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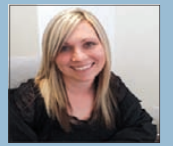
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DRIVING THE BALL DOWN THE COURT for Wortham is Lady Bulldog Brooke Salisbury. The varsity team defeated Hubbard, 83-22. (Photo by Jennifer Lansford)

Candidates Square Off

Voters Hear from Candidates for County Attorney

It was standing room only at the first of two Candidate Forums hosted by Freestone County TEA Party on Monday, January 18, 2016.

Attendees included candidates for County Attorney, County Sheriff, County Commissioner - Pct. 1 and Constable - Pct. 1. Also speaking during the event was Kaleb Sims, candidate for U.S. Representative - District 17, who has a scheduling conflict for the February Forum.

In order to give sufficient coverage to each candidate, **Freestone County Times** will publish a three-part series. This week will cover the candidates for Freestone County Attorney.

Lightening the mood, the self-described "warm up act", **Andrew Wolf** began the forum with a rousing greeting and a short introduction.

Describing himself as a prosecutor, not a politician, Mr. Wolf explained, "I'm not good at shaking hands and kissing babies and meeting and greeting - but what I am good at is talking to juries."

"As a good prosecutor you learn that it's not about you," he continued, "It's about the victim, it's about the evidence, it's about the case, and it's about justice."

Born on an Air Force base in Little Rock, Arkansas, Mr. Wolf recalled his father's twenty-five years of military service

with pride. Although not always fun, relocating from base to base and even to a foreign country, taught Wolf the importance of learning how to talk to people.

"I only became an attorney to be a prosecutor," shared Wolf who began his career in Houston, Texas with a fellowship with the Harris County Child Abuse Division.

With ten years of prosecuting child abuse cases under his belt, Mr. Wolf has been a member of the Special Victims Unit of Navarro County for the last four years.

"I've learned that you don't

shy away from the tough cases...you go out there and seek justice because that is your job. And that is what I will bring to this position if you make me your county attorney."

In conclusion, Mr. Wolf offered this bit of advice to Freestone County voters:

"Ask the questions that matter. Ask about our experience. Ask about our backgrounds. Don't ask what we think we bring to the job. Look at our track records. Figure out what we've done in the past - or what we haven't done in the past...What we're willing to do

means little if we don't have the past experience to back it up."

Brian Evans thanked the crowd for attending and taking an interest in the candidates' plans for the county. He recalled a story from his days as a freshman running track for Fairfield High School.

While nursing a hamstring injury, Evans was approached by his coach and asked to fill in for another runner in the one mile relay, a request he denied.

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Medical Bills Cut by 90%

Former Admin. Asks for Agenda Item be Tabled

Explaining that additional information was expected, Lisa Robertson, former Administrative Assistant for the Freestone County Sheriff's Office, asked that County Commissioners table her request to correct county records, as long as they would assure that she could be added to the agenda at a later date.

County Judge Linda Grant reminded Robertson that she could address the court for a period of five minutes during the public comments portion of the agenda during

any Commissioners Court meeting, without officially being added to the agenda.

"What record are you wanting corrected?" Judge Grant asked.

Robertson replied that the meeting minutes from January 6, 2016 were at issue.

Earlier during this meeting, Commissioners tabled approval of the January 6th minutes, as certain personnel info needed to be added.

The County received good

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State of the City: Fairfield

Part 2 - An Informal Chat with Mayor Hill

A Town Hall Meeting for the City of Fairfield is being held Tuesday, January 26th at the Green Barn Civic Center. An evening meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by discussion and questions from citizens.

All are encouraged to attend.

This week continues the second part of a recent interview with Fairfield Mayor Roy Hill.

Question: In regards to Economic Growth, what are some things in the works that

you can talk about?

Mayor Roy Hill: One of the biggest ones for us right now, from a retail standpoint: one of our officers' uncle is the head of real estate for Walmart. I've met with him and we've gone over the different criteria, and [Fairfield] meets all the criteria save one - population. That is one project.

What we're doing in our company (CETA) in 2016 is going to have a major economic

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New FCSO Vehicles Outfitted Locally



SAVING MONEY AND KEEPING IT LOCAL, the first of three new vehicles for the Freestone County Sheriff's Office is outfitted by Scott's Collision in Fairfield, Texas. Taking possession of the 2016 RAM 1500 crew cab is Sgt. Dusty Brewer (left) who complemented the work of owner Scott Isaacs and Body Shop Manager Ryan Logsdon. (Photo by Karen Leidy)

Tasked with a strict budget for purchasing, and outfitting, three new vehicles for the Freestone County Sheriff's Office, Patrol Sergeant Dusty Brewer has been bargain hunting and negotiating better prices with each of the vendors.

According to Sgt. Brewer, who currently serves as Fleet Manager, the goal has been to save money, and, as much as possible, keep spending local.

County Commissioners has previously approved \$127,000 for the purchase of 3 new vehicles during the 2015-2016 fiscal budget.

"After considerable research, I was able to purchase the 2016 Ram 1500 for a total purchase price of \$26,050. The aforementioned truck is a crew cab four wheel drive with a 5.7 litre hemi engine," says Sgt. Brewer.

The next purchase was for two Chevrolet Tahoes for a combined total purchase amount of \$67,626.94. "That left me with a balance of just over \$33,000 to purchase all of the needed equipment for each of the vehicles," he says. "Again, time to get on the phone

and do some bargain shopping. It was quickly learned that \$11,000 per vehicle was not going to be sufficient for purchasing the necessary equipment."

In the past, vehicles were ordered and then taken to an "upfitter" for the equipment installation. These upfitters are in Dallas, Temple, Arlington, and other areas outside Freestone County. "I obtained quotes from each of them," says Sgt. Brewer, "but the combined equipment and labor was going to quickly exceed the money I had available to spend."

Fortuitously, Sgt. Brewer was on the scene of a vehicle crash that Scott's Collision was called as wrecker service. While waiting on DPS to release the vehicle, Brewer struck up a conversation with owner Scott Isaacs.

"I asked him about the emergency lighting and equipment on his wrecker," he says. "Mostly what I wanted to know was who installed it."

After learning that Isaacs had installed

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OBITUARIES



Alma Grace Sanders

Alma Grace Sanders, 94, of Fairfield, passed away Friday, January 22, 2016 in Fairfield. Services were held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at Round Prairie Baptist Church with Bro. Ed Ridge and Bro. Henry Horton officiating. Interment followed at Lake Chapel Cemetery. Pallbearers were her John Sanders, Jr., Gregory Sanders, Jason Sanders, Andrew Sanders, Dan Ralstin and John Gordon Small. Honorary pallbearers were Chase Sanders, Matthew Sanders, Caleb Sanders, Cody Young and Chris Clark.

Mrs. Sanders was born February 12, 1921 in the Young community of Freestone County to parents John and Lela Mae Gunter



Election Help Required

Election help is still needed at Liberty during the Primary Election on March 1, 2016.

"The liberty box will be closed unless someone volunteers to be the Precinct chair," says Freestone County Republican Chair Doug Sanford.

Those interested in assisting with the election process, call Sanford at 903-389-4255.

TSAC Musical Opens Jan. 30-31

Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash is being presented by Trinity Star Arts Council on Saturday, Jan 30th - 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Jan 31st at 3:00 p.m.

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Dogan Alumni Meet

Dogan alumni meeting will be held Monday, February 1st at 6:00 p.m. at Jones Chapel in Fairfield, Texas.

Topics for discussion include membership applications, 2015 business close-out and the 2016 Christmas Las Vegas trip.

For more information, call 713-443-1229.

McEachern. She married Ashley Sanders on April 16, 1939 and he preceded her in death on November 23, 1995. They enjoyed over 56 years of marriage. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Lester, J.L. and Hub McEachern; and one sister, Lucille Small. Mrs. Sanders was a homemaker, loving wife and mother. She was a graduate of Fairfield High School in 1938 and a member of the Pep Squad at FHS. She had been a resident of Freestone County most of her life. Due to a job transfer for her husband Ashley, she was a resident of Wood County for nine years. At age 12, she trusted in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and became a member of Round Prairie Baptist Church located in the Young community. She has been a faithful member of that Church for over 74 years. She was a gracious lady and loved by all that knew her.

Survivors include two sons, John A. Sanders and wife Wanda of Franklin; Jerry Don Sanders and wife Claudia of Fairfield; five grandchildren, John Sanders, Jr. and wife Kim, Gregory A. Sanders and wife Deanne, Jason Sanders and wife Danna, Andrew Sanders and wife Janet, Amy Ralstin and husband Dan; twelve great-grandchildren, Kelsey Clark and husband Chris and Karly Sanders; Chase, Bailey and Ashley Sanders; Cody Young and Lilli Sanders; Matthew, Caleb and Sadie Sanders; Riley and Rhett Ralstin.

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

Archives Sought

History of Cotton in Freestone County

The Freestone County Historical Museum is working on a "The History of Cotton in Freestone County" exhibit and is seeking artifacts from the community which can be added to the display collection.

These items can be any kind of artifacts, such as: photographs, documents of correspondences, bill of sales from cotton growers, cotton gins, and old cotton seed sacks, packets, cotton sacks for picking, cotton advertising, etc.

Access to parcels of land to grow cotton is the primary reason this area was settled over 180 years ago by brave and hearty people. We welcome the community's input for this exciting display.

The received items can be loaned or gifted to the museum.

Please telephone at 903-389-3738 or come by museum at 302 E. Main Fairfield, Texas. The museum is open 10 am to 5 pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Email address is freestonecomuseum@windstream.net

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all the emergency lighting, radio and other equipment on his truck, Sgt. Brewer asked if it was something he would consider doing for the Sheriff's Office.

Isaacs asked what equipment needed to be installed. "I told him we needed all of the lights, siren, center console, radio, radar, grill guards, graphics and anything else that I failed to mention," says Sgt. Brewer. "In other words, ALL OF IT."

Isaacs said he would be glad to do it for three reasons: It keeps the money local, he appreciates the job the Sheriff's Office does, and appreciates the efforts being put into saving the taxpayer's money.

A partnership was born. Body Shop Manager, Ryan

Logsdon, was in agreement. "We appreciate what [Sheriff's Deputies] do to serve Freestone County," says Ryan Logsdon, adding that he and Isaacs wanted to do more than simply say 'thank you.'

"[Scott's Collision] has exceeded all expectations," says Sgt. Brewer. "They have agreed to a special labor rate that is lower than the upfitters we normally use and they have adjusted their work schedule to fit us in as the equipment arrived."

The Ram 1500 is the first vehicle received to date. The other two are expected to be delivered sometime in March. "Once we receive the vehicles we will take them to Scott's Collision to be upfitted," says Sgt. Brewer. Karen Leidy reporting.

Community Calendar

FREESTONE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
1st Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m.
Conference Center
Fairfield, Texas

QUILT GUILD
Mondays - 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall - 1st UMC
Fairfield, Texas

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Fairfield Chamber Business of the Week

Freestone County Museum

FREESTONE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM WAS VISITED by Fairfield Chamber's Surprise Patrol, celebrating them as last week's Business of the Week. Currently, their annual membership drive is being conducted. Memberships are \$15.00 individual \$25.00 family \$100.00 Silver (receive a book "Two Stars in the Southern Sky") \$200.00 Gold (Volume II of History of Freestone County). Passing on the "welcome" mat are (left-right): Chamber Admin. Assistant Lisa Schick, Museum Board Vice-President Brad Pullin, Chamber Ambassador Pam Chavers (Eagle Insurance Services), Museum Curator Patty Pratt and Chamber Ambassador Christie Harper (Dry Gulch Mercantile). Not pictured are Museum Board members President Linda Mullen, Secretary Nancy Rula, Treasurer Leslie Tate, Ralph Billings, Sherrie Minze, Muriel Morton and Don Awalt. Museum is open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. (Photo by Chamber Director Brenda Shultz)

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FREESTONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

BY SHERIFF DON ANDERSON



Deputy was dispatched to a domestic dispute on CR 300. The subjects were separated for the night.

Teague Medic 3 transported a 73 year old male to the E.R. in Waco that was having a possible stroke.

Trooper responded to a one-vehicle crash on Hwy 179 near Dew.

Teague Medic 3 was dispatched to a lift assist on S. 7th Avenue.

Deputy and Trooper responded to a report of a vehicle that had collided with the cable barrier in the median near the 196 mile marker of IH-45.

Fairfield Medic 7 transported a 54 year old offender from the Boyd Unit to the E.R. that was having chest pains.

Fairfield VFD, Teague VFD and Dew VFD responded to a structure fire on S. Bateman. The home owner stated that he had returned to his home after lunch and noticed that the door was black/charred and hot. The home owner report that the house was filled with smoke.

Deputy was dispatched to Kingswood Drive to speak with a resident about someone driving through his yard. The resident advised that there were deep ruts in the yard from the incident.

Trooper responded to a report of a vehicle that had struck the cable barrier near the 196 mile marker of IH-45 after having a blowout.

Streetman VFD assisted Fairfield Medic 8 with a 13 year old female that was having a seizure.

Deputy and Wortham P.D. responded to a domestic dispute on Comel Street. The complainant reported that a relative and thrown a spoon at her.

Trooper was dispatched to a two-vehicle crash on IH-45 near the 187 mile marker involving a car and an 18-wheeler.

Deputy assisted Teague P.D. at a domestic dispute on Hwy 84 W. in Teague.

Deputy was dispatched to a report of a vehicle that had struck a deer on Hwy 84 near the Children's Home.

Deputy met with a complainant on CR 403 who reported that an ex-boyfriend may have shot pellets at her dog.

Trooper was sent to check on a report of an 18-wheeler that was stuck in the mud near the 198 mile marker of IH-45.

Deputy booked one into jail on an outstanding warrant that had been issued out of the County Court for probation revocation.

Deputy and Trooper responded to a report of a

vehicle that had struck the cable barrier near the 191 mile marker of IH=45.

Deputy assisted Fairfield Medic 8 with a lift assist on Hwy 75 N.

Trooper assisted a stranded motorist on IH-45 near the 206 mile marker.

Deputy transported two juveniles to the Limestone County Juvenile Detention Center in Groesbeck.

Teague VFD, Dew VFD and Teague Medic 3 responded to a report of a trailer house fire on E. Main.

Deputy, Southern Oaks VFD, Kirvin VFD and Teague VFD responded to a structure fire on FM 416.

Teague P.D. assisted Teague Medic 3 at the High School Parking lot on a report of a child that had gotten caught between two cars that were backing up. Teague Medic 3 transported the child to the E.R.

Deputy took a harassment report on CR 1201.

Deputy was dispatched to an alarm call on CR 968. The area was found to be secure.

Fairfield Medic 8 transported an inmate from the jail to the E.R. that had reported that he was feeling suicidal. Deputy transported the subject back to jail after a mental/physical evaluation.

Deputy was dispatched to a suspicious vehicle report on CR 946.

Deputy assisted Fairfield P.D. locate a vehicle that was occupied by a person(s) of interest in a recent assault.

Teague P.D. booked a female subject into jail for assault/family violence for biting another female over an altercation about a phone.

Deputy was dispatched to a suspicious person/vehicle in the Southern Oaks area.

The caller reported that a heard a noise and saw someone leaving in their vehicle. Dispatch received a call shortly thereafter that the vehicle had been reposed by the bank.

Deputy was sent to FM 488 to put up a small black calf that was out near CR 221.

Deputy was dispatched to an alarm call on FM 2547. The alarm had been triggered by a pet.

Deputy and cowboy picked up a horse that was running loose near the Greenwood Cemetery.

Deputy took a criminal trespass complaint on FM 489.

Fairfield Medic 7 was dispatched to a report of a subject that was choking on something at a business on FM 27.

Wortham P.D. was dispatched to a civil dispute on Pease Street. The caller

reported that another subject is throwing personal property out of a house.

Deputy picked up two in the Tarrant County jail in Fort Worth that had been arrested on outstanding warrants in Freestone County. One subject was wanted out of District Court on a motion to revoke probation warrant for DWI/3rd and the other subject was wanted of the Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Court for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

Trooper was dispatched to IH-45 on a report of a vehicle pulling a camper that was all over the road near the 198 mile marker.

Fairfield Medic 8 transported a 21 year old male to the E.R. that was having chest pains.

Deputy was sent to CR 116 to put up cattle that were reported to be in the roadway.

Trooper, Dew VFD and Fairfield Medic 7 responded to a one-vehicle crash near the 194 mile marker of IH-45.

Wortham P.D. booked one into jail on an outstanding warrant that had been issued out of County Court for theft of service.

Fairfield P.D. booked one into jail for assault/family violence.

Deputy checked on an open door at a residence in the Southern Oaks area.

Deputy took a theft report on CR 441. The complainant advised that his deer rifles had been missing out of his gun safe for almost two weeks.

Wortham VFD assisted Mexia EMS on S. 1st with a resident that was having chest pains.

Deputy was dispatched to verbal dispute on FM 1848. One party departed for the night.

Deputy checked out a suspicious vehicle report on FM 489 near Hwy 75. The vehicle was found to belong to the cleaning crew at the church.

Deputy assisted Fairfield P.D. at a civil stand-by on N. Fairway.

Wortham P.D. booked one into jail for public intoxication after checking out a report of a subject that was sitting in the middle of the roadway on W. Brazos.

Wortham VFD responded to a report of a tractor that was on fire on LCR 232.

Fairfield Medic 6 transported an elderly male that was having difficulty breathing.

Deputy was dispatched to an alarm call at a house on Hwy 75 S. The home owner was home and reported that everything was okay.

Wortham P.D. was dispatched to a suspicious person report on E. Lubbock.

Deputy took a theft of a portable cattle pen report on CR 751.

Deputy met with a contractor that has been working on a house on Winding Way in reference to theft. The contractor advised that someone had stolen his tools from a garage after kicking in

the garage door.

Fairfield Medic 6 transported an offender from the Boyd Unit to the E.R. that was having chest pains.

Fairfield P.D. booked one into jail on an outstanding warrant that had been issued out of Dallas County for making a false report to a police officer.

Deputy and Butler VFD assisted Fairfield Medic 8 on CR 341 with a 19 year old that was having an asthma attack after arguing with a parent after the parent took the car away from the 19 year old.

Deputy, Trooper and Teague P.D. assisted Wortham P.D. with a subject that was involved in a domestic dispute that was threatening to kill himself. The subject was transported to the E.R. for a mental evaluation.

Trooper assisted responded to a report of a vehicle that had two flat tires on IH-45 near the 188 mile maker. The driver advised that one of the tires came off and was struck by two other passing motorists.

Teague Medic 3 was dispatched to a lift assist on Pecan Street.

Deputy transported one to the Palestine Crisis Center for a mental evaluation.

Deputy booked one into jail on an outstanding warrant that had been issued by the District Court for failure to appear, (indecency with a child).

Deputy assisted Teague P.D. with a subject at the Freestone Trailer Park in Teague.

Deputy was sent to CR 793 on a report of cattle that were out near the roadway.

Trooper and Teague Medic 3 responded to a report of a 3-ton truck that had been rear-ended by an 18-wheeler on CR 790.

Trooper booked one into jail for unlawful carrying of a weapon, possession of Marijuana, (less than two ounces) and tamper/fabricate physical evidence after a traffic stop on FM 488 for speeding.

Southern Oaks VFD was dispatched to a smoke alarm at a residence at Sandy Cove Port.

Teague VFD responded to a fire alarm on Cedar Street. The key holder arrived on scene and the area was found to be okay.

Deputy was dispatched to CR 1120 in reference to a theft report. The caller advised that their son was driving a relative's van the previous night when it broke down on the side of the road. The caller reported that the van was gone when they returned the following day to check on it.

Teague P.D. booked one into jail for possession of a controlled substance and possession of Marijuana, (less than two ounces).

Deputy was sent to FM 80 N. in reference to horses that were in the caller's yard.

Jail Population - 56
And so it goes...

Fairfield Police Report

By: Chief of Police Kenny Bulger

- Monday, Jan. 18**
 6:08 AM-Officer Frasier on reported burglary of motor vehicle.
 1:34 PM-Officer Orms assist Fairfield Fire Department on reported structure fire.
 6:01 PM-Officer Hartley on report of alarm going off.
 7:30 PM-Officer Hartley to speak to complainant on tires being slashed.
 8:27 PM-Officer Hartley on residential alarm going off, all was ok was set off by accident.
 8:52 PM-Officer Hartley on shop lifter.
 9:42 PM-Officer Hartley to meet a complainant concerning stolen money.
 11:21 PM-Officer Hartley on open door.
- Tuesday, Jan. 19**
 9:08 AM-Officer Orms on alarm going off.
 1:00 PM-Officer Orms on report of reckless driver.
 1:43 PM-Officer Orms to PD to meet a complainant.
 6:30 PM-Officer Hartley on report of reckless driver.
 8:16 PM-Officer Weinmann and Hartley on verbal disturbance between two truck drivers.
 10:56 PM-Officer Weinmann and Hartley on report of fight in progress, no one at location when officers arrived.
- Wednesday, Jan. 20**
 1:42 PM-Officer Markham assist Fairfield EMS on medical emergency.
 2:24 PM-Officer Markham on report of subject laying in the middle of road, Fairfield EMS transported to ER.
 2:48 PM-Officer Palacios to meet complainant.
 10:47 PM-Officer Gallegos on report of subject being left at gas station by friend after argument, friend returned and picked up subject.
- Thursday, Jan. 21**
 7:17 AM-Officer Markham and Palacios on report of disturbance, one subject arrested for assault.
 9:29 AM-Officer Markham on report of suspicious person.
 12:21 PM-Officer Markham and Palacios on civil stand by, one subject arrested on warrant.
 4:19 PM-Officer Palacios to PD to meet a complainant.
 7:18 PM-Officer Gallegos on welfare concern.
 8:28 PM-Officer Gallegos to PD to meet a complainant.
 8:53 PM-Officer Gallegos on civil stand by.
- Friday, Jan. 22**
 6:02 AM-Officer Frasier on business alarm going off.
 12:04 PM-Officer Orms on report of theft of money from business.
 3:52 PM-Officer Frasier to PD to meet a complainant on missing cell phone.
 4:19 PM-Officer Frasier to meet a complainant on civil stand by.
 4:20 PM-Officer Orms on minor wreck.
 10:01 PM-Officer Weinmann on report of reckless driver.
 11:01 PM-Officer Weinmann assist other agency at ER on combative subject.
- Saturday, Jan. 23**
 2:06 PM-Officer Orms on report of reckless driver.
 3:57 PM-Officer Orms and Frasier assist deputy on combative subject at ER.
 10:32 PM-Officer Weinmann on report of loud music.
 11:43 PM-Officer Hartley on report of kids left in car outside of business, all was ok.
- Sunday, Jan. 24**
 9:23 AM-Officer Frasier to meet a complainant.
 2:55 PM-Officer Orms in verbal dispute.
 5:14 PM-Officer Orms to meet a complainant.
 5:55 PM-Officer Weinmann assist other agency with mental subject.

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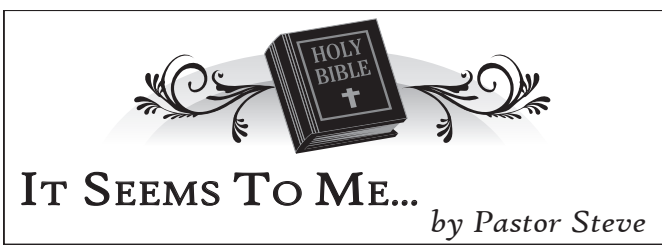
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Ezra chapter seven and Nehemiah chapter eight combine to give us a marvelous illustration of how to sow the seeds of revival. Ezra was living in Babylon under the rule of King Artaxerxes.

Ezra 7:6-10 sets the stage, "[Ezra] was a scribe skilled in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all he requested because the hand of the Lord his God was upon him. 7 Some of the sons of Israel and some of the priests, the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers and the temple servants went up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes. 8 He came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. 9 For on the first of the first month he began to go up from Babylon; and on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, because the good hand of his God was upon him. 10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel." (NASU)

Ezra was skilled in the law of Moses. The hand of the Lord was upon him because he "set his heart to study the law of the Lord, to put into practice the law of the Lord, and to teach the law of the Lord." Verse 14 and verses 25-26 of this same chapter make it plain that the pagan king Artaxerxes could tell from Ezra's life that Ezra had hid the word of God in his heart and lived his life by that word. Furthermore, Artaxerxes respected Ezra because of his devotion to the law of God. That respect caused Artaxerxes to give Ezra official governmental authority over the people in his homeland.

Nehemiah chapter eight resumes the story of Ezra some twelve years later. He read the word of God from

morning to midday and the people stayed attentive. They stood up; they bowed low, they worshipped. Afterwards, Ezra and others give the first biblical example of expository preaching. Nehemiah 8:4-8 gives the details, "Ezra the scribe stood at a wooden podium which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam on his left hand. 5 Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the Lord the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, explained the law to the people while the people remained in their place. 8 They read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading. (NASU)

I draw your attention to the lists of names in verses four and seven. While Ezra was reading from the word of God, six men stood on his right and seven men stood on his left. Verse eight lists an additional thirteen men who stood with Ezra and explained what Ezra read. Ezra really had set his heart to teach the Word of God. Twenty-six trained expositors of the Scripture were the fruit of his work. That is sowing seeds of revival. Shall we begin sowing?  
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**-State of City- Continued from 1-A**

impact as far as installing a lot of our equipment and quite a few employees that will go along with that, and tax base. Then, there is a project the FIDC is working on at the industrial park...that could employ several hundred people. This is ongoing. We're working now (this is infrastructure) we finally got the State to finally start talking about giving us the

extra acreage we wanted [off Interstate 45]. This is going to be huge for us, but I am not going to do anything without our business owners saying, "okay," and that is: the State is willing to give us the extra acreage, but they want to kill the 84 exit. I don't have a problem with moving the southbound back some, but [the State] just wants to kill the northbound completely, and that's going to have some negative impact on our people, and I just don't

think we can go there. Continuing with economic development in regards to retail, The Chamber has been working on a lot of new business, and they are filling up the stores [downtown]. It's a process, and you've got to have infrastructure that they want. We've been working for over a year on trying to get a water system extension into some other subdivisions that would allow us the opportunity - to afford them the opportunity - to come into the city limits. If either one of those two subdivisions chose on their own to come in, it would put us into the position of meeting that population criteria, that would let bigger tickets, like Walmart, to come in here. **Question:** When you say Walmart, do you mean a store or a warehouse? **Mayor Hill:** We're talking about a store. I want to get that population growth because it will help us start a domino effect. If you can just get that first domino to push over, the rest of it will come. *Mayor Hill gives an example of a car waiting to cross Hwy 84:* I've got to get across without getting run over. In the progress of doing that, I can look out at the parking lot, and I can see some potholes and other things that probably need to be fixed for when you did cross that highway. While we were trying to patiently wait, we were all

the time building up our infrastructure so that we'd be ready to go. I'll we would have to do is mash on the gas. **Question:** The City has been putting aside money for a Civic Center. How close are we to building it? **Mayor Hill:** The answer depends on the type of Civic Center, and airport, that you would be talking about. It's all a matter of money. Even though there are outside contributors - some of which would be welcome, and some of which half our population would not welcome - there is money available to build a Civic Center, somewhere, right now. Here's your issues: the first one is the location. The original location that had been selected would end up being a logjam of traffic because there would not be enough in and outs at that location - not only traffic issues, but also create danger issues. Having said that, there are other issues: One of those issues is, how are you going to keep up with the upkeep on that thing? How are you going to pay for the people? The City of Fairfield can't afford a \$100,000 electric bill just to have a Civic Center...it's a huge expenditure. So, I have asked our folks to find a group (and, I've met with a couple), and tell me how you're going to do this and how are you're going to guarantee what the revenues will be on that. And, when you can reach this number

(about how much it's going to cost for upkeep and to pay the manpower) then we'll go forward with the Civic Center. That hasn't happened yet. When they come back with that, I am fully willing to support building that thing. This is basically the same issue with the Airport. I'd like to see us have an airport, but you've got to have an active tenant that's going to pay for that thing. Right now, we don't have one, and it won't pay for itself. And, it doesn't matter if the State of Texas says they will write the check and pay for 100% of that. Who's going to be out there? Who's going to pay for building a hangar? Who's going to maintain that hangar? We have to be realistic on what we can afford and what we can't afford. Barry Capps probably said it best, from our Legacy Committee, he said, "Guys, a Civic Center is a good idea, but here are some things that we can do right now - that we can afford to do..." *Concerning the Legacy Committee:* We are working on some projects, one of which is actually covering our existing rodeo arena. Another is putting in additional ball fields, which we sincerely hope we can do in conjunction with the school district. And, if they don't start using those tennis courts [across from fairgrounds], we may just turn that thing into a skateboard park!

**Question:** How is Market Days doing? **Mayor Hill:** Market Days is doing better. Darlene [Jones] is starting to reap some of the benefits of a wide range of advertising, and I think it's working. We are holding steady a group of vendors, and it seems like every month you got one or two more that are adding to the equation. Market Days is not my most passionate thing, but it is something that a sector of our community that loves it. It's important that we try to do a balance by providing things for all our citizens around here, not just a little select group. Cheryl [Cockerell] is big into athletics. I'm not so big into athletics, but we need to provide that opportunity. So, I think all these things - you need them all. *In conclusion:* I think we're doing better than where we were 12 years ago. Are we where we need to be? Absolutely not! Some things have taken a lot longer than we would have hoped, but what I do know is, that if you don't give up - if you keep fighting for it, wait your turn, and are patient; and every time you get a chance, you check another box - eventually, you are going to get where you want to be. I really believe that. So, that's what we're doing - we're checking boxes. Karen Leidy reporting.

**-Medical Bills Cut- Continued from 1-A**

news from Katherine Jackson concerning unpaid prisoner medical bills, which had been brought to Commissioners' attention during the previous meeting. Although earlier estimates were stated as over \$100,000 total, adjustments brought that number down to \$8,893 - a substantial reduction. "I have not had a chance to give these to [health care] providers," says Jackson, who wanted to be sure the figures were final before posting them. The bills in question, dating as far back as 2014, had been brought to light by the current FCSO Administrative Assistant. One more issue, regarding prisoner medical expenses, a \$1,000 medication expense is being questioned for a prisoner

currently being housed at Limestone County Detention Center. "They pay it because he has to be incarcerated," state Jackson, who added that she did not believe the expense was in line with what the County should be paying. Other items of business included the following: --Accepting monetary donations in memory of Wendell Griffith and Jay Bodine for the Teague Senior Center. --Consider Jail Service Agreement with Five Star Correctional Services, Inc. --Require any IT contractor to have fingerprint background check. --Internet problems at County Clerk Office. --Presentation by Diane Cecil of TAC (Texas Association of Counties) concerning FMLA (Family and Medical Leave Act) and job descriptions. Karen Leidy reporting.

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**-Candidate Forum-**  
Continued from 1-A

He described how, after returning from the meet, he was called into the coach's office and reprimanded for letting his team down. "That story stuck with me as I approached challenges in my life," stated Evans, "not to shy away from them, not to take the easy road. To meet them head on and conquer them."

Evans says this lesson carried him through high school and on to Dartmouth College and South Texas College of Law where he obtained his law degree.

Applying that lesson to his personal and professional life as well, he told of his experience working part-time while attending law school after the birth of his first son, then to his three and a half years with Thompson Coe, an insurance defense firm in Houston.

"A lot of hours, a lot of challenges and I've faced those challenges and didn't take the easy road, and that is the type of attitude that I will bring to the county attorney position. Somebody to make you proud. Somebody to meet those challenges head on and conquer those challenges."

Evans addressed what may be the hottest topic of the 2016 county elections: his relationship to the 87th Judicial Court Judge, his mother, Deborah Oakes Evans.

"I want to assure everybody here that I did not get into this race not checking this conflict out."

He stated that he has contacted the appropriate associations, TDCAA [Texas District & County Attorneys Association] and judicial ethics committee, directly saying, "They told me it wasn't a conflict to practice in front of my mother," said Evans. He cited instances that have recently taken place, including a case of first degree assault on a public servant which Evans presented last year in his mother's Anderson County courtroom.

"Further, those associations made sure and told me that my assistant [the assistant

to the Freestone County Attorney] can practice in front of my mother."

He explained that his mother currently presides over four counties, claiming only 30% of the case load for Freestone County.

"The bottom line is that I have checked with the appropriate authorities, and from day one if you elect me into the county attorney position I will be able to go full speed," he promised, "And I guarantee you that is what is going to happen."

"Isn't democracy great?" asked incumbent candidate **Chris Martin** as he thanked the organizers and attendees of the forum.

"This is what we need to be doing when we are electing people, when we are electing candidates because, guess what, this is where we find out 'What is this person going to bring to the job? What are they going to do for the county; what are they going to do for me?'"

Martin reviewed the responsibilities of the county attorney, detailing the range of services his office provides to other county offices and elected officials, and prosecuting everything from tickets to capital murder.

"What have I done for you?" Martin asked the crowd, "Let's talk about, over the last eight years, what I have done for you as County Attorney."

According to Martin, during this time period, his office has maintained a 90% conviction rate, successfully defending every appeal, while saving tax payer dollars by not hiring any new employees in the last six years.

"We move our cases, and we do it efficiently because we work hard and we're dedicated to our jobs."

Martin praised local law enforcement agencies and their tough commitment to the war on drugs. He explained that by seizing criminals' assets, more tax dollars have been saved, and more resources devoted to the prosecution of these crimes.

"I am proud to say that every single computer in my office, every piece of courtroom technology that we have from TVs and projectors from tablets, from laptop computers...has all been paid for by drug forfeiture money,"

Martin spoke out against selective justice, standing firm that his office operates with fairness, integrity, and hard work.

"And you can stand proud and have confidence that the criminal justice system in Freestone County for the last eight years has been integrity and fairness."

**Questions & Answers:** Mark Palmquist, whose son is former assistant county attorney Ryan Palmquist, posed the first question to the candidates.

He told of a time when he received a jury summons for a felony trial in which his son would be a prosecuting attorney. Knowing that this could cause a potential conflict of interest, he



CHRIS MARTIN (incumbent)

declined the summons.

Each candidate was asked to comment on defendants' right to a fair trial and the potential conflict of interest involving familial relationships in court proceedings, as well as the potential cost of an appeal.

**Brian Evans** issued the first response.

"As I've explained before, I talked to the associations that govern my ethics and govern judicial ethics, and they've let me know that it is not a conflict for me to practice in front of my mother [Judge Deborah Oakes Evans]. In fact, it's happened before, and like I've said, on other occasions, it's happened before."

Regarding the rights of defendants, Mr. Evans stated, "There's a voice for defendants, those are defense attorneys. I think if our candidates for DA here are more worried about the rights of defendants, then they need to go to the other side."

"Also, to say again, and this is what they said point blank, is that my assistant can try any case in front of my mother."

Evans explained that the potential issue arises only in civil case procedure, which is represented as "Brian Evans versus", whereas criminal law is "The State of Texas versus" ultimately changing the legal analysis.

"All I'm telling this group

is that, that is the law and, once again, my office will be able to run full speed from day one in prosecuting criminals, whether or not my mom, Judge [Patrick] Simmons, or somebody else comes into the picture, is not an issue."

"I guess the first thing I can say is that I disagree," responded incumbent candidate **Chris Martin**.

"That goes to the heart of the criminal justice system – impartiality of the judge."

He cited Texas Rule of Civil Procedures 18a and 18b, which he stated applies to criminal cases as well, regarding disqualification.

"There has not been a case cited where the elected county/district attorney is trying to try a case in front of their mom, a district judge."

Furthermore, Martin proposed the argument that the assistant county attorney, who is under the direct supervision of the disqualified county attorney, would also be disqualified.

"Rule of Civil Procedure 18b says very specifically," he cited, "A judge must recuse – (1) it says, if the judge's impartiality can be reasonably questioned - And I think that's a legitimate argument, that when it is the parent who is making a ruling of her son or daughter that's on attorney position."

"And 18b (8) says that if the judge or the judge's spouse is related by the first degree of relationship to any lawyer in the case, the judge must recuse."

Martin pointed out that a defense attorney failing to enter a motion to suppress in a case being presided over by a relative of the prosecuting attorney is potentially committing malpractice; rendering ineffective assistance, and could be subject to grievance.

He concluded by saying that bringing in another judge is costly and time consuming, and cautioned that inviting tax payers to pay that cost is unreasonable.

"A prosecutor's first duty shall be to seek justice, not a conviction," declared **Andrew Wolf**.

"And to say that 'well they've got a defense attorney, that's up to them,' speaks purely of naivety, because there's only

one person in that courtroom who's trying to uphold your verdict, and that's the prosecutor."

He asked the crowd to imagine that their child has been arrested and is being prosecuted in district court and asked how they would feel if they found out the judge was the prosecutor's mother.

"That's what you're asking to be believed would be allowed by the Texas Constitution, by the rules of ethics."

Wolf argued that the judicial committee does not give "yes or no" answers, but provides case law for interpretation and research purposes.

"I suggest to you folks that you ask yourselves the question – do you really want us wasting time trying cases twice? Do you really want us wasting time prosecuting cases, knowing that they can be overturned later because of something that happened?"

He noted that a case that Brian Evans tried in the court of his mother, Judge Deborah Oakes Evans, in Anderson County is currently on appeal.

"Is that really what you want to invite into your town?"

**Question: Other than internships, how many years of criminal prosecuting experience do you have?**

**Answers:**  
**Chris Martin**, 16 years  
**Brian Evans**, 1 year  
**Andrew Wolf**, 11 years

**Question: How can you spend county money more wisely, compensating potential jurors when cases are plead out before trial?**

**Answers:** Each candidate advocated for strict deadlines, or expiration dates, on plea bargains - a practice already employed by the Freestone County Attorney's office, according to incumbent Chris Martin.

**Question for Chris**

**Martin:** How many cases tried by you in 2015 went to appeal?

**Answer:** "I know this much with regard to cases that we've had maybe eight, ten cases we tried in 2015."

In a follow up phone interview with Mr. Martin, the number of cases on active appeal was confirmed to be six or seven.

"Anything we [the Freestone County Attorney's office] have secured a conviction on in the last eight years has not been overturned," he affirmed.

The next meeting of the Freestone County TEA Party will be Monday, February 15th at River of Life Church in Fairfield. Another forum featuring candidates for U.S. Representative District 17, County Commissioner Precinct 3, Constable Precinct 3, and Constable Precinct 4 will begin at 6 p.m.

Stay tuned for next week's coverage of the Freestone County Sheriff's candidates.

Megan Hempel reporting



ANDREW M. "DREW" WOLF



BRIAN EVANS

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My name is Brian Evans and I want to be your new County Attorney. During my campaign, I have spent my time going around Freestone County, hosting community events, and listening to the concerns expressed by my fellow citizens about the state of prosecution in our county.

My opponents have spent their time not by talking about what they can do for the county but rather misleading you that my serving as County Attorney creates a conflict that will cost the taxpayers money.

I believe the following information is important for Freestone County voters.

- There are currently seven judges in Freestone County who hear cases presented by the County Attorney's office; four Justices of the Peace, one County Judge and two District Judges (Judge Evans in the 87th and Judge Simmons in the 77th District). Felony criminal cases only are presented in District Court.

- The 87th District Court holds court in four counties and the 77th District Court holds court in two counties. The 77th District Court is assigned approximately 67% of the felony criminal cases in Freestone County and the 87th District Court is assigned approximately 33% of the felony criminal cases. Any case can be transferred between the two courts at no cost to taxpayers. Most of the felony criminal cases are assigned to the 77th District Court. Also, the 77th District Court calls the grand jury for Freestone County.

- Freestone County employs an Assistant County Attorney who can be assigned the small number of cases which appear before the 87th Judicial District in the event a defense attorney objects to my involvement in the case.

- Since December of 2013, four felony cases have been tried before the 87th District Court; two by the current County Attorney and two by his assistant. There was not a criminal case tried in front of Judge Evans in 2014.

- In the 87th District Court and 77th District Court from December of 2013 through January of 2016, there have been eight jury trials. Two of those cases (25% of the total) were tried after I announced as a candidate.

- Last year, as a prosecutor, I tried 12 jury trials. Four of those twelve were felony cases tried in District Court.

Prosecution in Freestone County has not been a priority for years. It is time to get prosecution back on track. I believe that people should be held accountable for their wrongdoings. I will prosecute criminals to the fullest extent of the law within the boundaries of fairness, truth, and justice.

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# VIEWPOINTS



## From the Editor...

### Questions are Vital to Process

I did not personally attend last week's Candidate Forum, but one thing I heard (from at least two voters attending the event) caused me to be slightly troubled.

It concerns a comment made during the question and answer portion of the evening – specifically, when candidates for County Attorney addressed the potential conflict of a judge (as mother) presiding in front of a prosecutor (as son) in a courtroom.

According to my sources, a member of the audience said something to the effect of “stop asking questions of this fine young man, he has already answered them,” stating that candidate Brian Evans and his mother, District Judge Deborah Oakes Evans, were both above board and

extremely ethical individuals.

The question of possible conflict, however, is an extremely important issue. It cuts to the heart of the judicial process.

When thinking about the court system, one of the first things that comes to my mind is the statue of Lady Justice.

She stands holding a balance in one hand (weighing the evidence on its own merits) and holds an unsheathed sword (for enforcement and protection under the law) in the other hand.

Most often, she is depicted wearing a blindfold, symbolizing a judgment that is both impartial and objective.

In America, the process of justice hinges on a sense of fairness and a lack of prejudice.

Suspects are to be considered innocent, until proven guilty; and subsequent punishment is expected to be appropriate to the crime, neither cruel nor unusual.

A large part of that is ensuring a judge presiding over court proceedings is independent, fair and competent (opening paragraph of the *Texas Code of Judicial Conduct*).

Members of the judiciary are held to a higher standard than the ordinary citizen. They are expected to maintain conduct (and the *appearance* of such conduct) that inspires public confidence in their integrity and impartiality.

Questions about the relationship of mother and son, and how that relationship will affect her role as judge and his possible role as prosecutor, encompass perhaps the most important decision that voters will face in this election.

This issue is paramount, in considering the future of the court system in Freestone County, Texas.

I encourage our readers to continue asking the questions and hold each of the candidates responsible for their answers.

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## The GOP Gets the Iran Prisoner Swap Wrong

by Charles Krauthammer

Give President Obama credit. His Iran nuclear deal may be disastrous but the packaging was brilliant. The near-simultaneous prisoner exchange was meant to distract from last Saturday's official implementation of the sanctions-lifting deal. And it did. The Republicans concentrated almost all their fire on the swap sideshow.

And in denouncing the swap, they were wrong. True, we should have made the prisoner release a precondition for negotiations. But that preemptive concession was made long ago (among many others, such as granting Iran (BEG ITAL) in advance (END ITAL) the right to enrich uranium). The remaining question was getting our prisoners released before we gave away all our leverage upon implementation of the nuclear accord. We did.

Republicans say: We shouldn't negotiate with terror states. But we do and we should. How else do you get hostages back? And yes, of course negotiating encourages further hostage taking. But there is always something to be gained by kidnapping Americans. This swap does not affect that truth one way or the other.

And here, we didn't give away much. The seven released Iranians, none of whom has blood on his hands, were sanctions busters (and a hacker), and sanctions are essentially over now. The slate is clean.

But how unfair, say the critics. We released prisoners duly convicted in a court of law. Iran released perfectly innocent, unjustly jailed hostages.

Yes, and so what? That's just another way of saying we have the rule of law, they don't. It doesn't mean we abandon our hostages. Natan Sharansky was a prisoner of conscience who spent eight

years in the Gulag on totally phony charges. He was exchanged for two real Soviet spies. Does anyone think we should have said no?

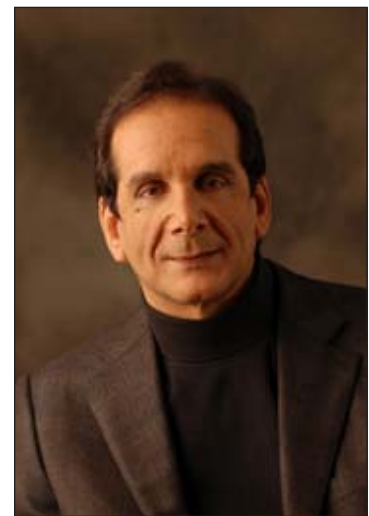
The one valid criticism of the Iranian swap is that we left one, perhaps two, Americans behind and unaccounted for. True. But the swap itself was perfectly reasonable. And cleverly used by the administration to create a heartwarming human interest story to overshadow a rotten diplomatic deal, just as the Alan Gross release sweetened a Cuba deal that gave the store away to the Castro brothers.

The real story of Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 -- “Implementation Day” of the Iran deal -- was that it marks a historic inflection point in the geopolitics of the Middle East. In a stroke, Iran shed almost four decades of rogue-state status and was declared a citizen of good standing of the international community, open to trade, investment and diplomacy. This, without giving up, or even promising to change, its policy of subversion and aggression. This, without having forfeited its status as the world's greatest purveyor of terrorism.

Overnight, it went not just from pariah to player but from pariah to dominant regional power, flush with \$100 billion in unfrozen assets and virtually free of international sanctions. The oil trade alone will pump tens of billions of dollars into its economy. The day after Implementation Day, President Hassan Rouhani predicted 5 percent growth -- versus the contracting, indeed hemorrhaging, economy in pre-negotiation 2012 and 2013.

On Saturday, the Iranian transport minister announced the purchase of 114 Airbus from Europe. This inaugurates a rush of deals binding European companies to Iran, thoroughly undermining Obama's pipedream of “snapback sanctions” if Iran cheats.

Cash-rich, reconnected with global banking and commerce, and facing an



Arab world collapsed into a miasma of raging civil wars, Iran has instantly become the dominant power of the Middle East. Not to worry, argued the administration. The nuclear opening will temper Iranian adventurism and empower Iranian moderates.

The opposite is happening. And it's not just the ostentatious, illegal ballistic missile launches; not just Iran's president reacting to the most puny retaliatory sanctions by ordering his military to accelerate the missile program; not just the videotaped and broadcast humiliation of seized U.S. sailors.

Look at what the mullahs are doing at home. Within hours of “implementation,” the regime disqualified 2,967 of roughly 3,000 moderate candidates from even running in parliamentary elections next month. And just to make sure we got the point, the supreme leader reiterated that Iranian policy -- aggressively interventionist and immutably anti-American -- continues unchanged.

In 1938, the morning after Munich, Europe woke up to Germany as the continent's dominant power. Last Sunday, the Middle East woke up to Iran as the regional hegemon, with a hand -- often predominant -- in the future of Syria, Yemen, Iraq, the Gulf Arab states and, in time, in the very survival of Israel.

And we're arguing over an asymmetric hostage swap.

## TEA Party Tea Leaves

The Freestone County TEA Party candidate forum started the new year with great success! The meeting began with the pledges to the flags and prayer by Henry Horton. Linda Jarvis, County Clerk passed out sample ballots. T-shirts, (Back the Blue) in appreciation of our law enforcement were shown and offered for a donation.

Candidates were asked to speak up to 10 minutes. We began with candidates for County Attorney: Andrew M “Drew” Wolfe, Brian Evans, and Chris Martin. Next up were candidates for Sheriff: Don Anderson, Jeremy Shipley, M. Doty, and Robert Willis.

They were followed by the men running for County Commissioner Pct 1: Andy Bonner, Chad Morgan, David T James, and Luke Ward. Last in the county races were candidates for Constable Pct 1: Buck Bonner and Richard McGowan. Kaleb Sims, running for US Rep., Dist 17 was the final speaker because he has a scheduling conflict for the February Forum.

A heated question and answer session was opened after all candidates had spoken. The most contentious issue appears to be in the County Attorney race. There were many candidates, their friends and family that attended including Thomas McNutt, running for State Rep., District 8.

Our February 15 meeting will host a candidate forum for: U.S. Rep., Dist 17, County Commissioner Pct 3, Constable: Pct. 2, 3 and 4. Many of us feel we are in perilous times and it is imperative that we all vet our candidates and VOTE! Our local elections are most important.

Please join us in February and the following months for speakers and vital information about what is happening in Texas, as well as America. Together we can make a difference. Our meeting was closed with prayer by Ann Gokey.

Thank you for your support. Donations may be sent to FCTP, PO Box 1281, Fairfield, TX. 75840. The Freestone County TEA Party does not endorse candidates. God bless America! [www.freestonecountyteaparty.org](http://www.freestonecountyteaparty.org)



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Page 1-B: “Students Write America’s Future” article – several names were misspelled.

Winners of the Patriot Pen Award from Wortham are as follows:

**7th Grade** – 3rd-Summer Settlemeyer, 2nd-Rachel Ray, 1st-Caleb Harrison.

**8th Grade** – 3rd-DeMarcus Bullard, 2nd-Emma Gentry, 1st-Samantha Lee

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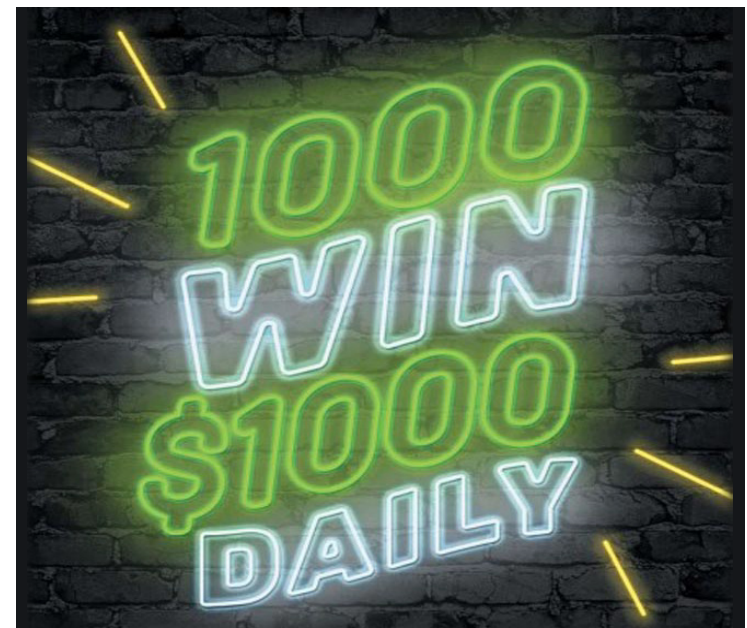
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TWO GOLDEN FOOTBALLS WERE PRESENTED to Wortham High School last week, celebrating two alumni athletes who have gone on to play professional football at the Super Bowl. Leonard Davis (Super Bowl XLVII) was represented by his mother, Sammie Davis. Charlie Davis (Super Bowl IX) attended in person. (Photo collage by Jennifer Lansford)

## Super Bowl High School Honor Roll Wortham Recognized

A golden football, recognizing the influence that Wortham High School had on athletes playing the Super Bowl, was presented on Friday, January 22, 2016 following the Varsity Girls basketball game.

As part of the nationwide Super Bowl 50 celebration, the NFL started the Super Bowl High School Honor Roll program to acknowledge

schools and communities that have directly influenced Super Bowl history and impacted the game for the better.

High schools across the country, and around the globe, will be given a Wilson Golden Football for every player or head coach who graduated from the school and was on an active Super Bowl roster. More than 2,000 high schools

and roughly 3,000 players and coaches will be recognized this season. Players and coaches will have chance to deliver the commemorative footballs personally.

The Wilson Golden Football was presented to Wortham High School in celebration of Charlie Davis (Super Bowl IX) and Leonard Davis (Super Bowl XLVII).

## Lady Eagles Split Week

The Fairfield Lady Eagles are in solid position for a playoff spot with a split of the week. The Lady Eagles defeated Palestine and lost to Madisonville.

Fairfield had a big three pointer from Kim Hayes and Lide to take an early lead that they would hold the remainder of the night. Jaila Cook had a three to answer but it was not enough to cut into the Lady Eagle lead in the opening period.

Emily Knight had back to back three pointers in the late stages of the first half and the defense stifled the Ladycats. Palestine was 0-8 in the second and only scored on five free throws. DaMeka Shed hit a three to close the half and the Lady Eagles led 25-11 at the half.

Erica Lyle had a couple of nice passes in the opening minutes of the second half. She whipped a pass to Josey Richardson to finish the third period holding onto a 14 point lead.

Fairfield hit their final five shots from the field to add seven points to their lead in the final stanza. Palestine

continued to struggle from the field and the final score read 51-30 in the Fairfield win.

The Lady Eagles travelled to Madisonville to take on the Lady Mustangs. The low scoring affair between the two rivals ended in a Madisonville win. The Lady Eagles scored four points in the first quarter and only seven more in the second and trailed 17-11. The Lady Mustangs made the halftime lead hold up in the 32-24 win. Lexi Leveston led all scorers with ten points for Madisonville.

The Lady Eagles are 2-2 and in third place in district play. They trail the Madisonville Lady Mustangs and the Mexia Ladycats and will have their open date on Tuesday. They



PLAYING AN EXCELLENT DEFENSE against her Palestine opponents is Fairfield Lady Eagle Erica Lyles.

will travel to Groesbeck to take on the Lady Goats on Friday before two huge home dates with Mexia and Madisonville. Scott Batts reporting.

# Eagles Drop Two

The Fairfield Eagles ran into hot shooting by Palestine and Madisonville to fall twice during the week and remain winless in district play.

Tuesday, the Eagles fell to the Palestine Wildcats 59-40 at the Johnson Activity Center. The Eagles did not have double digit scorer but Devonte Mims paced the Wildcats with 21 points, hitting five three pointers on the night.

Mims had two three pointers in the first quarter on back to back possession to give the Wildcats a 10-3 lead. Fairfield closed the gap to three by making three of their last four shots in the period. June Rischer hit a shot and Dominic Brackens has a basket and foul shot. Tatum hit the final shot of the period and the Eagles trailed 14-11.

Fairfield fell behind by double figures in the second half. They were two of ten from the field and scored seven points. Mims added two from long distance for four three pointers in the first half. The Wildcat lead stretched to 28-18.

The second half was more of the same. The Eagles drew closer with a Tatum jump shot and a David Ransom put back of a missed shot. Brackens hit a three to close the lead down to 33-25. Palestine made four in a row to lead by 13 after three.

Fairfield could not get any closer trying to send the Wildcats to the line. Many of the starters were in foul trouble so it was difficult to get the substitution pattern straight to cut into the lead. Yarbrough was six of six from the line in the final frame to set the final score at 59-40.

The Eagles travelled to Madisonville on Friday night for a pivotal road contest with the Mustangs. They had met previously in the Houston County Shootout final over the Christmas holidays and the Eagles won 60-50.

E. J. Ransom hit three early to keep the scoring close. Mustang guard Juwan Lewis scored on two straight possessions and the Mustangs had a 16-10 lead at the end of the first period.



GOING UP FOR 2 POINTS against Palestine is FHS Freshman, Jordan Gibson.

-Eagles-  
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GOING UP FOR 2 during Friday night's 41-18 win over Hubbard is Wortham Bulldog Jordan Lansford. (Photos by Jennifer Lansford)

# Wortham vs. Hubbard

## Play-by-Play Stats

1st quarter: 3- Zach, 3- Zach, 2- Braxton  
2-8 Wortham after 1st

2nd quarter: Jordan- 0, 0; 2- Jordan, 2- Jordan, 2- Cole, Ryan- 0, 1; 2- Cole  
9-17 Wortham after 2nd

3rd quarter: 2- Jordan, 2- Cole, 2- Ryan, 3- Braxton, 2- VonTray, VonTray- 1, 1  
30-14 Wortham after 3rd

4th quarter: 2- Jayce, 2- Zach, 3- Kalob, Boone- 0, 1; 2- Boone, VonTray- 1, 0  
41- 18 Wortham final

## Fairfield Girls Little Dribblers Advance to Tournament

**Fairfield Girls Little Dribblers** wins their second away game in Crockett. The Geeeks-N-Sneeks played the Huntsville Suns at Crockett winning with a final score of 21-8. Fairfield Majesty won 40-0 against Crockett. The Ally Oops won 28-6 against Crockett. Hotshots won 25-2 against Crockett. All divisions will play in a home tournament Saturday, January 30.

## Fowler Represents Dew ISD in All-Region Band Clinic & Concert

*CODY FOWLER HAD THE HONOR OF REPRESENTING DEW in the ATSSB East Zone All-Region Band on Saturday, January 16. He performed with the best middle school musicians in Region 8 in the clinic and concert at Groesbeck High School. Congratulations on this accomplishment, Cody! (Photo courtesy of Dew ISD)*



SHOWING OFF THEIR MEDALS earned from a recent Powerlifting Meet are Wortham athletes (left-right) Brooke Salisbury, Joci Hall, Logan Salisbury, Megan Hall and Kayla Lansford.

### -Eagles- Continued from 1-B

The Eagles shot the ball much better in the second period hitting three of the first four on baskets by Rischer, Ransom and a three by Brackens. That was not enough to cut into the lead when Madisonville hit six straight to open the second. Jase Oliver hit two toward the end of the period and Michael Hudson had a basket and foul and the Eagles trailed 31-26 at the half.

Fairfield closed the gap to open the second half with scores from Hudson and Brackens and a turnaround jumper by Rischer to cut the

lead to 47-44. Madisonville answered each time over the next couple of possessions, and then Hudson scored to shave the lead down to one and take the lead on a free throw. Lewis laid one in at the buzzer to regain the one point lead heading into the final period at 40-39.

Ransom opened the fourth with a three to regain the lead at 42-40 but Madisonville answered with ten in the quarter and a game high 23 for the game. Late in the quarter, Hudson hit a shot and trailed 51-50. Oliver hit a free throw to tie the game at 51. Brackens score a basket with only seconds remaining and he missed the foul shot and

Madisonville rebounded the ball and the player landed out of bounds and the Eagles had possession under their own basket with: 17 remaining on the clock in a tie game.

The throw in from under the basket ended in a tie ball and possession went to Madisonville. The game came down to the final possession and a three pointer by Merchant was true with six seconds left. The game would end 56-53 and keeping the Eagles (0-3) winless in district play.

Fairfield will have an open date on Tuesday and then travel to Groesbeck for a must win game for the Eagles. Scott Batts reporting.

## Powerlifting Returns to Wortham

### Bulldogs Boast Strong Start at First Meet

Saturday morning marked a new beginning for the Wortham Powerlifting program. The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs traveled to the Rice Invitational Powerlifting Meet with 5 of the 7 competitors bringing home awards.

This was the first meet since 2013 for the Wortham Powerlifting team and was the first meet ever for all 7

competitors.

Logan Salisbury led the boys team earning a 1st place medal in the 242 weight class. Hunter Turner also competed in the 242 weight class but failed to complete all of the required lifts. Dylan Martin competed in the 181 weight class earning a 6th place finish.

The girls team was led by Kayla Lansford with a 3rd

place finish in her weight class. She was followed by three 4th place finishes in their respective weight classes: Meagan Hall, Brooke Salisbury, and Joci Hall.

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Submitted by Coach Tobola, Wortham Power lifting coach.

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| Jan 22 | vs. Madisonville/Anderson Shiro | Away | 6:30pm |

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| Jan 29 | vs. Groesbeck    | Away | 6:30pm |
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| Jan 26 | vs. Blooming Grove  | Away | 5pm    |
| Jan 29 | vs. Bruceville-Eddy | Home | 5pm    |
| Feb 2  | vs. Clifton         | Away | 5pm    |
| Feb 5  | vs. Marlin          | Home | 5pm    |
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| Jan 22 | vs. West            | Home | 4pm |
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| Jan 29 | vs. Bruceville Eddy | Home | 5pm |
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| Jan 26 | vs. Cross Roads | Away | 7:15pm |
| Jan 29 | vs. Dawson      | Home | 7:15pm |
| Feb 2  | Open            |      |        |
| Feb 5  | vs. Cayuga      | Away | 7:15pm |
| Feb 9  | vs. Hubbard     | Home | 7:15pm |
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| Jan 26 | vs. Cross Roads | Away | 6pm |
| Jan 29 | vs. Dawson      | Home | 6pm |
| Feb 2  | Open            |      |     |
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*Ring of Fire* Director, George Boyd, had collaborated with Michael in a Richmond production several years ago and was so impressed that he brought him to Teague last year to design the lighting

for TSAC's production of CROWNS.

Michael creates the mood for the Cash musical revue using impressive lighting design. He and Andrew Roman (THS grad, TSAC scholarship recipient and UT student) scanned and edited 115 images to bring stage props and backdrops to life and interact with the characters that heighten specific moments of action and emotion. Projections include images of farmland, jails, *The Grand Ole Opry* and others - all used to set the stage of various physical locations and visions inside the audience's mind.

Although projection technology is not a recent innovation, its integration into live productions is very

much a flourishing art form in theatrical design today and indeed enhances the story told through the music of Johnny Cash.

*Ring of Fire* is being sponsored by Chris Christensen Systems, Inc., Keller Williams Realty, Gayle & Stan Waldrip and Rose Butler/George Boyd.

Performances are Saturday, Jan. 30, at 7 pm and Sunday, Jan. 31 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and available at Armadillo Emporium, Incommons Bank, *The Teague Chronicle* and at Community National Bank & Trust (Lake Richland Chambers). They are also available online at TrinityStarArtsCouncil.org and at the door.

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

ANSWER:

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#### CLUES ACROSS

- Cathode-ray tube
- A leglike part
- Old world, new
- Sec. of Def. Panetta
- Greek god of E or SE wind
- Supervises flying
- In a way, bothers
- Federal savings bank
- Stout lever with a sharp spike
- F.S. Fitzgerald's wife Zelda
- Snake-like fish
- Scads
- Prophet
- Former "Daily Show" star
- Organized crime head
- Oil obtained from flowers
- 2X WWE Divas Champ
- Brine cured Canadian cheese
- Slow oozing

- Volt-ampere
- Phenyl salicylate
- European defense organization
- Anglo-Saxon theologian
- Doctrine
- Soviet peninsula
- Large long-armed ape
- Protects from weather
- Mops
- Bridge expert
- Fabric woven from goat and camel hair
- Capital of Honduras
- Tell on
- Wooden clog
- Beloved
- Fed
- Decays
- Single Lens Reflex

#### CLUES DOWN

- Applauds
- Actress Zellweger
- Obtained by addition
- Chief executive officer
- Flees
- Murres genus
- Wong, spy
- Works well as a remedy
- Tripod
- A nautical unit of depth
- Most populous Native Am. people
- Genus Capricornis
- Universally mounted spinning wheel
- Spanish shawl
- Macaws
- No (Scottish)
- Takes dictation
- Spanish appetizers
- Muse of lyric and love poetry
- Romaine lettuce

- Alias
- A way to beat
- Son of Jacob and Zilpah
- Amount of time
- Most guileful
- Younger US political party
- Electrical resistance unit
- Side way
- Milton's Cornus composer Henry
- Sheep up to age one
- Green algae
- Capital of Morocco
- S.E. French city on the Rhone
- Asian nation
- Great No. Am. RV Rally
- Culture medium and a food-gelling agent
- Inflamed lymph node swelling
- Native of Edinburgh
- Belonging to a thing

## Home Country

by Slim Randles

Why are winter mornings so heartbreakingly special? They're sure cold, at least around here. And with the snow you'd think they'd be white, too. But they aren't, are they?

In the morning there is a tinge, a golden ... no a yellowish cast to the snow, the sky, and the trees. It is more like those catalog pictures of yellow diamonds. You know... the diamonds we don't really want because the ladies don't want anything but the clear diamonds, but the ones that look more interesting because there's some color there?

If men bought diamonds for themselves, we'd probably go for the yellow ones, because they'd remind us, even in the broiling heat of summer, that a morning in January has a yellow-diamond cast to it.

And the evenings are special, too.

When the sun starts to set,

the snow and the sky and the trees take on that glow that is a combination of orange and pink. It's the singular color of winter dusk and makes us want to paint the walls of a cabin that color to remind us of the endings of winter days. It's the color that's so pretty we don't even talk about it with other people because it would sound kinda silly. In Alaska, they call it "alpenglow." It's as good a name as any.

Isn't it strange how these wintry days that are supposed to be white and gray and dull and depressing are still able to give us these two delicious colors we can tuck away in our memories and trot out when we need them?

Let's hope we can give each other special little memories this month that we can use when we need them, too. Seems like the right thing to do.

## Teague Resident Competes Redneck Island: Battle at the Lake

Premiering Jan. 28th at 10 p.m.

CMT's long-running competition series "Redneck Island" is set to return for a fifth season with a special "Battle At The Lake" edition, premiering Thursday, January 28 at 10 p.m. ET/PT. TV personality and CMT fan-favorite Melissa Rycroft ("The Bachelor," "Dancing with the Stars") will join wrestling icon Steve Austin to preside over 10 new episodes of the series, as 24 contestants compete for the \$100,000 cash prize. Things heat up quickly on the lake, as 12 new contestants arrive to find they'll face off against 12 returning fan-favorites from the previous season.

Brittney McWilliams is one of the new faces ready to give the veterans a run for their money. This country girl may be sweet and bubbly, but don't underestimate her ability to compete.

Fans can follow along for exclusive news and video, photo galleries and more on CMT.com, the official REDNECK ISLAND Facebook page and on Twitter using #RedneckIsland.

## COLD SPORTS WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

#### WORDS

- ALPINE
- BANDY
- BOBSLED
- BROOM BALL
- CLIMBING
- COMPETITION
- CURLING
- FREESTYLE
- FROZEN
- GAMES
- HELMET
- HILLS
- HOCKEY
- ICE FISHING
- ICE SKATING
- ICE SPEEDWAY
- LIFT
- LUGE
- MANMADE
- MOGUL
- OBSTACLES
- OLYMPIC
- PARTNER
- RACING
- RINK
- SKATING
- SKIING
- SKIJORING
- SLALOM
- SLOPES
- SNOCCROSS
- SNOW
- SNOWBOARDING
- SNOWMOBILE
- SYNCHRONIZED TRACKS

#### PUZZLE SOLUTION

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## A Vote for Integrity Daniels for Pct. 3 Commissioner

Isn't it time that Precinct 3 has a full-time Commissioner working for you - to answer when you call?

Hello my name is Michael Wayne Daniels, Sr. I am the ninth child of CW and Zora Daniels. I am married to Navlet Daniels for 21 years we have two children Michael Wayne Daniels, Jr., Fruncheska Daniels and my foster daughter, Chastity Cribbs, we have served as foster parents for seven years and have helped many children. I am a lifelong resident of Freestone County, graduated from Fairfield High School in 1982. I attended Navarro College, also Southern Bible Institute of Dallas, Texas. I am also the founder and have been Pastor of the True Vine Doxa Center for 25 years. I have worked for Brookshire Brothers as assistant manager and produce manager for 35 years. I have served as a reserve police officer of Fairfield, under Chief Jim Kellum. I have also served as Mayor Pro Tem and city council member for the City of Fairfield. I have also sat on the Fairfield Economical Development Board and the Hud Board out of Waco, Texas. I have served the Freestone County area most of my life and I am asking you for your Vote and Support in the 2016 Election. YOUR VOTE IS A VOTE FOR INTEGRITY to help keep us on the right path.



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## Prepare for Tax Season Now

January Consumer Tips from the  
Independent Bankers Assoc. of Texas

With 2016 already upon us, tax season will be here before you know it. There are several things you can start doing today to make April 15, 2016 as easy as possible. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) expects to receive at least 150 million individual income tax returns this year. Listed below are tips to help make filing your taxes a painless experience.

Organization is Key

The first step to filing your taxes is to gather the necessary forms. While you should get a W-2 from each workplace where you've received a salary and a variety of other government forms—including 1099 for interest earned and 1098 for mortgage interest paid—in early February, you can start now by gathering records of deductible expenses from throughout the year. Creating a file for all tax-related documentation will help come crunch time.

Use the Free File Program

The IRS offers the Free File program available at IRS.gov every year. This program opens for taxpayers in mid-January, and it provides two options. The first option is brand-name software, provided by IRS commercial partners, that is available to individuals and families with incomes of less than \$60,000. The second option, which is available to all income levels and is especially helpful to those who are comfortable completing their own return, is the online fillable forms. This is the electronic version of IRS paper forms.

Deduct, Deduct, Deduct

Taxpayers often overlook deductions, which is the equivalent of giving away money. Many people are familiar with the child and dependent care credit that can be claimed if you've paid a provider to care for a dependent while you've either worked or looked for a job, but there are quite a few others. Additional credits include charitable contributions paid through payroll deductions when employees retain pay stubs as proof; job search

expenses for costs such as travel and resume printing; and the earned income tax credit for families with lower incomes.

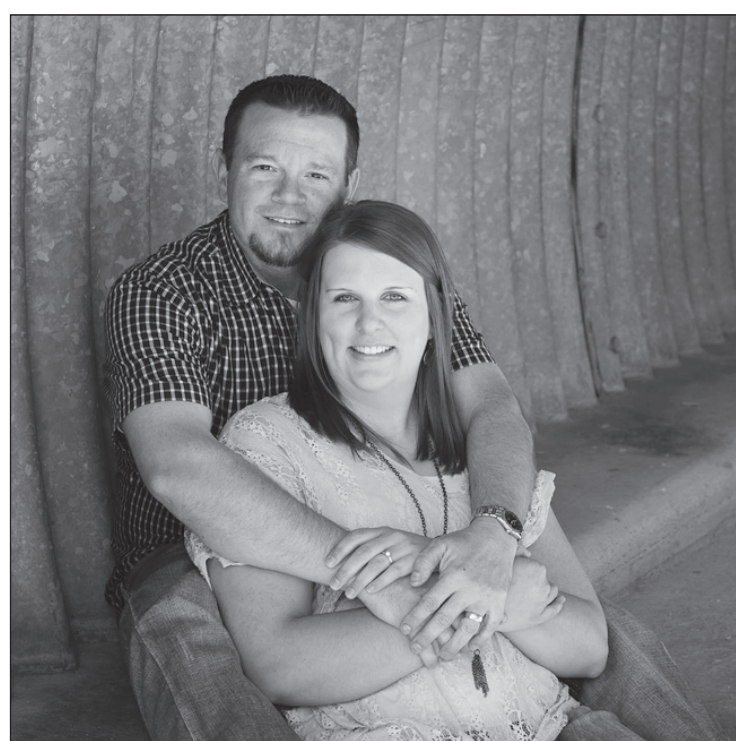
Beware of Scammers

Scam artists and unethical tax preparers come out in droves during tax season. The IRS will never email you to ask for confidential financial information so be aware this is a phishing scheme. Additionally, steer clear of tax preparers who earn commission based on the size of your refund. This is incentive to inaccurately fill out forms, which puts you at risk with the IRS. Always ensure your tax preparer guarantees to pay penalties resulting from filing errors. Pass on Tax Refund Loans

While some tax preparers may offer tax refund loans or other immediate refund programs, you won't get your refund that much quicker. Plus, these providers skim a percentage of your return off the top for the convenience of getting your refund a few days sooner. The IRS expects to issue more than 90 percent of refunds within 21 days. To ensure the expediency of your tax refund, electronically file your refund and choose direct deposit. The IRS reports that more than three out of four refund recipients will go this route. For comparison, paper returns will take a minimum of seven weeks for refunds to be issued.

Lastly, remember that under the Affordable Care Act, individuals and families will face fines if they did not have health insurance in 2015. These fines will increase every year and are already much higher than 2014, so make health insurance a priority.

If April 15 comes around and you're still not prepared to submit your tax return, you can file for an extension. Particularly if you expect to receive a return, it is important to be thorough in your documentation. If you need more time, the IRS will give you six more months—until October 15—to finish filing if you complete the 4868 form by April 15.



## Mullen & Woodard Announce Engagement

Sarah Katherine Mullen and Valance Quentin Woodard would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Sarah is the daughter of Linda and Marvin Mullen of Fairfield. Valance is the son of Brenda Maynard of Odessa and Robert Woodard of Ravenna.

The bride is a graduate of Lawson Early Childhood School in McKinney ISD. She currently teaches Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities (PPCD).

The groom is now self-employed running the Woodard Painting and Texturing business. He currently lives in Denton, Texas.

The couple plans a wedding at the Calvary Baptist Church in Fairfield, Texas, on April 9, 2016.

## Weather Whys: Weather & Pain

Q: Can the weather affect how you feel?

A: For certain people, the answer is definitely yes, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"Many people have said they can tell a change in the weather is about to happen because their joints or muscles start to ache," says McRoberts. "This is likely due to a change in the barometric pressure, which often happens before a thunderstorm or in advance of a cold front. Damp weather is often associated with a low pressure system. A decrease in the air pressure decreases the tension in some large blood vessels, meaning they tend to expand. When this happens, it tends to lead to increased discomfort in joints and muscles. Also, we know that very rapid changes in temperature and humidity can make some people say they feel 'stiff and achy.' Many people who have arthritis say their joints are definitely affected by weather changes."

Q: So can any weather change be a health problem?

A: Probably so, he adds. Some people like rainy days, which can bring muscle misery to others and even breathing trouble, and some people may enjoy cool, dry days, which can also bring aches and pains for some people, including increased sniffing. Since it appears almost certain that weather has an affect how we feel, there has been a dramatic increase in interest in the field of biometeorology – the study of how weather affects our bodies. One German study shows that as much as 25 percent of the human population is 'weather sensitive,' meaning weather changes tend to worsen some pre-existing health conditions. Even headaches are being investigated – some researchers say migraine headaches are linked to sudden weather changes."



## Robinson & Payne Announce April Wedding

Kay and Dean Robinson of Fairfield proudly announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kari Denise Robinson to Jordan Payne Nix.

The groom is the son of Sharon and Cary Nix of Tyler, Texas. A graduate of Whitehouse High School, Jordan is currently employed with Nix Landscape Supply in Whitehouse, Texas.

The bride graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, and works for Red River Pharmacy.

Centaur Arabian Farms in Flint, Texas will host the couple's April 2, 2016 wedding. Following the ceremony, Kari and Jordan will reside in Tyler, Texas.

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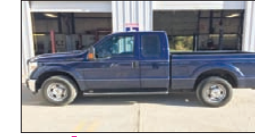
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I am not a politician, I'm a prosecutor. In fact, the only reason I became an attorney was to serve the public as a prosecutor, a job I've proudly done for over ten years now. The safety of our citizens and ensuring justice is served are my reasons for showing up to work each day. I have the dedication and experience to handle even the most complex classes. My trial record includes putting away pedophiles and child abusers for life without parole as Chief of my office's Special Victim's Unit in Navarro County. That work makes me uniquely aware that a prosecutor's job is not about paperwork and celebrating a win in the courtroom. It's about ensuring that voices of the victims of crime are heard and that they receive the justice they deserve. It's not about politics, it's about people. Freestone County citizens can be assured that offenders will be brought to justice with zealous prosecution and the interests of victims served with compassion.

I grew up the son of a 25-year Air Force veteran. As my father served our country, I was able to visit different countries and observe different cultures. It gave me an appreciation for the rights and privileges we have as American Citizens and taught me that as a prosecutor, it was my responsibility to temper justice with mercy. He was stationed stateside in various places ranging from Tampa, Florida, to San Bernardino, California. We moved to Texas in 1986, his last duty station before retirement in Austin. While I'm not a native Texan, I am proud that my son is and that I am celebrating my 30<sup>th</sup> year in the Great State. I attended high school in Austin and undergrad at Southwest Texas in San Marcos (now



Texas State.) There, I studied Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement with an eye towards being a Peace Officer. I credit one of my professors with encouraging me to consider being an advocate for Law Enforcement as a prosecutor. Having studied alongside future members of our state's various criminal justice agencies has given me a better understanding of what they face each day in the field. It has helped me to be a stronger advocate for them in the courtroom.

My wife Niki and I met at a karate function in 2007. We were married in 2010 and our son, Brayden, was born a year later. It was then that we decided to move back to Teague to be closer to Niki's mother and family. My wife graduated from Teague High School, as did her daughter, Audrey, her sisters, Katy Ryan and Kelly Mushinski and our brother-in-law, Blake Ryan. Brayden is getting to grow up around his cousins, grandparents and

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# Good Luck! Wedding Charms from Around the World

Couples' wedding days are special moments, ones they hope pave the way to a life filled with happiness and good fortune. That's why the bride and groom surround themselves with close friends and family who want to celebrate and support their new life joined together.

Perhaps due to superstition or tradition, many couples employ some wedding day strategies to increase their good luck. The following are some of the symbols that couples may want to keep an

eye out for on the day they walk down the aisle.

--It's good luck for the bride to see a dove on the way to the wedding because doves symbolize peace and prosperity. Because doves mate for life, this symbol is doubly beneficial on a couple's wedding day, as it can be a harbinger of a long, happy marriage and home. --Some brides believe sugar cubes tucked into their wedding gloves leads to a sweet union. --Hindu tradition states that rain on a wedding day are

good luck. Rain is believed to be a symbol of fortune and abundance, especially after times of drought. What's more, rain can foretell a strong marriage. That's because a wet knot is more difficult to untie.

--Ancient Romans were so concerned with ensuring good luck that they actually studied pig entrails to determine the luckiest time to marry. If they consulted with the English, they might determine that a wedding shouldn't take place on a Saturday, which

is unlucky. English tradition states Wednesday is the best day to get married.

--In Holland, well-wishers would plant pine trees outside of newlyweds' homes as a symbol of fertility and luck.

--Grooms may want to give a coin to the first person they see on the way to their weddings. This is another symbol of good luck.

--Some couples plan to marry

during a full moon, because that can symbolize good luck and good fortune.

--On a couple's wedding day, tears from a bride or a child during the ceremony are considered lucky. English folklore suggests that brides who discover spiders in their gowns are in for some good luck.

--The Chinese believe that lighting fireworks at their

wedding ceremonies chases away evil spirits. A red umbrella also might be held over a Chinese bride to keep bad spirits at bay.

--Many grooms do not see their brides in their wedding gowns before their wedding ceremonies, feeling it is bad luck if they do. Many brides also do not wear their complete wedding outfits prior to their big day.

## Helpful Hints for Planning

# Floral Arrangements

When planning their weddings, couples may find themselves becoming experts on subjects they previously never gave much thought. Thanks to the cost of weddings, today's couples must make each decision carefully, and that may result in hours of research and discussion.

One of the big decisions couples must make when planning their weddings concerns their floral arrangements. The right floral arrangements won't break the bank but will add substantial aesthetic appeal to ceremonies and receptions. It can be difficult for couples to achieve that balance of cost and look on their own, so the following are a few helpful hints for couples when choosing their wedding day floral arrangements.

- Work with a florist you trust

and like. All florists are not the same, so finding one you can trust and will enjoy working with can make all the difference.

Many couples have little or no experience with floral arrangements prior to planning their weddings, so it can calm couples' nerves to work with someone they trust in such situations.

Florists with significant wedding experience will no doubt make a host of recommendations based on couples' budgets and preferences, so couples might be more inclined to listen to that advice if they are working with someone they trust. Ask relatives, friends or coworkers if they can recommend any florists whose wedding work they are familiar with.

- Choose in-season or native flowers. Couples working with tight budgets may want to choose in-season flowers or those native to the area where they will be tying the knot. In-season and native flowers won't need to be ordered or shipped in from afar, which can be costly. In-season and native flowers tend to be more abundant as well, and the greater their availability the less couples are likely to pay for them.

- Repurpose floral arrangements. Another way to save on floral arrangements is to repurpose flowers throughout the day. Once bridesmaids no longer need their bouquets, use them to



decorate gift tables or cocktail areas. Floral arrangements on display during the

ceremony can be removed once you have both said "I do" and moved into the reception area where they can be enjoyed through the night. Go over any repurposing you plan to do with your reception hall manager prior to your wedding day so he knows where and when to move the arrangements.

- Go big. Some flowers simply bloom larger than others, and choosing such flowers may help you save money since you won't need to buy as many flowers as you would if you were to go with smaller blooms. Once you find a florist to work with, discuss your options with regard to doing more with less. Many florists embrace the challenge to be creative within a budget, so you might just be surprised and impressed by what they come up with.

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# Bring Wedding Plans to Life with Inspiration Boards

Making the wedding of your dreams a reality may require some creativity. It can be challenging to organize all of the creative ideas swimming around in your head, but inspiration boards may be able to help.

Inspiration boards, sometimes referred to as idea boards, are commonly used by interior designers, artists, writers, and even wedding planners. Such boards can serve a great purpose when starting a new project, especially if all of your creative ideas seem to lack cohesion. Sometimes seeing things together, rather than in bits and pieces on their own, can fuel even more creativity.

Inspiration boards can include magazine clippings, photographs, fabric swatches, quotes or literary passages, and color swatches. As the idea board grows, you may find a common denominator among your inspirational elements. This can help determine a theme for your wedding or jump-start other planning.

While poster boards may be more traditional idea boards, creative ideas also can be compiled in binders or scrapbooks, which work especially well at keeping all items organized and concise. Plus, they're portable, which means you can take a scrapbook to a meeting with a wedding vendor and show him or her your concepts for the wedding.

Later, when photographers, florists and other vendors have been booked, you can attach receipts or agreements to the inspiration board for future reference. This keeps all of your important wedding information in one place rather than requiring you to search through different folders or files for important documents. In addition, if friends or family members ask for advice on vendors and planning their own weddings in the future, you can readily access your inspiration board.

To start building your own board or book, take clippings of photos or articles that resonate with you. As you visit bridal shops and other



stores, take fabric swatches and pictures of particular looks. Attend bridal shows and take home promotional materials. Remember, inspiration may not always come from bridal-related resources. Anything you come across in your daily life, such as window-shopping

at a furniture store or passing an art exhibit may inspire some creativity.

Inspiration boards are used by top design professionals and can be a handy resource for couples planning their weddings.

# Grooms: Look Your Wedding Day Best

Weddings are a chance for couples tying the knot to be the center of attention. All eyes will be glued to the bride and groom on this special day, which makes it even more important for couples to look their collective best.

Brides might garner most of the attention on a couple's wedding day, but dashing grooms also will get their share of attention. As a result, grooms must be just as diligent as their blushing brides with regard to grooming and appearance on their wedding days. To look picture-perfect, grooms may want to include these grooming tips in their wedding day preparation.

Hair: Schedule a haircut with a professional stylist roughly a week before the wedding to get your hair shaped and trimmed. Although trendy hairstyles may show off creativity, keep in mind that photos last forever, and it's often better to stick with a classic cut. A barber or stylist may suggest styles that best suit your face shape and hair texture. Above all, the haircut

should be neat. Resist the urge to wash your hair every day before the wedding. Allow some natural oils to build up and make your hair shine in a healthy way.

Shaving: Shaving is another thing grooms must consider. If you have a beard, make sure it is clean, combed and trimmed. Men who shave the day of their weddings may find their skin is sensitive and irritated, which can lead to redness. Unless your facial hair grows especially fast, shave the evening before. This is a good time to splurge on a professional shave with a straight razor at a barber shop. A hot shave from a



professional will produce a close shave with the least amount of irritation when done correctly.

Skin: Get plenty of sleep the night prior to the wedding. Being well rested will help reduce puffy eyes, dark circles and sallowness. It will also put you in a more positive mood, which can help you enjoy the day even more. The day of the wedding, shower using water and a mild soap. Avoid any skin irritation by patting your face and body

dry, rather than rubbing it with the towel. Moisturize your skin to avoid dry patches. Stores sell many moisturizers geared toward men's needs, often in unscented or more masculine fragrances.

Smile: Make sure your teeth have been thoroughly

brushed and that you have used a minty mouthwash so you're primed for that first kiss. Many grooms also opt for whitening treatments prior to the wedding so they have a dazzling smile.

On their wedding days, grooms will likely be photographed more than any other time in their lives. That means putting extra effort into personal grooming to look their best.

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# Exchanging Vows

## Wedding Rings: Symbolic Gestures of Commitment

Couples adhere to many traditions on their wedding days, including the exchange of wedding rings. Wedding rings symbolize the union of two people and their pledge to remain faithful to each other.

No one is exactly sure just when the tradition of exchanging wedding rings originated, but some say it can be traced back to ancient Egypt, when the oldest recorded exchange of wedding rings was made. Reeds growing along the Nile were twisted and braided into rings and given during betrothal ceremonies. The round ring symbolized eternity, and the hole within the center meant a gateway to things unknown. Since reeds were not very durable, soon ivory, leather and bone were used to create wedding rings.

As new lands were explored and territories expanded, traditions from one culture were adopted and modified by other cultures. The same is true with wedding rings. According to the Diamond Source, wedding rings were adopted by Romans and incorporated into Western wedding ceremonies. Romans' rings were highly decorated, and some historians believe wedding rings were given to represent ownership over brides instead of symbolizing love. These rings were made of iron and called "Anulus Pronubus," or "betrothal ring." Rings have been simplified



EXCHANGING RINGS is an important wedding day tradition for many couples.

since those days and ultimately made of many materials. Throughout history, wedding rings were worn on various fingers and even both hands, whereas many married people in Western cultures now wear their wedding rings on the left hand and on the fourth finger. Romans once believed that this finger contained a vein, called the *Vena Amoris*, that ran directly to the heart. Though that is not true, the tradition has prevailed.

Other legends say that, when blessing a Christian marriage, priests would bind the marriage by saying, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit," simultaneously touching the ring to the recipient's thumb, index finger and middle finger, before slipping it on the fourth finger while saying, "Amen." Another theory on ring placement is that wedding rings are worn on the ring finger because that finger isn't used as much as the

rest of the hand, ensuring delicate ring materials won't be damaged.

Ross Simmons Jewelry states that gold is still the most popular metal choice for wedding rings, but couples are opting for some other metals that are more durable. Platinum is popular not only because it is long-wearing, but it also tends to be the most expensive. It's also a dense metal and can feel heavy in hand. Tungsten carbide is another durable metal that has grown in popularity in recent years. These rings cannot be cut and resoldered, which means it's important to size the rings correctly the first time. Titanium is both lightweight and durable, and it's popular because it is hypo-allergenic, making it practical for those with allergies to other metals.

Wedding rings continue to serve as symbols of a couple's vows and union. Much like the marriage itself, they are designed to last the test of time.

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# Tame Wedding Day Nerves

When couples tie the knot, many changes are in store, many compromises will be made and many lasting memories will be created. But in the weeks and months before their big days, couples can easily get caught up in the whirlwind of wedding planning, never taking inventory of their feelings until their wedding days have arrived.

Come their wedding days, couples should not be surprised if some nerves set in. A survey from the anxiety self-help resource The Fear Source indicated 71 percent of brides-to-be suffered from some type of nerves during the lead-up to their weddings. Ninety-two percent of brides experienced nerves on the day of the wedding or the evening before, while 66 percent reported that it affected their daily lives prior to their weddings or hampered their performance and enjoyment during the day itself.

According to Psych Central, a modern online voice for mental health information, emotional support and advocacy, pre-wedding jitters are common and can be the subconscious telling a person that something needs to be remedied. Wedding nerves do not mean a wedding is doomed; it just means certain issues may need to be worked through. The following are some ways to tame wedding day nerves.

--Keep an open dialogue. Speak with your future spouse about the things that may be causing your anxiety. Maybe you have doubts on financial choices or where you will be living after the wedding. Communicating openly and honestly is one of the foundations of a strong

relationship.

--Slow down and breathe. Wedding planning involves making many decisions, and sometimes couples move at breakneck speeds. Make slowing down a priority. Try to enjoy a quiet dinner with just the two of you. When enjoying peaceful moments, take deep breaths, which can be calming and revitalizing. If need be, consider signing up for a yoga or tai chi class to force

you to slow down. --Address performance anxiety. It's easy to build up the big day in your mind and hope that everything goes according to plan. But it's impossible to plan for each and every outcome on your wedding day. Focus on everything that can go right, rather than worrying about what might go wrong. Also, realize that your guests are your friends and family members who will be forgiving of any hiccups along the way. You're bound to recover gracefully from any

mishaps.

--Work on confidence. Wedding fears may stem from inadequate self-confidence. Give yourself a pep talk and surround yourself with positive people. Keep the worry-warts at arms' length for the time being? --Recruit more help. Weddings are huge undertakings, so it's no surprise that couples sometimes feel overwhelmed. Ask reliable relatives or friends to double-check all of the last-minute details. This way you don't feel it is all on your shoulders.



## Did You Know?

Tradition Dates Back to Ancient Rome

June Still Most Popular Month to Marry

Historically, June has been the most popular month for getting married. But some numbers now indicate that July and even October have begun to edge out June as the most popular months to tie the knot. The June wedding tradition may be traced back to the ancient Romans. Romans honored

Juno, the goddess of marriage and childbirth, and the month of June was named after her, so it is fitting that weddings take place in her namesake month. As centuries passed, June remained a popular month to get married. June was a prime time for people to come out after a long winter and take communal

baths in the fifteenth century. In addition, June weddings meant children conceived after betrothal would be born close to or during the following spring. This helped assure youngsters' survival during the rough and often lean months of winter. Spring births would not conflict with workers' demanding schedules during the autumn harvest, either. Even when weddings began shifting from pragmatic business transactions to romantic affairs, June remained popular.

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# Uniquely Yours

## Customize Your Ceremony

Steeped in tradition, weddings have featured many of the same components for centuries. Those about to tie the knot may feel somewhat limited in their ability to shape their weddings into unique celebrations of their relationships and love for one another. Although it may not seem like there are many opportunities to put your own stamp on the wedding, there are plenty of ways to do just that.

When looking to personalize your wedding ceremony, determine if there might be anything blocking you from doing so. For example, if yours will be a religious ceremony, there may be certain rites that need to be followed. Secular ceremonies may offer more opportunities to customize.

--Vows: Vows are one of the easiest ways to put a personal touch on your wedding. You can select the words you want to exchange during the ceremony as well as any readings during the service. Work with your officiant to narrow down particular phrasing or sentiments that fit with your vision of the wedding and relationship.

--Participants: Wedding party members fulfill certain roles during the ceremony, but they are not limited to those tasks alone. Consider

asking wedding party members or other friends or family members to take on specialized roles in the wedding. They may be able to do certain readings, escort guests to their seats, light candles, or sing and participate in other ways.

--Musical interludes: Choose music that connects with your personalities as a couple rather than selecting standard songs merely because they are the easier route. Work with the organist or other musicians and request that they perform or play musical pieces that you enjoy.

--Candle lighting: Many couples like to incorporate candle-lighting components to their ceremonies. Lighting unity candles blends two families together into one in a symbolic way. Other couples choose different traditions, such as mixing two different-colored sands in a new vessel, to represent the joining of two lives together. You can consider these types of additions for your wedding ceremony or come up with your own unique tradition. Impart a special touch to a wedding ceremony in any number of ways. Doing so will help set this special day apart in the minds of guests and make it even more memorable to look back on as a couple.

## How to Include Your Pet in Your Special Day

Pets play important roles in their owners' lives and are increasingly included in more activities, such as vacations, dining out and even weddings. The National Association of Professional Pet Sitters says more couples are customizing their wedding celebrations and bridal parties to include pets. Dogs and cats are turning up in wedding photos as well as trips down the aisle. Some pets even serve as ring bearers. Before giving your pet a job for the wedding, consider his personality and temperament. How does the pet react around crowds? A dog or cat accustomed to a quiet home may behave differently when placed in a room full of excited people. In addition, confirm that pets are allowed inside your ceremony space. Certain venues may not allow animals that are not service dogs. Make sure to inform guests that an animal will be present, so those with allergies can take precautions. If it isn't practical to have animals in the ceremony, give them a primary spot in wedding or engagement photos.

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## Did You Know?

### Origins of the Modern Bridal Shower

The modern bridal shower may trace its origins the 1890s. "The Old Farmer's Almanac" says the first bridal shower hostess filled a paper parasol with small presents and turned it over the head of the bride-to-be. Soon the concept caught on, and many other women began "showering" future brides in such a manner. Naturally, as presents became larger and heavier, the tradition of literally showering the bride with gifts was modified, but the name has stuck.

Bridal showers are designed to equip couples with many of the necessities to start their new life together. This custom is believed to have evolved from an old dowry system, in which a bride was expected to bring valuables to the marriage. The dowry was originally intended as compensation for the burden of supporting a wife placed on the groom. Some parents of the bride were not rich enough to afford an ample dowry, so friends and family members would offer small gifts to help offset this financial responsibility.

Today, both the bride and groom are equal partners in the marriage, bringing together their collective wealth. However, showers are still held regardless of the financial need of the bride as a way to offer good wishes before she embarks on her new journey.

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# Rehearsal Dinner How-To Spending Time with Family Before the Ceremony



Many couples find their wedding rehearsal dinners to be relaxing respites from the whirlwind of wedding planning. Such dinners enable the happy couple to slow down and enjoy themselves in a relatively casual gathering with their closest friends and family members. Rehearsal dinners typically take place in the night or two before the wedding. The couple, members of

their wedding party, the parents of the bride and groom and others involved in the wedding typically attend this dinner. The couple generally takes the time at the dinner to thank everyone for their contributions to the wedding and to offer some small gifts of appreciation. No rules govern rehearsal dinners, so couples have the freedom to plan the dinners as they see fit.

Rehearsal dinners often come immediately after the ceremony rehearsal, when the wedding party and the officiant go over the timing and details of the wedding. Make arrangements with the ceremony site and officiant prior to making dinner reservations.

Parents of the groom traditionally host the rehearsal dinner, so they will be integral in planning the event. That means couples should keep an open and gracious mind. Remember, the rehearsal dinner doesn't have to be a lavish affair, and it can be customized to any budget or preference.

Some couples feel that hosting rehearsal dinners in casual settings can make the dinner more comfortable for members of the wedding, who can use the dinner as an opportunity to mingle and get to know one another before the wedding. This will help to tame nerves and enable the wedding party to loosen up and enjoy themselves even more. Some people may be more inclined to socialize and have fun when they're not worried about putting on airs.

Restaurants that have special meaning to the couple often make for great places to hold rehearsal dinners. The bride and groom can suggest their ideas, but ultimately it is the person handling the bill who has the final say. Couples who want greater control over the rehearsal dinner festivities can suggest hosting it themselves.

Despite its name, the rehearsal dinner doesn't actually have to be a dinner, as couples can opt for meals at a different time of the day, like brunch or lunch. An earlier occasion gives guests plenty of time to get home and rest up for the festivities of the wedding to come.

Toasts are expected at the rehearsal dinner, but they tend to be spontaneous, off-the-cuff remarks. A couple with a good sense of humor might not mind being roasted at their rehearsal dinners. The bride and groom should expect to say a few words of thanks to all in attendance, but remarks need not be too formal.

Rehearsal dinners may even feature a little entertainment. Tech-savvy parents may put together a presentation with videos or photographs that chronicles the couple's lives separately and their life together.

Rehearsal dinners provide an opportunity for couples and their families to spend time together before the larger festivities of the wedding pull them in multiple directions. Plus, they set a fun tone for the wedding weekend to come.

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**Reception:** Couples planning on having a morning wedding can shift their receptions from the evening to the afternoon, when the cost per meal will be considerably less.

**Afternoon receptions** also can be alcohol-free, saving couples even more money. If a nighttime reception is a must-have, choose a limited cash bar instead of an open bar. Limited cash bars often provide guests with free beer and house wine while guests who prefer liquor or mixed drinks must pay for their own libations. If you are planning an outdoor wedding reception, you may even be able to provide your own alcohol, which can save considerable amounts of money.

**Arrangements:** Floral arrangements are a big and potentially expensive part of many couples' weddings. In addition to the bridal bouquet, many couples decorate their ceremony space with flowers, and of course reception table

centerpieces typically include flowers as well. When working with your florist, request in-season flowers, which will cost considerably less than exotic flowers that are out of season. In addition, let your florist know your budget and ask that he or she recommend flowers that won't break the bank.

**Gifts:** While it's become customary to prepare gift bags for guests staying in hotels, couples should not go overboard with such gifts. Gift bags need not include more than a snack, a bottle of water and a homemade thank-you card. Keep gifts simple and inexpensive, even opting for homemade gifts if you and your future spouse are skilled with crafts.

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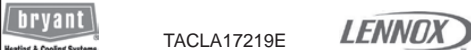
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Receipts from Anderson County Livestock Exchange showed a total of 396 head of cattle sold on January 20, 2016 with 34 buyers and 52 sellers.

| Steers      |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs | 155-250 |
| 300-400 lbs | 145-227 |
| 400-500 lbs | 135-193 |
| 500-600 lbs | 125-165 |
| 600-700 lbs | 120-153 |
| 700-800 lbs | 95-130  |

| Heifers     |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs | 150-237 |
| 300-400 lbs | 135-217 |
| 400-500 lbs | 130-183 |
| 500-600 lbs | 125-150 |
| 600-700 lbs | 115-135 |
| 700-800 lbs | 90-125  |

| Slaughter       |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Slaughter Cows  | 55-85 |
| Slaughter Bulls | 75-95 |

| Stocker Cows & Pairs |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Stocker Cows         | 875-2200.00  |
| Pairs                | 1050-2600.00 |

| Goats       |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| By the Head | 45-150.00 |

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**SALE EVERY SATURDAY - 12 NOON**

Receipts from Buffalo Livestock Marketing showed a total of 943 cattle January 23, 2016 with 131 sellers and 52 buyers.

| Slaughter Cows |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Cutter Cows    | 55-85 |
| Fat Cows       | 50-84 |
| Canner Cows    | 40-60 |

| Slaughter Bulls |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Heavy Bulls     | 90-110 |
| Light Bulls     | 87-115 |

| Pairs                |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Choice Pairs         | N/T       |
| Good Pairs           | 1550-1900 |
| Plain Pairs          | 1275-1525 |
| Bred Cows 3-6 yr old | 1100-1800 |

| Steer/Bull Calve & Yearlings |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| 150-200 lbs                  | 225-325 |
| 200-300 lbs                  | 215-275 |
| 300-400 lbs                  | 195-235 |
| 400-500 lbs                  | 160-227 |
| 500-600 lbs                  | 150-185 |
| 600-700 lbs                  | 140-170 |
| 700-800 lbs                  | 135-155 |

| Heifer Calves & Yearlings |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| 150-200 lbs               | 235-295 |
| 200-300 lbs               | 175-280 |
| 300-400 lbs               | 155-225 |
| 400-500 lbs               | 135-210 |
| 500-600 lbs               | 132-170 |
| 600-700 lbs               | 130-157 |
| 700-800 lbs               | 120-145 |

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Receipts from Waco Livestock Auction on January 19, 2016 with 899 head of cattle.

| No. 1 Steers  |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Under 300 lbs | 175-230 |
| 300-400 lbs   | 165-220 |
| 400-500 lbs   | 160-190 |
| 500-600 lbs   | 150-180 |
| 600-700 lbs   | 145-165 |
| 700-800 lbs   | 145-165 |

| No. 1 Heifers |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Under 300 lbs | 165-220 |
| 300-400 lbs   | 165-195 |
| 400-500 lbs   | 155-175 |
| 500-600 lbs   | 145-165 |
| 600-700 lbs   | 135-150 |
| 700-800 lbs   | 125-145 |

| Slaughter Cows |          |
|----------------|----------|
| High Yielding  | 65 to 77 |
| Low Yielding   | 55 to 65 |
| Fats           | 60 to 70 |
| Thin & Shelly  | 40 to 55 |

| Packer Bulls (1250-2075 lbs) |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Yield Grade 1&2              | 80 to 98 |

| Cow & Calf Pairs |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Young Choice     | 1850 to 2350 |
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| Aged Pairs       | 1000 to 1500 |

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Receipts from Groesbeck Auction & Livestock Co., LLC showed at total of 469 head of cattle on Thursday, January 21, 2016, with 79 sellers and 41 buyers.

| Slaughter Cows & Bulls  |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Bonner                  | 69-74   |
| Breaker                 | 72-77   |
| Canner Cows             | 77-81   |
| Thin                    | 65-68   |
| Bulls Yield Grade 1 & 2 | 55-60   |
| Bulls Yield Grade 3 & 4 | 105-110 |
|                         | 93-100  |

| Stocker Cows        |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Young Bred Cows     | 1600-2000 |
| Older Plain Bred    | 900-1100  |
| Good Choice Pairs   | 1800-2500 |
| Common Medium Pairs | 1300-1600 |

| Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Steers Good & Choice                |         |
| 300-400 lbs                         | 190-220 |
| 400-500 lbs                         | 180-210 |
| 500-600 lbs                         | 178-185 |
| 600-700 lbs                         | 165-170 |

| Heifers Good & Choice |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| 300-400 lbs           | 175-210 |
| 400-500 lbs           | 160-200 |
| 500-600 lbs           | 140-179 |
| 600-700 lbs           | 135-160 |

# Private Applicator Training Offered

February 12 in Fairfield, Tx

The Texas Agrilife Extension Service of Freestone County will be providing a Private Applicator Training for those who wish to use restricted pesticides to aid them in the production of an agricultural commodity. The training will be held on February 12, 2016 in Fairfield, Texas at the Fairfield Civic Center.

The Civic Center is located on the Moody Reunion Fairgrounds.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Those wishing to participate must call the Freestone County Extension office at

903-389-3436 by Wednesday, February 10th to reserve their spot.

Cost for the training is \$60 and includes training, a Private Applicator Training Manual, and a current TDA Laws and Regulations Manual.

*Educational programs of the Texas Agrilife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.*

## Reflections from Red Oak Ranch

Freestone County, Texas by Jan Fielden

I looked out the breakfast nook window the other morning and saw the most beautiful red Cardinal. What a beauty. He was standing under the bird feeder in the grass that was still green. The green grass really showed off his colors. He was gently picking up sunflower seeds that had dropped from the feeder. There will be more Cardinals flying in as we always have a lot of them. There are so many Wrens hanging around that it appears to be an invasion except they are fun to watch. They are such tiny, compact birds. They crawl up the sides of the windows and then fly off. I think they are searching for spiders that I have decided they can have all they want!

Last week the Crows were chasing a Hawk here/there/and yonder. I was rooting for the Hawk. We had a whole back yard full of Black Birds that I don't particularly like but they need to be able to find something to eat also. I let them stay for a while and then I tap on the window and off they go. The ducks I suppose are not really birds even though they can fly and they have arrived back at the Red Oak Ranch and taken up residence on the lake and one of the ponds.

The birds always show us such a peaceful scene. It is almost as if time is standing still when we watch them. The Red Oak Ranch is blessed with an abundance of wildlife and we appreciate it very much.

# OIL & GAS REPORT

FREESTONE COUNTY

Texas Oil and Gas Production Statistics for November 2015

Production for November 2015 as reported to the Railroad Commission of Texas is 70,969,209 barrels of crude oil and 596,523,139 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of total gas from oil and gas wells. These preliminary figures are based on production volumes reported by operators and will be updated as late and corrected production reports are received. Production reported to the Commission for the same time period last year, November 2014, was: 67,660,682 barrels of crude oil preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 86,464,573 barrels; and 600,389,620 Mcf of total gas preliminarily, updated to a current figure of 719,146,191 Mcf.

The Commission reports that in the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 1.007 billion barrels of crude oil and 8.4 trillion cubic feet of total gas. Crude oil production reported by the Commission is limited to oil produced from oil leases and does not include condensate, which is reported separately by the Commission.

Texas preliminary November 2015 crude oil production averaged 2,365,640 barrels daily, compared to the 2,255,356 barrels daily average of November 2014.

Texas preliminary November 2015 total gas production averaged 19,844,105 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) a day, compared to the 20,012,987 Mcf daily average of November 2014.

Texas production in November 2015 came from 183,882 oil wells and 90,345 gas wells.

For additional oil and gas production statistics, visit the Commission's website at [www.rrc.texas.gov](http://www.rrc.texas.gov)

## Microloans Expanded for Farmers to Purchase & Improve Property

Farm ownership microloans, creating a new financing avenue for farmers to buy and improve property, will be offered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), announced Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden. These microloans will be especially helpful to beginning or underserved farmers, U.S. veterans looking for a career

in farming, and those who have small and mid-sized farming operations.

"Many producers, especially new and underserved farmers, tell us that access to land is one of the biggest challenges they face in establishing and growing their own farming operation," said Harden. "USDA is making it easier for new farmers to hit the ground running and get access to the land that they need to establish their farms or improve their property."

The microloan program, which celebrates its third anniversary this week, has been hugely successful, providing more than 16,800 low-interest loans, totaling over \$373 million to producers across the country. Microloans have helped farmers and ranchers with operating costs, such as feed, fertilizer, tools, fencing, equipment, and living expenses since 2013. Seventy percent of loans have gone to new farmers.

Now, microloans will be available to also help with farm land and building purchases, and soil and water conservation improvements. FSA designed the expanded program to simplify the application process, expand eligibility requirements and expedite smaller real estate loans to help farmers strengthen their operations. Microloans provide up to \$50,000 to qualified producers, and can be issued to the applicant directly from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

To learn more about the FSA microloan program visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans), or contact your local FSA office. To find your nearest office location, please visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

## Texas Farmers Union

# 114th Annual State Convention

Texas Farmers Union announces the 114th State Convention January 29-30, 2016 at the MCM Elegante' Suites I, 4250 Ridgemont Dr., Abilene, TX. Opening session of the convention will begin at 1 pm Friday, January 29th. Following a brief business session with committee reports and nomination of officers, there will be an afternoon recess. Friday evening's session will begin a 5:30 pm and will be followed by a reception and entertainment.

The presentation of the flags and pledge of the allegiance will be conducted by the Merkel F.F.A. There will be a reception and entertainment by high school senior Katia Rojo from Rains County High School.

Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims reports, "We will have excellent speakers and interesting programs during the convention. One of the speakers is Barbara Patterson,

National Farmers Union Government Relations Representative.

Dr. Harwood Schaffer from University of Tennessee's Agriculture Analysis Center will provide current information on the present farm bill. Bob Cash the Executive Director of the Texas Fair Trade Collision will address the effects of the TPP (Trans Pacific Partnership). Jere Locke the director of the Texas Drought Project and Steve Maikell, Texas Educator with Region 14 Education Service Center will present a program.

Invitations have also been extended to current legislators and legislative candidates.

The convention will culminate following the Saturday night banquet with a progressive auction with proceeds going to Farmers Union Charitable Fund.

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Monday, February 1st is Last Day to Register in Time to Vote in March Primaries

# Local Election Candidates Meet with Voters

The last day to register to vote, in time to cast a ballot in the upcoming Primary Election, is Monday, February 1, 2016.

Primary Elections for the Republican and Democratic parties are being held March 1, 2016. Early voting begins on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Locally, 28 candidates are vying for 10 elected positions. All are listed as Republicans.

If required, a run-off election will be held May 24, 2016.

A run-off election is required when the top candidate fails to garner more than 50% of the votes, a distinct possibility when a race includes 3 or more candidates.

Local positions up for election this year include the following:

**--77th District Judge:** incumbent Pat Simmons (unopposed)

**--County Attorney:** incumbent Chris Martin, Andrew Wolf and Brian Evans

**--Sheriff:** incumbent Don Anderson, Jeremy Shipley, M. Doty and Robert Willis

**--Tax Assessor-Collector:** incumbent Lisa Stephenson Foree (unopposed)

**--County Commissioner Pct. 1:** incumbent Luke Ward, Andy Bonner, Chad Morgan and David T. James

**--County Commissioner Pct. 3:** incumbent Bodie Emmons, Kurt Kropp and Michael Daniels

**--Constable Pct. 1:** incumbent Buck Bonner and Richard McGowan

**--Constable Pct. 2:** incumbent Lynn Clary (unopposed)

**--Constable Pct. 3:** incumbent Diana Smart Willis, Jacob Day, LJ McAdams and Pamela Lorraine Brackens

**--Constable Pct. 4:** incumbent Roger S. Brooke, Michael Fred Carter, Tomas Echartea and Wade Harrison

There have been several opportunities to get to know the candidates before casting your vote in the Primary Election. Here are some events happening in February:

**--A Campaign Connect event** will be held on February 4th for Candidate for County Attorney, Brian Evans at the Conference Center in Fairfield. The come-and-go format will be held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**--Meet and Greet the Candidates of Freestone County Precinct 4** will be held February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wortham ISD Auditorium. Meet your candidates one-on-one and ask them questions. Hosted by Wortham Area Chamber of Commerce.

**--The Fairfield VFW will host a "Meet the Candidates Forum"** on Friday February 12 starting at 6:00 p.m. with a chili supper fundraiser. Each candidate will get five minutes to speak. The event will conclude with a cake auction, with all proceeds benefiting the VFW Scholarship Program.

**--A Candidate Forum**, hosted by the Freestone County TEA Party, will be February 15th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at River of Life Church in Fairfield. Invited to speak at the event are candidates for U.S. Representative Dist. 17, County Commissioner Pct. 3, Constable Pct. 3, and Constable Pct. 4. Each candidate will be allowed ten minutes to speak, after which there will be a Q&A session.

Early voting begins February 16, 2016. Dates and poll locations are as follows:

**Fairfield Conference Center**, 839 East Commerce, Fairfield

Open Tuesday-Friday, February 16-19 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday, February 20 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and Monday-Friday, February 22-26 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Butler Community Center**, FM 489 S. of US 84, Butler

Open Wednesday, February 17 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Dew School**, Hwy 179 & FM 489, Dew

Open Saturday, February 20 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Donie Community Center**, State Hwy 164 West, Donie

Open Saturday, February 20 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Southern Oaks Clubhouse**, North of FM 416, St. Elmo

Open Saturday, February 20 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Teague City Hall**, 105 S. 4th Ave, Teague

Open Tuesday-Friday, February 16-19 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday, February 20 from 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Wortham Community Center**, E. Main Street, Wortham

Open Saturday, February 20 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

An application for a ballot by mail should be mailed to Linda Jarvis, Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 1010, Fairfield, Texas 75840. Applications for ballots by mail must be *received* no later than the close of business on February 19, 2016.

Karen Leidy reporting.

## Did You Know? Casting Lots in an Election

With several elected offices featuring 3 or 4 candidates each, the possibility of run-off elections becoming part of the process is very high.

What some voters may not know, is that "casting lots" for a final candidate is also within the realm of possibility.

Run-off elections are held when the top candidate fails to receive a majority of the votes (or, more than 50%).

According to the Texas Election Code, when this occurs, the candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes in the main election, or who tie for the highest number of votes, will move on to a run-off election.

However, if more than two candidates tie for the highest number of votes, or if, instead, two or more candidates tie for the second highest number of votes, then an automatic recount will be conducted.

If the recount does not resolve the tie, those candidates "shall cast lots" to determine who will move on to a run-off election.

When asked if he had ever experienced such an event, Freestone County Republican Chairperson Doug Sanford, DVM replied, "No, but I did have a constable race settled by 1 vote four years ago."

If a tie results between the two candidates in a subsequent run-off election, the ultimate winner could also be determined by casting lots (should a recount not resolve the tie).

Whether the casting of lots would be determined by a flip of the coin, a game of rock-paper-scissors (suggested by Sanford), or some other means, it would no doubt make for an election for the record books.

Karen Leidy reporting.

## Exclusive Countywide News Coverage

**-The Depot X-**  
Continued from 1-D

showers. The Depot X is located at 140 E. Hwy 84 in Fairfield, Texas. This great location is a midpoint between Dallas and Houston, Waco and Tyler. Check them out online at [www.thedepotx.com](http://www.thedepotx.com)

## Filing Now Open for City and School Elections

Filing for City and School elections opened last week. Potential candidates for City Council and School Board have until February 19, 2016 to officially announce their intentions.

Up for election this year include the following:

**City of Fairfield** – Mayor (incumbent Roy W. Hill) and two councilmen, Place 1 (incumbent Joe Lee Kirgan, Jr.) and Place 2 (incumbent Randy Johnson)

**City of Teague** – Mayor (incumbent Earnest G. Pack) and two aldermen, Place 1 (incumbent Greg Johnson) and Place 3 (incumbent Marie Hertenberger).

**City of Wortham** – three councilmen-at-large (incumbents John Tacker and Frank McClellan. The third

position is currently vacant.) **City of Streetman** – Mayor (incumbent Johnny Robinson) and two commissioners, (incumbents Steve Rossiaky and Heather Davis).

**Fairfield ISD** – three at-large trustees (incumbents LaCharles Bass, Tracie Ezell and Kim Whitaker)

**Teague ISD** – Place 2 (incumbent Brian Bowers) and Place 4 (incumbent Jeff Gonzales)

**Wortham ISD** – Place 3 (incumbent Brent Jones) and Place 4 (incumbent Sam Wright)

Dew ISD holds their elections in November.

For more information, contact your local city hall or school administration.

Elections will be held May 7, 2016.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RECLAMATION LIABILITY FOR SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION PERMIT

PERMIT NO. 3F, LUMINANT MINING COMPANY LLC, BIG BROWN MINE  
DOCKET NO. C16-0008-SC-03-F, 948.6 ACRES, PHASE I

Pursuant to Section 134.128 - .134 of the Texas Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act, TEX.NAT. RES. CODE ANN. (Vernon 2015) and Section 12.312 - .313 of the Coal Mining Regulations, Tex. R.R. Comm'n, 16 TEX.ADMN. CODE Ch. 12 (West 2015), Luminant Mining Company LLC, 1601 Bryan Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, has submitted its application to the Railroad Commission of Texas for Phase I release of reclamation obligations for 948.6 acres of its Big Brown Mine Permit No. 3F. The Big Brown Mine permit area is located in Freestone County, Texas, approximately three to eleven miles north of Fairfield, Texas. Permit No. 3F was most recently renewed on January 29, 2013, and the most recent bond for the permit was approved in the form of a blanket collateral bond on June 17, 2014.

The applicant requests a release of Phase I, (60%) reclamation obligations on 948.6 acres. Phase I requires the completion of backfilling, regrading and drainage control. The areas proposed for release are shown on the map printed with this public notice. Mining operations were conducted on the 948.6 acres in 1998-2009. Final grading was accomplished on this area in 1999-2014, and in 2010-2014 vegetation was planted. The acreage requested for release contains nine (9) permanent diversions, six (6) permanent impoundments, ten (10) permanent drop structures, four (4) permanent inlets and spillways, and nine (9) permanent roads.

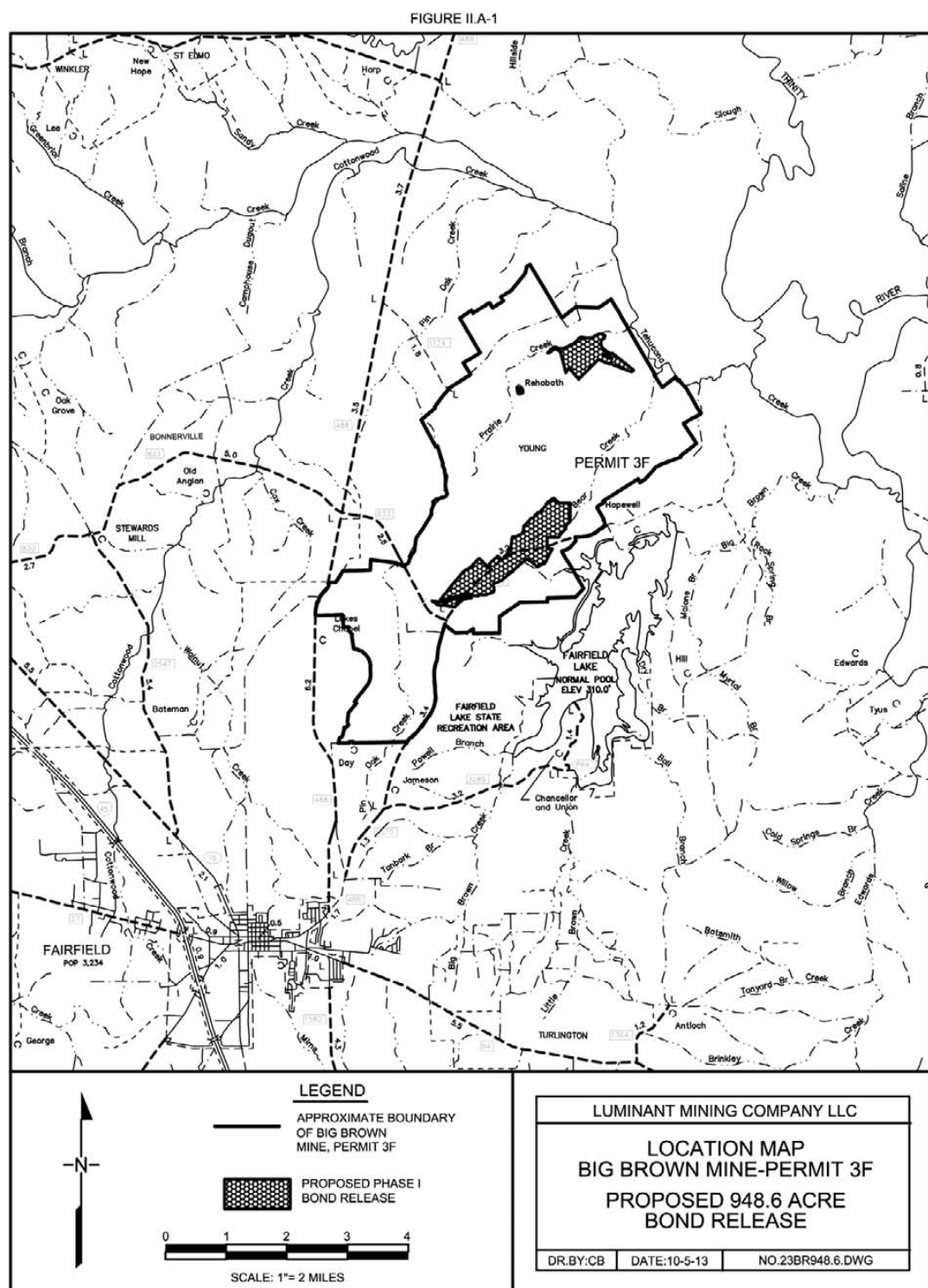
A portion of the area requested for release was used as a waste disposal site in accordance with Railroad Commission of Texas (RCT) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations. This area has been deed-recorded with the county deed records as waste management units for Class III (non-hazardous) waste and registered with the TCEQ.

The accepted bond for Permit No. 3F is covered in the form of a blanket collateral bond in the amount of \$1,100,000,000. The applicant does not seek adjustment to the approved bond as a result of this application; however, an eligible bond reduction amount may be determined.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the application within thirty days after the last date of publication of this notice in a local newspaper. All written comments, objections or requests for public hearing or informal conference on the application should be directed to:

**Mr. John E. Caudle, P.E., Director**  
**Surface Mining and Reclamation Division**  
**Railroad Commission of Texas**  
**P.O. Box 12967**  
**Austin, Texas 78711-2967**

A copy of the complete application may be inspected at the main office of the Railroad Commission of Texas at 1701 North Congress, William B. Travis Building, Austin, Texas and in the office of the Freestone County Clerk, 118 East Commerce Street, Fairfield, Texas 75840. The application may be supplemented and should be reviewed periodically.

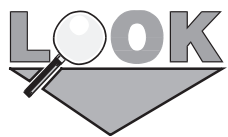




# CLASSIFIEDS

## -GARAGE SALES-

**YARD SALE:** January 29th & 30th, 9 a.m. - ? 151 County Road 1171, about 1 mile past Love's Truck Stop toward Wortham on Hwy 27. 2 Desks, 2 Hutches, 1 Kitchen Cart, Bed Caps for Truck - new, Twin Headboard w/rails, Dishes - some new, Designer Cake Pans - new, Tall Metal Shed - 12x31, Some Tools, 10" Electric Pole Saw- new, Camping Equipment, Swimming Pool - 24'x52' - extra salt water pump, Matting for under pool. Call for info 903-390-0805. EVERYTHING PRICED TO SELL!



## -WANTED-

Crafters wanted for LUMC Country Fair, Saturday, May 5th, 10 am to 3 pm. Space is \$25 per 10 ft. booth. Indoor and outdoor spaces available, located at 515 FM 416. Call Edna Markham at 903-599-4008 or Carole Stubblefield at 903-389-8335.

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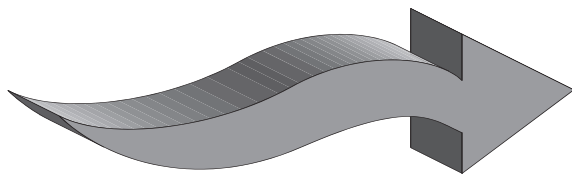
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Only serious and qualified inquiries need apply.  
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Candidates need to complete an application, along with a cover letter and resume and return to **Jeff Looney, City Administrator, 222 S. Mount, Fairfield, TX 75840**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Hall at (903)389-2633



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15 (+/-) Acres on FM 2570, utilities available #1405 \$70,000  
15 (+/-) Acres on FM 2570 w/pipe & panel fencing, pond, & shade barn #1410 \$97,500  
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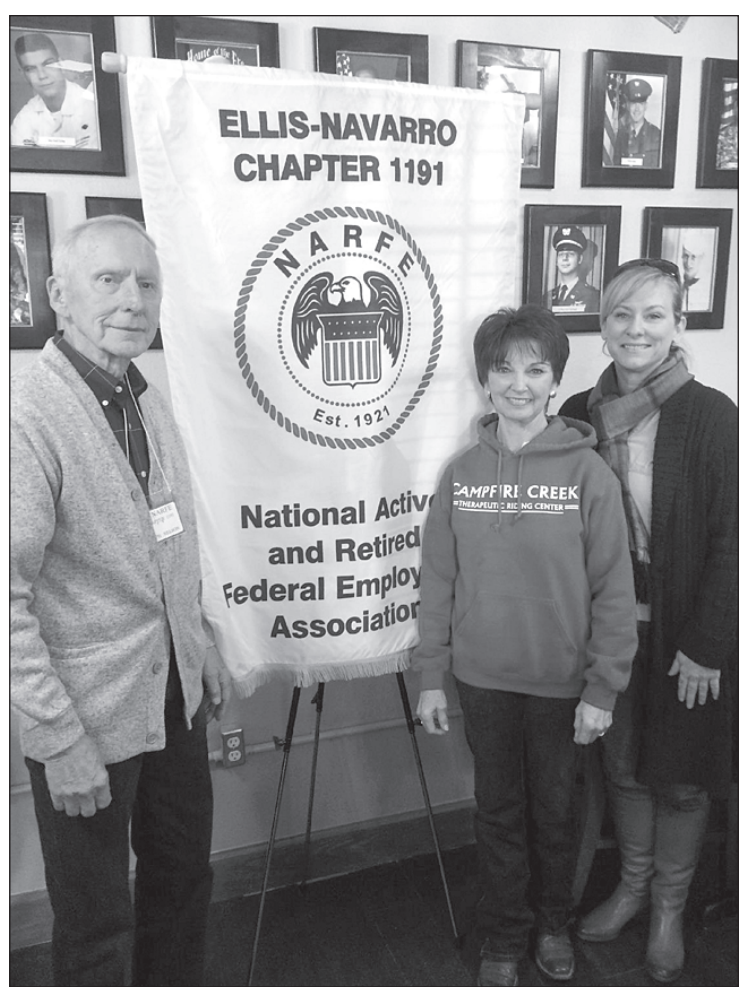
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## Therapeutic Riding Program

### Presented to NARFE Members

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1191 held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 12 Jan 2016, at Ryan's Buffet Waxahachie. The guest speaker was Emily Oliver, Founder and Director of Programs with the nonprofit Campfire Creek Therapeutic Riding Center in Waxahachie. The center is located Southwest of Waxahachie at 767 Bethel Road. Ms Oliver was accompanied by Jill Howard, Board President and Director of Development.

The Therapeutic Riding Center obtained its nonprofit 501(c)(3) status in 2005 and began operations in 2007 to assist children and adults, including military veterans, with special needs. Therapeutic horseback riding benefits almost any disabling condition including: cerebral palsy, autism, down syndrome, head injuries, hearing impaired, visually impaired, multiple sclerosis, seizure disorders, speech & learning disabilities, and sensory integration dysfunction. Referrals to the program come from hospitals and doctors and depends on 25 - 30 volunteers. The program also welcomes financial support as well as contributions of feed, hay, tack and riding gear. Reference the link below for more information. <http://www.campfirecreek.org/>

NARFE Chap. 1191 covers Ellis, Navarro and adjacent parts of the surrounding counties. Membership in NARFE is open to all active and retired federal employees and their spouses, former federal employees, and former spouses who are entitled to a federal survivor annuity. For more information, please call Midlothian at 972-268-5793 or 972-775-2463, Waxahachie - 469-939-8102, Ennis - 214-949-6197, Red Oak - 412-722-6307, or Corsicana - 903-874-3092. You may also go to [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) or <http://www.dfnarfe.net/Chapter1191/ChapterPage.html> or see NARFE Chapter 1191 on Facebook.

### February Meeting

Next meeting will be held at the Sirloin Stockade in Corsicana on Tuesday, 9 Feb 2016 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. NARFE Chapter 1191 has members from Ellis, Navarro and surrounding counties.

The speaker will be Dr. Tommy Stringer, a retired administrator from Navarro College. Members, guests, and all who are part of our federal active and retired family are invited.

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