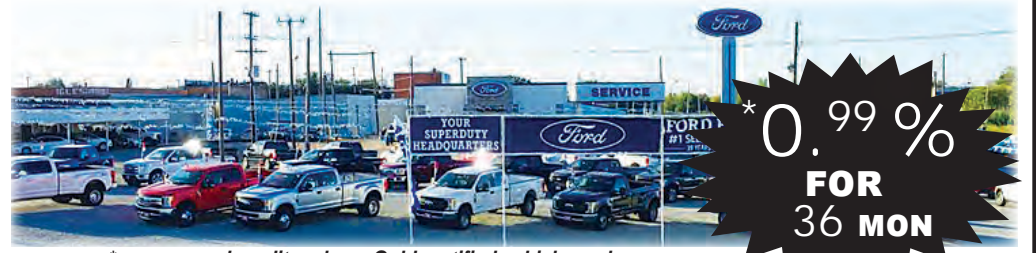


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Fairfield Falls in Season Opener 35-3

Teague, TX Hosts
Fundraiser, Farmers Market

The Fairfield Eagles allowed 28 first half points and the Rusk Eagles took the season opening win at Eagle Field in Fairfield.

Fairfield was bitten by the penalty bug on numerous plays and two costly miscues on offenses gave the Rusk defense easy chances to score.

Rusk took the ball first and completed a couple of passes for a first down. Spencer Barnett raced to near midfield on a nine-yard run. Aiden McCown completed a pass across the middle to Brailen Trawick for 22 yards into Fairfield territory. Barnett took the ball for three carries on the next four plays, including an 18-yard run and the touchdown for Rusk. Alan Rojo kicked the extra point for the early 7-0 lead.

Fairfield took their first possession and turned it into points to cut into the lead. Eli Martin had a short run and a five-yard penalty put the Eagles in a third and short. Quarterback Rowdy Hand picked the first down and on the next play, Martin broke a tackle near midfield and the raced down inside the Rusk 15 for 44 yards. The drive would stall and senior kicker Jonathon Garcia split the uprights with a 27-yard field goal and cut the Rusk lead to 7-3.

Rusk would answer quickly and churned up big yardage to get there. Barnett caught a screen pass for 22 yards and then he added a 14-yard run to the Fairfield 46. McCown dropped to pass and found Trawick deep across the middle for a 46-yard touchdown. The point after extended the lead to 14-3.

The teams exchanged punts into the second quarter and Rusk punted to Fairfield and the Eagles started a second quarter drive with their best field position on the night at their own 41. A pair of runs by Martin and Garcia got the Eagles a first down. On first down from the Rusk 48, Hand was intercepted by Bryce Grimes and he ran up the far sideline 57 yards for the defensive touchdown for the Rusk Eagles and the 21-3 lead midway through the second quarter.

Disaster struck for Fairfield Eagles on the next possession. Running a jet sweep, the exchange was bobbled and Jaren Driver scooped it up and turned it into a second defensive touchdown. The 18-yard scoop and score put the Rusk Eagles ahead 28-3.

Fairfield opened the second half with an effective drive. Martin had a 33-yard run and Braiden Barrett added an 11-yard run. The drive would reach the Rusk 16-yard line and the Eagles turned possession over on downs.

The Eagles had another great play turn sour when quarterback Cameron Cockerell hit Camrom Daniels with a short pass. Daniels made a leaping catch and was in the open field. He put his hand in the air at the Rusk 20-yard line and was penalized 15 yards for excessive celebration. The touchdown came off the board and backed Fairfield to the Rusk 35. Rusk intercepted a pass on the next play.

Fairfield would have one more touchdown called back when Martin broke loose and scored on an apparent 64-yard touchdown. A holding penalty brought the possession back and Fairfield stalled out without a score.

McCown scored on a 25-yard run to close out

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FAIRFIELD EAGLES TAKE TO THE FIELD against Rusk on Friday, August 26, 2022. Turn to page 8-A for additional pictures of the game. (Photo by Payton Botelho)

The small town of Teague, Texas is the place to be this weekend as Booker T. Washington / J.A. Brooks Alumni will gather for their annual Walk-A-Thon for Education on Saturday, September 3, 2022 to raise money for their Scholarship fund.

Participants will meet at 9:00 a.m. at Brooks/Washington Park in Teague for a four-mile walk. Prizes and refreshments will be available, and certificates will be awarded.

Alumni chapters are expected from the Bi-State area as well as Dallas, Houston, and Corsicana.

Scholarships are awarded each year to Teague High School graduates and descendants of BTW/JAB alumni.

For more information, contact Doris Nealy at dnrnealy@gmail.com

Also happening Saturday is the Evening Market on Main Street.

Come on down to the

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Fairfield Chamber Welcomes Fairfield Event Venue

Fairfield Event Center was welcomed as a member of Fairfield Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, August 25, 2022. Following the official ribbon cutting, attendees enjoyed a light lunch and a tour of the new facilities.

Welcoming folks to the new venue were Diego Munoz, Mom Jeannette Gacitúa, and sister Isidora Guess, along with family owners Shirish, Vrinda, Shanti (mom), and

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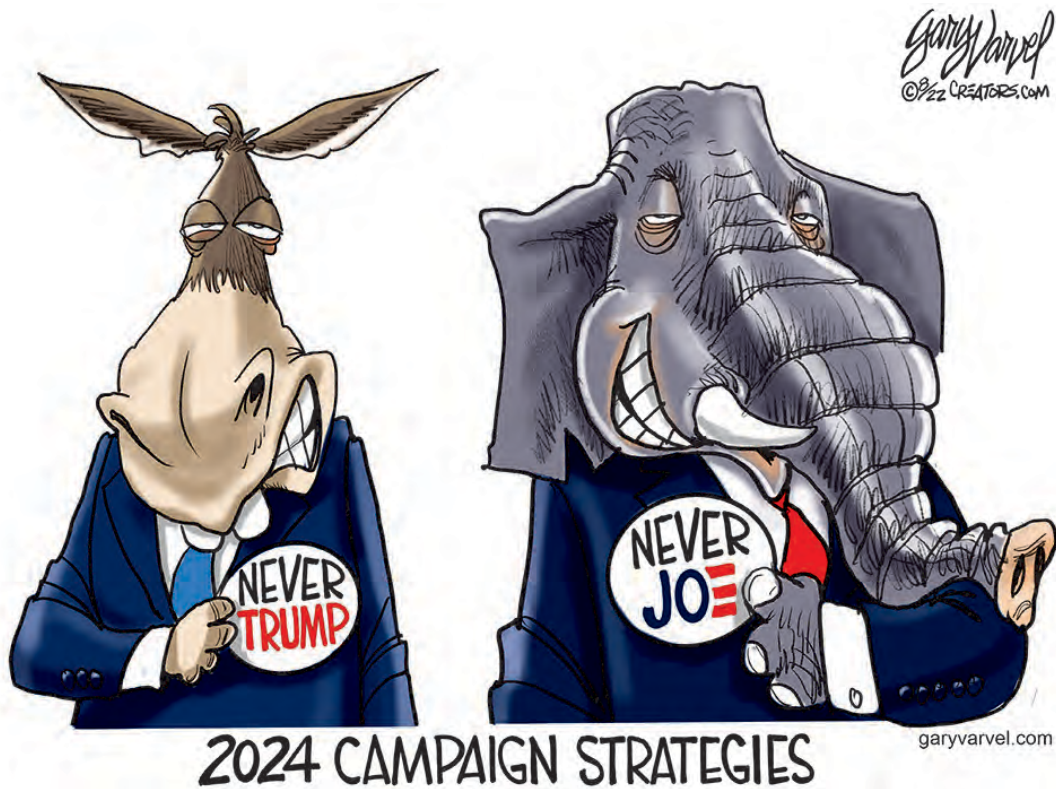
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Constitutional Minute: General Welfare Clause Perversion

Since FDR (Franklin Delano Roosevelt), most law schools don't teach the Constitution. Instead, they teach decisions of the FDR-dominated Supreme Court which purport to explain why Congress has the power to regulate anything it pleases. Those law schools thus produced generations of constitutionally illiterate lawyers and judges who have been wrongly taught that three clauses, the "general welfare" clause, the "interstate commerce" clause and the "necessary & proper" clause, permit Congress to do whatever it wants! So! Doesn't the "general welfare" clause give Congress power to pass any law on any subject as long as it is for the 'general Welfare of the United States' "? NO, it does not!

James Madison, Father of The Constitution, and Alexander Hamilton, author of most of The Federalist Papers, expressly said The Constitution does *not* give a general grant of legislative authority to Congress!

Madison and Hamilton in Federalist #41, #83, #45, #39, and #14 all refer to this truth. Here is a good paper with details if you might be interested (and I surely hope you are): [https://publiushuldah.wordpress.com/2009/10/27/does-the-general-welfare-clause-of-the-u-s-constitution-authorize-congress-to-](https://publiushuldah.wordpress.com/2009/10/27/does-the-general-welfare-clause-of-the-u-s-constitution-authorize-congress-to-force-us-to-buy-health-insurance/)

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First, you must learn what "welfare" meant when the Constitution was ratified: "Welfare" as used in the Preamble and in **Article. 1, Sec. 8, cl. 1**, U.S. Constitution, meant "Exemption from any unusual evil or calamity; the enjoyment of peace and prosperity, or the ordinary blessings of society and civil government" ([Webster's 1828 Dictionary](#)).

But The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language (1969), added a new meaning: "Public relief – on welfare. Dependent on public relief". Do you see how our Constitution is perverted when new meanings are substituted for original meanings?

OUR FOUNDERS UNDERSTOOD that the "general Welfare", i.e., the enjoyment of peace and prosperity, and the enjoyment of the ordinary blessings of society and civil government, was possible *only with* a civil government which was strictly limited and restricted in what it was given power to do!

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Letters to the Editor

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

Dear Editor,

Thanksgiving is my favorite time of the year; I especially look forward to the 24th in hopes that the election results from the 8th will be a double blessing.

That day we go to vote for various candidates, but the basic issue is far more important than the candidates this year: the stakes are simple and easy to understand:

We vote to correct the direction our government has been going and take back our country to the proven American values that made us great: self-reliance, low taxes/smaller government, personal freedoms, real free speech, family values, education instead of left-wing indoctrination, business incentives instead of restrictions/regulations, secure borders, merit-based qualification instead of forced racial quotas, equal opportunity instead of equal result, saving education from the "blame America first" dogma of Critical Race Theory and Diversity-Equity-Inclusion. The last two listed are as false as anything the left has come up with. OR . . .

Elect socialist Woke candidates for more of the same mismanagement, high taxes, limited personal freedoms, runaway inflation, high crime rates, gender-by-choice instead of factual physiology, wide open borders, weak military, a feeble foreign policy, same-sex marriage as "normal", more welfare state paid for by working Americans, trying to buy Americans' votes with stimulus checks, crazy work-killing disincentives of higher pay than working, and "forgiving" student loan debt. This last is a progressive joke; the indebtedness is not forgiven - it's absorbed into the national debt (more inflation=lower purchasing power). It insults the integrity of all Americans, especially those who never incurred a student loan but now bear its burden and those who borrowed and paid back.

I believe Americans, Texans are smarter than this. That said, if a career political hack can become President of the United States, maybe Beto O'Rourke could become governor of Texas. God forbid! November 8th is at least as important to you and me as the 24th. Please vote and be heard. And have a great Thanksgiving!

God bless America!

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Fairfield, Texas

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How the Inflation Reduction Act Can Help Small Businesses and All of Us!

By Ted James - Region 6 South Central Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) will lower prescription drug, health care, and energy costs. It will lower the deficit and no one making under \$400,000 per year will pay a penny more in taxes. It will also fight climate change. This is a pretty good deal for most of us dealing with our changing climate patterns: scorching temperatures, escalating damaging storms, new monsoon seasons and all the havoc they cause. If we can slow climate change down, we all win.

Lower healthcare costs are a win, as well, for most, for both families and small businesses. If you are a sole proprietor getting your health insurance from the Affordable Care Act marketplace or have employees who use it, health care costs will go down, by up to \$800 per year. Because the Biden/Harris Administration has been successful in tackling the climate crisis, the IRA will reduce energy bills, saving families (and small businesses) about \$500 per year. With just these two measures, we could save about \$1300.00 a year. But it doesn't stop there. The

IRA will also lower prescription drug costs by capping out of pocket expenses on prescription drugs for people on Medicare at \$2,000 per year, cap insulin for Medicare patients at \$35 per month and finally allow Medicare to negotiate prices. If you are an older business owner on Medicare, these direct cost savings are for you.

The IRA creates new avenues for small businesses to make profits if they advance in environmental businesses – making and servicing solar panels and wind turbines, retrofitting buildings with energy efficient windows, doors and HVAC units, or entering the supply chain for new electric vehicles, whose components will need to be made in America. And if they want to directly join the climate fight, small businesses can receive a tax credit that covers 30% of the cost of switching over to low-cost solar power – lowering operating costs and protecting against the volatile energy prices. Additionally, small businesses can deduct up to \$1.00 per square foot of their business for making high energy

efficiency upgrades. The per square foot deduction is boosted if the efficiency upgrades are completed by workers who are a paid a prevailing wage – helping businesses save even more money while providing good paying jobs.

The IRA extends the qualified business income deduction, the pass-through deduction, from 2025 through 2027, providing a 20 percent deduction on business income and extends the popular research and development tax credit and increases how much can be applied to payroll taxes. The R&D credit gives businesses of all sizes the opportunity to reduce the taxes they owe based on a formula calculated using expenses they've incurred to develop new products. If the new products fight climate change, it's a double win.

Rural communities, finally, are not left behind. The IRA will help up to 280,000 farmers and ranchers apply conservation to approximately 125 million acres of land, provide relief for distressed USDA borrowers whose agricultural operations are at risk through loan modifications or payments and provide financial assistance to farmers who have experienced past discrimination in USDA lending programs. We need every farmer to contribute to reducing food inflation and feeding the nation and the world.

Together with his Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the CHIPS and Science Act, and American Rescue Plan, President Biden's economic plan is showing that we have the courage to build a future where every American has a fair shot!

Ted James is the Region 6 Regional Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, overseeing SBA programs and services in the states of Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arkansas. His biography can be accessed here: [Regional Administrator \(sba.gov\)](http://RegionalAdministrator(sba.gov))

Questions About Finance: What's Up With Gas Prices?

By Taylor J. Kovar – CEO/Founder, Kovar Wealth Management

--Hi Taylor - I am very happy to finally be paying less for gas after a rough couple of months. Do you know what exactly changed? It feels like prices ramped up and then came back down without any obvious shift in policy or world events, but maybe I'm missing something. - Melissa

--Hey Melissa - I agree! A trip to the gas station feels a lot better now than it did a few months back. It's also true that the price drop has come without a singular, identifiable catalyst, mostly because a lot of factors play into the cost of fuel. As much as certain people want to place blame and take credit for what you pay at the pump, it's not always that black and white.

- Supply. First and foremost, oil is a global commodity. In the U.S., we produce a ton of the stuff, but we import even more. There are fifteen different nations in OPEC producing crude oil, and those member countries have more of an impact on global prices than anything any American politician could say or do. If you look at a timeline of 2022, prices ramped up right after the invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent sanctions imposed on Russia. That's because the global supply took a hit, and gas companies had to raise prices in response. Again, not the only factor but a clear marking point for when gas started getting more expensive.
- Demand. Summer is always a pricier time for gas because travel goes up. That includes air travel, and every flight burns through a ton of fuel. When we couple the facts that the global market was squeezed for supply and global demand was still high, it's no surprise that the average price per gallon went up to \$5. What happened next? Travel hit its peak, and then people started hunkering down. At that point, a gallon of gas was expensive enough that people actually altered their behavior to drive less and spend less. Demand dropped, and prices followed suit.
- What's next? It's great that prices dropped, but there's no guarantee the trend will continue. Hurricane season can really disrupt U.S. production and create another price spike. International conflicts still have a say in what we pay at the pump, and inflation and supply issues affect the refineries' operating costs which in turn affect your wallet. The good news is that the dollar is strong right now, and a strong dollar always bodes well in the global commodities market.

The price jump from earlier this summer was definitely a confluence of issues, and any price reduction is because of multiple factors as well. Whatever those factors may be, let's hope the cost of gas keeps moving in the right direction. Thanks for the question, Melissa!

HEAD START

TAKING APPLICATIONS!!! (No Transportation Provided)

Fairfield Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Head Start is a pre-school offering excellent educational opportunities along with medical, dental, developmental, and nutritional benefits at no cost. The Head Start approach of individualized care and guidance is well suited to helping children with disabilities. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 may be eligible. There is no charge for participation in Head Start. Pick up your application now at the Head Start Center at 920 S. Bateman Street. For more information, call your local center at 903/389-2022 or Hill Country Community Action Association at 325/372-5167.

HEAD START

ESTA ACEPTANDO APLICACIONES !!! (Ningun Transporte Proporcionado)

Fairfield Head Start esta aceptando aplicaciones para el año 2022-2023. Head Start es una escuela para niños de edad 3-5 años que califican. Head Start ofrece oportunidades excelentes para educación y también beneficios de médico, dental, desarrollo, y de alimento. Head Start ofrece mucha ayuda para niños y familias. No cuesta nada para que su niño atienda el programa de Head Start. Puede usted recojer ahora una aplicacion para solicitar un puesto en Head Start. Para mas informacion llame a la Head Start, 920 S. Bateman Street, # del telefono: 903/389-2022 or Hill Country Community Action Association at 325/372-5167.



FAIRFIELD POLICE REPORT

Chief David Utsey

Monday, Aug. 22nd

1:40 PM-Cpl. Price assist stranded motorist.
2:09 PM-Cpl. Price assist Fairfield Fire on tree fire.
2:20 PM-Cpl. Price on report of 911 call with static online, was phone line trouble.
11:40 PM-Officer Ashley on report suspicious female, subject was arrested for public intoxication.

Tuesday, Aug. 23rd

6:55 AM-Cpl. Price on welfare concern.
11:39 AM-Cpl. Price on reported disturbance ay fuel island between two truck drivers, one driver gone on officer arrival.
2:26 PM-Cpl. Price to meet a complainant.
8:10 PM-Ashley on report of man walked into eating place asking for meth, was advised they had none.

Wednesday, Aug. 24th

6:43 AM-Cpl. Price to meet a complainant over being threatened over a room booking.
10:11 AM-Cpl. Price meet a complainant over being assaulted.
8:35 PM-Officer Ashley on report of subject begging for money in parking lot, was gone when officer arrived.
10:53 PM-Officer Ashley on report of irate customer at motel.

Thursday, Aug. 25th

10:58 AM-Cpl. Price to meet a complainant.
1:16 PM-Cpl. Price to meet a complainant about charges on her credit card.
7:46 PM-Officer Ashley on report of dog running at large.

Friday, Aug. 26th

12:42 AM-Officer Ashley on report of vehicle sitting in the middle of the roadway, subject arrested for DWI.
7:00 AM-Cpl. Price to speak to subject about going to school.
7:22 PM-Officer Ashley on alarm going off.

Saturday, Aug. 27th

7:58 AM-Sgt. Markham on report of disturbance, subject off medicine.
12:29 AM-Sgt. Markham on report of reckless driver.
11:25 AM-Sgt. Markham on report of loud music.
7:52 PM-Officer Ashley and Sweet on report of suspicious subject.
8:56 PM-Officer Ashley and Sweet on report of subject having mental issues.
10:08 PM-Officer Ashley and Sweet on report of patient at ER causing problems.

Sunday, Aug. 28th

1:27 PM-Sgt. Markham to meet a complainant over being scammed.
11:45 PM-Officer Ashley and Sweet on reported domestic disturbance.

Tatum Jackson Headliner for Wortham's Annual Sizzling Hot Blues Festival

Presented by the Wortham Area Chamber of Commerce

Headliner Tatum Jackson will be featured at this year's Wortham Blues Festival on September 10, 2022 in downtown Wortham, Texas. Which means this year's Blues Fest will be all about the love.

Born in Dallas, Texas, Tatum Jackson also known as Xavier Jackson, found his love for music at the early age of six. He started piano lessons from a family member Cathy Marshall, until he found his true passion for the Hammond Organ.

Tatum is a graduate of the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, the infamous school that birth performers such as Nora Jones, Erykah Badu, Robert Searight, Roy Hargrove and Keith Anderson.

Tatum has shared stages with some of the world's greatest performers. These artists include: Lenny Williams, Shirley Murdock, Lalah Hathaway, K-Ci and JoJo, Bobby Brown and Lucky Peterson. Tatum's named mentors include: Darrell "Delite" Allamby, Paul Jackson, Lucky Peterson, and Curtis King.

Tatum Jackson views his music as life music "Me & My 'Ole Lady," his debut CD, is all about love. Loving yourself, loving someone special, and loving life!

Tatum Jackson will take the stage from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Also featured in this year's Blue Fest will be:

--Teresa James and the Rhythm Tramps

With persuasive pipes slathered in honey and soaked in Texas-bred sass, keyboardist Teresa James and her band, the Rhythm Tramps, have long reigned as one of Los Angeles' leading contemporary blues outfits, even though their uncommonly imaginative repertoire, much of it supplied by Terry Wilson, James' husband, producer, and bassist, is by no means strictly limited to the 12-bar form. Their 2019 CD Here in Babylon was nominated for a Grammy in the Contemporary Blues Album category.

Rose-Colored Glasses, the band's new release on Blue Heart Records, continues that proud tradition. It's their 12th album and once again showcases Teresa's enticing way with a lyric and Terry's prolific songwriting talent, poured over grooves that'll grab listeners and refuse to let go until the very last notes have rung.

Teresa James and the Rhythm Tramps will take the stage from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m.

--Frank Hasty & Da' Merge

This band prides themselves on quality sound, tightly woven vocals, and neatness of appearance. Every member sings allowing them a greater variety of genres and sounds.

Not only are they a delight for your ears, but they are also a visual delight. The band incorporate steps and movements into their show with a hint of 70's fashion.

They are touted at "the band to see" by some in their hometown of Dallas, Texas.

Frank Hasty & Da' Merge Band will take the stage from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

--Peter Sinclair Band

Hailing from Wortham, Peter Sinclair's early childhood was spent immersed in music. The son of a South African Cabaret owner and musician, Sinclair spent many of his formative years in both kinds of clubs watching his father. As for his



mother, Sinclair says "Since I was born, my mother exposed me to the blues. They put the music in front of me, and let it happen. My mother showed me how to put my soul into my music. I owe them everything."

By the time he was seven years old, Sinclair had picked up his first guitar, from Walmart. After only 2 days, his father realized it was time for an upgrade. He would spend his days writing songs, playing for tips at the local laundry mat, gas stations and busking in the local town square.

Sinclair's debut album 'The Freestone Man' is a ten-song collection of a swaggering blend of barroom twang and renegade country bookended by Sinclair's soul-drenched baritone vocals and thoughtful songwriting about perseverance, resilience and adventures on the road as a burgeoning musician. Drawing inspiration from his good friend singer/songwriter Billy Joe Shaver and legends like Jim Croce and David Allan Coe, this project staggers artfully between timeless arrangements and artistic dexterity showcasing a defiant, evolving artist on the rise.

The Peter Sinclair Band will take the stage from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 10th, 2022 the Wortham Blues Festival opens the gates at 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$15 per adult, \$5 per kid ages 6-12, and free for kids 5 and under.

The city will be set on fire from the sizzling hot music. So come on out and bring your lawn chairs, your sunscreen, your cooler (leave that glass container home though) and listen to great music.

All proceeds from the Wortham Blues Festival are used to support future events, as well as projects and activities in the Wortham community.

For more information, visit online at WorthamBluesFest.org Celebrating Texas Blues for twenty-five years!

FREESTONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

by Sheriff Jeremy Shipley



Last week the FCSO was able to acquire a few safety items for our Patrol Deputies thanks to Texas Association of Counties (TAC). TAC works very closely with Freestone County and we very much appreciate the relationship we have with them and their assistance throughout each year.

These items, we specifically selected, are provided to our office, to our Deputies, at no further cost to our budget and provides a little more safety and protection while we are out on the roadways.

Each Patrol Deputy will be equipped with protective cut resistant gloves, a highly visible safety vest, a raincoat, at least 3 highly visible traffic cones, caution tape, and a fire extinguisher, thanks to the funds provided by our partners at TAC.



Our law enforcement face many dangers minute by minute as they perform their duties of serving and protecting. Being on the side of the road, whether it be day or night, is a very dangerous place to be. We appreciate being provided highly visible safety equipment for our Deputies as an added protection when necessary; and at no added or extra expense to our citizens.



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Fair Chase Dove Hunting

by John Jefferson

A church friend last Sunday asked if I were ready for dove season. I fibbed and said, "You bet!"

He jerked his head and said, "Great! Now tell me where you've seen enough to shoot at besides your backyard feeder?"

For the record, I have never shot a dove anywhere near my backyard. But I have only seen one of the two resident whitewings that make a living in our backyard, near our feeders. And no mourning doves; they're country folks.

Last week's rains - blessed though they be - may have changed my hunting plans. Before the six inches of rain fell, I had the doves patterned. Or so I thought. The only standing water around other than our bird baths was beneath a few radiators that boiled over in the 105-degree heat. So, I planned to head to a friend's place in the country that has a nice pond and stock tanks.

Doves would be attracted to the pond - especially to the end of it that has that dead tree standing at its edge with several good, bare "resting branches." Currently, after all the rain throughout Texas in mid to late August, there's standing water in many places. The doves scattered.

But then drought returned temporarily. Heavy rains have fallen right before dove season in many previous years. And more rain is forecast for much of Texas

this week leading up to Thursday's opening of North and Central Zone dove seasons. But that just insures the fairness of Fair Chase Hunting!

And that's a laugh! Shooting fast flying, dipping, and darting doves when they detect a hunter raising a shotgun gives all the advantage to the birds. "Fair Chase Dove Hunting" is humorously redundant. But that's part of it.

My friend, Owen Fitzsimmons, TPWD's Dove Program Leader, says agriculture suffered during the summer, so doves will shift from maize fields to croton patches and native sunflowers. Even though there was sufficient standing water recently, ponds and stock tanks could still be productive if God turns off the faucet.

Owen says doves get really romantic in dry years, and TPWD is seeing many young birds this summer. Expect 'em!

I also heard from another friend who guides dove hunters. Rick Hodges knows dove hunting. "The drought has really impacted the hunting of all the outfitters between Austin and Uvalde," he said. "Most of the outfitters I know expect to have half the fields they had last year." That means room for only half the hunters.

Hodges is booked for opening day and Saturday, 9/3. He's still working on



HUNTING WITH YOUR BEST FRIEND adds another dimension of enjoyment to hunting, plus a lot of help in recovering downed game. But chasing down wounded doves in hot weather can wear down your dog in a hurry. Heat strokes occur every year. Try to keep it in the shade and provide plenty of water and a damp towel for it to lie on. And drink water and Gatorade, yourself. (Photo by John Jefferson)

new properties and making fields ready. Hunting may get better -- and COOLER -- after the first two weekends. It usually does.

The North Zone season is Sept. 1 - Nov. 13; Central Zone, Sept. 1 - Oct. 30; South Zone, Sept. 14 - Oct. 30; plus, winter seasons. Check

TPWD Outdoor Annual for Zone boundaries, bag limits, and Hunter Education license endorsement and HIP certification. Special Whitewing season is Sept. 2-4 and 9-11, noon - Sunset only.

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Pond Management Workshop

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Bosque, Johnson, Somervell and McLennan Counties will be hosting a Pond Management Workshop on September 30, 2022 at the Cross J Ranch, located at 18765 FM 56 Kopperl, TX. (Signs will be posted).

Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. with the program lasting till 3:00pm. This in the field workshop will cover Pond construction and maintenance, water quality, fish management and aquatic food webs, aquatic vegetation Id and management. Registration fee is \$30.00 per person payable at the door, lunch meal will be provided. For more information or to pre-register for the program contact please go to <https://bosque.agrilife.org/> or call Bosque County Extension Office at 254-435-2331.

We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for these programs. Please contact us at 254-435-2331 at least 72 hours before the program begins so arrangements can be made.

Harvest Authorization Drawing Opens

for Trinity River Alligator Gar Sept. 1

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) opens the annual Alligator Gar Harvest Authorization drawing application process Sept. 1.

From Sept. 1 through Sept. 30, anglers holding a valid license-year or year-from-purchase fishing license can use the My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile app or online to enter the drawing for an opportunity to harvest one alligator gar over 48 inches from a section of the Trinity River. Anglers can choose to apply as an individual or as part of a small group. Winners of the random drawing will be notified by Oct. 15. Harvest authorizations will be valid from the date issued through Aug. 31, 2023.

Anglers can use any legal means or method to take an alligator gar over 48 inches day or night from a section of the Trinity River from the I-30 bridge in Dallas downstream to the I-10 bridge in Chambers County, including Lake Livingston and the East Fork of the Trinity River upstream to the dam at Lake Ray Hubbard. This includes the following counties: Anderson, Chambers, Dallas, Ellis, Freestone, Henderson, Houston, Kaufman, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Navarro, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker.

"This segment of the Trinity River has become one of the most popular destinations in the world to catch a large alligator gar, but concerns have been raised about the potential for overharvest and its risks to fishing quality," said Craig Bonds, Inland Fisheries Director at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "With this drawing system, we are able to give 150 anglers the opportunity to harvest the fish of a lifetime while also meeting our management goal to conserve this unique resource for current and future generations of anglers."

In addition, all alligator gar harvested, including those using a harvest authorization, from public freshwater and saltwater waterbodies (other than Falcon International Reservoir) must be reported on the My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile app or online within 24 hours of harvest.

"In order for us to manage our alligator gar populations among growing angler interest, it is crucial to know how many are being harvested in Texas," Bonds said. "By gathering data on alligator gar harvest through the My Texas Hunt Harvest app and online, our fisheries management team gains a better understanding of this species' distribution, sizes, and numbers and can use that information to help manage for quality fishing in the future."

Other Trinity River alligator gar regulations that remain in effect include a 48-inch maximum length limit for alligator gar from the I-30 bridge in Dallas downstream to the I-10 bridge in Chambers County, including Lake Livingston and the East Fork of the Trinity River upstream to the dam at Lake Ray Hubbard (see above for list of affected counties). Additionally, a ban on the take or possession of an alligator gar by means of lawful archery equipment or crossbow is in effect on the same section of the Trinity River between one half-hour after sunset and one half-hour before sunrise (unless using a harvest authorization through the drawing system).

A one-fish-per-day bag limit remains in effect for alligator gar statewide except for Falcon International Reservoir, where a daily bag limit of five fish and possession limit of 10 fish remains in effect.

The My Texas Hunt Harvest app can be downloaded free from the Apple App Store and Google Play. For more information about alligator gar fishing regulations, visit The Outdoor Annual online.

Groesbeck Auction & Livestock Co.

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254-729-3277

SALE EVERY THURSDAY - 12 NOON

Receipts from Groesbeck Auction & Livestock Co. LLC showed a total of 876 head of cattle on August 25, 2022, with a steady/higher.

Slaughter Cows & Bulls

Cows -----35-80
Bulls -----80-118

Stocker Cows

Cows-----350-1275
Pairs-----650-1475

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings

Steers Good & Choice

300-400 lbs-----165-225
400-500 lbs-----165-222.5
500-600 lbs-----150-192
600-700 lbs-----142-185
700-800 lbs-----113-162

Heifers Good & Choice

300-400 lbs-----145-195
400-500 lbs-----140-185
500-600 lbs-----130-178
600-700 lbs-----125-165
700-800 lbs-----110-152

CenTex Beef Symposium

September 23, 2022

The CenTex Beef Cattle Program is an annual nine-county educational program that rotates each year to a site within one of the host counties. The Beef and Forage Committees within these counties are dedicated in identifying issues and needs that will economically benefit cattle and forage production in Central Texas.

The 14th Annual CenTex Beef Cattle Program will be held on Friday, September 23, 2022 at the W4 Ranch, located at 1809 FM 927 in Morgan, Texas. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and program starts at 8:30. A variety of Ag Commercial Vendor booths will be set up for you to visit before, during and after the program. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the day. The 2022 program includes the following topics: Chute side Etiquette, Feeding with Limited Forages, Pasture Management & Restoration, Bull Selection Using EPDs, Wildlife & Hunting and Beef Cattle Market Updates.

Registration fee of \$20.00 is payable at the door. Registration includes breakfast and steak lunch. YOU MUST CONTACT YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE TO RSVP NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 21, 2022.

Hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Beef & Forage Committees in Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Hamilton, Hill, Johnson, Limestone and McLennan Counties. To RSVP in Bosque County please call 254-435-2331 or online at <https://bosque.agrilife.org/>.

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Receipts from Waco Livestock Auction on August 23, 2022
Head Count 110

No. 1 Steers

Under 300 lbs-----165-205
300-400 lbs-----165-205
400-500 lbs-----150-180
500-600 lbs-----140-170
600-700 lbs-----140-160
700-800 lbs-----140-155

No. 1 Heifers

Under 300 lbs-----140-170
300-400 lbs-----140-165
400-500 lbs-----140-165
500-600 lbs-----135-160
600-700 lbs-----130-145
700-800 lbs-----115-135

Slaughter Cows

High Yielding-----75 to 89
Low Yielding-----55 to 65
Fats-----75 to 85
Thin & Shelly-----30 to 45

Packer Bulls (1250-2075 lbs)

Yield Grade 1&2-----65 to 111

Cow & Calf Pairs

Young Choice-----1200 to 1550
Young Fair-----1000 to 1200
Aged Pairs-----Spit to Weighed
Young Pregnancy Test Stocker Replacement Cows
500 to 1150

SALE EVERY TUESDAY
NO SALE SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

SHEEP AND GOAT MARKET REPORTS AT WWW.WACOSTOCKYARDS.COM

Buffalo Livestock Marketing, Inc.

Russell L deCordova Cody deCordova Ty deCordova
P.O. Box Drawer P, Buffalo, Texas 75831
(903) 322-4940

SALE EVERY SATURDAY - 12 NOON

Receipts from Buffalo Livestock Marketing showed a total of 1,794 cattle on August 27, 2022.

Slaughter Cows

Cutter Cows 68-102
Fat Cows 65-99
Canner Cows 25-76

Slaughter Bulls

Heavy Bulls 65-116
Light Bulls 75-111

Steer/Bull Calves & Yearlings

150-200 lbs. 115-220
200-300 lbs. 135-222
300-400 lbs. 150-230
400-500 lbs. 130-215
500-600 lbs. 140-189
600-700 lbs. 135-170
700-800 lbs. 120-163

Heifer Calves and Yearlings

150-200 lbs. 115-197
200-300 lbs. 115-190
300-400 lbs. 120-195
400-500 lbs. 120-172
500-600 lbs. 115-170
600-700 lbs. 110-166
700-800 lbs. 105-142

Cow/calf pairs & Bred Cows

Choice Pairs NT
Good Pairs 1250-1775
Plain Pairs 550-850
Bred Cows 3-6yr old 750-1310

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GARY BARN BEN
903-654-8031 903-872-1631 903-879-3456

SALE EVERY TUESDAY

Receipts from Corsicana Livestock for Tuesday August 23, 2022, with 280 Head

Steers/Best #1 Quality

300-down-----190-215
300-400-----180-205
400-500-----175-185
500-600-----155-175
600-700-----150-165
700-800-----NO TEST

Heifers/Best #1 Quality

300-down-----160-175
300-400-----160-172
400-500-----152-162
500-600-----150-157
600-700-----132-145
700-800-----115-128

Bulls

600-700-----140-152
700-800-----110-135

High Yield Packers

Best Cows-----88-90
Lower Yield-----40-50
Best Bulls - Large-----104-107
Best Bulls - Light-----84-88

Pairs

Top-----NO TEST
Low middle-----NO TEST
Best Stocker Cows
Young-----925-1050
Older-----675-800



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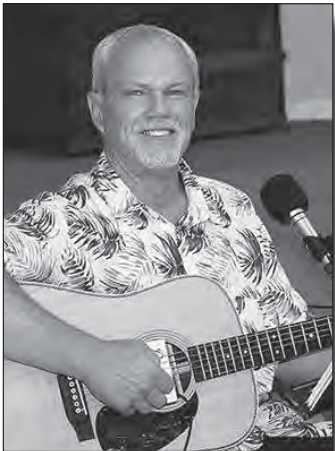
Geneva Carroll

Geneva Carroll, 64, of Fairfield, passed away Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at her residence. Memorial services will be 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at Capps Memorial Chapel with Pastor Jimmy Cotton officiating.

Mrs. Carroll was born September 12, 1957 in Lake Placid, Florida to parents Buck and Bernice Barwick Keen. She had been a Fairfield resident for 30 years moving here from Florida. She married John Carroll on October 6, 2018. Geneva was known for her love of fishing,

cooking and collecting frogs. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, John; a daughter, Misti Morton and husband Stuart of Fairfield; a step-daughter Jennifer Russell and husband Shawn of Little Elm, Texas; one brother, Gerald Keen of Dayton, Texas; grandchildren, Ty Crundwell and wife Amber, Madison Garcia, Alanna Garcia, and Cameron Russell; great-grandchildren, Westyn Crundwell, Bella Coleman and Braxton Garcia as well as nieces, nephews and friends that she treated as her own family.



Dennis Hines

Funeral services for Dennis Hines, 70, will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Vanetia Baptist Church. Bro. Lee Weiler will officiate. Interment will follow the services at Vanetia Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Friday with the family present from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Ricks-Bowers Funeral Home in Jewett.

Mr. Hines passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2022, at his residence in Spring.

Dennis Hines was born in Hearne on December 13, 1951, but grew up in the South Houston area where he graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School. He married his high school sweetheart, Becky, on October 16, 1971, while she was a senior in high school, and he got a kick out of writing her excuses for missing school as well as signing her report cards. The couple soon moved to the Hines family old home place in Vanetia where they built a new home and raised three boys. Mr. Hines remained in Vanetia for forty-one years before moving to Spring to be closer to his youngest son and near medical facilities. Dennis worked for Nucor until he became medically disabled. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gun and coin collecting and gun and knife making. Mr. Hines was a member of the Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Becky Hines of Spring; two sons, Travis Hines & wife Cameron of College Station, and Jerrod Hines & wife Meredith of Spring; seven grandchildren, Haley & husband Jerry of Marquez; his sister-in-law, Pamela Carlisle of Teague; his brother-in-law, Larry Baker of Dickinson; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mr. Hines was preceded in death by one son, Jimmy Hines; his father, Van Hines; and his mother, Mable Hines-Cash-Madden.

Please visit our website at www.bowersfuneralhome.net to sign the memorial guestbook or leave a message for the family.



George E. Heggins, Sr.

06/16/1949 - 08/21/2022

George loved his family and being of serve to the community. George loved to garden, fish and hunt. He enjoyed spending time with his friends talking and watching sports.

George was preceded in death by his parents Dave Heggins and Velma Thomas Heggins and four siblings: Jerry Neal Heggins, Davis Heggins, Will Ray Heggins and Mattie Heggins Lloyd.

He leaves behind to cherish and share his memory his children: Catrina Heggins, George (Tawnya) Heggins and Christopher (Deandra) Heggins of Houston, TX. Christopher Daniel Palmer of Big Spring, TX.

His grandchildren: Demetri Hubbard, Adrian Beaty, Saela Wright, George Heggins III, Taylor Heggins and Kylee Heggins all of Houston, TX. His great-grandson: Maxton Franklin-Heggins of Houston, TX. His siblings: Percy Heggins of Marquez, TX; Inez Clark and Curtis (Martha) Heggins of Tyler, TX and Zeala Wilson of Dallas, TX.

His uncles: John A. Thomas of Texas City, TX, Walter (Edith Mae) Thomas and Robert Earl (Sharon) Thomas of Center, TX. His aunts: Mary K. Thomas of Philadelphia, PA and Debra Kay Thomas of Longview, TX; His great cousin: Margaret Heggins of Jewett, TX and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

George E. Heggins Sr, 73, Jewett, TX died on Sunday morning in Jewett, TX. Mr. Heggins was a member of the Heggins Chapel MBC and former member of New Zion Baptist Church in Fairfield, TX. He graduated from Carver High School in Jewett, TX and Paul Quinn College in Waco, TX. He worked over 20 years at Texas Utilities Power Plant "Big Brown" in Fairfield, TX as a Plant Operator before taking early retirement. He then worked as a Brakeman and Conductor for the Burlington/Santa Fe Railroad until 2008. He took pride in serving as a Union Stewart and Safety Committee. Upon retiring, he returned to Jewett, TX to continue running the family farm.

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If Any Man Will Come After Me

If any man will come after me,
 A self-denial is warranted.
 Assumptions change;
 Assurance develops;
 Assertions grow.

If any man will come after me,
 Old responses no longer occur;
 Old ideas change for new;
 Old words are ignored.

If any man will come after me,
 Sin is shunned;
 Saints are revived;
 Salvation is strengthened.

If any man will come after me,
 Faith becomes unshakeable;
 Fidelity is refreshed;
 Fulfilment emerges.

By ELM
 August 24, 2022

*"And he said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."
 Luke 9:23 (KJV)*

Independent Living Services

For People With Disabilities

Crockett Resource Center for Independent Living's (CRCIL) Independent Living (IL) Services Program helps people with disabilities achieve greater independence in the home and community. Eligibility criteria for this program requires that the applicant has a significant disability who has been diagnosed by a licensed practitioner and resides in Texas.

If you are a person with a disability and need services, assistive technology, or equipment to maintain your independent living, you could be eligible for the following:

- Hearing aids
- Residential modifications (temporary)
- Orientation and mobility training
- Durable medical equipment
- Visual aids
- Power wheelchairs
- Prosthetics
- Scooters
- Vehicle modifications
- Other adaptive equipment and assistive technology

CRCIL's IL Services Program area includes Freestone County, as well as the counties of: Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Brazos, Burleson, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Gregg, Grimes, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Kaufman, Lamar, Leon, Madison, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Panola,

Polk, Raines, Red River, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Walker, Washington, and Wood.

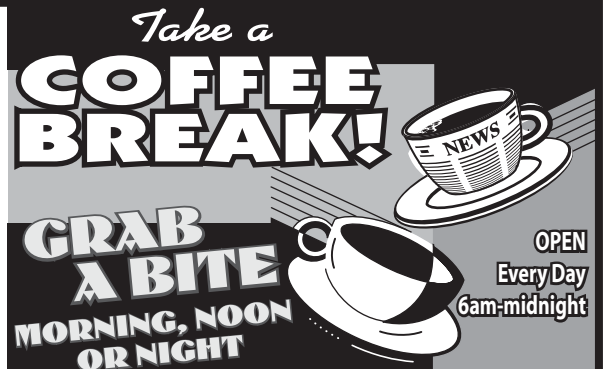
If you are a person with a disability who is interested in the IL Services Program, contact CRCIL at 936-544-0522 for more information.



CHILDREN ATTENDING LAST WEEK'S Story Time at Fairfield Library enjoyed feeding miniature goats brought by Daniel E. Collins. (Photo by Natalia V. Marsters)

I-45 RESTAURANT AND COFFEE SHOP

450 I-45 in Fairfield, Texas 903-389-3383



Weekly Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Listen to the people around you as well as your inner voice this week, Aries. With all the information at hand, you can make some difficult decisions with confidence.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, it may prove challenging to figure out where inspiration will come from next. Rather than seeking it out, wait for things to unfold more organically.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, do not be afraid to think outside the box this week. The stars are spurring you in a particular direction that could influence various components of your life.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Ideas come from where you least expect them this week, Cancer. Keep your eyes wide open and pay attention to all conversations so you can be attuned to any clues.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, seek the path not often taken this week, even if it seems long and winding. Sometimes the most direct way to go is not the easiest -- even if it seems that way.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you have a strong urge to start one project or another that can be used as a stepping stone to a promotion. Run your ideas by someone you trust.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, big financial decisions are looming. A little restraint now can pay big dividends down the road. The rewards will be worth it.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you can be effective and efficient when you're in your element. Others will attest to that this week after they see you in action. Enjoy the attention.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, professional motivation is easy to muster this week. Embrace your extra energy and put it to good use at work. Others will take notice.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, let your emotions rather than your intuition guide you this week. That's not something you hear often, but it's for the best right now.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, even though you have little to no work to do this week, the stars indicate you will be busy nonetheless. Enjoy any down time you can muster.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Few signs understand the importance of building a strong foundation as well as you, Pisces. Start crafting a new relationship this week.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- AUGUST 28**
Jack Black, Actor (53)
- AUGUST 29**
Liam Payne, Singer (29)
- AUGUST 30**
Cameron Diaz, Actress (50)
- AUGUST 31**
Jeff Hardy, Wrestler (45)
- SEPTEMBER 1**
Zendaya, Actress (26)
- SEPTEMBER 2**
Keanu Reeves, Actor (58)
- SEPTEMBER 3**
Kaia Gerber, Model (21)

SUDOKU

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

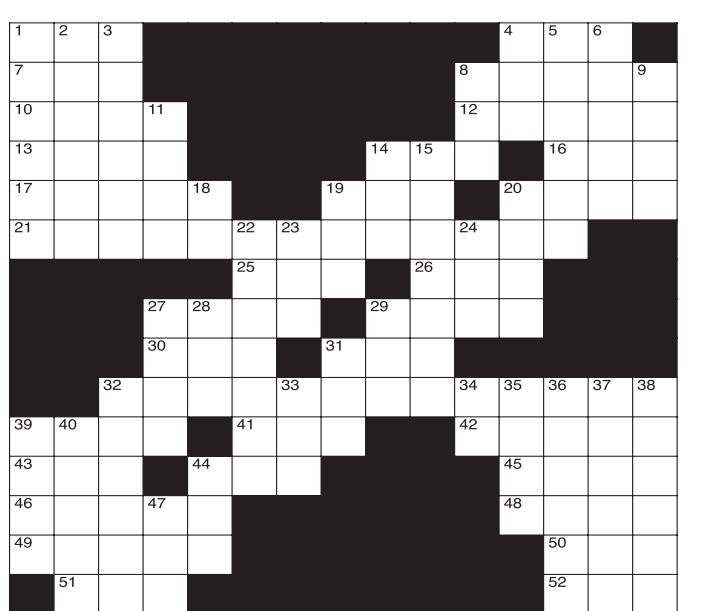
Level: Intermediate

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!

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

ANSWER:

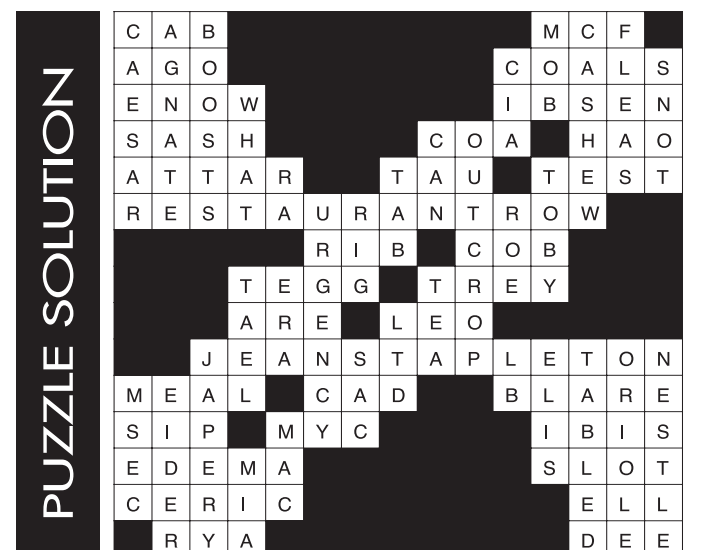


CLUES ACROSS

- Taxi
- Cattle disease (abbr.)
- Before the present
- They burn in a grill
- Enough (archaic)
- "A Doll's House" playwright
- Long loop of cloth worn around the waist
- Napoleonic Wars battle
- Chinese surname
- Fragrant essential oil
- Follows sigma
- Model
- A place with many dining options
- BBQ dish
- Corn comes on it
- A sheep in its second year
- Triad
- They ___
- Actor DiCaprio
- TV's "Edith Bunker"
- Sustenance
- Man who behaves dishonorably
- Cause a loud, harsh sound
- A way to take in liquids
- Gene type
- The Miami mascot is one
- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- Casino machine
- Contains cerium
- Something with a letter-like shape
- Handwoven Scandinavian rug
- Legendary actress Ruby

CLUES DOWN

- Conqueror
- Kin relation
- Increases the value of
- Pack
- Popular nut
- Dogs' enemies
- Former OSS
- Unpleasant person
- Come again?
- Beverage container
- Rock formation
- Dorm official
- The bill in a restaurant
- Type of jug
- Importance requiring swift action
- Outfit
- Small Eurasian deer
- Weight used in China
- A major division of geological time
- Popular beverage
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- Practical joking
- Pouchlike structure
- Pound
- Lilly and Manning are two
- Stopped discussing
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Candymaker
- One thousandth of a second (abbr.)
- Northern sea duck
- Partner to cheese
- Cannot be found



Learn Something NEW Every Day!

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Peach

SPANISH: Melocotón

ITALIAN: Pesca

FRENCH: Pêche

GERMAN: Pfirsich

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GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: PEACH ICED TEA

SUMMERTIME WORD SEARCH

V G T P O O L H T M R A W J R X X Y S B
 T A H T E L O I V A R T L U T W Y J G E
 O H G E M P G R L R F E U C E B R A B A
 G K N D T H G I L N U S S K S G B T J C
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 S P T L E E C F G O B O E T F G A A J G
 U D B R E M I K Y L U J H V N P N F D A
 G B F N E D M I T O K S U S K X M N Y R
 U S M K V A P U I F F X J S I J H T T C
 A X K P X T T Y S C O O L I N G L B A D

WORDS

- AUGUST
- BACKYARD
- BARBECUE
- BEACH
- COOLING
- ENJOYMENT
- FAMILY
- FAN
- GRILL
- HOT
- JULY
- POOL
- RELAXATION
- REST
- RETREAT
- SEASIDE
- SHADE
- SUMMER
- SUNLIGHT
- SUNSCREEN
- SWIMSUIT
- ULTRAVIOLET
- VACATION
- WARMTH

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

-Weekend Events- Continued from 1-A

Teague Farmers Market on 406 Main Street from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

There will be 30-plus local vendors, several food trucks and live music.

Visit their Facebook page for more information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TUES., AUG 30TH

--3-D Printing at Fairfield Library every Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

WED., AUG 31ST

--First Day of School for Faith Academy of Freestone.

SAT., SEPT 3RD

--BTW/JAB Alumni Walk-A-Thon for Education at Brooks/Washington Park beginning at 9:00 a.m. Four-mile walk, prizes, refreshments, and certificates awarded. Contact Doris Nealy at dnrnealy@gmail.com

--Evening Market on Main Street from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at 406 Main Street in Teague. Food trucks, local vendors, and live music.

TUES., SEPT 6TH

--3-D Printing at Fairfield Library every Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

THURS., SEPT 8TH

--Spanish Class every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. with Ms. Valerie Steele and Fairfield Library.

FRI., SEPT 9TH

--Kids Style Bicycle Cruise at the Freestone County Courthouse. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m., Parade begins at 6:00 p.m. Hotdogs, chips and a drink, popcorn, DJ Theresa Farris, Prizes for Best in Show. Part of Fairfield Chamber's annual Show of Wheels event.

--Fairfield High School Homecoming football game.

--Texas 99 Fairfield Eagle Homecoming Cruise Night at 10:30 p.m. from Lyle Oil to Boyd Plaza. When you see the Texas 99 Jeep, "honk" for your chance at FREE prizes! Polish and spit shine those rides - come cruise with us just like the old days! It's Homecoming!

SEPT 9TH-10TH

--Big T Memorial State Championship Cookoff. Includes Touch-A-Truck, Disc Golf, Kid's Cookoff Challenge, 42 Tournament, live music and more. www.bigtmemorial.com

SAT., SEPT 10TH

--Dutch Oven Demo at Fairfield Lake State Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. hosted by Uncle Mike's Outdoor Kitchen. Event free with park entry.

--CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) course from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Jones Chapel United Methodist Church in Fairfield. Course is hosted by DPS. Register online at www.surverymonkey.com/R/CRASE_SEPT or email DPSTraining@dps.texas.gov

--24th Annual Show of Wheels on the square in downtown Fairfield. Over 30 judged classes and numerous specialty awards. Early registration only \$20. Vendors, cold drinks, plenty of shade, Ladies' Poker Stroll, Bi-Stone Antique Tractor Club. 903-389-5792 or chamber@fairfieldtx.com

--Fairfield City-wide Garage Sale. Only \$10 to get on the map, 903-389-5792.

--Wortham Blues Fest on Main Street in downtown Wortham, Texas. Headliner is Tatum Jackson. Also featuring Teresa James & The Rhythm Tramps, Frank Hasty & Da'Merge, and the Peter Sinclair Band. Gates open at 5:00 p.m.; Music starts at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, FREE for 5 and under.

SUN., SAT 11TH

--Candidate Tour stop at Butler Community Center, including Cedric Davis - Democratic candidate for Texas House District 13. Event is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m.

TUES., SEPT 13TH

--3-D Printing at Fairfield Library every Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

THURS., SEPT 15TH

--Spanish Class every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. with Ms. Valerie Steele and Fairfield Library.

SAT., SEPT 17TH

--Recycle Day in Fairfield behind the Junior High School from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Paper, plastic and metal. NO glass.

TUES., SEPT 20TH

--3-D Printing at Fairfield Library every Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

THURS., SEPT 22ND

--Spanish Class every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. with Ms. Valerie Steele and Fairfield Library.

SEPT. 23RD-24TH

--Mini Major Championship at Freestone County Raceway in Wortham. Focus on youth riders with a large national vibe. For More info, visit www.freestonmx.com

SAT., SEPT 24TH

--Breakfast with Santa 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Green Barn Civic Center in Fairfield. Hosted by Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

--Freestone County Game Management Association Banquet at Twisted Vines Event Center in Fairfield. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

TUES., SEPT 27TH

--3-D Printing at Fairfield Library every Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

WED., SEPT 28TH

--Blood Drive at Teague High School from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with Carter BloodCare. Contact Gayle Waldrip at 254-739-1500.

THURS., SEPT 29TH

--Spanish Class every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. with Ms. Valerie Steele and Fairfield Library.

SAT., OCT 1ST

--Family Fun Day by Trooper Damon C. Allen Memorial Foundation will include picnic, K9 demonstrations, vendors, Dachshund Derby, Border Collie demonstrations, car show & swap meet, and more. Save the date.

--Evening Market on Main Street from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at 406 Main Street in Teague. Food trucks, live music, and local vendors.

--Rock N' Roll Freight Train Anniversary Party in the KNES radio station parking lot from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. to celebrate the show and host Bill Booth for Roll n' Through the air waves, entertaining listeners for 32 years!

SAT., OCT 8TH

--Sporting Clays Shoot by Kindness From Case Memorial Foundation, Inc. at Case Robinson Memorial Range, 442 FM 833 East, Fairfield.

--Dutch Oven Demo at Fairfield Lake State Park beginning at 2:00 p.m. hosted by Uncle Mike's Outdoor Kitchen. Event free with park entry.

FRI., OCT 14TH

--Wortham High School Homecoming football game.

SAT., OCT 15TH

--ALLEN 4 Heroes Golf Tournament at Tri-County Golf Club at The Vineyards in Teague. Cost is \$80 per golfer or \$320 per team. Sponsorships available. Allen4heroes@gmail.com This event honors all LEOs. Proceeds benefit local high school seniors as well as first responders as the need arises.

--Freestone Medical Center Health Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Free flu shots and blood typing, Yoga with Sheila Raye of Adrenaline Fitness, Bounce House and obstacle course, Community Costume Contest.

--Annual Parkfest at Teague City Park. Vendors, kids activities, 3rd annual Teague Chamber Car Show (\$25 entry). More details to come.

MON., OCT 17TH

--Culpepper & Merriweather Circus returns to Teague, Texas. Stay tuned for details.

THURS., OCT 20TH

--Quarterly Meeting of Friends of Fort Boggy State Park. meetings begin at 12:00 Noon with a light lunch served at 11:30 a.m. at the Centerville Municipal Building, 325 St. Mary's Street, Centerville, TX 75833. Questions about the meetings can be directed to friendsoffortboggy@gmail.com

WED., OCT 26TH

--Boo on the Square and Howls & Meows event in downtown Fairfield. Stop by The "Times" booth to have your picture taken for our 21st annual Trick-or-Treat edition.

OCT 26TH-29TH

--Teague Ex-Students Homecoming week. Bonfire, Scholarship Golf Tournament, Pep Rally, Crowning of the Homecoming Royals, football game, Friday Nigh Social, Homecoming Parade, Banquet and Mix-n-Mingle on Main Street. For more information about dues, banquet tickets and this year's event, call 903-644-0606 or email TESABoard@outlook.com

FRI., OCT 28TH

--Teague High School Homecoming football game.

SAT., OCT 29TH

--Pinktober 5K Glow Run, Vendor event, Music and family fun day from 3:00 p.m. to dusk. Hosted by Freestone Medical Center and the GHS Eagles Cross Country team.

Did we miss your event? Send details to news@freestonecountytimes.com

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Mahati (daughter) Kavoor.

Representing Fairfield Chamber were Elizabeth Waters - Re-Fastener, Ashley DeVillier - Admin. Assistant, Brenda Pate - Executive Director, and Natalia V. Marsters - Ambassador (behind the camera).

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010168002

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Fairfield, 425 West Commerce Street, Fairfield, Texas 75840, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal to the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010168002, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at an annual average flow not to exceed 1,500,000 gallons per day (gpd). The draft permit authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 800,000 gpd. TCEQ received this application on December 28, 2021.

The facility is located at 190 Farm-to-Market Road 1580, in Freestone County, Texas 75840. The treated effluent is discharged to Mims Creek, thence to Upper Keechi Creek, thence to the Trinity River Above Lake Livingston in Segment No. 0804 of the Trinity River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is intermediate aquatic life use for Mims Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 0804 are primary contact recreation and high aquatic life use. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bddd360f8168250f&marker=-96.1431%2C31.6951&level=12>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Fairfield City Hall, 425 West Commerce Street, Fairfield, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Fairfield at the address stated above or by calling Mayor Kenneth Hughes at 903-389-2633.

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the scoring on the night and preserve the win. The Fairfield Eagles will take to the road for their next game. They will travel to Brownsboro to take on the Bears. Scott Batts reporting.

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FAIRFIELD EAGLE QUARTERBACK, #2 Rowdy Hand, looks down the field for an open receiver.

AVOIDING A POSSIBLE TACKLE is Fairfield Eagle #5 JaCorey Daniels as #9 Jonathan Garcia runs point.



DIVING FOR THE TACKLE in hopes to prevent a touchdown is Fairfield Eagle #1 Rex Bean, followed by #5 JaCorey Daniels.



LINED UP FOR THE SNAP are Fairfield Eagles #61 Treydon Johnson, #60 Landon Salinas, and #40 Evan Chavers.

(Photos by Payton Botelho)



PROTECTING THE BALL as a flock of Rusk Eagles gather to bring him down is Fairfield Eagle #28 Eli Martin.



GRADUATES OF SUMMER TWIRLING CAMP took to the field with their student instructors during the Halftime performance with the Might Band from Eagle Land.

Eagles Fight Back

The Fairfield Eagles took on the Rusk Eagles at their home last Friday. After two scrimmages, the Eagles left the fans wondering with one win and one loss. They had a short loss to Athens with the score of 35-28 and then gained a win on Gatesville with a score of 14-0. Unluckily for the Fairfield Eagles and their fans, the Rusk Eagles took the win with a score of 35-3.

"We went into the game with high hopes and not taking into consideration that we were about to play a really good team," senior number 22 Braiden Barrett said. "We are a really good team as well, but we have a few things to clean up and we will reflect on this game to improve and put up a show against Brownsboro."

The Fairfield Eagles despite what the score says did have a good game. The biggest setback was the penalties against them and how it affected the score. They also did well in the second half,

only allowing Rusk to score once in those two quarters.

"Lots of good things came out of Friday night. Learned a lot about ourselves. We run the ball extremely well and we can throw it sideline to sideline. We are extremely close to being a great football team," Football Coach Andrew Downing said. "Little things like petals and turnovers killed us on Friday. But once we clean those up, we'll be a tough physical football team."

There were many highlights that can be mentioned like senior number 28 Elijah Martin had 3 amazing runs, one for 33 yards, one for 44 yards, and a 65 yard touchdown. There was also junior number 23 Camron Daniels, who caught an amazing catch for 70 yards and a touchdown.

Sadly for Fairfield both touchdowns were called back for penalties.

Payton Botelho reporting.

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Bulldogs Dominant in Season Opener 44-20

The Wortham Bulldogs had three touchdowns each from two running backs and cruised to a 44-20 win over the Kerens Bobcats in the season opener.

Tanner Bean and Kymani Johnson each scored three times and Wortham built a 32-14 halftime lead. Bean finished with 134 rushing yards and Johnson added 135 to the rushing total, while holding the Bobcats under 100 rushing yards on the night.

The game was moved to Thursday night when coaches were notified the officials shortage would affect the game if it remained on Friday night. The Bulldogs made the trip on Thursday so the officials chapter could make arrangement and accommodate both teams.

Kerens took the opening possession and mounted an impressive drive. They converted a key third down when quarterback Lane Lynch connected with Mykel Lattimore for an 18-yard play into Wortham territory. On second down, the same two connected on a 42-yard touchdown pass, with Lattimore getting the ball at the highest point, pulling it down and outrunning the Bulldog defense to the goal line. Adrian Solis added the extra point and Bobcats held the early 7-0 lead.

The Bulldogs made quick work of their first possession. Yancey Bean took the kick and moved through the coverage for 34 yards and set the Wortham offense on the plus side of the 50-yard line. Never facing a third down situation, the Wortham offense marched 45 yards six plays. Tanner Bean had a walk-in touchdown from one yard out and the Bulldogs cut the lead to 7-6. Bean also scored the conversion and the Bulldogs had an 8-7 lead midway through the first quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Bobcats bobbled the kick and Isaiah Tull pounced on it and the Bulldogs were back in business at the Kerens 33. Senior quarterback Ryken Lewis completed a 22-yard pass to Cash Perez and Kymani Johnson took care of the rest on an 11-yard touchdown run. He added the conversion and the Bulldogs stretched the lead to 16-7.

The Bulldog defense forced a three and out and took advantage of a short punt. Johnson ran for 16 yards and Yancey Bean added a nine-yard run and a first down. A dump off pass to Jessie Saldana put the Bulldogs in scoring position and Bean scored his second touchdown of the game on a seven-yard run. He added his third conversion of the night for the 24-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Kerens put together another impressive drive to open the second quarter. The running of Massey moved the ball down the field and took over

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MAKING A FORMIDABLE line up against the Kerens Bobcats are (above) Wortham Bulldogs #74 James Johnson, #65 James Rissmiller, and #7 Yancey Bean.

TAKING THE BALL for the run is Wortham Bulldog #3 Kymani Johnson (right).

READY FOR THE PLAY is Wortham Bulldog #20 Preston Batts (bottom right)

(Photos by Melissa Perez)



WORTHAM BULLDOGS QUARTERBACK, #12 Ryken Lewis, makes a pass down field.



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six minutes off the clock. On third down from just outside the twenty, Lattimore caught the pass from Lynch for the touchdown, cutting the lead to 24-14.

The Wortham offense answered that touchdown on their next possession. The Bulldogs travelled 52 yards in eight plays, all on the ground, and Johnson added his second touchdown of the night on an 11-yard run. Bean took care of the conversion, his fourth of the night, and the Bulldogs held a 32-14 halftime lead.

Wortham took the ball to open the second half and the offense continued to click. On the first play from scrimmage, Johnson broke away for a 68-yard touchdown run, but it was nullified by a holding penalty. On a penalty plagued drive, seventy yards worth, the Bulldogs were able to hit the final big play to put the game away. Johnson took the ball off right tackle and his open field running was solid on the 39-yard touchdown run. The conversion was no good and the Bulldog lead 38-14.

Kerens had an answer to cut into the lead but they would get no closer. Lynch passed to Gunnel for 26 yards to the Wortham nine-yard line. Two plays later, Massey scored on a seven-yard plunge and the lead was cut to 38-20 following the failed two-point pass.

The Bulldogs would answer for the third straight time following a Bobcat score. Johnson and Bean were adding to the offensive totals with Bean running right on a fourth down, reversed his field and cut up the near side for a 30-yard run. Lewis converted a third down when he ran inside the ten for a first down to close out the third quarter. Bean finished the drive with a three-yard run and the 44-20 lead.

Kerens mounted a 12-play drive in the final moments and the Bobcats were turned around when they could not convert a fourth down and goal from the four-yard line.

The Wortham Bulldogs return home for their first game behind the walls when the host the Rosebud-Lott Cougars on Friday night. Scott Batts reporting.



KEEPING AN EYE ON THE FIELD is Wortham Bulldog Mascot Brooke Norcross during Friday night's game against Kerens. (Photo by Melissa Perez)

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Lady Dawgs Bring Home Second Place in Valley Mills Tournament

The Wortham Lady Bulldogs took second place in the Valley Mills Tournament.

- Wortham beat Kopperal in three sets: 25-16, 25-12
- Beat Axtell in three sets: 25-23, 25-9
- Lost in the championship against Valley Mills: 13-25, 9-25
- Overall record 13-13
- Riley Winstead had 13 kills, 4 blocks and 3 digs.
- Madison Newhouse had 10 kills, 4 digs, and two aces.
- RaShay Covey had 8 kills and one dig.
- Dakota Butler had 7 kills, 15 digs and one block.

- Bre Kennedy had 4 kills and one dig.
- Setter Allie McCoslin had 20 assists and 12 digs and one ace.
- Setter Ana Colquette had 17 assists and 11 digs.
- Libero Grace McCoslin had 32 digs and one ace.
- Braidee Taylor had 9 digs.
- The Wortham Lady Bulldogs had a great tournament and continued to play well but fell short in the championship match against Valley Mills.
- Wortham will travel to Frost and Teague next week.
- Submitted by Head Volleyball Coach DeAnna Whaley.



Wortham Lady Bulldog Volleyball

Win Against Rice

The Wortham Lady Bulldogs beat Rice in three sets: 25-20; 25-22; and 25-12.

Riley Winstead had 9 kills, one dig, and two blocks.

RaShay Covey had 6 kills and 5 digs. Madison Newhouse had 6 kills.

Dakota Butler had 5 kills, 5 digs, and one block.

Ava Carr had two kills and 2 blocks. Libero Grace McCoslin had 17 digs and two kills.

Defense specialist Braidee Taylor had two digs.

Bre Kennedy had 3 digs.

Setter Allie McCoslin had 14 assists and 9 digs. Setter Ana Colquette had 6 assists and four digs.

Wortham will play in the Valley Mills tournament on Thursday and Saturday along with an away match in Penelope on Friday.

Pool Play at Valley Mills

Wortham played pool play in the Valley Mills tournament on Thursday, Aug. 25th.

Wortham beat Aquilla in two sets: 25-15, 25-11

Gholson in two sets: 25-6, 25-7
Meridian in two sets: 25-9, 25-10

Overall recode 10-12
Total stats for all three matches.

Riley Winstead had 21 kills.
RaShay Covey had 14 kills and 5 digs and one block.

Dakota Butler had 9 kills and 4 digs and one block.
Madison Newhouse had 6 kills and 10 digs and three aces.

Bre Kennedy had 5 kills and two digs.
Ava Carr had 3 kills and one dig.

Setter Allie McCoslin had 34 assists, 2 digs, and 1 kill.
Setter Ana Colquette had 20 assists and 6 digs and one ace.

Libero Grace McCoslin had another great serve receive day along with 21 digs and two aces. Defense specialist Braidee Taylor had 3 digs and Ameeya Rhodes had three digs.

The Wortham Lady Bulldogs will travel to Penelope Friday, August 26th. They finished first in pool play today and will play the Valley Mills tournament bracket on Saturday, August 27th.

Team Beats Penelope

Wortham beat Penelope in three sets: 26-24; 25-16; and 25-16.

Dakota Butler had 10 kills, 2 digs, and one ace.

Riley Winstead had 10 kills and one block.
RaShay Covey had 8 kills and five digs.

Madison Newhouse had 5 kills and 2 digs.
Bre Kennedy had 2 kills, 4 digs, and one block.

Ava Carr had one kill.
Setter Allie McCoslin had 20 assists and 4 digs.

Setter Ana Colquette had 13 assists and 7 digs.

Libero Grace McCoslin had 22 digs and one kill.

Defense specialist Braidee Taylor had 4 digs and Ameeya Rhodes had one dig.

Wortham will play Saturday in the Valley Mills Tournament.

Submitted by Head Volleyball Coach DeAnna Whaley.

FAIRFIELD EAGLES
Aug 26 | Rusk | Lose | 35-3
Sep 2 | Brownsboro | Away
Sep 9 | Madisonville | Home
Sep 16 | Robinson | Away
Sep 23 | Eustace | Away
Sep 30 | Malakoff | Home
Oct 7 | Mexia | Away
Oct 14 | Groesbeck | Home
Oct 21 | Kemp | Away
Oct 28 | OPEN
Nov 4 | Teague | Home

TEAGUE LIONS
Aug 26 | Rockdale | Lose | 38-29
Sep 2 | New Waverly | Away
Sep 9 | Centerville | Home
Sep 16 | Buffalo | Away
Sep 23 | OPEN
Sep 30 | Eustace | Home
Oct 7 | Malakoff | Away
Oct 14 | Mexia | Home
Oct 21 | Groesbeck | Away
Oct 28 | Kemp | Home
Nov 4 | Fairfield | Away

WORTHAM BULLDOGS
Aug 26 | Kerens | Win | 44-20
Sep 2 | Rosebud-Lott | Home
Sep 9 | Jewett Leon | Home
Sep 16 | Blooming Grove | Home
Sep 23 | Hubbard | Away
Sep 30 | Meridian | Home
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Accomplished Healthcare Executive, Dr. Jeff Comer, Named New CEO of Parkview Regional Hospital

After more than 20 years serving hospitals across the western U.S., Comer returns to Parkview Regional, site of his first role as a hospital CEO

Parkview Regional Hospital of Mexia announced last week that healthcare executive Dr. Jeff Comer – who has served as a permanent and interim CEO at a variety of hospitals over the past 22 years – has been named the hospital's Chief Executive Officer (CEO). His first day will be August 29, 2022.

"We are thrilled that Dr. Comer's impressive career journey has brought him back to Parkview," said Robert Wampler, President of Community Hospitals for ScionHealth. "Throughout his accomplished career as a hospital CEO, Dr. Comer has had great success navigating the challenges of hospital management, from strategic growth to physician recruitment and relationships to employee retention. We welcome the expertise and entrepreneurship he brings to these two hospitals and the communities they serve."

From 2005 to 2022, Comer served as CEO of Southwest Center for Business, which provides leadership to healthcare organizations. During his tenure there, he served as permanent or interim CEO at more than a dozen hospitals. Prior to Southwest, Comer was CEO at two

hospitals owned by Tenet Healthcare. He began his career as a hospital CEO in 1999 at Parkview Regional.

Dr. Comer is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and earned a doctor of psychology from California Southern University, a master's in healthcare administration from Washington University in St. Louis, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Arizona State University. He is a certified pilot, certified fitness trainer and yoga instructor, and certified life coach.

"The Board of Directors of Parkview Regional Hospital is pleased to welcome Dr. Comer to our hospital," said John Stubbs, board chair. "Under Dr. Comer's leadership, we are confident that our amazing team at Parkview will continue to deliver upon their number one priority, providing outstanding patient care to those across Central Texas who come to us in need."

For Dr. Comer, the move to back to Parkview comes at an ideal time, as he and his wife Mariah are seeking a small, family-oriented community in which to raise their daughter, Piper Sin-Yu Comer. He noted that

he has fond memories of his tenure at Parkview and still knows many of the doctors, hospital team members and community leaders in the Central Texas area.

"I am honored to be entrusted with the stewardship of this hospital that is so integral to its community," said Dr. Comer. "Parkview not only provides quality healthcare services to local residents, it is also among the area's largest employers and an important part of the local economy. I look forward to working with our skilled healthcare professionals to help them continue to provide outstanding care to our patients and find innovative ways to make our great hospital even better."

Parkview Regional Hospital is a 58-bed acute care facility serving Limestone, Freestone, Hill, and Leon counties in Central Texas. It recently became a part of ScionHealth, a new company based in Louisville, Kentucky, that was formed in late 2021 following a transaction between LifePoint Health and Kindred Healthcare. Parkview was formerly a part of Brentwood, Tennessee-based LifePoint.

NARFE Meets Sept. 13

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Chapter 1191, will hold its monthly meeting at Bubba's BBQ in Ennis on Tuesday, 13 Sept 2022, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Bubba's BBQ is located at 201 S. I-45, in Ennis, next door to Tractor Supply. The guest speaker will be from the Ellis Co. Agriculture Extension Service to speak on nutrition. NARFE Chapter 1191 has members from Ellis, Navarro and surrounding counties.

Members, guests, and all who are part of our federal active and retired family are invited. For membership information contact the closest NARFE representative, in Corsicana 903-874-3092, in Ennis 214-949-6197, in Waxahachie 469-552-6649, in Red Oak 412-722-6307, and in Midlothian 972-268-5793.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller Meets with Mexican Economic Minister to Save Planned Rail Expansion Through Texas

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller met with Mexican Economic Minister Tatiana Clouthier Carrillo last week via video conference to urge the Mexican government to reconsider their plan to reroute the T-MEC Corridor rail and port expansion away from Texas. This new rail line will connect the Mexican port of Mazatlán to the Canadian city of Winnipeg and will create new economic opportunities for cities on the route. Originally, the route was expected to pass through Laredo.

In early May, Minister Clouthier announced that the T-MEC Corridor would take an indirect path to go through Santa Teresa, New Mexico instead of Texas after Governor Greg Abbott ordered additional truck inspections along the Texas-Mexico border. The order resulted in over \$4 billion in economic losses for both U.S. and Mexican businesses due to massive delays and loss of produce caused by the Governor's action.

Commissioner Miller urged that the original plan with routes through Texas be reconsidered.

"Texas has the number one port for trade in the United States in Laredo, followed by Pharr and Eagle Pass," Miller stated. "This will have a long-term effect on trade and the revised plan will be much more costly with far-reaching economic and logistic impacts."

Miller emphasized the positive relationship Texas has with Mexico through agriculture at the four export facilities managed by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"We have a great working relationship at the border, and I still believe that the best path for goods from both countries is through Texas due to our existing infrastructure for both rail and truck transport," Miller said.

Minister Clouthier was very positive during the meeting, expressing that she understood Miller's reasoning and that she really appreciated having the conversation, emphasizing that Texas and Mexico should be talking.

Miller concurred with Clouthier on the success of the meeting.

"Both of us agreed this was a good first step and that we need to continue talking. I appreciate the Economic Minister's time and attention to this very serious issue. There is much more to be discussed and I know we can demonstrate the advantages of the Texas route for both countries."

"These decisions will impact the United States and Mexico long after any government official currently serving leaves office. Both nations must get this right," Miller said.

Miller plans to hold additional meetings in Texas and Mexico to further advocate for the T-MEC Corridor to be routed through Texas.

Texas to Begin Work Plugging 800 Orphaned Wells Through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The Department of the Interior announced August 25, 2022 that Texas has been awarded an initial grant of \$25 million from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to begin work to plug, cap and reclaim orphaned oil and gas wells across the state.

The state of Texas has indicated that it will utilize this funding to plug 800 documented wells, which were selected based on their higher risk as indicated by greater depth and hydrogen sulfide emissions. Funds will be used to acquire equipment and vehicles, and hire personnel, including four administrative positions and 20 inspectors to witness contracted well plugging. Additionally, Texas plans to use this funding to develop a methodology to measure and track methane and other gases.

Millions of Americans across the country live within a mile of an orphaned oil and gas well, which are polluting backyards, recreation areas and community spaces across the country. Methane leaking from many of these unplugged wells is a serious safety hazard and is a significant cause of climate change, being more than 25 times as potent as carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere. The historic investments to clean up these hazardous sites will create good-paying, union jobs, catalyze economic growth and revitalization, and reduce dangerous methane leaks.

"President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is enabling us to confront long-standing environmental injustices by making a historic investment to plug orphaned wells throughout the country," said **Secretary Deb Haaland**. "At the Department of the Interior, we are working on multiple fronts to clean up these sites as quick as we can by

investing in efforts on federal lands and partnering with states and Tribes to leave no community behind. Today's announcement is exciting progress toward what we will accomplish together through this historic Law."

Plugging orphaned wells will help advance the goals of the U.S. Methane Emissions Reduction Action Plan, as well as the Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization, which focuses on spurring economic revitalization in hard-hit energy communities.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law delivers the largest investment in tackling legacy pollution in American history, including through a \$4.7 billion investment to plug orphaned wells. These legacy pollution sites are environmental hazards and jeopardize public health and safety by contaminating groundwater, emitting noxious gases and methane, littering the landscape with rusted and dangerous equipment, and harming wildlife.

Today's investment is part of an overall \$1.15 billion in fiscal year 2022 funding announced in January by the Department for states to plug and remediate orphaned wells. States will receive additional formula funding dollars in the coming months. In addition, an initial \$33 million was recently allocated to plug 277 wells on federal public lands. The Tribal orphan well grant program is being informed by ongoing Tribal consultations and listening sessions.

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is intended to solicit qualifications from design-build firms (Respondents) with capabilities to design and construct improvements for the City of Fairfield ("Owner"). For the purpose of this RFQ, "Respondent" refers to any entity or team that is qualified to provide all of the services as listed in this request and to enter into an agreement to provide design and construction services to Owner. Improvements may include, but are not limited to, design and construction of municipal administration and police office renovations.

Responses must be received via email or uploaded via Dropbox with the folder being shared with: nate.smith@fairfieldtexas.gov no later than **SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 @ 2:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME**

An electronic copy of the RFQ package may be found on the City of Fairfield website.

Responses received after the deadline will not be considered. Questions related to this RFQ should be sent via email to nate.smith@fairfieldtexas.gov

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FREESTONE

IN COUNTY COURT FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS

IN THE ESTATE OF JACQUELINE EVELYN HARRIS WALKER PRO8991

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

To all persons interested in the Estate of JACQUELINE EVELYN HARRIS WALKER:

On 8/18/2022, WALKER, LEE WAYNE filed a APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF HEIRSHIP AND FOR APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT ADMINSTRATOR in Cause No. PR08991 in the COUNTY COURT of Freestone County, Texas.

Said APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF HEIRSHIP AND FOR APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT ADMINSTRATOR may be heard and acted upon by said court on the first Monday next after the expiration on ten days from the date of publication if this citation.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said court by filing a written answer contesting said should they desire to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of office in FREESTONE County, Texas, this 19th day of August, 2022.

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COUNTY COURT
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Community Members Invited to Sponsor a Wreath for Veterans

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- 1) Remember the Fallen,
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Annually in December, sponsored wreaths are placed on veteran's graves across the Country.

Our Chapter has selected two site locations for its first year: Driver Cemetery of Teague, Texas and LaSalle Cemetery of Groesbeck, Texas.

These locations are registered with WAA.

Our Chapter, as a Sponsorship Group, will raise funds to sponsor wreaths for each Veteran buried at these two cemeteries with hopes to sponsor more in the subsequent years.

There are 80 veterans buried at Driver Cemetery, and 41 veterans at LaSalle Cemetery.

A wreath sponsorship costs \$15. The remembrance wreath is made with live evergreen boughs and a red ribbon.

Donations can be in cash, a check (to WAA0, or online through the WAA web page at <https://wreathsassamerica.org/TX1128P>

Each location has a link for donations.

Wreath sponsorships are due by November 14, 2022.

On December 17, 2022, a ceremony will be held at each location.

The LaSalle Cemetery Ceremony will be at 10:00 a.m. and the Driver Cemetery Ceremony will be at 2:00 p.m.

After the ceremony ends, wreaths will be placed on the veterans' graves.

Volunteers are being sought for the ceremonies. Available duties include reverently placing wreaths on the graves during the ceremony, assisting with the program through music or speaking, serving as color guard for flag presentations, and leading in the National Anthem.

Volunteers as also welcome in January for cleanup of the cemeteries.

For additional information, please contact Beth Harrison by email at harrisonmb@windstream.net

If your organization, club, school or church would like to participate, please reach out.



Celebrate What's Great

Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Announces 2022 Performers

The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo is excited to announce a star-studded line up of 2022 entertainers that will be rocking the stage at this year's event. Entertainers including Aaron Watson, Mark Chesnutt, Los Ligaditos, and Los Viejone De Linares will perform October 21-23. The Fair, now in its 11th year, is excited to announce this power-packed line up as one that will appeal to all ages. With the goal of providing scholarships to deserving youth in the Brazos Valley, the entertainers this year are sure to shine.

Kicking off the Fair on Friday, October 21st is the always popular Aaron Watson. For over 20 years now, Aaron Watson has traveled the land as country's ultimate underdog troubadour. Working without corporate backers, he has nonetheless reached the Top 10 of Billboard's Country Album chart five separate times - an impressive feat by any standard - and that includes his triumphant 2015 set, *The Underdog*, which landed at number one. Matching sold-out shows across the country with homegrown hits, he's followed suit at country radio, making history in 2017 with "Outta Style" and "Run Wild Horses." But despite the success, the Texas native remains a fighter, punching far above his weight, constantly defending his right to be in the ring. With his new album, *Unwanted Man*, he reminds all who care to listen that it's just fine by him.

Saturday, October 22nd is the exciting classic country addition to the Fair's line up, Mark Chesnutt. Mark Chesnutt is one of country's true musical treasures. Critics have hailed him as a classic country singer of the first order and some of country music's most elite entertainers, from George Jones to George Strait, echo the sentiment. Mark Chesnutt's stature is easily gauged. He has 14 No. 1 hits, 23 top-ten singles, four platinum albums and five gold records to his credit. Mark Chesnutt has a knack for picking great songs, delivering them with world-class style and a heart-felt emotion.

The 2022 Fair will wrap up the weekend with two performers on Sunday, October 23rd. Los Ligaditos and Los Viejones De Linares. Los Ligaditos began in 2011 and continues to perform a very youthful, and very distinctive norteño style music that delights the crowd. Los Ligaditos has been invited to share stages in the United States and Mexico with groups that they have admired since they were children, including Los Invasores de Nuevo León, Los Tigres del Norte, and Intocable, among many others. Headlining the Sunday performance will be Los Viejones De Linares the rebirth of the 1980's group Los Cadetes de Linares. The group is represented with the quartet as heirs of the norteño sound. The band has added a touch of freshness for new generations to enjoy and has played stages across Mexico and the United States.

Tickets for the 2022 Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo are available online beginning August 8th and all parking is free. Tickets available September 1st at Boot Barn and Producers Cooperative. For more details visit www.brazosvalleyfair.com.

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CITY OF FAIRFIELD

UTILITY COST OF SERVICE RATE STUDY

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) due FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

The City of Fairfield invites qualified professional firms to submit proposals to conduct a cost of service rate study for the City's water and wastewater utilities and recommend changes to the rate structure and rate adjustments to fully cover all costs associated with providing water and wastewater service, including costs required to operate the City's distribution and collection systems, the costs incurred by servicing the Westwood water utility and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Boyd Unit, and the administrative costs incurred by the City in managing these utilities.

To be considered, please submit six (6) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy, on a USB drive, of your proposal to:

City of Fairfield
Attn: City Secretary
PO Box 1149
Fairfield, TX 75840

Proposals received after the Friday, September 30, 2022, due date will not be considered. Proposals can also be hand delivered at the city's physical address at 425 W. Commerce St., Fairfield Texas, 75840.

An electronic copy of this Request for Proposals may be found on the city's website. Questions regarding this proposal may be directed to Nate Smith, City Administrator, City of Fairfield, 425 W. Commerce St., Fairfield, TX 75840 or by email at: nate.smith@fairfieldtexas.gov.

The City of Fairfield reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in proposals received.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD, TEXAS
FISCAL YEAR 2022-23**

All interested persons including without limitation the Taxpayers, Property Owners, Residents and Citizens of the City of Fairfield, Texas are hereby given notice that a Public Hearing on the Proposed Operating Budget for the City of Fairfield, Texas Fiscal Year 2022-23 will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center (Green Barn) at 839 East Commerce Street, Fairfield, Freestone County, Texas. All interested persons may appear at the hearing and speak for or against the proposed budget.

The budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$72,194 (6.40%) and of that \$7,392 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Freestone Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed written reappraisal plan for the district for the years 2023 & 2024 on September 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the board room in the appraisal district office located at 218 North Mount, Fairfield, Texas. At such public hearing any and all persons desiring to be heard on any matter relating to said proposed reappraisal plan will be afforded the opportunity to be heard.

Form 50-876

Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §26.06(b-2).

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that the City of Fairfield (name of taxing unit) may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the City of Fairfield (name of taxing unit) is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 (current tax year) tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday, September 6, at 6 p.m. (date and time) at the Green Barn Civic Center, 839 E. Commerce St., Fairfield, TX 75840 (meeting place).

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Fairfield (name of taxing unit) is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council (name of governing body) of the City of Fairfield (name of taxing unit) at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Council Members James Tyus, Arland Thill, Bobby Nichols, Angela Oglesbee

AGAINST the proposal: _____

PRESENT and not voting: Mayor Kenneth Hughes

ABSENT: Council Member Stephen Daniel

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Fairfield (name of taxing unit) last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by the City of Fairfield (name of taxing unit) this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	2021 adopted tax rate \$0.460137	2022 proposed tax rate \$0.432511	Decrease of \$0.027626 per \$100 of value, or 6%
Average homestead taxable value	2021 average taxable value of residence homestead \$86,742	2022 average taxable value of residence homestead \$94,425	Increase of \$7,683, or 8.13%
Tax on average homestead	2021 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$399.13	2022 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$408.39	Increase of \$9.26, or 2.26%
Total tax levy on all properties	2021 levy \$1,054,539	(2022 proposed rate x current total value)/100 \$1,126,733	Increase of \$72,194, or 6.40%

(If the tax assessor for the taxing unit maintains an internet website)

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for the City of Fairfield (name of taxing unit) at 903-389-2366 (telephone number) or dralstin@freestonetax.org (email address), or visit www.co.freestone.tx.us (internet website address) for more information.

(If the tax assessor for the taxing unit does not maintain an internet website)

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for _____ (name of taxing unit) at _____ (telephone number) or _____ (email address).

**Public Notice
Appraisal Review Board Member
Applications Taken**

Notice is hereby given that the Freestone Central Appraisal District is accepting applications for members of the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) to serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024. The five-member Board is primarily responsible for determining protests initiated by property owner; determining challenges initiated by taxing units; correcting clerical errors in the appraisal records and the appraisal rolls; acting on motions to correct appraisal rolls under Section 25.25 of the Property Tax Code; determining whether an exemption or special valuation is improperly granted or denied; and taking action or making any other determination that is specifically authorized or required by the tax code. Applicants must reside in the appraisal district for at least two years before taking office. A person may not serve if he/she is a current appraisal district director; a current employee or the chief appraiser of the appraisal district; a current board member, employee or officer of a taxing unit served by the appraisal district; or a current employee of the Comptroller of Public Accounts. A person may not serve on this Board if that person owns property on which delinquent taxes are owed for more than 60 days after the date the person knew or should have known of the delinquency. Further qualifications require that an applicant must not own a substantial interest in a business that has a contract with the appraisal district or with one of the taxing units served by the appraisal district; must not be related within the second degree by blood or marriage to a paid tax agent or person engaged in appraising property for tax purposes; and must not hold a public office. By resolution of the Board of Directors, ARB members are also required to attend at least 75 percent of scheduled meetings. A person appointed to the ARB may not serve until he/she has completed the training courses authorized by the Property Tax Assistance Division of the Comptroller of Public Accounts (PTAD). Applications for service may be obtained from the Freestone Central Appraisal District at 218 North Mount, Fairfield, Texas, from its website at www.freestonecad.org, or by telephone at 903-389-5510. No applicant will be considered without the completion of the application. Applications will be received at the appraisal district until 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2022 at the appraisal district office located at 218 North Mount, Fairfield, Texas.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: CHARLEY CYRUS AND HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS

Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 10TH day of OCTOBER AD., 2022 at or before 10 o'clock A.M., Before the Honorable District Court of Freestone County, at the Court House in Fairfield, Texas. Said ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT was filed on May 2, 2022, file number of said suit being NO: CV22093

The names of the parties in said suit are:

**HENDERSON WHITE
VS.
JAMESON HALL**

The attorney for petitioner: CHAD MORGAN, 109 S. MOUNT STREET, FAIRFIELD, TEXAS 75840

Issued this **AUGUST 24, 2022**.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Fairfield, Texas, this August 24, 2022.



Teresa Black, District Clerk of Freestone County, Texas
P.O. Box 722, Fairfield, Texas 75840

By Teresa Black Deputy

RETURN TO COURT

**NOTICE
PUBLIC
AUCTION**

**Thursday Sept 1, 2022
9:30 a.m.**

**ABC Storage
107 E. Hwy 84
Fairfield**

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

Danny Prater
Furniture, Chain Saw
Household items

Evangaline Sberman
Bed frame, luggage, hutch
Salon chair, Household items

**NOTICE
PUBLIC
AUCTION**

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

**Thursday, Sept 1, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

**ABC Climate Control
706 E. Commerce
Fairfield**

Demonta Reese
Furniture, Flatscreen,
household items

**NOTICE
PUBLIC
AUCTION**

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

**Thursday, Sept 1, 2022
10:30 a.m.**

**D&G Storage
425 W. Commerce
Fairfield**

Stacy Clements
Tree stand, stadium seats,
Household items

Dexter Barnes
Tanning bed, salon furniture
& accessories

Tabitha Azuara
Tools, household items

Marilyn Burns
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THE 2022 TEAGUE LIONS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM include Back Row (left-right): Dixon Nichols, Stephen Bates, Tylin Randle, Dax Linscomb, Hayden Lummus, Kooper Kennedy, Ke'Mauri Evans, James Ingram, Korey Silar, Jehmel Rice, Ayden Richardson, Jaden Cole, Brice Skinner, Isai Diaz, Evan Gilbert, and Brindin Hurst; Front Row (left-right): Zak Leija, Anthony Dimiceli, Zach Dawson, Caden Gonzales, Jason Kiser, Henry Cardona, Rowdy Phillips, Carl Shugart, Bo Bowers, J'Kybryen Harris, Alex Perez, E'Maja Holmes, Braden Gauntt, James Bond, and Shamar Davis. Not pictured is Derion Gullette and Tom Bates. The team is lead by Head Football Coach / THS Athletic Director Zack Linscomb and Coaches Jordan Hataway, Richard Gunnels, Tre' Craig, Lawrence Gullette, Chris Hair, Roger Leija, Zack Mahoney, Shaun Moore, and Brady Jackson. (Photos by Jessica Risken)



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Lions Comeback Falls Short

The Teague Lions fell behind 17-0 in the second quarter and they came to take a lead, only to fall short of a win in the opener in Teague and new head coach Zach Linscomb. The Rockdale Tigers claimed the 38-29 win.

The game was the first for new head coach and athletic director Zach Linscomb, coming to Teague from New Caney and the Lions responded with a spirited effort and valiant comeback.

The Tigers took the ball first and marched downfield. They mixed conventional and hurry-up offense and the running game and short passing game put Rockdale in scoring position. From inside the 15-yard line, Tiger quarterback Blayden Barcak called his own number and he reached the endzone from 12 yards. Daniel Romero added the extra point and the Tigers took a 7-0 lead.

Teague took their first possession and were forced into a quick third down. Quarterback Zak Leija connected downfield to Jehmel Rice inside the Tiger 20. The Lions would turn over possession on downs at the Rockdale 13.

Rockdale would add a second touchdown of the first quarter. Barcak tossed a short pass downfield and Robert Owens hauled it in and raced into the endzone and the lead grew to 14-0. With 8:10 remaining in the first half, Rockdale added a 22-yard field goal for a 17-0 lead.

Teague began to spring to life in the latter moments of the first half. Rice intercepted a pass in the endzone, however the Lions had to punt from deep in their own end of the field. Rockdale took over on offense but freshman linebacker Jaden Cole took over the series. He had a big hit on Spencer, and two intense quarterback pressures and forced the Tigers to give the ball back to Teague in the final moments of the first half.

With time running out, Leija dropped to pass and found Korey Silar inside the ten with a great catch. With seven seconds remaining, Shamar Davis scored on a two-yard run, cutting the lead to 17-7 as the teams left for the locker room.

The Lions opened the second half with the ball and quickly moved down the field. The drive stalled at the 34-yard line and the Lions were faced with a fourth and long. Leija was forced to scramble and while on the run, hit rice in the endzone with a 34-yard touchdown catch and Lions were within three on the Henry Cordona extra point.

Rockdale was trying to regain the first half momentum, but the Lion defense was in control for the moment. Teague forced the Lions to punt. The snap went over the punters head and into the endzone. Romero retrieved it and threw a pass out of the endzone and was flagged for intentional grounding and the result was a safety, drawing the Lions closer at 17-16.

Teague took the free kick and had an opportunity to take the lead. The offense did not move in the first three plays and faced a fourth and 11. Leija passed to Caden Gonzales and his tough catch made the first down and the Lions continued on. Davis took the direct snap and raced up the middle for a 28-yard touchdown and the Lions took a 23-17 lead on the extra point.

Rockdale found their offensive execution from the first half and made quick work to put Spencer in for a two-yard score and the Tigers regained the lead.

Teague would not be outdone. Gonzales returned the kick 39 yards to near midfield. Rice had a run down to the 29-yard run and then Leija hit Rice across the middle for a 29-yard touchdown with 8:38 remaining in the game. The point after never got attempted and the score stood at 29-24.

The Tigers put points back on the board quickly and with 5:11 left, Spencer scored on a five-yard run to regain the lead for good at 31-29. On the first play of the next possession, the Lion offense left the ball on the ground and Rockdale recovered and Barcak scored on a two-yard keeper and the eventual 38-29 final.

Teague takes to the road next Friday when the take on the New Waverly Bulldogs.

Scott Batts reporting.



TEAGUE LION QUARTERBACK #6 Zak Leija throws the ball downfield.



TEAGUE LIONS FACED OFF against the Rockdale Tigers on Friday, August 26, 2022 at Lions Stadium. (Photos by Jessica Risken)



BRINGING DOWN THE ROCKDALE BALL CARRIER is Teague Lion #12 Stephen Bates.



REACHING HIGH FOR THE TOUCHDOWN is Teague Lions #11 Jehmel Rice as #18 Caden Gonzales and #5J Kybryen Harris provide back up in the end zone.



TAKING THE FIELD are the Teague Lions Cheer Squad during last Friday night's game against the Rockdale Tigers.



CELEBRATING A TOUCHDOWN is Teague Lion #15 Shamar Davis.

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