfield for breaches of the interlocal agreement and facilities agreement, seeking monetary damages over \$200,000 but not more than \$1,000,000.

After months in court, the original lawsuit was sent to the Tenth Court of Appeals on April 9, 2019 after District Judge Patrick Simmons granted in part and denied in part Fairfield's Plea to the Jurisdiction.

Fairfield Moves to End Agreement

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Community Enjoys Night Out

SPARKY DANCES WITH THE KIDS during Wortham's inaugural National Night Out event on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. The observance is a national campaign that promotes camaraderie between law enforcement and their communities. Turn to page 4-A for additional pictures. (Photo by Jennifer Lansford)

CALENDAR
FREESTONE Co.
PINK OUT Games
Eagle, Lions, & Bulldog field
Friday, October 11th
Breast Cancer Awareness

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**We Count On Our Firefighters.
Let's Make Sure They Can Count On Us.**

Upcoming Fundraisers

Fairfield VFD
OPEN HOUSE
October 12th

Teague VFD
HYDEN BBQ
October 19th

Butler VFD
BBQ LUNCH
November 2nd

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Save the Date:

Freestone Community Events

WED., OCT 9TH

--Story Time at Fairfield Library at 10:00 a.m. Contact Fairfield Library 903-389-3574

FRI., OCT 11TH

--Fairfield, Teague & Wortham ISD Pink Out Game.

SAT., OCT 12TH

--Wortham City Wide Cleanup garbage truck will begin making rounds at 7:30 a.m. An additional truck will be located at 2nd Street from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Contact Wortham City Hall 254-765-3319 for more information.

--Fire Prevention Week Open House hosted by the Fairfield Fire Department starting at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Fairfield Fire Station.

--Mutton Bustin' Fall Series Books second event at Camp Shayla begins at 5:00 p.m.

--Blacklight Night Hike at Fairfield Lake State Park at 8:00 p.m. meet at the South Boat Ramp. Contact Fairfield Lake State Park 903-389-4514 for more information.

TUES., OCT 15TH

--Dewey Knit and Crochet of Fairfield meets at 10:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. at the Fairfield Library. Contact Linda Upton at lindapurlgurl@gmail.com for more information.

WED., OCT 16TH

--Story Time at Fairfield Library at 10:00 a.m. Contact Fairfield Library 903-389-3574

FRI., OCT. 18TH

--Fairfield Fest Market Days at the Fairgrounds. For more information contact David Fairly 281-515-2249

--Spooky Stories & S'mores at Fairfield Lake State Park at the Volleyball field from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Contact Fairfield Lake State Park 903-389-4514 for more information about this costume optional event.

SAT., OCT. 19TH

--Fairfield Fest Downtown Market at the Courthouse Square. For more information contact Amy Ralstin 903-391-0258

--Fairfield Fest Market Days at the Fairgrounds. For more information contact David Fairly 281-515-2249

--Annual Health Care Fair sponsored by Freestone Medical Clinic. The Courthouse Square will be FMC's Jungle Playground from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Contact Lisa Schick 903-389-1528 for more information.

--Howls & Meows Halloween Pet Costume Contest at 11:00 a.m. at the Freestone County Courthouse. Held in coordination with Fairfield Fest, and hosted by the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. 903-389-5792 for more information.

--Winners of the annual Scarecrow Contest will be announced on the Courthouse Square at 1:00 p.m. Fourth annual contest is sponsored by Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

--Teague Fire Department Fundraiser featuring Hyden Family BBQ serving 6:00 p.m. till sold out. Contact Justin Romine 903-388-9188 for more information.

--Blacklight Night Hike at Fairfield Lake State Park at 8:00 p.m. meet at the South Boat Ramp. Contact Fairfield Lake State Park 903-389-4514 for more information.

SUN., OCT 20TH

--Fairfield Fest Market Days at the Fairgrounds. For more information contact David Fairly 281-515-2249

TUES., OCT. 22ND

--Fall Style Show hosted by FCSG (more info closer to date)

WED., OCT 23RD

--Story Time at Fairfield Library at 10:00 a.m. Contact Fairfield Library 903-389-3574

FRI., OCT. 25TH

--Wortham High School Homecoming
--Spooky Stories & S'mores at Fairfield Lake State Park at the Volleyball field from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Contact Fairfield Lake State Park 903-389-4514 for more information about this costume optional event.

Let us know about your community event. Send details to reporter1@freestonecountytimes.com

County Museum Steeped in History

Tucked away in Fairfield, Texas is the Freestone County Historical Museum.

Once you step inside the gates you are sure to learn about the rich history of Freestone County and the life of everyday folks during the time period the county was settled. Be it via the extensive collection of memorabilia, the amazing collections of photographs, or the actual buildings you can visit at the Museum.

The museum is the result of the Freestone County Historical Association seeing the need for history preservation. Citizens across the county donated items, papers, and more to be displayed in the two-story 1857 jail.

The collection has grown vastly in the fifty-two years since the opening, and continues to change and grow on a regular basis.

There is a research room, open during regular business hours that offer genealogical research along with historical research.

A 19th century folk toy collection is available for hands-on activities with reproduction toys. If you think cattle are more exciting, learn about the life of a 19th century cowboy in Abilene.

While both programs are designed for children they can be adapted for family participation. Adults are welcome too.

It is open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and has an entrance fee of \$3.00.

The Freestone County Historical Museum is located at 302 E. Main St Fairfield, Texas 75840.



Showing October 18-20 and 25-27

'Blithe Spirit' Takes Over Palestine Theatre

The Cast and Crew of Palestine Community Theatre's Fall Production of *Blithe Spirit* is ready to make you laugh. The spirits will haunt the stage of PCT's historic home, the Texas Theatre in downtown Palestine, on October 18-20 and 25-27.

Laughter ensues as Charles Condomine, a cantankerous novelist looking for material for his next book, calls upon Madame Arcati to perform a séance. She conjours Charles' first wife, Elvira, and the annoying and insistent spirit delights in causing disarray for Ruth, Charles' current wife. Come join us for the fun and find out how the story ends.

Tickets, which are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students 18 and under, are available locally at Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce, Palestine Visitors Center, and Discount Pools or online at www.thetexasstage.com. There will be a complimentary reception for opening night, Friday, October 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. Performances will begin Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 PM at 213 W. Crawford.



REHEARSING THE PLAY, "BLITHE SPIRIT," at the Palestine Theatre includes Charles (Bruce Grimsley), Ruth (Kathrine Newton), and the ghost of Elvira (Terri Warren). (Courtesy Photo)

Let's Celebrate Our County Veterans

This year, *Freestone County Times* is accepting submissions for a special Veterans Day edition to be published in November.

Readers are encouraged to submit pictures, and a short write-up, to honor the veterans in their family.

Veterans Day is an official U.S. public holiday, observed on November 11th, that honors all military veterans, having served in the United States Armed Forces.

Submissions may be delivered to 401 E. Commerce in Fairfield, Texas. Or, send pictures and information via email to news@freestonecountytimes.com (write in "Veterans Day" into the subject line).

All submissions must be received by Friday, November 1st.

For questions, contact *The "Times"* office at 903-389-6397.

Look for Your Chance to Vote

Fourth Annual Scarecrow Contest Takes Over Courthouse Square

Scarecrows will be appearing on the Freestone County Courthouse Square this weekend, and this year's contest entrants begin putting up their creations.

This is Fairfield Chamber of Commerce's Fourth Annual Scarecrow Contest.

Families, clubs, businesses and more have been assigned one of the lampposts for their scarecrow. Each entry will be numbered.

It will be up to the community to vote for their favorites.

Check back next week for a list of locations to enter your vote.

Voting will also take place on the

Chamber's Facebook page. Simply "like" your favorite picture.

Winners and awards will be announced on October 19th at 1:00 p.m. during Fairfield Fest on the Square.

For more information, and complete list of rules, contact the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce at 903-389-5792 or stop by their office at 900 W. Commerce.

Coming this winter: Holiday Street Light Decorating Contest. Taking place of the residential decorating contest, there will be a contest in November-December to decorate the light poles in your favorite holiday theme. Keep watching for more details.

Fall Jamboree

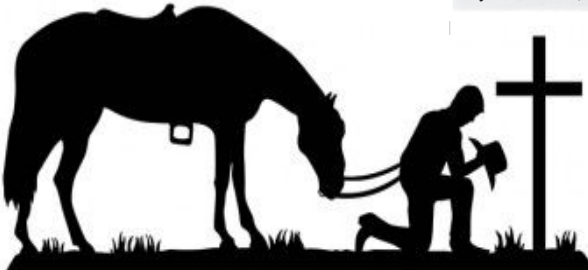
"Come out and enjoy some good old gospel music and fellowship."

October 19th
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.



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--Fire Chief/Fire Marshall - Responsible for overall conduct of the investigation into cause of fire and coordination with Texas State Fire Marshalls Agency.
--Chief of Police - Responsible for law enforcement actions and contact with Texas Rangers.
Victoria Keng reporting

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Fairfield Council voted to amend their budget during a special Meeting on March 21, 2019 in order to pay off the TDCJ debt in the amount of \$130,325.
At that time, Fairfield Mayor Kenny Hughes stated his belief that the acceleration of payment on the debt would facilitate an end to the litigation.
On May 16, 2019, Attorneys for the City of Fairfield officially notified the City of Teague, via certified mail, that the Interlocal Agreement between the two cities was no longer in effect as Fairfield's debt in connection with the project had been fully paid.
The correspondence went on to request records from the City of Teague regarding their original bond payment to provide evidence that the money Fairfield had paid Teague, over the life of the Interlocal Agreement, had gone towards their debt in connection with the TDCJ project.
Then, on July 9, 2019 Fairfield Council was presented a forensic accounting report that indicated that the City of Teague had be overpaid by \$1,063,703 over the life of the Agreement.
Where We Go From Here
It is anticipated that any potential mediation between the two cities would be arranged through their attorneys.
Representing the City of Teague is Messer, Rockefeller, Fort, PLLC.
Representing the City of Fairfield is the AL Law Group, PLLC.
Victoria Keng and Karen Leidy reporting.

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Victoria Keng reporting

Fairfield Fire Dept. Open House

This Saturday, October 12th

Fairfield Fire Department will host an Open House on Saturday, October 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.
The event is being held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week.
Come out and spend the evening with your local fire department.

New officers for 2019/2020 include:
--Chief Chandler Baggerly
--Asst. Chief Bradley Holland
--Captain Laney Newman
--Lieutenant Collin Blair
--Lieutenant Avery Aultman
--Safety Officer Matt Foree
--Secretary Rich Schaufert

Practice Safety for Fire Prevention Week

October 6-12, 2019

The 2019 Fire Prevention Week (FPW) campaign is, "Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape!"
According to the nfpa.org website, once you hear the smoke alarm, you may have as little as two minutes to escape.
Plan and map an escape route, and practice the route at least twice a year. Have a meeting place picked out that is a safe distance from the residence, and where all family members can safely meet.
Make sure everyone of all ages can dial 911 and explain what is happening.
Put a smoke alarm on every floor, including a basement, and near all sleeping areas.

Make sure your smoke alarms work, or that you have smoke alarms. Teach children to be aware of the sound, what it means when they hear it, and what to do as soon as they hear an alarm.
Smoke alarms should be less than ten years old, and tested monthly. Replace the batteries once a year; FPW is a great time for battery changes.
Smoke alarms can also have a bed shaker or strobe light for people who cannot properly hear the sound.
Visit sparky.org or nfpa.org for more information and educational material.

Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife law enforcement reports.
It Wasn't Me
A Navarro County game warden was checking a group of hunters after hearing shots coming from a nearby field. As the warden began to check the group, one of the hunters disappeared. After a quick search, the warden found the missing hunter lying face down in a field of tall grass. The warden asked the hunter if they had any luck, to which they replied they were just lying in the field. About six inches away from the hunter's hands was a shotgun on the ground. When the warden asked about it, the hunter said they were watching the shotgun for someone else. Near his feet was a box of shotgun shells and a stool commonly used by bird hunters. The hunter continued to say they hadn't been hunting. Questioning continued for a short time and the individual finally admitted the obvious, they had been hunting. The individual has never possessed a Texas hunting license.
From Bad to Worse
Four game wardens apprehended a group of individuals who were taking fish from the Navasota River with an illegal electricity-producing device. The group had five flathead catfish in their possession, which were released back into the river. In addition to that violation, the group was in possession of drug paraphernalia, 3 grams of methamphetamine, an illegally possessed firearm and a truck that had been reported stolen. Several water safety violations were also noted. Violation categories ranged from Class C misdemeanor to 3rd degree felony. All violators were taken to the Leon County Jail.
Be Very, Very Quiet; We're Hunting Snakes
Late one evening, two Trinity County game wardens noticed a truck driving slowly near Alabama Creek Wildlife Management Area. After following the suspicious vehicle for a while, the truck stopped on a bridge and one of the passengers began shinning a spotlight out of the windows. The wardens watched the vehicles for a few miles, then initiated a traffic stop. Six people were in the truck, along with snake capture bags, a bucket marked for venomous snakes and snake catch poles. The wardens advised them of the hunting rules and regulations and cited them for the appropriate charges including hunting reptiles from the roadway.

Clarification:

First Responder Appreciation Dinner


Clarification: FBC Fairfield is pleased to host a meal for Freestone County's 1st Responders and their immediate family members on October 18th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
We do request that all First Responders RSVP to their department or to the Church office, with the number attending so that we can prepare adequately.
Additionally, door prize drawings (not a raffle) are available, and all First Responders attending will be entered to win.



FAIRFIELD POLICE REPORT

Chief David Utsey

Monday, Sept. 30th
10:53 AM-Officer Bates on report of pan handlers in store parking lot, was advised to move on.
11:55 AM-Officer Bates on report of 2 horses out in the roadway.
3:30 PM-Officer Bates to meet a complainant.
9:12 PM-Officer Alexander on report of two suspicious subjects at store.
11:30 PM-Officer Alexander on report of subject had been assaulted with an axe.
Tuesday, Oct. 1st
1:33 PM-Officer Bates on report of an assault, ended up happening in the county.
2:54 PM-Officer Bates to meet a complainant.
4:20 PM-Officer Bates on reported burglary.
7:21 PM-Officer Alexander on report of two subjects fighting.
9:26 PM-Officer Alexander to meet a complainant who was having some mental issues.
9:49 PM-Officer Alexander on report of someone was under subject's carport that did not belong.
Wednesday, Oct. 2nd
10:18 AM-Officer Cox to PD to meet a complainant.
9:58 PM-Officer Scarrow assist other agency in locating subject that was involved in an assault in another town.
Thursday, Oct. 3rd
1:42 AM-Officer Scarrow on alarm going off.
7:55 AM-Officer Cox served subject a criminal trespass warning from store.
1:25 PM-Officer Cox to PD to meet a complainant.
Friday, Oct. 4th
1:05 AM-Officer Scarrow on report of suspicious vehicle in parking lot.
7:53 AM-Officer Bates on report of reckless driver.
11:00 AM-Officer Bates to meet a complainant.
1:42 PM-Officer Bates on minor wreck.
9:30 AM-Officer Alexander to meet a complainant.
Saturday, Oct. 5th
9:13 AM-Officer Bates to speak to a complainant.
11:31 AM-Officer Bates to meet a complainant.
1:38 PM-Officer Bates to assist EMS on a medical call.
2:55 PM-Officer Bates to meet a complainant.
6:36 PM-Cpl. Markham on report of missing property.
8:58 PM-Cpl. Markham on reported subject at store that had been assaulted.
Sunday, Oct. 6th
5:05 AM-Cpl. Markham on report of truck parked in the roadway, driver had fallen asleep.
7:53 AM-Officer Bates on report of subject that had passed.
8:45 PM-Officer Alexander and Cpl. Markham on reported domestic.



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Wortham Community Enjoys Inaugural Event 2019 National Night Out



TRIP TUCKER AND HIS HUNNI, Rhonda Craig, having some fun on the inflatable provided by Bounce4Fun.



THIS YOUNG MAN GETS A SAFETY KIT and other goodies from a local DPS Trooper during last week's event.



ORGANIZERS OF WORTHAM FIRST NNO event is Wortham Police Chief Kelly Butler and Sunday Crider.



FREESTONE COUNTY SHERIFF, Jeremy Shipley, handing out footballs. (Photos by Jennifer Lansford)



TAKING A MOMENT FOR A PHOTO OP during Wortham's first annual National Night Out (NNO) event are area law enforcement. The event was held Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

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Support Your Local Firefighter

Many Fire Departments across the nation are run solely by volunteers.

A conversation with Chandler Baggerly of Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department and a separate one with Justine Romine of Teague Volunteer Fire Department revealed it costs approximately \$10,000 or more to properly equip a single firefighter to safely fight a fire, and the gear is only good for a maximum of ten years.

One of the most expensive pieces of equipment is the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), a system that allows Firefighters to safely breathe in smoke filled areas.

Not only do they need to wear a SCBA, but they also must have backup ones as the tanks do not last very long.

The various vehicles used for firefighting can easily reach over \$100k each, and that is for a used one according to a quick browse of online dealerships.

Teague VFD takes out personal loans for major purchases, such as the \$40,000 loan for the new aluminum bed on Brush 96. Justin Romine explains that fundraisers provide money

Do You Know How Much It Costs To Outfit ONE Firefighter?

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- Helmet- \$350
- Goggles- \$75 (not shown but required)
- Breathing Apparatus with one spare bottle- \$6,500
- Small Flashlight \$65 (pictured)
- Fire gloves- \$75
- Extraction Gloves- \$50
- Boots- \$450
- Nomex Hood- \$45
- Jacket/ Pants Combo: \$1,800

Other items not included in cost:
Axe- \$100
Flashlights- \$200
Safety Harness- \$200
Handheld Radio- \$5,400
Training- Varied

to repay the loans, and keeps some of the burden off the City's budget.

When you get into rural

areas, like Freestone County, there is less money available as the tax base is smaller, even though the expense is equal.

So how do these Fire Departments keep providing their service safely and efficiently?

County and City funding definitely play a part, but a good portion comes from donations, fundraisers, and on occasion, grants.

So, next time you see your local Volunteer Fire Department doing a fundraiser; make sure you help out. Never know when it might be you who needs them.

Victoria Keng reporting.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Freestone County Times is now accepting submissions for a special Veterans Day Tribute in November.

Submit pictures, and a short write-up, to honor the Veterans in your family! All submissions must be received by Friday, November 1st.

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Opening October 24th: Mi Mesa of Teague



TEAGUE AND FAIRFIELD COMMUNITIES and law enforcement join the Mi Mesa family on Friday, October 4, 2019 to celebrate the opening of a new Food Truck Restaurant on Highway 84 (next door to Daps Stop N Shop in Teague). Owner Isabel Velazquez (above) cuts the ribbon as husband Armando shows of a membership plaque from Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. (Photos by Victoria Keng)



CELEBRATING WITH THE VELAZQUEZ FAMILY during their Open House are Teague Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Rhonda Jones (left) and Chamber President Debbie Sanoja (right).

Food Truck Restaurant Joins Fairfield, Teague Chambers

Fajitas, salsa, and sopapilla cheesecake were on the menu after Mi Mesa's ribbon cutting Friday, October 4th, 2019.

Mi Mesa is a food truck opening right next to Dap's in Teague on October 24th, 2019.

Mi Mesa means My Table, and that's exactly how owner, Isabel Velazquez, wants you to feel as you eat her food.

"My Mom always taught us that if it's homemade it makes people feel like home" Velazquez explains with a big smile.

Velazquez loves to cook and started out with event catering before her decision to open the food truck.

Her menu includes breakfast and lunch with your choice of shell including fresh made corn and flour tortillas, plus your choice of meat and sides.

Each day she is open there is a unique meal offered, and desserts for those who like a little sweet after they eat.

The location has a covered area and cement pad, and Mi Mesa plans on adding seating in the future for people to comfortably wait, or stay and enjoy their food.

Additionally, restrooms and heaters are also on the list for future additions.

Velazquez will still be available for event planning and catering which includes not only her delicious food, but also her elegant decorating skills.

"I always like to be humble and honest." Velazquez explains, "Those are the best things that any person can be."

Mi Mesa will be open Wednesday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 901 W. Hwy 84 Teague, Texas, and can be reached 903-388-5179.

Mi Mesa has a page on Facebook for the food truck and the event catering, and she plans on sharing giveaways, discounts and important information to everyone who likes her page.

In attendance to support and help Velazquez was her husband, Armando, and her children: Jacqueline, Armando Jr, Sebastian, Victoria and Zion Velazquez. Her Family: Gina Vasquez, Daniel and Daniela Vazquez, Liset Dominguez, Sonia and Carlos Aguilar, Roy and Nancy Vasquez, Pete Vasquez. Plus friends: Teresa Diaz, Caren Hernandez, Jasmine Diaz, Bety Martinez, José and Carmen Rivera, Virginia Fuentes, Yoni Cordero, Yesenia Tovar, Maritza Ángeles, Marisol Tovar, Jazmine Mora, Roman Rojas, Juan Bolaños, Gustavo Suastegui, Lidia Aguilar, Yeiny Rivera, Yulibet Baranda, Leonor Baranda, Cesar Lara, Candi Rodriguez, and David Lara.

Victoria Keng reporting



WELCOMING EVERYONE TO MI MESA for a beautifully catered lunch, owner Isabel Velazquez (left) asks her mother, Gina Vasquez, pastor of Lirio De Los Valles Church in Teague, to give the blessing.



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OBITUARIES



Rosa Maria Salazar

Rosa Maria Salazar, 74 of Fairfield, passed away Saturday, October 5, 2019 in Fairfield.

Rosa has an unselfish heart and a smile that could light up a room. She was the mother to five beautiful kids. She taught us strength and how to persevere through any tough situations. We will always cherish the lessons and love our mom gave to us.

If anyone were to ask her what her true love was it was her grandchildren. There was nothing that could go without. If they wanted one of her specialty dishes they got it. It was with them when we saw her the happiest.

It was in those previous moments that she taught us what unconditional love is.

She was a wonderful wife, mother and momma. She will be missed greatly.

She was a member of St Bernard Catholic Church Fairfield.

She is preceded in death by her father Donaciano Gallegos in 1986 and mother Margarita Gallegos in 2019.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, husband Eddie Salazar; children, Mary Golden, Sylvia Salazar Flori and husband David, John Salazar, Margaret Salazar Stephenson and husband Justin, Ricky Salazar. Sisters, Amelia Williams, Lupe Barlow and husband Billy, Justine Fuentes, Connie Whitaker and husband Randall, Janie Falkner and husband Mike. Brothers, Joe Gallegos, Tony Gallegos and wife Janice, Albert Gallegos and wife Teresa, John Gallegos and wife Hope, David Gallegos and wife Carla, John Manuel Gallegos and wife Ronni. Fourteen grandchildren, Nikki Cochran, Allen Cochran, Whitney Golden, Erica Lamb and husband Kyle, Toni Flori, Avery Mills, Martina Mills, Bailey Mills, Tristan Stephenson, Ty Salazar,, Keeley Cocker, Gena Salazar, Brayden Salazar, Kaitlyn Salazar. Seven great grandchildren.

Rosary will be 6:00 pm Tuesday, October 7, 2019 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Fairfield. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 am Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Fairfield. Burial will follow at Fairfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Justin Stephenson, Ricky Salazar, Allen Cochran, Tristan Stephenson, Avery Mills, David Flori.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Gallegos, Joe Gallegos, David Gallegos, Albert Gallegos, Tony Gallegos, John Manuel Gallegos.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Society at pancan.org or 877-272-6226.

An online guest book is available at www.griffin-roughton.com
Arrangements by Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home.

Erlene Arnold Ferguson

Erlene Arnold Ferguson, 92 of Fairfield, passed away Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

She was born March 20, 1927 in Arp, Texas to Meridith and Claudia Arnold.

Erlene enjoyed gardening in her yard. She liked cooking for her family.

Her biggest enjoyment was her grandchildren and watching all of their sporting events. Erlene and her twin sister were athletes in their younger years playing softball with women's softball teams.

She is preceded in death by her husband Don Ferguson in 1983, parents and two sisters.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, daughter, Michele Davis; sons, Michael Don Ferguson, Kim Ferguson and Kris Ferguson. Grandchildren, Amy Paderson and husband Chris, Seth Davis and wife Caroline, Erin Pickens and husband Robert, Josh Ferguson and wife Dara, Margaret Guzman and husband Luis, Sierra Nowakowski and husband Kris and Matthew Ferguson. Great grandchildren, Bishop, Luken, Sirius Grey, Gryffin, Ainsley, Brayden, Cullen, Lillian, Evelyn, Evyn, Karter, Abigail, Hannah, Sydney, Gretchen, Dane. Nieces, Dyanne Welk and Janet Corcoran. Nephew, Raymond Thomas.

Graveside service will be 11:00 am Saturday, October 5, 2019 at Mason Cemetery in Arp, Texas with Darrell Mosley officiating.

Online guest book available www.griffin-roughton.com

Arrangements by Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Fairfield, Texas.

Herbert Jones

Herbert Jones, Jr. the fifth child of Herbert (Jack) Jones, Sr. and Effie Blakely Jones was born March 1, 1934 in the Furney Richardson Community in Freestone County, Texas.

Herbert took his rest on September 27, 2019 in the Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas among loving family members.

He graduated from Furney Richardson High School. He was an excellent athlete and played both basketball and baseball. His strong background in baseball lead to him becoming a coach for the Little League Team of Teague, Texas.

Herbert Jr. accepted Christ at an early age. He continued his love for Christ as he taught Sunday School and as a Deacon of Asia Primitive Baptist Church. Later in his spiritual walk, he was called to preach. He instilled in his children how important it is to have a relationship with God.

Herbert survived by; His children; sons, Herbert S. Jones III (Denise), James L. Jones (Yolonda), Earl G. Jones (Tonya), Darrell Jones, Ronald K. Jones (Sandi), Donald K. Jones, and Jerrold L. Jones, Sr. (Kim); daughters: Eva J. Wadley, Patricia D. L. Maxwell, and LaShanda Jones, a Sister, Ethelene High, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held Thursday, October 3, 2019 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Moore's Angelic Funeral Chapel in Teague, Texas with the Wake Service from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Teague, Texas.

Funeral Arrangements conducted by Moore's Angelic Funeral Home.

Revival Oct. 15-17

Salvation Lighthouse COGIC members and Pastor, Supt. Don Manning, Sr. cordially invites everyone to attend our upcoming revival set for October 15-17th at 7 pm. nightly.

The guest speaker is Supt. Anthony Taylor of Smith Chapel COGIC, Palestine, Texas.

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Others do you serve?
God's blessings have you observed?
Is worship preferred?
Is your soul preserved?

Do you wrestle
With gratification of the flesh?
Is your faith strong and fresh?
Are you climbing
This world's ladder of success?
Is there more you want to possess?

What about your eyes?
Are they focused on a heavenly prize?
Have you been born again, then baptized?
What about your pride?
Does it help make you wise?
Do you love the Lord from sunrise to sunrise?
Don't let your eternal destination be a surprise.

By ELM
September 10, 2019

*"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.
If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."
1 John 2:15 (KJV)*

Fall Revival at Donie FBC

First Baptist Church of Donie is excited to announce the upcoming Fall Revival. The services will begin on Sunday, October 20th and will continue through Tuesday, October 22nd. Each service will feature a different pastor and music team.

On Sunday, October 20th, Don Suits, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Fairfield, will be the evangelist in both services. Monday, October 21st the church will host Bro. Nathaniel Bedford and the Music Ministry of Lone Star Missionary Baptist Church of Groesbeck. The revival services will conclude with Kenneth Worley, pastor of Lake Limestone Baptist

Church, and Don Thornton, music evangelist from Fairfield, Texas.

The Sunday morning services will begin at 11:00 a.m. and each evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. First Baptist Church of Donie is located at 311 Worthy behind the Donie Fire Station. A love offering will be taken during each service.

First Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation to all of community and to bring their families, and join in this celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For more information, please contact the First Baptist Church office at 254-359-4332 or by email at doniefbc@gmail.com.

Veterans Lunch Oct. 11th

The Brookdale Palestine and other local health care organizations are sponsoring a free luncheon for veterans at noon on Friday, October 11th. It will be held in the DAV/VVA Hall at 927 Gardner Drive, Palestine.

In addition to a good meal, qualified health care representatives will provide health care information and answer questions on the Veterans Administration programs that have impacts on veterans care here in East Texas.

The DAV/VVA Hall is located behind the Mattern Tire Co. on North SH-155 in Palestine.

The invitation is extended to ALL veterans and veteran's family members. Even if you are only concerned about Veteran issues, you are welcome.

This event is sponsored by Brookdale Palestine and hosted by the Palestine Chapters of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) and the Disabled America Veterans (DAV).

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300-400	145-160
400-500	130-144
500-600	128-134
600-700	123-129
700-800	119-123
Heifers/Best #1 Quality	
300-Down	140-155
300-400	125-136
400-500	118-128
500-600	114-122
600-700	100-114
700-800	90-104
High Yield Packers	
Best Cows	48-53
Best Bulls	78-82
Pairs	
Top	nt
Low Middle	nt
Best Stocker Cows	
Young	950-1000
Older	575-675

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SALE EVERY SATURDAY - 12 NOON

Receipts from Buffalo Livestock Marketing showed a total of 3,064 cattle on October 6th, 2019 with 287 sellers and 84 buyers.

Slaughter Cows	
Cutter Cows	48-57
Fat Cows	46-54
Canner Cows	15-45
Slaughter Bulls	
Heavy Bulls	68-83
Light Bulls	57-80
Pairs	
Choice Pairs	nt
Good Pairs	nt
Plain Pairs	750-1000
Bred Cows 3-6 yr old	750-1125
Steer/Bull Calve & Yearlings	
150-200 lbs	80-205
200-300 lbs	125-197
300-400 lbs	120-185
400-500 lbs	110-177
500-600 lbs	100-139
600-700 lbs	95-133
700-800 lbs	95-132
Heifer Calves & Yearlings	
150-200 lbs	80-200
200-300 lbs	115-180
300-400 lbs	105-165
400-500 lbs	100-143
500-600 lbs	95-137
600-700 lbs	95-128
700-800 lbs	85-131

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Receipts from Waco Livestock Auction on October 1, 2019 Head Count of 974

No. 1 Steers	
Under 300 lbs	140-185
300-400 lbs	130-170
400-500 lbs	120-150
500-600 lbs	120-140
600-700 lbs	115-130
700-800 lbs	110-130
No. 1 Heifers	
Under 300 lbs	120-150
300-400 lbs	120-140
400-500 lbs	115-140
500-600 lbs	110-125
600-700 lbs	105-115
700-800 lbs	95-110
Slaughter Cows	
High Yielding	50 to 62
Low Yielding	40 to 47
Fats	50 to 60
Thin & Shelly	25 to 35
Packer Bulls (1250-2075 lbs)	
Yield Grade 1&2	65 to 80
Cow & Calf Pairs	
Young Choice	1000 to 1150
Young Fair	800 to 1000
Aged Pairs	550 to 800
Young Pregnancy Test Stocker Replacement Cows	450 to 950

Woods, Waters, and Wildlife

North, East and South Texas Deer Forecast

by John Jefferson



SEEING EVEN ONE BUCK LIKE THIS is a noteworthy treat but seeing two at once is unimaginable. These two bucks are rare-even for the Brush Country of South Texas, but every year, bucks like these are brought to ice in several regions of Texas. (Photo ©John Jefferson 2019)

Last week, this column covered deer prospects for the Hill Country (Edwards Plateau) and northwest Texas. This week, it'll cover the rest.

In general, white-tailed deer population has grown to an estimated 5.4 million from the previous estimate of four million! Improved survey practices combined with Nature caused the increase.

Last fall, it rained most of dove season and kept raining throughout the year. According to Alan Cain, TPWD's White-tailed Deer Program Leader, winter weeds flourished into the spring, replenishing body reserves lost through the rigorous breeding season and stressful winter. Wet weather continued into early summer.

Rains and weedy nutrition came at the right time for antler development, which should be ABOVE average. Cain also expects high fawn survival, perhaps over 50%. It's usually around 40%.

The Cross Timbers region northeast of the deer-rich Hill Country contains the second most whitetails. Highest deer densities are in areas northwest of Killeen - as high as 133 deer/1,000 acres in places. It's grown every year since 2005. Cain expects an increase in bucks 5.5 - 6.5-years of age this season. In 2018, 62% of bucks harvested were over 3.5- years old. Hunter success was 66%. Some great bucks should be harvested there this year.

The Post Oak Savannah runs

from the Red River to around Floresville with the highest concentrations of deer along I-10 and the lowest along I-20 east of Dallas. Of harvested bucks, 63 % of them were 3.5 years old and Cain predicts a few more 6.5-year-olds this season. Hunter success last year was 61%. A buck/doe ratio of one buck for every 4.5 does screams for increased doe harvest.

Population trends in the Pineywoods have fluctuated for the past five years. Fawn production has been low, but antler restrictions have reduced the number of young bucks being shot and others being allowed to age, resulting in good numbers of 1.5, 2.5 and 6.5 bucks

this year. As always, Cain foresees the usual number of "tremendous bucks" being brought to ice.

Winding down from the Pineywoods to the Gulf Prairies and Marshes, north of Highway 59, 42% of harvested bucks were 4.5 years old. Not bad. Below Hwy. 59, the habitat becomes more coastal, so the population declines. There are still plenty of deer and good buck age structure.

South Texas remains a place antler-envy addicts consider paradise. Rightfully so. Native habitat is excellent, but conditions and sex ratios vary due to management practices. The 2015 fawn crop indicates more 4.5-age bucks, but fewer 5.5 and older ones.

Generally, antler quality will be above-average due to conditions during the critical antler growing period.

Landowners, lessees or others moving or hunting nilgai, deer or other wildlife located in a fever tick quarantined area must have the animals or hides inspected before movement. Affected areas begin in Kinney County and include every county to the south bordering the Rio Grande and curls up the coast to Willacy. Also included are inland counties Jim Wells and Jim Hogg.

Otherwise, the season's looking great!
JJ

October 20-22, 2019 in Brenham, Texas

East Texas Hemp Conference

It is with great excitement to announce TXHIA's East Texas Regional Hemp Conference to be held at the Barnhill Center in Brenham, TX on October 20-22. The conference will follow the Texas Arts and Music Festival in Brenham that begins on Friday, October 18th.

The West Texas - San Angelo conference in August was well received and attended, video can be seen online at txhia.org/event.

Partial Agenda:

--Sunday, October 20, 1-6 - "Vendors Speak" event where vendors will have 20 minutes to share the value propositions for their products or services with attendees. Free for All Event Attendees.

Keynote Speakers:

--Monday, October 21, 8-5 - Dan Hunter, TDA Assistant Commissioner, who is heading up the hemp program to speak in the morning.

--Tuesday, October 22, 8-5 - Mark Case with Southern Hemp

Marketplace to be discussing the International Hemp Auction and Market to be held in Tennessee in November.

In mid-September, the USDA submitted their rules to the White House Office of Management and Budget for approval. The expectation is that the USDA will have their rules out by this event. The conference includes many experienced and professional speakers who will focus on growing, processing and manufacturing hemp. Other speakers will be discussing testing, compliance, horticulture methods, crop insurance, etc. Space is limited.

This is the second of four regional events the TXHIA is organizing prior to a state conference in the spring once the TDA has established the rules. County Coordinators (CC) are being established to help organize their communities. See online at www.txhia.org/coordinators. Interactive map to view the list of CCs by county or may be viewed at www.txhia.org/regions.

The TXHIA is working diligently to provide accurate information to farming communities in hopes of networking farmers, processors and manufacturers to create balance between raw materials from the field to deliver to processing and manufacturing facilities. These steps are critical to create stable retail markets for the three main cultivar types of grain, essential oil (CBD, CBG, etc.) and fiber to provide food, feed, supplements, fiber, building materials and many other industrial uses.



Just when I think I have seen everything there is to see, something new appears and I am so surprised by it! Even though they are telling us that it is going to be cooler, much cooler there are still bugs and bees and wasps flying around. The Hummingbirds have left now so they are on the good list even though I miss them greatly. It has been so hot that we are constantly filling the Beagles water bowls. We have three of them and they are all different sizes. Plus the fact they have a different favorite bowl every other day! Some days they simply won't drink out of the red bowl or the silver bowl or the pink bowl. That's OK, at least we know there is water there for them.

Today, The Colonel said to me that he had seen the most unusual thing. What he saw was a wasp that landed on the silver bowl and bent over the rim of the bowl to drink water! Who would have thought? Neither one of us had ever seen that before. So, when I went out to feed the dogs, here comes the wasp after I had emptied their bowls to fill with fresh water. Everything had to be just perfect for the wasp. There was a spider crawling on the patio and he would not land. Finally the spider ran away after the wasp dived bomb him. Then a leaf blew by, then the Beagles moved, and on and on. The wasp kept flying around and finally things were good for his landing. He landed on the rim, bent over the rim of the bowl and started drinking. The Colonel said he guessed they needed water too to which I responded; it means we should start drinking more water if a wasp needs it that badly.

Never ceases to amaze me what is seen on this the Red Oak Ranch.

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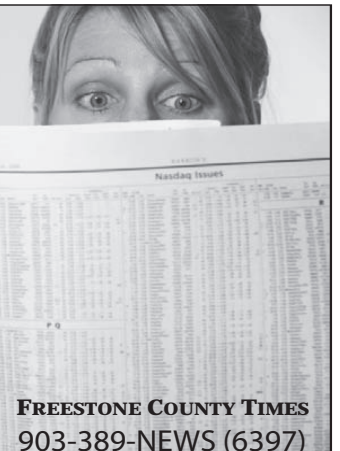
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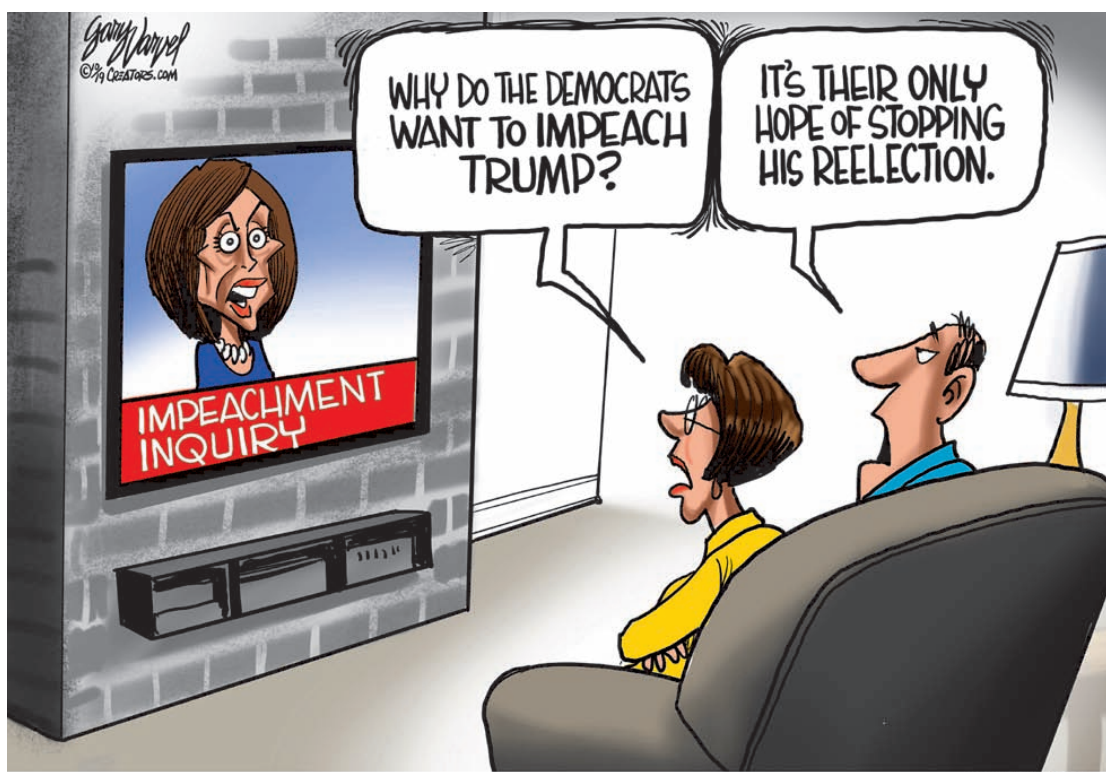
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Receipts from Groesbeck Auction & Livestock Co. LLC showed a total of 655 head of cattle on October 3rd, 2019 with a steady/higher trend.

Slaughter Cows & Bulls	
Cows	34-59
Bulls	68-77.50
Stocker Cows	
Cows	700-1200
Pairs	
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings	
Steers Good & Choice	
300-400 lbs	155-177.50
400-500 lbs	150-180
500-600 lbs	125-144
600-700 lbs	115-133
Heifers Good & Choice	
300-400 lbs	130-175
400-500 lbs	120-143
500-600 lbs	110-133
600-700 lbs	100-125



VIEWPOINTS



Dear Editor,

A Judicial Travesty

Many years ago O.J. Simpson was acquitted of a dual murder that he most certainly committed but which was never proven in court. He may not have done the crime, although he almost surely had. It was a travesty of the first order on our legal system. We now have a similar upending/injustice in Dallas County with the conviction and 10-year sentence for a Dallas police officer who mistakenly and tragically shot and killed an innocent, good man in his apartment in that city.

This injustice is the obverse of that earlier California failure in the judicial system, and it is plainly political now. A fine man was killed - a terrible tragedy, like a car crash, A car crash is just as fatal as a gunshot, but it is not a crime. This horrible thing was clearly a tragic mistake. The police officer has the responsibility for her actions; there should be consequences. A good man

is dead. It's a terrible tragedy, but in no way is it *murder*. She didn't even know the man. Multiple residents in their building said that they too has sometimes mistaken their apartments, etc. She had come off a 12-hour shift at work and had had a drink on her way home. What happened then was terrible indeed; a fine man was killed, but *it was an accident, not a crime*.

Dallas County and the City of Dallas have experienced profound social and political shifts in the past 25 years. Both are as liberal as Austin, and both have heavily minority-based positions of authority: county commissioners, city commissioners, mayor, chief of police, district attorney, etc. Wednesday's issue of the *Dallas Morning News* was filled with approving statements of the verdict and sentence, e.g., "this was the best outcome for the city."

This former police officer was a sacrificial lamb to that community. I pray that this travesty will be overturned by the courts or that some other legal remedy may exonerate her.

El Sellers
Fairfield, Texas

Dear Editor:

It has been reported that a petition is being circulated which would require a re-vote on the approval of our recent action allowing an increase in the hospital tax rate. Those voters who were opposed to the increase had their chance to show their opinion in that vote. The hospital board held public meetings allowing input from the community. The resulting election was strongly in favor of the rate.

I recently spent a night in the hospital in Fairfield. I had excellent care from the doctors, nurses, and staff. It was great to know I was able to be in my own community, minutes away from my family. My husband and I both used the Emergency Room last month. Once again, we received good care and did not have to travel out of town.

Having a hospital in our town sends a strong message to people and businesses considering relocating to our area. The people have already spoken and it is unnecessary to do it again. We need our hospital.

Bettye Trask
Fairfield, Texas

Dear Editor,

The Freestone County Sheriff's Office would like to publicly say THANK YOU to our Commissioners Court for seeing the needs of our law enforcement agency and taking action where needed in order to insure those needs were better met in 2020. Budget time is never an easy period and there is always a lot to consider when making decisions for our county. In this specific budget, the Sheriff's Office Jail and Dispatch were in desperate need of pay increases and funding; those needs were met thanks to our County Commissioners. Also receiving a pay increase were our Deputies who will see a 2% increase in pay beginning October 1st, 2019.

The Sheriff's Office also received 3 new patrol vehicles, a transport van, and 2 additional Deputy Positions in order to assist in numerous transports carried out by our agency and to allow us to better serve and protect the citizens of Freestone County.

As the Sheriff of this great county, I would like to say to each Commissioner, Pct. 1 Mr. Andy Bonner, Pct. 2 Mr. Craig Oakes, Pct. 3 Mr. Michael Daniels, and Pct. 4 Mr. Clyde Ridge, as well as, our Honorable County Judge, Mrs. Linda Grant, THANK YOU for your show of support for our county law enforcement agency. We are grateful for the decisions that were made in order to better provide for our Sheriff's Office employees, which, in turn, allow our office to better serve and protect our citizens.

We would also like to say THANK YOU to our Freestone County tax paying citizens. Our county budget is based off of the money we receive from our local tax payers and businesses. The show of appreciation and support this past year, as with previous years, is a blessing to our office. As I have stated before, our citizens and our law enforcement must work together in order for Freestone County to be the safest place it can be. We are glad to know our citizens and our county law enforcement are on the same team.

God Bless our Law Enforcement and God Bless the citizens of Freestone County.

Sheriff J. Shipley
Fairfield, Texas

Dear Editor,

The Freestone Medical Center is a true blessing for all of us. It provides excellent medical services for one and all. As a reminder of its importance, we offer these statistics: annual usage includes 1,125 patient visits, 375 actual admissions, 8,760 emergency room visits, 21,000 clinic visits, 12,400 radiology visits and 10,600 laboratory visits. Those are impressive numbers, however on a more personal note, we chose to retire in Fairfield because of the excellent medical facilities. In a similar vein, we have many friends who are alive today because of the emergency room care which they received at the Freestone Medical Center.

The Fairfield Hospital District Board has been very forthright and transparent in their planning and communication with the public. They have a vision and goals for FMC. They developed the plans to achieve these goals and very carefully laid them out to the public for their inspection and comment. The public, after two hearings, overwhelmingly voted in favor (86%) of allowing the Board to press forward with their plans.

It is my understanding that there is a movement underway to derail these plans by way of a recall election. While not wishing to deprive anyone of their rights, it seems to us to be somewhat inappropriate to try to disrupt the plans after they have been approved by such a vast majority.

We, you and I, need the Freestone Medical Center and its services to protect our lives, protect our community and quite frankly, promote the growth and economy of Freestone County. Let's not impede the plans and progress of this program which has been carefully crafted with citizens' input and initiated with their approval.

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Eagles Race Past Mustangs 31-15

The Fairfield Eagles outscored the Madisonville Mustangs 21-0 in the third quarter to improve to 2-0 in district play with a 31-15 win in Madisonville Friday night.

Justin Abram has had a huge season and he did not disappoint with another 166 yards rushing three touchdowns in the win.

Madisonville had the best defense against the Eagle offensive by controlling the ball. They ran 41 offensive plays to the Eagles 14 in the first half, but still trailed Fairfield at the break.

The Mustangs took the ball first and picked up a couple of first downs before the drive stalled. The punt went out of bounds at the Fairfield two-yard line the Eagle offense went to work. On the second play of the drive, Abram was sacked in the end zone for a safety and the Mustangs took the early 2-0 lead.

Off the free kick, Madisonville moved inside the Fairfield ten-yard line on a nine-play drive. On second down at the Eagle eight, Tyrese Brown took the direct snap and fumbled the ball. Tyler Haynes scooped it up on a short bounce and sprinted 84 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. He gathered his breath and stepped up and kicked the extra point for a 7-2 lead having still not run but two plays offensively.

The Mustangs next possession would eat over seven minutes off the clock and consume 17 plays. The converted six times on third down and Brown finished the drive with a seven-yard run. The try for two was no good and the Mustangs led at the half 8-7.

The Eagles took the second half kickoff and needed only five plays to get the lead. Abram pushed through on a one-yard run for the 14-8 lead.

Madisonville would get pushed backward on the following



OUTRUNNING A STAMPEDE OF MUSTANGS for the Eagle touchdown is Quarterback Justin Abrams.



COACH BACHTEL CONGRATULATES Senior Quarterback Justin Abram after he scored a touchdown. (Photo by Shae Garcia)

possession, including an intentional grounding penalty that pushed them back to their own 11, and punting out of their own end zone. Fairfield would score in eight plays, again on an 11-yard run by Abram for a 21-8 lead.

Dylon Rushin put the offense back on the road from the defensive side of the ball when Madisonville took their offense on the field. He stepped in front of a pass and returned it to midfield. That was after Jar-myichael Hudson had a sack for a fifteen-yard loss.

Fairfield took three plays to go 51 yards, all of them Abram carries, the final for a 22-yard score and a 28-8 lead late in the third quarter.

Roderick Holiday scored on a 21-yard run to get the Mustangs to within 13 points at 28-15 midway through the fourth quarter.

Haynes added a 31-yard field goal with just under two minutes to play in the game to set the final score of 31-15.

Fairfield leads the district standings at 2-0, joined by the Waco Conally Cadets. Mexia is a half game back and Madisonville and Lorena trail Robinson and Salado. Fairfield will host the Mexia Blackcats on Friday night in a very important district contest.

Scott Batts reporting.



THE MUSTANG QUARTERBACK IS SACKED by Fairfield's #40 - Luke Latham (above).



WHAT A GAME BY EAGLES #22 - Zane Anderson (at left) as he brings down the mustang.

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Aug 30	@Rusk	Win - 47-34
Sep 6	@Brownsboro	Win - 14-6
Sep 13	Athens	Win - 45-25
Sep 20	Palestine	Loss - 56-35
Sep 27	Lorena	Win - 41-21
Oct 4	@Madisonville	Win 31-15
Oct 11	Mexia	7:30
Oct 18	Open	
Oct 25	Connally	7:30
Nov 1	Robinson	7:30
Nov 8	@Salado	7:30

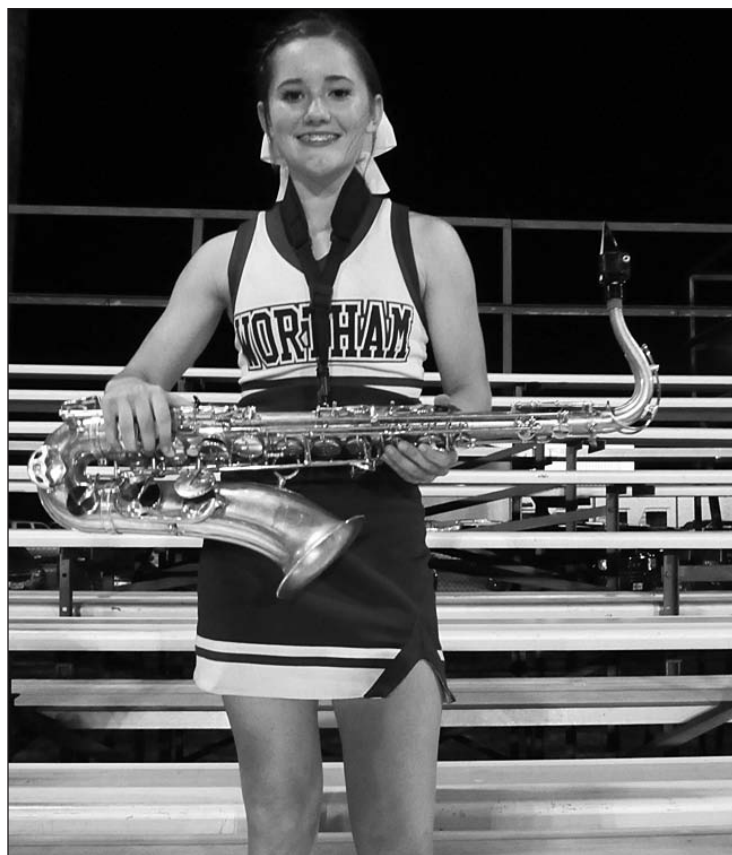
Teague Football

Aug 30	Malakoff	Loss - 14-40
Sep 6	@Mexia	Loss - 49-22
Sep 13	Open	
Sep 20	@Lorena	Loss - 34-13
Sep 27	@Hempstead	Win - 48-47
Oct 4	@Grandview	Lose 52-7
Oct 11	Groesbeck	7:30
Oct 18	@McGregor	7:30
Oct 25	Whitney	7:30
Nov 1	@Maypearl	7:30
Nov 8	West	7:30

Wortham Football

Aug 30	Itasca	Win - 20-18
Sep 6	First Baptist	Win - 70-66
Sep 13	Bartlett	Win - 24-0
Sep 20	@Cayuga	Loss - 24-6
Sep 27	@Cross Roads	Win - 36-20
Oct 4	Open	
Oct 11	Frost	7:30
Oct 18	@Mart	7:30
Oct 25	Meridian	7:30
Nov. 1	Hubbard* (SN)	7:30
Nov. 8	@Dawson	7:30

Wortham Bulldog Band Members of the Week



Week of September 27, 2019

Last Friday night, September 27, the following Wortham Varsity Band members were honored during their half time show when the Wortham Bulldogs traveled to Cross Roads.

RaShay Covey (at left) was awarded band member of the week, and mellophone section was the section of the week.

The mellophone members (above) are: Michelle Misini, Hope Pirkle, and Case Samford.

The Bulldogs are off this Friday and back home on Oct. 11. Please come out and support these hard working students!

The Wortham Bulldog band is under the direction of Kevin Russell.

Wortham Lady Bulldogs Defeat Two More



WORTHAM'S SAMANTHA WRIGHT with a back row attack. (Photo by Jennifer Lansford)

Wortham defeated Texas Wind in three games: 25-5; 25-22; and 25-10.

Samantha Wright lead the offense with 9 kills and 5 digs.

Jessica Black had 9 kills, one ace and one dig.

Rylee Goolsby had 7 kills, one dig and one block.

Skylar Phillips had 4 kills, 6 digs, and one ace.

Setter Reagan Stuver had 23 assists and three digs.

Defense specialist Brynn Bowden had 4 digs and one ace.

Libero Megan Whaley had 12 digs. Cate Samford had one dig.

Wortham started their second round of district defeating Coolidge in three games: 25-14; 25-9; and 25-14.

District record 9-0

Overall record 24-11

Rylee Goolsby dominated the net with 10 kills, 2 blocks and one dig.

Skylar Phillips had 7 kills and 2 digs.

Jessica Black had 3 kills, 2 aces, 2 digs, and one block.

Samantha Wright had 3 kills and 2 digs.

Cate Samford had one kill.

Setter Reagan Stuver had 18 assists, 5 digs, and one ace.

Libero Megan Whaley had 5 digs and defense specialist Brynn Bowden had 4 digs and 3 aces.

The Wortham Lady Bulldogs will travel to Penelope Tuesday.

Submitted by DeAnna Whaley, Wortham Head Volleyball.

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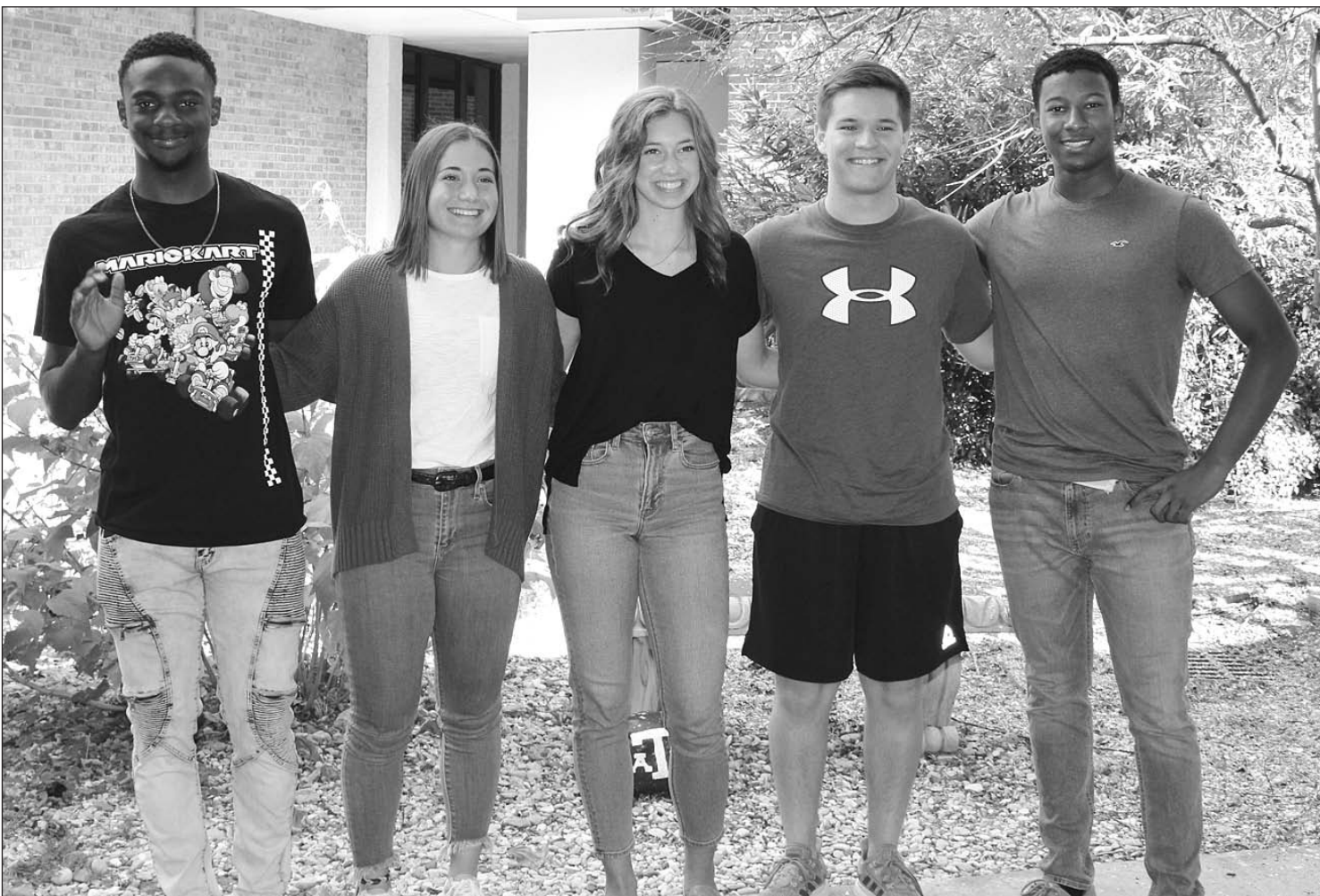
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FHS Elects 2019 Class Officers



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS: President - Emi Bonner; Vice-President - Jordan Owens; Treasurer - Rebecca Dunlap; Secretary - David Thomas; and Reporter - Justin Abram. (Photos by Victoria Keng)

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS: President - Croix McBean; Vice-President - Valeria Ramirez; and Secretary - Jordan Maciel.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS: President - Harpreet (Robby) Walia; Vice-President - Frankie Nelson; Treasurer - Erica McQuinn; Co-Secretary - Kendal Crawford and Te'Yalla Simpson; and Reporter - Eric Lyle.



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS: President - Spain Covert; Vice-President - McKinna Brackens; Treasurer - Jonathan Thomas; Secretary - Audrie Smith; and Reporter - Clayton Averhart.

Teague Lions Fall to Grandview Zebras 52-7

The Teague Lions have been road warriors over the last few weeks and the final road trip in the string was a dominating victory by the Grandview Zebras 52-7 Friday night.

The defending state champion from last season built a 28-0 halftime lead and coasted to the district win.

The Zebras got a pair of touchdowns in the first quarter with a touchdown connection from reigning MVP in the state title game Dale Jentsch to Cooper Deans. The 34-yard

touchdown pass and point after putting the Zebras ahead to stay at 7-0. Jentsch added a second touchdown pass to Jacob Patterson for a 29-yard score to end the quarter with a 14-0 lead.

Grandview added two more touchdowns in the second quarter, the first on a quarterback keeper for a 65-yard score. They would add a touchdown pass from Tremayne Gullatte to Deans for his second score of the game on a 40-yard score.

The Zebras would continue to add to the lead with a third touchdown pass from Jentsch to Kason English and he would add his second touchdown run with a 14-yard burst to the end zone. Nathaniel Baker added a 33-yard field goal before the Lions put their first points on the board.

The highlight for the Lions on the night was a 62-yard touchdown run by Nemier Herod and Escobedo added the extra point to cut the lead to 45-7.

Grandview would add a late score to set the final tally.

Grandview and Whitney remain unbeaten in the district race with West, McGregor and Maypearl one game back. Groesbeck is 0-2 and will travel to Teague (0-1) in a pivotal matchup in the district 9-3A Division one standings.

Scott Batts reporting.

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes to Host Fields Of Faith

By Erin Rachel
FHS Senior and Eagle Beat Copy Editor

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes prepares to host its community-wide worship service, Fields of Faith. Students will lead other students in worship, testimonies, and devotionals from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on October 16.

"I think it is important for our students to gain experience in leading our community in worship so that they can build their confidence and faith," FCA sponsor and social studies teacher Jeff Wright said. "I also think it's important for the community to see young people actively leading in spiritual matters."

FCA officers, along with Wright, are in charge of the event and participate in different sections. Senior Braden Bossier will be giving the sermon.

"It's always fun to help with Fields of Faith," FCA Vice President and senior David Thomas said. "I love watching people come together to serve the Lord."

The Bossier family along with seniors Erin Rachel and Drew Williams and junior Madison Thaler will be performing music specials.

"I always enjoy the music specials," Wright said. "I feel like music helps people connect to Christ."

Rachel and Thaler have also decided to give a testimony or devotional. Although this event is targeted toward students, the entire community is invited to join.

"God is powerful in any situation," FCA President and senior Drew Williams said, "but I think the more people there, the more we see the Holy Spirit move. If more people come and are open to hearing the gospel we could witness some amazing things."

An offering will be taken up during fields of faith. This money goes toward FCA scholarships for seniors.

"We hope to see many people come and worship with our students," Wright said. "I pray the Holy Spirit moves through our community through this event."



CONGRATULATIONS TO FREESTONE COUNTY'S Kendal Turner and Wes Hagen for winning All-Around Cowgirl and All-Around Cowboy respectively at the 2019 Yates Manahan Memorial Youth Rodeo. Agency CEO Jason Rollo, local agent Bill Billock, and the rest of your Freestone County Rollo Insurance staff were honored to meet in Fairfield on Friday, September 27, 2019 to present each winner with a belt buckle and a \$500 scholarship on behalf of Rollo Insurance – Freestone County and RVOS Insurance. Special thanks also goes out to Deb Manahan for her customary outstanding work with providing the belt buckles. (Submitted Photo)

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Dew ISD Honor Rolls



FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB celebrated August/September/October birthdays with lunch and birthday snacks in the library this week. These students' families donated a book to the library in honor of their birthday. The members celebrating this month are Benjamin Palacio, Francisco Espinoza, Aaryn Morgan, Jacelynn Schimdt, Gracelyn Jones, Caden Pickens, Gavin Thaler, Zayn Ferrell, Addyson York, Ryleigh Lane, Addison Shipley, Corbin Barlow, Brian Ethridge, Noland Thaler, Lucas Awalt, Ivy Wren and Lane King. The Fairfield Intermediate School is very grateful to these families for their donations. (Submitted Photo)

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- Second Grade**
A Honor Roll: Virtue Davis, Brylee Ethridge, Ely Harter, Jackson Mizell, Zy Murphy, Elijah Newsom, Kenley Robinson, Peyton Walker
A/B Honor Roll: Gabriel Andrade, Harleigh DeBorde, Leah Gozalez, Haven Irvin, Evan Croteau, Dash Rogers, Eli DeBorde
- Third Grade**
A Honor Roll: Brook-Lyn Ansley, Kayden Holcomb, Madilyn Kilgore, Brazos Lenox, Alan Neal
A/B Honor Roll: Brenny Bell, Brooklyn Dixon, Tyler Woodall, Colton Bybee, Alexis Goodson, Ainsley Hall, Presley Williams
- Fourth Grade**
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A/B Honor Roll: Jaelynn Brown, Preston Thornton, Holton Marberry, Peyton Woodall, Cace Carruth
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A Honor Roll: Kenady Morris
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Beatle Mania Takes Over In Fairfield, Texas

Over Two Hundred Attend Fundraiser

--"Man, this is great!! We do not have performers of this caliber in (my city)!! How often do you have things like this? I will be watching for other things you have."

--"Tonight has been great! It is great when our community can get together and just have fun. I think it is such a good thing for the people here!"

--"We are from Frisco. Wow! This is a great show!"

The BritBeat concert hosted by the Moody-Bradley House Foundation was indeed a treat, especially for Beatles fans. The venue at Twisted Vines Event Center in Fairfield was beautifully decorated. Table settings included gold fish bowls featuring the iconic yellow submarine. Attendees, two hundred and fourteen music fans, were also treated to selfie props in the form of John Lennon sunglasses. Appetizers included British favorites of the era, including Bangers & Mash, Chicken Curry, and Fish & Chips. The BritBeat band gave an exceptional performance. They began with songs from the early years as the multi-media backdrop flashed vintage news clips and pictures from the Cavern Club in London, the Ed Sullivan Show in Hollywood, and the famous concert at Shea Stadium in New York City. Following a short intermission, the scene change to psychedelic as BritBeat took the stage as Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

The evening concluded with favorites from the Beatles last studio album, Abbey Road. "The Moody-Bradley House Foundation would like to thank the City of Fairfield for supporting this event," said Melinda Bonds, Fairfield History Club member.

Bonds explained that the City's Hotel Occupancy Tax was utilized to cover much of the expenses for this event. The tax - paid by people staying in Fairfield hotels - is designed to increase out-of-town traffic to the city and promote hotel stays.

"The Moody-Bradley House events do just that," she said. According to Bonds, approximately half of the BritBeat concert attendees were out of town guests who represented twenty-three cities outside of Fairfield.

Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds received are utilized for the Arts, historic preservation, and marketing events. "Without this support, the Moody-Bradley House Foundation would not be able to cover other costs necessary to maintain the Moody-Bradley House," said Bonds.

The Fairfield History Club and Moody-Bradley House Foundation thanks all the individuals and businesses who supported the event, including Farmers State Bank, Fairfield Chamber of Commerce and Richland Chambers Progress.

Additionally, a \$300 shopping spree was awarded to one lucky fan in attendance. The following Fairfield businesses are participating: Robinson Trading Post, Texas Outfitters, Accessories, Etc., Brenda's Closet, Kennedy's Korner, Highway 84 Outfitters, Tuscan Touch, Freeman's Flowers, Creations Flowers & Gifts, Armadillo Emporium, NAPA Auto Parts, Lyle Oil, Parker Auto Supply, Big Daddy's Detail, Peridot - Marilyn Farris, Fertodda Nail & Hair Studio, Bella Nails, Good Neighbor Dry Cleaners, Sam's Original Restaurant, Ponte's Diner and Padrinos.

Karen Leidy reporting.



DECORATIONS FOR THE EVENING Included gold fish bowls with the iconic Yellow Submarine.



SPORTING 'JOHN LENNON' GLASSES are Faith and Lynda Pinson and The "Times" Editor Karen Leidy. (Photo by Karla Patterson)



WINNING A \$300 Fairfield Shopping Spree is Don Windham. He will have a choice of purchasing items from twenty-one businesses in Fairfield, Texas. Enjoy! (Courtesy Photo)



KICKING UP THEIR HEELS AND JOINING A CONGA LINE are attendees of Saturday's performance of BritBeat: A Tribute to The Beatles. The special event was a fundraiser for the Fairfield History Club's Moody-Bradley House Foundation. It was presented by the City of Fairfield and The Moody Foundation. (Photo by Karen Leidy)

Enter Your Pet This Year Halloween Pet Costume Contest

Your Pet can get into their Halloween spirit this year at the Howls & Meows Halloween Pet Costume Contest.

Bring your pet to the Freestone County Courthouse Square next Saturday, October 19th, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. dressed up in their Halloween best.

They will be judged on Most Original, Scariest, Funniest, and Pet/Owner look alike.

This event will be held in coordination with Fairfield Fest, and the Scarecrow winners will be announced at 1:00 p.m.

Pre-Register your pet at The Chamber Office or sign up the morning of the contest by 10:00 a.m.

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Texas Central Signs Design-Build Contract to Build Texas High-Speed Train

--Texas Central signs design-build agreement with Salini Impregilo and Lane Construction Corporation for Texas High-Speed Train
--The scope encompasses design, construction and installation of the civil infrastructure and track system, and related buildings and services along the route that will house maintenance and other rail system equipment

Last month, Texas Central, developer of the high-speed train, announced a design-build contract has been signed with the joint venture of Salini Impregilo, one of the largest civil engineering contractors in the world, and its U.S. subsidiary, Lane Construction Corporation. Salini-Lane is to supply the civil and infrastructure scope for the new high-speed train service between Houston and Dallas. This includes the design and construction of the viaduct and embankment sections along the entire route, the installation of the track system and the alignment and construction of all buildings and services that will house maintenance and other rail system equipment.

This design-build agreement authorizes a set of early works for the joint venture to continue advancing engineering design, detailed planning, interface definition and other key prerequisites necessary to start construction. This agreement is the result of their previous work providing front-end engineering and design for the train's civil infrastructure. Other services included optimizing execution plans, strategies and logistics, as well as performing analysis to develop construction costs and schedule estimates.

"This agreement brings us one step closer to beginning construction of the civil infrastructure segments of the project," said Carlos F. Aguilar, CEO, Texas Central. "Salini-Lane's unmatched track record with rail infrastructure, and very specifically its world class high-speed rail expertise across the globe, will be central to the completion of America's first end to end high-speed rail system."

"We are thrilled and honored to bring our large-scale railway expertise to this unique opportunity," said Pietro Salini, CEO, Salini Impregilo Group. "This inclusion in bringing high-speed train service to Texas and America, through leading the project's design and construction, is an invaluable experience." Salini Impregilo is active in more

than 50 countries on five continents, with experience building more than 4,000 miles of railway infrastructure around the world—in Australia, Europe, Asia and the Americas. It has built many high-speed train projects in Europe, and some iconic, complex projects in the world in the wider transport sector, including the expansion of the Panama Canal. Salini has worked in the U.S. since the 1980s and expanded its presence in 2016, merging with The Lane Construction Corporation, a U.S.-based company with almost 130 years of experience in infrastructure work.

The Texas train will be based on Central Japan Railway's Tokaido Shinkansen train system, the world's safest mass transportation system. The new Shinkansen N700S, which is the 6th generation of this train and will be debuted before this summer's 2020 Olympics. The system has transported more than 10 billion passengers in over 54 years with a perfect record of zero passenger fatalities or injuries from operations, and an impeccable on-time performance record.

"With increasing congestion on our highways and airways, it is important that we look at alternative modes of transportation," said Robin A. Kemper, P.E., President of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

"The project's total investment is expected to be approximately \$20 billion with the civil works estimated at \$14 billion. This would conservatively lead to an estimated \$36 billion in economic benefits state-wide over the next 25 years, including the creation of 10,000 jobs per year during peak construction and 1,500 permanent jobs when fully operational. Texas Central and its partners are committed to the Business and Workforce Opportunity programs, created to ensure a highly skilled workforce and promote the growth of Texas-based small, rural, minority-, woman-, veteran- and disabled individual-owned businesses by offering fair and competitive opportunities to bid and participate in building and operating the Texas high-speed train.



SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR ORGANIZATION, Broken Crayons Restoration Life Center, with Fairfield Rotary Club members is (from left) Dexter Barnes and his wife, Pct. 3 Constable Pamela Barnes. Beginning as a ministry for those experiencing domestic violence, Broken Crayons expanded to serve families, helping to empower them through mentorship, job development, health programs, life skills and more. The group is anticipating a community Open House the beginning of next year. Welcoming the couple are Assistant Distinct 5870 Governor Landis Bayless and member Karen Leidy. (Photo by Angela Oglesbee)

TxDOT Seeking Public Input On Texas Transportation Plan 2050

TxDOT planning the future of transportation in Texas

The future possibilities are intriguing, and TxDOT wants to know what Texans think will be the most pressing transportation needs for the next 30 years.

TxDOT is hosting a second round of public meetings to gather public input that will be essential to developing the state's long-range transportation plan, which helps inform the direction for the future of Texas' multimodal transportation system. The Texas Transportation Plan 2050, or TTP 2050, will guide TxDOT's planning and programming for the next 30 years and set

long-range goals for all forms of transportation.

Texans who can't make the meetings in person can participate online by visiting www.txdot.gov and searching for "TTP 2050". TxDOT is providing an interactive survey to gather public input. The virtual open house also features a transportation usage survey.

This second round of public involvement follows a series of public meetings conducted earlier this year. Anyone who previously participated online, or who attended an open house, is encouraged to continue their involvement as there will be new information and additional opportunities to comment.

To receive information or submit comments, email TTP_2050@txdot.gov or call the toll free messaging center at 1-855-TEXAS50 (839-2750). All meeting materials will be available at www.txdot.gov

via searching "TTP 2050" on the site.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend and who may need assistance, or persons with special communication needs or who need an interpreter, should contact Casey Dusza at (512) 486-5149 or casey.dusza@txdot.gov at least three business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

Online surveys will close Friday, November 15, 2019, and public comments will be accepted throughout the development of the TTP 2050 until early 2020. Written comments can be submitted via email at TTP_2050@txdot.gov or by USPS mail to: TxDOT TPP Division – TTP 2050, Attn: Casey Dusza, P.O. Box 149217, Austin, Texas 78714-9217.

Recycle Day in Fairfield

Recycle Day will be Saturday, October 19th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the FHS Bus Loop on Post Oak Road in Fairfield, Texas.

Items that may be recycled each month include: newspaper, sorted office paper, mixed paper, cardboard, clean plastics #1-#7, water bottles, milk containers, soda bottles, laundry and bleach bottles, aluminum cans, and steel cans.

Glass NOT accepted at this time.

Sign up for reminders by testing @ffrecycle to 469-425-2522.

Monthly Recycle at Fairfield High School has changed to the third Saturday of the month to coordinate with the Fairfield Fest/ Market Days weekend.

Future dates for 2019 are November 16th, and December 21st.



Wortham Yard of the Month

THE WORTHAM GARDEN CLUB would like to congratulate Bill & Margaret Whaley of 309 S 4th St Wortham, Texas on being the recipient of the Yard Of The Month for October 2019. The amazing trike was built by Mr. Whaley himself!! With it, and the decorations on the fence, it gives their yard a very unique look. The pictures don't really do it justice, so drive by and check out their amazing & beautiful yard for yourself! (Submitted Photo)

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Testamentary for the Estate of DENNIS MURL PENNEY, Deceased, were issued on the 1st day of October, 2019, under Cause No. PRO8720, pending in the County Court of Freestone County, Texas, Sitting In Probate to JACKYE VON PENDERGRASS PENNEY, Independent Executrix.

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All persons having claims against this Estate that is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Signed this the 1st day of October, 2019.

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NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE SUBDIVISION AND SERVICE EXTENSION POLICY OF WINKLER WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, Winkler Water Supply Corporation hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land, within the service area of Winkler Water Supply Corporation, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No.10754, in Navarro County or Freestone County, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water or sewer service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with DEVELOPER, SUBDIVISION, AND NON-STANDARD SERVICE REQUIREMENTS (the "Subdivision Policy") contained in Section F of Winkler Water Supply Corporation's tariff.

Winkler Water Supply Corporation is not required to extend retailwater or sewer utility service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision Policy.

Applicable elements of the Subdivision include:

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Winkler Water Supply Corporation's tariff and a map showing Winkler Water Supply Corporation's service area may be reviewed at Winkler Water Supply Corporation's offices, at 2038 Loper Drive, Streetman, Texas 75859; the tariff and service area map also are filed of record at the Public Utilities Commission and may be reviewed by contacting the Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 N. Congress Ave., PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326 at 512-936-7000 or web@puc.texas.gov

Notice is hereby given the IVO/DRE equipment that will be used in the CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT GENERAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2019 will be tested **on Friday October 11, 2019 at 9:00am** at the Records Storage Building, 420 E Main St, Fairfield, Texas, to ascertain that they will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and all measures.

*Por la presente se da aviso de que el equipo IVO/DRE que se utilizarán en ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL la ELECCION GENERAL celebrada el 05 de Noviembre de 2019 se pondra a prueba el **Viernes, 11 de Octubre de 2019 a las 9am** en el edificio de almacenamiento de registros, 420 E Main St, Fairfield, Texas, a fin de comprobar con precisión los votos emitidos para todas las oficinas y todas las medidas.*

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Record Summer Drought

by Barney Leach

Rainfall-wise, September was a continuation of our summer drought with only 0.17 inch of rain for the month. We had only three days with measureable rainfall with a greatest one-day total of 0.09 inch on September 18. Our total rainfall for the year now stands at 39.78 inches. Our normal rainfall for the entire year is 42.41 inches.

Summer ended as a record dry summer for the past 25 years. Total rainfall for the ninety-four days of summer was 4.18 inches and 3.42 inches of that fell the first ten days of summer.

Our third quarter also ended as a record dry quarter with only 0.76 inch of rain for the three-month period. July produced 0.59 inch of that rain.

Temperature-wise, September temperatures were slightly above normal with highs mostly in the mid to upper-nineties. Low temperatures were also slightly above normal with lows mostly in the mid to upper seventies. High temperature for the month was 97 degrees. Low temperature for the month was 70 degrees.

RAINFALL BY MONTH IN INCHES

Month	Rainfall	Normal	Departure	Month	Rainfall	Normal	Departure
Jan	3.79	3.00	+0.79	Jul	0.59	2.13	-1.54
Feb	2.28	2.96	-0.68	Aug	0.00	2.43	-2.43
Mar	1.53	4.43	-2.90	Sep	0.17	2.84	-2.67
Apr	11.03	3.05	+7.98	Oct			
May	15.38	4.67	+10.71	Nov			
Jun	5.01	3.97	+1.04	Dec			
Total					39.78	29.48	+10.30

Looking ahead to October: October is our normally wettest month of the year due to some heavy rains in the 10 to 14 inch range over the past several years. Our normal October rainfall is 5.27 inches.

The above rainfall and temperature data was recorded by Barney Leach, former co-op weather volunteer for the National Weather Service and former weather volunteer for Channel 8 in Dallas, Channel 10 in Waco and radio station KNES in Fairfield.

Share Your Hunting Traditions

Submissions Due By Oct. 18th

Opening Day for avid deer hunters begins just a month from now, with the General Season in Freestone County, Texas being held November 2, 2019 through January 5, 2020.

Many families have hunted these woods for generations, passing down hunting knowledge and rituals to even the youngest members.

What are your family traditions during deer season?

The "Times" is collecting stories from local hunters about their traditions, rituals, and special techniques for an article to be published before opening day.

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PINK OUT Games Played This Week

Pink Out has come to Freestone County once again with the different school districts all participating in their own ways.

Fairfield had their Pink Out pep rally this past Friday, and their Pink Out Football game will be Friday, October

11th, 2019.

Teague has their Volleyball Pink Out Tuesday, October 8th, 2019, and their Football Pink Out Game is the following Friday.

Wortham Football will also do Pink Out the night of October 11th. While

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Dew ISD had their Pink Out night this past Monday at their Volleyball game.

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