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Teague Chamber of Commerce Hosts

'Meet The Candidates' April 18

The Teague Chamber of Commerce is hosting a 'Meet the Candidates' event on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Voters for the City of Teague are invited to the event, which will be held at the Teague Community Center.

All candidates for the Teague City Election have been invited, and questions will be provided by the Teague Chamber.

Early Voting

Early Voting for City Council and School Board elections will begin April 24, 2023.

There will be four contested races in Freestone County, including the City of Teague, City of Wortham, Fairfield ISD, and Wortham ISD.

Poll locations will be as follows:

--Wortham Community Center, 105 W. Main Street

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

--Fairfield ISD Career & Technology Center, 631 Post Oak

Early Voting will be held 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24th - Friday, April 28th; and on Monday, May 1st and Tuesday, May 2nd.

City Council

The following candidates will appear on the City Election ballots:

City of Teague: Filing their candidacy for City of Teague election include Jerry Ballew and Sara Trevino for Alderman Place II; Jamie West and Bridgett Gauntt for Alderman Place IV; and Timothy Campbell and Asa Scott Adami for Alderman Place V.

City of Wortham: Filing for City of Wortham Mayor is incumbent Pellie Goolsby; filing for 2 at-large council positions will be incumbents Cliff NeSmith and Scott Batts, along with candidates Patrick Evans and Cal Johnson (write-in).

School Board of Trustees

The following candidates will appear on the School Board Election ballots:

Fairfield ISD: Vying for 2 at-large trustee positions with Fairfield ISD will be incumbents Kevin Benedict and John Fryer, along with candidates Toni Abram and Cleo McElroy.

Wortham ISD: Incumbent Michael Dunn has filed for Place 5 - Trustee; candidates Jennifer R. Evans and Brett Duke filed for Place 6; and incumbent Jeff Jones has filed for Place 7 with Wortham ISD.

Election Day

Election Day is Saturday, May 6, 2023 with polls open from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Hunt for Eggs is Over!

THIS LITTLE TYKE ENJOYS their first Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023 during Fairfield's annual Eggstravaganza on the County Courthouse lawn. Turn to page 9-A for additional pictures.

Everyday Heroes:

Take Time in April to Say 'Thanks' to Those Who Serve our Community

Metropolis may have Super Man, but here in Freestone County, Texas we are blessed to live in a community with Everyday Heroes on every corner.

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In addition, we recognize the important work of dispatcher operators, towing services, doctors, nurses, and technicians, and so many others who support our citizens every day.

We hope that all of our readers will take a moment to express their gratitude to everyone who works diligently to keep us safe, healthy, and strong.

Thank you, for all that you do. We are a better community because of your service.

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FAIRFIELD

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April 14th - 6:00-9:00 pm

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Taylor German Team a Real Estate Dream

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Members of the community were invited to "Meet The Team" on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at their downtown Fairfield office, located at 207 E. Commerce Street.

Celebrating with a Fairfield Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting included: Misty Lassiter-TGT, Nicole Wolf-TGT, Natalie Myers-TGT, Taylor German-Owner of TGT, Weslyn German, Meagan Lott-TGT, Courtney Phelps-Dump Bros. Roll-off Dumpsters, Holt Spradlin, Garrett German-TGT, Cheryl Cockerell-Freestone Title Company, Robert McAdams-Dessert by Mommacakes, Sandra McAdams-Faith Academy of Freestone, Jason Pate-Blue Sky Window Cleaning, Ashley DeVillier - Chamber Admin., and Brenda Pate-Chamber Ex. Director.

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Madness to the Rescue

On Thursday March 30th, Madness Tires & Rims with converge on new T/A fueling facilities with 3 service trucks located on I 45.

The 18 wheeler trucker driver was in desperate need for 8 new tires.

The 3-man crew of Ryan Rogers, Sammy Ielati, and Timothy Rogers performed accordingly within a 45 min timespan.

By Madness tires, quick actions, The Texas supply chain has been enhanced.

(Photo by Scott W. Marsters, Sr.)

Army's 2nd Infantry Division Looking for Those Who Served

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For information about the association and our 100th annual reunion in Colorado Springs, Colorado from September 20 - 24, 2023; visit www.2ida.org/product/reunion/10 on the web, send an email to 2ida.pao@charter.net or call Mike Davino at (919) 356-5692.

VVA Palestine Releases Scholarship Applications for Fall 2023

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) and Associates of VVA (AVVA) Chapter 991 in Palestine are announcing their Scholarship Program for awards to be applied for the Fall 2023 semester. The Chapter will be awarding a minimum of one scholarship with a value of \$1,000. Although all qualified Applicants will be considered, the emphasis on the awards will be for students graduating this summer. Awards will be for continuing College or University degrees or advanced technical certifications. Applications must be delivered to the Scholarship Committee, or post marked no later than Saturday, April 15, 2023.

The primary qualification for award is that the Applicant must be a descendant of a

Vietnam War Veteran, or a Vietnam War Era Veteran, who is living in the VVA Chapter 991 service area, or, if deceased, was living in the service area while alive. The Chapter 991 service area includes the following Texas Counties: Anderson, Cherokee, Houston, Henderson, Freestone, Limestone, and Leon. Scholarship Applications and information of submission will be located on the Chapter website at vva991palestinex.org. Complete Applicant Qualifications are listed on the Application Form. Further information or Applications may be obtained by writing Ms. Cathy Walker at P.O. Box 554, Grapeland, TX 75844, or by email to cwalker@elkhartisd.org.

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FAIRFIELD POLICE REPORT
Chief David Utsey

Monday, April 2nd
 9:03 AM-Cpl. Price on ATM alarm going off.
 2:00 PM-Cpl. Price on report of minor wreck.
 11:00 PM-Officer Ashley on report of truck brakes on fire.

Tuesday, April 3rd
 10:03 AM-Cpl. Price on report of wreck in the interstate.
 7:19 PM-Officer Ashley assisted with unruly inmate.

Wednesday, April 4th
 2:29 AM-Officer Ashley on alarm going off.
 10:00 AM-Officer Sweet to PD to meet a complainant.
 3:58 PM-Officer Sweet on report of suspicious vehicle.
 5:20 PM-Officer Sweet to meet a complainant over criminal trespass.
 5:58 PM-Cpl. Scarrow on report of subject walking in the roadway.
 6:18 PM-Cpl. Scarrow on report of suspicious vehicle.

Thursday, April 5th
 7:45 AM-Officer Sweet on reported burglary of building.
 1:28 PM-Officer Sweet on report of power line down.
 3:26 PM-Officer Sweet on report of suspicious vehicle.
 6:08 PM-Cpl. Scarrow on report of homeless lady sleeping outside of store, Was able to contact her family and make arrangements to get home.
 9:40 PM-Cpl. Scarrow on alarm going off.

Friday, April 6th
 11:16 PM-Cpl. Warren on report of verbal disturbance at residence, criminal trespass served to one subject.
 2:00 PM-Cpl. Price assisted Johnson County in locating subject's mother.
 3:15 PM-Cpl. Price and Warren on report of three runaways from Houston, were located at restaurant.
 8:13 PM-Officer Ashley on suspicious subject.

Saturday, April 7th
 2:15 AM-Officer Ashley on report of alarm going off.
 3:02 PM-Officer Ashley on report of suspicious vehicle.
 10:09 AM-Cpl. Warren to speak to subject concerning the limit of animals that you can have in the city.
 11:02 AM-Cpl. Warren on report of alarm going off.
 4:33 PM-Cpl. Price on report of loud music.
 11:03 PM-Officer Ashley on report of loud music.

Sunday, April 8th
 11:20 AM-Cpl. Price on report of fight in progress, no one on scene when officer arrived.
 1:10 PM-Cpl. Warren on report of alarm going off.
 8:15 PM-Officer Ashley on report of reckless driver.



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TPWD, DPS Advise
Gun Storage Safety for Spring Hunting

Now that spring turkey hunting season has begun, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) want to remind gun owners that safe gun storage saves lives. Proper storage protects those you love and keeps firearms out of the hands of criminals.

The Pew Research Center estimates more than 45 percent of Texans own a gun. One-third of homes with children have a firearm, and many of these may be unlocked and loaded, according to DPS.

The Keep 'Em Safe Texas program was created three years ago to inform and educate gun owners about the importance of safely storing firearms when not in use.

"Education about home firearm storage and safety is paramount to keeping guns out of the wrong hands," said Assistant Chief Jason Hester of DPS Regulatory Services. "We appreciate the efforts of our partners statewide, as they are diligently and consistently helping us to communicate this lifesaving message to protect Texas families and prevent accidents."

As the state's hunting authority, TPWD developed a Hunter Education program more than 50 years ago, teaching 1.5 million Texans how to safely handle and

store guns. Hunting-related accidents in Texas are at an all-time low since the course became mandatory in 1988.

"We spend a lot of time teaching about safety in the field — it is equally as important to safely store your gun before and after the hunt," said TPWD Hunter Education Coordinator Steve Hall.

Three Simple Rules for Gun Safety

- Store Firearms Properly. Store guns unloaded and secured by a trigger lock, biometric lock, gun case, strong box, gun cabinet or gun safe.
- Lock Up Ammunition. Store ammunition safely, always locked away separately from firearms.
- Restrict Access. Keep others from access to stored firearms 24/7; this includes family, friends, children or other visitors.

Partner participation is key in educating the public about safe gun storage and reducing the risks of gun-related incidents. Keep 'Em Safe Texas provides a partner toolkit that includes training presentations, informative videos, posters, coloring pages, infographics and other resources. The associated social media resources page includes turnkey posts for partner use. Contact info@safegunstorage.texas.com with questions.

About the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Hunter Education

TPWD manages and conserves the natural and cultural resources of Texas and provides hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Every hunter in Texas (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete hunter education. The minimum age for certification is 9 years old; cost is \$15. Mandatory hunter education became law in 1988. Since 1972, TPWD has offered hunter education courses which have certified nearly 1.5 million students.

About the Keep 'Em Safe Texas Campaign

DPS cares deeply about protecting and serving the citizens of Texas. In 2019, at least 3,683 deaths in Texas were due to firearms, higher than the national rate. This number has risen every year since 2011. In 2021, the Texas Legislature appropriated \$500,000 to DPS over the next two fiscal years (2022-23) to establish and promote a statewide safe gun storage campaign. By educating the public about safe gun storage, we can reduce the risks and better protect the citizens of Texas. So far, more than 50 partners, including more than two dozen local law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Texas, have united to help spread this crucial message.

Access to State-Owned Islands Granted for Border Control

Last week, Texas General Land Office Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D. authorized the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and Texas Rangers permission to access the State of Texas owned islands located in the Rio Grande in Maverick County, Texas for the purpose of policing to curb the ongoing border crisis at our southern border.

"As Land Commissioner, it is my commitment to Texans that the General

Land Office (GLO) uses all means available to gain complete operational control of the border, said Commissioner Buckingham. "It is my hope that by granting Texas law enforcement access to these border islands, it will aid in our state's robust push to control this unrepresented border surge created and fueled by the Biden Administration."

The state-owned islands are located in the middle of the Rio Grande in Maverick County, Texas, near Eagle

Pass. One island is 1/2 an acre whereas the other is around 45 acres. Like many of these islands, they were likely created by a buildup of sediment on the river bottom. Eagle Pass has been a hotspot for border crossings.

Illegal border crossings in fiscal year 2022 topped 2.76 million across the country.

Since the inception of Operation Lone Star, Texas law enforcement has seized over 354 million lethal doses of fentanyl.

PUCT Adopts Tighter Timeline

for Utilities to Respond to Consumer Complaints
 Rule Amendment Will Reduce Wait Times for Texas Electricity Customers

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) today approved rule changes reducing the number of days an electric service provider has to respond to consumer complaints filed with the PUCT. Effective September 1, 2023, electric service providers must respond within 15 days.

Under current rules, electric utilities and retail electric providers have up to 21 days to respond to the PUCT's Customer Protection Division (CPD) after being notified of a consumer complaint. This rule change will speed up the complaint resolution process for electricity consumers in Texas and allow CPD to help more customers resolve issues with their electric service providers. The rule change also brings greater consistency to the agency's complaint process by making

response deadlines uniform across water and electric complaints.

Commissioners approved the rule change at the April 6 open meeting along with additional revisions to Chapter 25 Substantive Rules Applicable to Electric Service Providers.

The PUCT encourages consumers who experience an issue with their electric, water and sewer, or telecommunications service to first contact their service provider to resolve the issue. If the consumer is unable find a suitable resolution with their provider, they can contact the PUCT's Customer Protection Division for assistance or file an informal complaint.

The PUCT also has important information about the rights of consumers on its website.

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'The Gratitude Tree'
Fairfield Third Graders Perform

A PRODUCTION OF 'THE GRATITUDE TREE' written by Stacey Peters was performed Thursday, April 6, 2023 by third grade students of Fairfield Elementary School. Thanks to the following: Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Minze for so much help & support; Mr. Williams for hanging our decorations & Mrs. Donna Jones for making our clouds; All of our students for making 'Gratitude Leaves,' third grade teachers for your support; and Trinity Star Arts Council for your generous donation this year to purchase new hand drums and xylophone stands. "Our program would not have been possible without all of you!" (Photo by Natalia V. Marsters)

Join Us!
at First UMC - Fairfield

Author and speaker Sheila Dasch will be featured Tuesday, April 25th beginning 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Fairfield.

She is the author of the book, "Behind the Collar." Discover the truth of what it means to be a pastor's wife as you journey with Sheila from illusion to reality.

This book will change the way you see pastors' wives forever. Direct, frank, and full of wisdom and humor; this is a no holds barred look at one of the most unclear roles in our society and how one woman embraced it.

Sheila never shies from topics like criticism, marital problems, and tragic loss. With grace and honesty, she shares her experience and provides a biblical blueprint to help others successfully navigate the twisted road of Like Behind the Collar.

Each chapter will immerse you, making you a participant in her story - a must-read for those who want to draw back the curtain and see the challenges, blessings, and reality of being a pastor's wife.

First United Methodist Church is located at 201 North Mount Street in Fairfield, Texas.

B-Ball All-Stars Named

Congrats to Jolee Haley of Teague High School for being named a Basketball All-Stars by TGCA. The Lady Lions team is led by Coach Lawrence Gullette.

TGCA selects 24 All-Stars from conference 1-2-3-4A and 24 All-Stars from conference 5-6A. These athletes are selected by the TGCA Basketball Committee, composed of basketball member coaches of the association, at their annual meeting.

Selections are made from nominations submitted by member coaches. Athletes

must be juniors to be selected.

These all-stars will participate in the summer clinic all-star activities to be held in Arlington, Texas.

Also recognized by TGCA as Legacy All-Stars are McKinna Brackens and Shadasia Brackens of Fairfield High School. The Lady Eagles team is led by Coach Sally Whitaker.

TGCA selects 20 All-Stars, from conferences 1-4a and 5-6a in basketball. Athletes must be seniors to be selected.

These all-stars will receive a certificate and Legacy All-Star patch.



Teacher of the Month

CONGRATULATIONS to PreK teacher Dee Fletcher (left) at Wortham Elementary for earning the Freestone County Texas Farm Bureau Teacher of the Month!

(Photo by Jennifer Lansford)

Lauren McKay Inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Lauren McKay of Streetman, Texas, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. McKay was initiated at Texas A&M International University.

McKay is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others." **More About Phi Kappa Phi**

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. The Society has chapters on more than 325 select colleges and universities in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify. The Society's mission is "To recognize and advance excellence in all fields of higher education and society." For more information, visit www.PhiKappaPhi.org.



Color Contest Winners

Coloring Contest Winners were as follows:

- PreK - Nayana Pradhan (Ms. Van)
 - 1st Grade - Weston Lehman (Mrs. Myers)
 - 2nd Grade - Alexandria Baker
 - 3rd Grade - Maxx Acker (Mrs. Robertson)
 - 4th Grade - Sophia Ivy (Mrs. Anders)
 - 5th Grade - Harley Harrup (Mrs. Inderman)
- Congratulations!

Woods, Waters, and Wildlife

Last Cool Weather

by John Jefferson

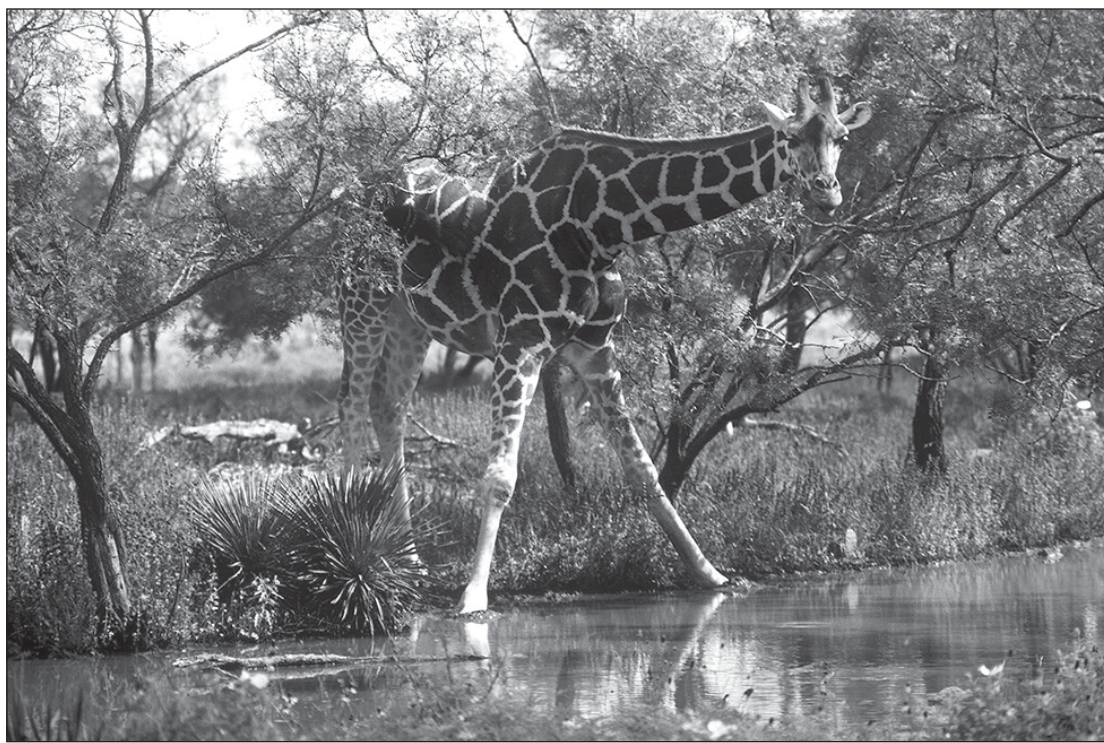
A neighbor's parents that previously lived in Texas were visiting recently and complained about the heat. After all, the thermometer had hit 92-degrees - in late March!

That reminded me that hot weather is coming. Springtime can have some hot weather, but also enough cool weather to enjoy being outdoors. A day or so after the 92-degree day, the temp dropped into the '50s. And I recall the year we had sleet in Austin on April 8-9 and the Hill Country had four inches of snow.

Those extremes are not all that rare and foretell the coming of summertime heat. So don't wait to enjoy the outdoors. There's plenty to do now for kids, families, and you and me.

Fishing is one such activity. Neighborhood fishing lakes in or near major cities provide family-friendly fishing from a pier or bank in small, stocked ponds and lakes close to home. Catching catfish big enough to keep is a thrill for any kid. I ran uphill with the little channel cat still on my line to show off my first ever catfish. And kids under 17 fish free! Texas Parks and Wildlife Community Fish Lakes (75-acres and under) also provide free kid fishing (same ages).

Or, you may have a friend who owns property having a



THIS GIRAFFE, PHOTOGRAPHED ON THE Y.O. RANCH, is now at home in Texas, which has a somewhat similar climate to its native Africa. A separate barn with a high entrance allows giraffes to enter when a norther hits. (Photo by John Jefferson)

pond for livestock watering or even just for fishing that he might let you bring your kids to fish.

There's also some fun looming for any kid (and parents!) in the form of rabbit or squirrel hunting. The rabbit population is currently suffering from Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus 2, having been diagnosed in a number of counties, but some farmers are willing to protect crops by allowing hunting. A TPWD news release stated that the disease affects cottontails and jackrabbits but is not harmful to humans or pets. There is no closed season on rabbits,

and squirrel season is open year 'round in some counties. Check the TPWD Outdoor Annual for your county.

This is also a fine time to visit zoos in Texas before it gets hot, and Texas has some excellent ones. Ft. Worth, Dallas, Houston, and Waco are near population centers. Victoria and Brownsville zoos are well worth the drive. One Internet commenter said Austin has an interesting one: the Texas Legislature!

My favorite is the Brackenridge Park Zoo in San Antonio. Part of that now is because so much history took place in that city. That bored me as a child, but the

trip was redeemed when we got to the zoo! Rattlesnakes, multitudes of Rio Grande perch (cichlids) in the river that winds through it, the big cats, white-tailed deer, and all the rest fascinated me then, and still do. Especially, now, the Alamo. We're planning another trip soon. Maybe we'll see you there!

But I can't talk about all the outdoor attractions in Texas without mentioning wild game parks like the Y.O. Ranch west of Kerrville (830-640-3222) and Fossil Rim Wildlife Center (254-898-4282) near Glen Rose and the dinosaur tracks.

JJ

Reflections
from Red Oak Ranch
Freestone County, Texas by Jan Fielden

Looking out the kitchen window this afternoon, I saw such a cute little picture. There were about eight, all sizes, calves lying down in the Northeast Pasture. I looked again because I saw something that confused me. Surrounding the calves was a ring of egrets and it looked so pretty, I could hardly take my eyes away. Suddenly, the calves jumped up and when they did, the Egrets left flying away. Wish I had a picture of it.

Stoneshire and SOS have been fighting a lot lately. It came to an end on Sunday when I saw Stoneshire walking and calling for SOS (who was nowhere around). They were out in the open while fighting so we didn't have to worry about a fence being torn down.

The calves are fighting among themselves. Probably because they see the bulls fighting and they are learning how to do it. Animals are so much fun to watch. They always amaze me.

Get Ready For Ag Field Day at Prairie View A&M University

Prairie View A&M University College of Agriculture and Human Sciences is hosting its annual Ag Field Day on Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29. The event will be open to the public to provide local communities and counties across the state of Texas with access to the college's researchers and agriculture specialists to learn, explore, and build networks. Ag Field Day will gather local producers, community members, and K-12 youth to learn how the agriculture industry impacts daily life.

Day one will feature activities geared towards youth, including hands-on experiential learning workshops, while day two will provide producers with timely resources for sustaining their farms and adapting effective business practices.

To register for the event, go online to eventbrite.com/e/2023-agriculture-field-day-tickets-580677952387

For more information, please contact Program Coordinator Angela Moore at 936-261-5002, or email almoore@pvamu.edu.

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Cows-----65-109
Bulls-----55-126

Stocker Cows

Stocking Cows-----450-1450
Pairs-----950-2100

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings

300-400 lbs-----220-285
400-500 lbs-----200-265
500-600 lbs-----185-225
600-700 lbs-----180-210
700-800 lbs-----150-190

Heifers Good & Choice

300-400 lbs-----125-245
400-500 lbs-----130-230
500-600 lbs-----120-220
600-700 lbs-----115-185
700-800 lbs-----130-170

NO Livestock Report Available at Press Time

Ultimate Naivety

Commentary by Bill Bullard, CEO, R-CALF USS

This is a chicken and egg question. What must come first: a reliable food supply or a strong military? Now don't answer that because you can't have one without the other - they're mutually inclusive. They're also arguably interdependent - while you cannot maintain a strong military without a reliable food source, you likewise cannot maintain a reliable food source without a strong military should an adversary wish to take it from you.

Now consider this: Many of the major news sources are reporting that the Chinese balloon detected earlier this year floating across the United States from Montana to South Carolina and eventually shot down by our U.S. military was gathering intelligence data from sensitive military installations and likely digitally transmitting that data in real time back to China.

But the surveillance balloon's reported path took it across something else. It took it across major cattle producing regions and across some of America's most productive farmland. In short, it floated over America's major food sources.

Employing the prudent "abundance of caution" approach, we'd best be concerned about both its military installation and its food-source transgressions.

Now couple this with the growing sentiment in Washington, D.C. that China is both a significant political and economic threat to the United States ... the Chinese Communist Party that is, which is the ruling party in the People's Republic of China.

So now let's define naivety. It describes a neglect of pragmatism in favor of moral idealism. In other words, when you neglect what is real because you want to believe something else, you suffer from naivety.

And here's naivety in action, emanating from an unlikely source. Just before the detection of the Chinese surveillance balloon, our U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) decided to initiate a rulemaking to require the use of electronic surveillance devices on cattle, and cattle are sometimes called "beef on the hoof" because beef, the food, is of course derived from cattle.

Now the electronic chip used in the surveillance devices to carry information about your beef most likely originate in Asia generally, and China in particular.

In fact, the USDA has developed a very short list of companies from which American cattle producers would be compelled to purchase their mandatory electronic surveillance chips. And prominent on that

short list is China's manufacturer of electronic animal identification devices, so designated by the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. (The company is Wuxi Fofia Technology Co., Ltd.)

Now based on our knowledge that one or more of the companies the USDA intends to force American cattle producers to do business with in return for the privilege of owning American cattle, is controlled by the Chinese Communist Party, we issued a request to the Secretary of Agriculture.

We requested that the Secretary inform us as to the manufacturer origins of all the chips offered by the short list of companies that the USDA has designated as officially approved manufacturers of the electronic surveillance devices that American cattle producers would be forced to purchase and forced to affix to their American cattle.

Of course, our position is that it would be fundamentally wrong and extraordinarily naive for the USDA to compel American cattle producers to affix a chip manufactured under the control of the Chinese Communist Party onto each of their cows that will then carry that chip with them as they journey across America.

To be fair, we don't know precisely what level of surveillance data the Chinese could gain through their chips. In fact, we don't know any better than our intelligence experts

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Receipts from Waco Livestock Auction on April 4, 2023

Head Count 145

No. 1 Steers

Under 300 lbs-----210-265
300-400 lbs-----210-255
400-500 lbs-----200-235
500-600 lbs-----190-230
600-700 lbs-----180-210
700-800 lbs-----165-190

No. 1 Heifers

Under 300 lbs-----185-230
300-400 lbs-----185-220
400-500 lbs-----180-215
500-600 lbs-----170-205
600-700 lbs-----145-175
700-800 lbs-----130-160

Slaughter Cows

High Yielding-----92 to 106
Low Yielding-----65 to 77
Fats-----85 to 98
Thin & Shelly-----40 to 60

Packer Bulls (1250-2075 lbs)

Yield Grade 1&2-----95 to 128

Cow & Calf Pairs

Young Choice-----1500 to 1850
Young Fair-----1250 to 1500
Aged Pairs-----Split to Weighed
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750 to 1550

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Receipts from Buffalo Livestock Marketing showed a total of 840 cattle on March 25, 2023.

Slaughter Cows

Cutter Cows-----65-112
Fat Cows-----55-109
Canner Cows-----20-70

Slaughter Bulls

Heavy Bulls-----80-126
Light Bulls-----75-110

Pairs

NO Livestock Report Available at Press Time

Good Pairs-----N/T

Plain Pairs-----N/T

60-200 lbs-----150-255

200-300 lbs-----140-287

300-400 lbs-----145-279

500-600 lbs-----140-225

600-700 lbs-----135-209

700-800 lbs-----130-193

Heifer Calves and Yearlings

150-200 lbs-----115-220

200-300 lbs-----125-245

300-400 lbs-----130-250

400-500 lbs-----125-233

500-600 lbs-----120-220

600-700 lbs-----115-195

700-800 lbs-----105-175

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300-400-----215-257
400-500-----215-245
500-600-----210-241
600-700-----190-209
700-800-----175-180

Heifers/Best #1 Quality

300-down-----217-257
300-400-----200-239
400-500-----200-237
500-600-----190-225
600-700-----185-197
700-800-----155-162

Bulls

600-700-----170-195
700-800-----150-170

High Yield Packers

Best Cows-----85-103
Lower Yield-----65-80
Best Bulls - Large-----112-125
Best Bulls - Light-----95-110

Pairs

Top-----1600-1825
Low middle-----1000-1350

Best Stocker Cows

Young-----1250-1575
Older-----1050-1300

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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,

A quote attributed to James R. Schlesinger goes like this: "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts." In his column of March 29 (Constitutional Minute), Bob Hilliard states as fact (a couple of times) that various governmental agencies are "unconstitutional." This demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of how our American Constitutional system works.

First, let's look at what the Constitution allows Congress to do, in order to fulfill its duty to govern according to enumerated powers. Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18: [The Congress shall have Power...] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

In other words, when the Constitution empowers Congress to levy taxes, and Congress finds it necessary to create an Internal Revenue Service to carry out that duty and power, it is completely Constitutional for them to do so. It doesn't matter if George Washington had such an agency.

But, we are all human beings, and can make mistakes. If Congress passes a truly unconstitutional law, it can be nullified by the Supreme Court. If anyone decides to challenge the forming of the IRS or ANY other agency, they are fully entitled to try to take it to the Supreme Court. If the challenger is correct, then that law / agency will be nullified. Laws written by the Federal Congress and State Legislators are regularly challenged as to their Constitutionality, and in many cases, the Supreme Court agrees, and those laws/ agencies are thrown out.

Congress, with a proper majority vote, can also nullify in full or in part any prior law Congress has written or agency it created. They just need the votes.

An agency is not "unconstitutional" simply because Bob Hilliard thinks it should be considered so, for whatever reason. In truth, and in our system, unless a law or agency is ruled UnConstitutional by the Supreme Court, it is Constitutional, if it was passed into law by the proper majorities.

Citizens should certainly be aware of how our system works, but when a "Constitutional Minute" states incorrect opinions as FACTS, the education process is perverted.

Jeff Harrison
Buffalo, Texas

Constitutional Minute: Term limits Amendment...what a good idea! NOT.

What's the real problem with our federal government? That people in Congress serve too many terms? And if we get an Amendment to limit their terms, will our Land be healed?

Of course not! The real problem is that the politicians we elect ignore our Constitution - yet we keep reelecting them.

As a result, the federal government exercises thousands of powers not delegated; but everyone goes along with it. The State and local governments

get federal funds for going along with unconstitutional federal programs; the People get all sorts of benefits, subsidies, and free stuff; and many live altogether at other peoples' expense. And all this free money is added to the national debt.

Members of Congress also profit from ignoring our Constitution: By exercising the thousands of powers not delegated, they obtain endless opportunities to become rich, powerful, and "important".

So, unless we turn over a new leaf, learn our Constitution and obey it, renounce unconstitutional federal programs and handouts, and demand that people in Congress also obey it; limiting their terms by an Amendment merely increases the turnover of politicians in Congress who ignore our Constitution - and to whom we must pay luxurious lifetime pensions.

Bob Hilliard
wethepeoplehandbook@gmail.com

You have a lot to do

by Dr. Glenn Mollette

Tax Day is April 18th this year and it's time for you to get all your numbers together and file your taxes. The average American will file the short form that only has two lines on the form. The first line asks the question, "How much money did you make in 2022? The second line says, "Send it to the Internal Revenue Service."

Don't you just love all these tax breaks President Joe Biden is giving us? Once again, this week after paying taxes all year I still get to send President Joe another check. It's never enough. I hope you are getting some money back but our government needs a lot of money. Billions of dollars for Ukraine, money to pay the new 86,000 IRS agents who will be harassing everyone for more. China will go to war to take over Taiwan. How much will this cost us as we obviously are going to be involved. Don't look for your taxes to become less. Oh, dear Lord, how much more can we afford?

If you have any money left after April 18th you should make plans for Mother's Day, graduation day, and Memorial Day. This is a lot to think about. Don't forget mom. I wish my mother were alive so I could take her flowers and buy her dinner. The years pass and we miss our opportunities. Make plans now to celebrate the special moms you may have left.

You may have a children or grandchild graduating this May. Think about how you might mentor and encourage this special person. It's not always about money. Maybe you could find a way to spend an hour talking and sharing life experiences. Convey love. Brag about their accomplishments. Let them know that you believe they have a great future. Cast a great dream for them that they can have a great life with some work and focused discipline. Let them know you believe in them. Love goes a long way in shaping the lives of our children, grandchildren, and even our acquaintances.

After this is Memorial Day. Too often we are scrambling the last weekend in May to arrange flowers for the cemetery. Start your plan now. Which graves must be visited and decorated? Budget what you can spend on flowers. Sometimes you can save money buying the flowers and making your own grave decoration. The thought is what counts. You are doing this out of respect and love for what the deceased meant to you and because it's important to remember them.

On this very important day we take the time to remember the soldiers who gave their lives so that we can have the freedom to enjoy all we do in America. They paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Plan on visiting the grave of at least one man or woman who died in service for our country.

You have plenty to do in the weeks ahead. Make a plan, pace yourself and good luck!
Dr. Glenn Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of 13 books including UncommSense, the Spiritual Chocolate series, Grandpa's Store, Minister's Guidebook insights from a fellow minister. His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states.

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who still can't say with certainty what information the Chinese balloon was able to collect and send back to China. But, in today's world rife with geo-political conflicts, the only prudent course is one in which we proceed with an abundance of caution.

So, the question of the day is how did the Secretary of Agriculture respond to our important request? And the answer is he blew us off. He didn't bother to even answer. And when I called his office to ask why he wouldn't answer, his office didn't bother to call me back either.

And now we must ask what conclusion should be drawn from the Secretary's disregard of our important national security concern. And our conclusion is he just doesn't care. Did I mention Abraham Lincoln called the USDA "The People's Department"? Well that it is not, so we're going to have to shop around and find a less naive department that better understands national security. Perhaps that will be the Department of Homeland Security. We'll let you know how that turns out.

Meanwhile, we'll be submitting comments on the USDA's proposed mandate to affix electronic surveillance chips to American cattle. Looks like we're relegated to doing so without the benefit of pertinent facts.

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Freestone County Aggie Muster, Friday, April 21st

Howdy!!

The Freestone County A & M Club invites you and your family to join us for **Aggie Muster**, Friday, April 21, 2023, at 5:00pm. **Muster** includes Mexican dinner and a program honoring all Aggies that have lost their lives since our 2022 Muster.

Freestone County A&M Club Aggie Muster 2023 will be held at the Circle O Ranch, 839 Hwy 84 Fairfield, (10 miles east of I-45) at 5:00PM and will be hosted by Jane and Mark Phillips '78. Bring your favorite beverage (BYOB). Water, tea and coffee will be provided. Mexican dinner is \$15.00, kids under 5 are free.

Please RSVP by April 19, 2023 to Jane Phillips, 979-415-4423, freestoneaggies@yahoo.com

Aggie Muster is one of Texas A&M's most honored traditions and is celebrated in more than 300 locations worldwide. **Muster** is a wonderful event to connect with fellow Aggies as well as those that enjoy the spirit of Aggieland.

Speaker for the **Freestone County Aggie Muster** will be **Rev. Michael McVey '12**. Mike will be telling stories of Aggieland from when he attended Texas A&M, plus news from Aggieland today.

Rev. Michael R. McVey (pictured with his family) has been serving in ministry as a Methodist Pastor for nearly 10 years. Mike is originally from Friendswood Texas



and attended Texas A&M from 2007 to 2012. He began his Aggie journey as a member of the Texas Maritime Academy at A&M Galveston from 2007 to 2008. While at TAMUG he became one of the inaugural members of the Hearne Honor Guard. He transferred to Texas A&M College Station in the fall of 2008 and joined the Corps of Cadets as a freshman in Squadron 2 (aka Gator 2). During Michael's time in the Cadet Corps he served as Squad Leader, Unit Chaplain, Methodist Representative to the Corps, and as a Senior Cadet served as Chaplain of the Corps of Cadets. He was a member of the Ross Volunteer Honor Guard (Squat Platoon) and as a senior served as Banner Bearer. He also was a member of the Ross Volunteer Silver Taps Squad.

Michael met his wife Andrea through the Methodist Student group at A&M (The Wesley Foundation). They both enjoyed going out dancing together on Saturday night and then attending church the following morning.

Mike graduated from A&M in 2012 with a Bachelors in History and Minor in Religious Studies. He received the call to ministry in 2008 and pursued that call following graduation. At age 23 he became the youngest appointed Methodist pastor in the Texas Conference. His first congregation was Zion United Methodist Church in Iola Texas, while also serving as an intern at the Texas A&M Wesley Foundation.

Michael and Andrea were married in the summer of 2013. They moved to North Carolina where Mike attended Seminary at Duke University, while also serving as a Local

at USCG Base Galveston. He also now serves at the Chaplain for the Game Warden Service in Freestone and Limestone Counties.

Mike or "Pastor Mike" as he is referred to at church, loves spending time with his family, fishing, military and nautical history, Lionel model trains, and numerous other hobbies that drive Andrea crazy. Both Michael, Andrea and Shiloh love living in Fairfield and feel so blessed to be a part of this community and Fairfield Methodist Church. He expresses his thanks and is humbled and honored to be our 2023 Muster Speaker.

The Muster Tradition:

Aggies gathered together on June 26, 1883, to live over again their college days, the victories and defeats won and lost upon the drill field and in the classroom. By April 21, 1903, this annual gathering evolved into a celebration of Texas Independence on San Jacinto Day. These early meetings included field games and banquets for Aggies to reflect and celebrate their memories of Aggieland. "Let every alumni answer a roll call," wrote the Former Students. It was not until 1922, however, that April 21 became the official day of events for all Aggies; thus, the annual tradition of Muster was born. The March 1923 Texas Aggie urged, "If there is an A&M man in one hundred miles of you, you are expected to get together, eat a little, and live over the days you spent at the A&M College of Texas."

Please pass this information to any Aggie supporter that might be interested in attending.

Pastor at Broadway United Methodist Church in Broadway NC. He graduated from Duke University with a Master of Divinity in 2017.

They returned to Texas in 2017 where Mike became the Associate Pastor at Cross Roads UMC, a cross-cultural congregation of both English and Spanish speaking members. In 2019 he was ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church and became the Senior Pastor at Sunset UMC in Pasadena TX. There, with significant prayer and support, he helped to establish a Spanish speaking service and ministry within the local congregation and led the church during the COVID 19 Pandemic. From 2018 to 2022, while serving as a pastor, he volunteered as the Chaplain of the Southeast Houston Fire Department. And since 2021 he has served as an ACS Chaplain for the United States Coast Guard, stationed at Base Galveston Texas.

Michael and Andrea welcomed their daughter Shiloh into the world on May 29th 2021; she is the love of both their lives and a constant joy. Andrea graduated from A&M in 2013 with a degree in Education. She served 7 years as a public school teacher as well as two years in the Children's Ministry.

In the summer of 2022 Michael was appointed as the Pastor at First United Methodist Church Fairfield while retaining his appointment as an ACS Chaplain

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John Michael (Mike) Mooneyham, Sr.

John Michael (Mike) Mooneyham, Sr., 67, passed away on March 22, 2023. Mike was born on May 13, 1955, in Houston, Mississippi to William Doxie Mooneyham and Mary Louise Stroup Mooneyham.

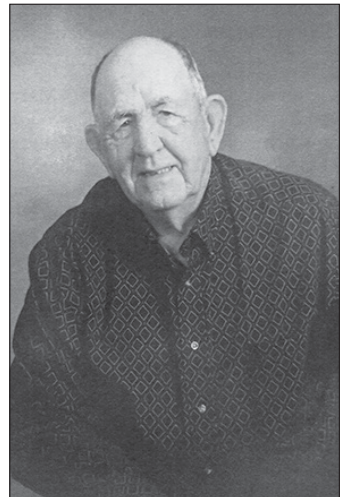
Mike arrived in Fairfield in 1978 to temporarily work for a company, test core drilling for coal. He remained a resident of Fairfield, Texas for more than four decades. He worked for TXU at the coal mine for over two decades and reached the level of master electrician.

Mike is survived by his wife of over 42 years, Kimberlee Kitchens Mooneyham, whom he married August 8, 1980, in Fairfield, Texas. Together, Mike and Kim had three children. He is survived by their three sons, John Michael Mooneyham, Jr. and wife Awna, Robert Matthew (Matt) Mooneyham, and William Nicholas (Nick) Mooneyham and fiancé Michaela Salewsky.

Mike survived many life-threatening illnesses, including several types of cancer, for over 15 years. His love for his children helped him persevere through years of treatment and surgeries. He was able to see his sons graduate from college and start their careers. His children brought him great joy and strength.

Mike was the youngest of four siblings. He is survived by two brothers, Bobby Mooneyham and wife Jennifer, and Ronnie Mooneyham and wife Gladys. He is also survived by his sister, Nina Terry. He is preceded in death by his brother-in-law Jim Terry.

Mike was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Fairfield, Texas. A memorial service was held on April 1, at the church.



Charles Ray Easterwood

Charles Ray Easterwood was born on June 21, 1937 in Waco, Texas to Bert Allen Easterwood and Katherine Laura Powell Easterwood. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Donald and Bobby Easterwood.

He passed away on January 28, 2023.

Charles is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Marcia Pullin Easterwood: sons, Rodney Ray Easterwood and wife Lisa; John Kelly Easterwood and wife Kandis; stepson Kerry Don Jones and wife Bobbie; step daughter Sharon Duke Speering and husband Kenneth. Grandchildren: Jeremy, Kevin, Justin, Brett, Charlie, Byron, Toby, Kelly, Jessica, Anthony, Dale and Nathaniel. Great grandchildren: Bailee, Brylan, Maddox, Mason, Brynlee, Bryson, Casslynn, Emerson and Lori. And, a brother, Ralph Easterwood.

He was a member of the Fairfield Calvary Baptist church for 52 years. Charles was an active member of the Fairfield Lions Club for 54 years. He served for 4 years as a Director for the Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas. Charles was very active as a 32-degree Mason, York Rite and Karem Temple. He served on Fairfield City Council 4 years, and was awarded Citizen of the Year.

Charles was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He had a passion for his grandkids. He often took them to the farm to fish and hunt. He loved building toys for them as well as toy boxes.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at Capps Memorial Chapel in Fairfield. Officiant was Terry Skinner. Interment followed at Woodland Cemetery in Kirvin, Texas.

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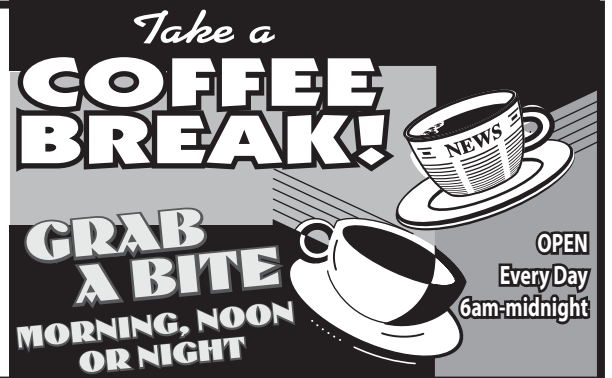
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Weekly Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your emotions may cloud your judgement in the days to come. It's better to seek the advice of a third party who can guide you without the added drama.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Messages from the universe could come across as confusing or vague, Taurus. You might need someone with cosmic intuition to help you sort out what is going on.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

A stagnant energy has been surrounding you lately, Gemini. Fortunately, you are able to brush that away soon enough and feel rejuvenated.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, if you haven't devoted enough time lately to taking care of yourself you might awaken this week with a foggy head. Take care of yourself.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Responsibilities could have you feeling overburdened, Leo. The trick is to ask others to lighten your load. There are bound to be several volunteers willing to lend a hand.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, try not to compare yourself to others this week. Everyone is unique, with his or her own strengths and weaknesses. An unfair comparison could dampen your spirits.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You might find it challenging to articulate your feelings to a romantic partner, Libra. If you stumble over saying the words, why not write them down, instead?

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Sometimes your pragmatic side gets into a tussle with your optimism, Scorpio. Being a realist doesn't have to mean you give up hope. There are many things that can go your way.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, while you may feel like sleeping the week away, awoken to the possibilities before you. Numerous opportunities await, so answer the door when they knock.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

It is alright to feel uncertain about what the heart wants, Capricorn. Not everyone has things all figured out. Ponder your likes and dislikes to determine your path.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, messy work and small mistakes can sabotage all of your hard work thus far. Buckle down and focus on the details. Have someone check that everything is perfect.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

People around you may be more temperamental than usual, Pisces. Avoid offering any unsolicited advice until things quiet down.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 9

Kristen Stewart, Actress (33)

APRIL 10

Mandy Moore, Singer (39)

APRIL 11

Alessandra Ambrosio, Model (42)

APRIL 12

Saoirse Ronan, Actress (29)

APRIL 13

Allison Williams, Actress (35)

APRIL 14

Chris Wood, Actor (35)

APRIL 15

Luis Fonsi, Singer (45)

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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!

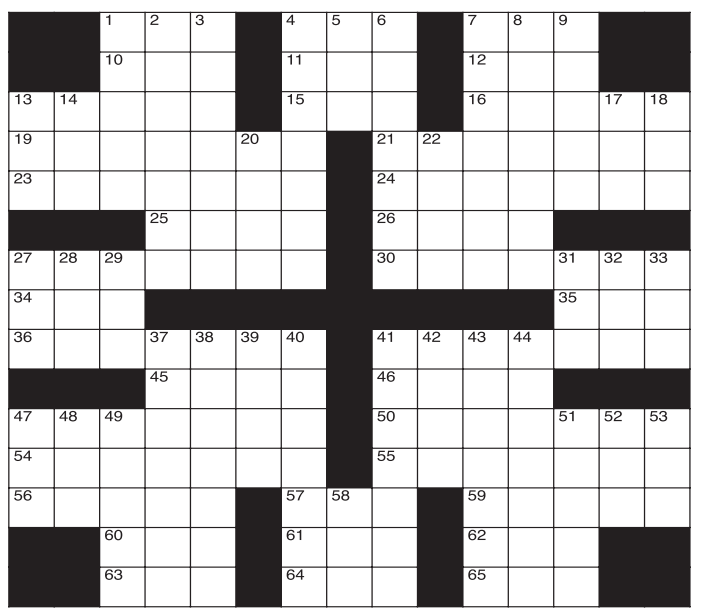
Level: Intermediate

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!

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

ANSWER:



CLUES ACROSS

- Atomic mass unit
- Criticize mightily
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Stand in for
- Everyone has one
- Brew
- Rectify
- Popular Dodge truck model
- Beef or chicken intestine
- Satisfy
- Of a particular people or localized region
- Movements in quick tempo
- Able to pay one's debts
- Fleshy bird beak covering
- Dueling sword
- Helps
- Court is in it
- Touch lightly
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Of one
- Baked good
- Jai __ sport
- About aviation
- Low oval mound
- Rugged mountain ranges
- Compel to do something
- A way to carve
- Sao __, city in Brazil
- Mustachioed actor Elliott
- American Idol runner-up Clay
- A way to soak
- Car mechanics group
- Born of
- Time zone
- Sea eagle
- Even's opposite

CLUES DOWN

- Sharp mountain ridge
- Thin, fibrous cartilages
- Provides new details
- Muscular weaknesses
- Ottoman military title
- Banes
- Horse-riding seats
- Arms of a shirt
- Narrow path along a road edge
- Viper
- Disfigure
- Variety of Chinese language
- Portray in a show
- Wrongful act
- No (slang)
- State of agitation
- __ Diego
- One point east of due south
- 007's creator
- The NBA's Toppin
- Midway between north and northeast
- Examples
- __ Gould, actor
- The habitat of wild animals
- Artful subtlety
- Infielders
- Keep under control
- Herb
- Distressed
- A way to go down
- Type of acid
- Take by force
- Collected fallen leaves
- Shout of welcome or farewell
- Monetary unit
- Swiss river

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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How they SAY that in...

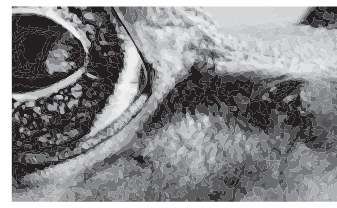
- ENGLISH:** Frog
- SPANISH:** Rana
- ITALIAN:** Rana
- FRENCH:** Grenouille
- GERMAN:** Frosch

Did you know?

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GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: FROG FACE

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WORDS

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- DEBT
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- FINANCE
- INQUIRY
- INTEREST
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- LOSS
- MONEY
- PAPERWORK
- PROFIT
- RATES
- RECONCILE
- SALARY
- SAVINGS
- SOLVENT
- STATEMENT
- WITHDRAWAL

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

Eggstravaganza Entertains Crowds of Kids!



THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL EASTER Eggstravaganza had a little bit of everything to keep the little ones entertained. Kids enjoyed visits with the Easter Bunner, delicious cotton candy, face painting, pony rides, egg hunts, crafts, and more. The event is held on the Freestone County courthouse lawn and hosted by the City of Fairfield and Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

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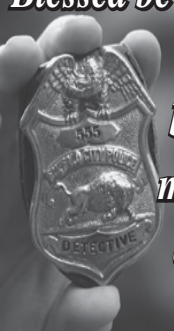
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Friends of Fort Boggy State Park Meets April 20 in Centerville

The Friends of Fort Boggy State Park will meet on Thursday, April 20th at the Centerville Municipal Building across from the Post Office. We will start gathering at 11:30 a.m. for a lite lunch and the meeting will begin at 12 noon. This meeting is open to the public and we encourage anyone with an interest in Fort Boggy State Park to come and join us. In addition to general business, a report on our 6th Annual Kid Fish will be given as well as an update on various activities and projects that are underway at the park.

The Friends of Fort Boggy is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and assisting Fort Boggy State Park in its mission of connecting youth and families to the great outdoors. Through various educational programs we strive to develop stewards of our natural resources for future generations to come.

If you would like to know more about the Friends of Fort Boggy State Park, please send an email to friendsoffortboggy@gmail.com.

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes Begins in May

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes is a program for people with Type 2 Diabetes. It is a 5-week program that explores a new topic each week. Get the facts from diabetic experts and professional educators, ask the questions you want answered, get the encouragement you need to make positive changes and meet others who have the same concerns you do.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays beginning May 2nd through May 30th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the McLennan County Extension Office located at 4224 Cobbs Dr., Waco, TX 76710. The instructor will be Mrs. Colleen Foleen, County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health.

These classes are offered **free of charge**. For more information and/or to register, please contact MCC Continuing Education at (254) 299-8888 or visit their website at: <https://cereg.mclennan.edu>, choose Community Programs, then choose Culinary.

Or, you can contact the McLennan County Extension Office at (254) 757-5180 or email us at colleen.foleen@ag.tamu.edu or candace.chapman@ag.tamu.edu

Corsicana Mayoral Candidate Forum

The Mayoral Candidate Forum will be held in Downtown Corsicana at the City Government Center on April 13, 2023. This event is sponsored by the Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce, Legislative Committee, Navarro County Bar Association and Corsicana Daily Sun.

The forum will begin on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and go until 7:30 p.m. that evening. Steve Keathley will moderate the event. Candidates; Michael Fletcher, Barbara Kelley and Kimberlee Walter will begin with 3 minutes of introductions and afterwards we will begin with questions gathered through various submissions throughout the community, allotting 2 minute responses from each candidate. Any questions submitted at the event will also be allotted 2 minute responses. Finally each candidate will have 2 minutes to wrap up. This is a great opportunity to meet the candidates, hear their responses and see who best represents the Mayor you would like to have in Corsicana

This event is free and open to the public. For more information about the event, call the Chamber at 903.874.4731.

Texas State Library and Archives Commission Announces Survey on Digital Literacy and Texas Public Libraries

Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has announced the release of a new report, *Texas Public Libraries: Serving Communities to Enhance Digital Literacy*. Created through a TSLAC partnership with the Bureau of Business Research IC² Institute at The University of Texas at Austin, this publication gathered primary data from main and branch libraries throughout Texas to identify areas of urgent need relating to **digital literacy in communities statewide**. This research was made possible by support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to support digital access and literacy in communities throughout the state.

Expanding the ability of individuals to access and use information and communication technologies is increasingly crucial for Texas citizens, communities, and economic success. This digital capacity is achieved through building **digital literacy** skills; providing access to affordable, robust Internet services; having quality technical support, as well as access to hardware and software; and making available services that augment digital connectivity. Survey results point to the ways TSLAC can best support local libraries' **digital literacy** efforts as they develop resources around emerging and library technology, such as proactive training, technology planning, and local community partnerships.

The *Texas Public Libraries: Serving Communities to Enhance Digital Literacy* report documents the many ways Texas public libraries are providing both formal and informal digital literacy training to their communities. According to the findings, these efforts account for approximately \$70 to \$90 million in statewide investment by the state's libraries.

"The report highlights the impressive work of Texas libraries and supporting digital literacy training in their communities," said Gloria Meraz, TSLAC Director and Librarian. "However, the report also finds that libraries statewide identify significant unmet needs and point to the benefit of increased opportunities for training and resources. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission will use these findings to guide the development of programs at both the local and state level."


Researchers conducted in-depth interviews with more than 300 librarians representing communities of all sizes. The full findings of the survey reflect policy and administrative actions that may be beneficial in addressing critical issues confronting Texas library staff who want to improve their patrons' **digital literacy** knowledge and skills. Data from interviews and surveys identified gaps and challenges that exist, and those findings are the foundation for the recommendations of the survey.

The following are some of the recommendations included in the report that focus on potential action areas at the state and local level:

- Establish a grant program related to digital literacy in Texas libraries
- Foster mentoring and peer support for small libraries
- Provide more programmatic attention to older adults/seniors
- Create local public library partnerships

Texas Public Libraries: Serving Communities to Enhance Digital Literacy provides timely and essential guidance to libraries and librarians statewide as they work in concert with TSLAC to identify the best measurements and practices for building digital access. The full report can be accessed on the TSLAC website at www.tsl.texas.gov/digitalliteracy.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission provides Texans access to the information needed to be informed, productive citizens by preserving the archival record of Texas; enhancing the service capacity of public, academic and school libraries; assisting public agencies in the maintenance of their records; and meeting the reading needs of Texans with disabilities. For more information, visit tsl.texas.gov.



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Families Enjoy Egg Hunt

KIDS OF ALL AGES came out for a Family Egg Hunt last week at Fairview Healthcare in Fairfield. Residents enjoyed the Easter festivities, as well. Thanks to Activities Director Amber High for organizing the event.

(Photo by Natalia V. Marsters)

Texas Businesses: April 17 is Deadline for Filing Property Tax Renditions

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds business owners that April 17 is the deadline to file property tax renditions with their county appraisal districts. Different deadlines apply for certain regulated property.

A rendition is a list of the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery, equipment and other property owned or managed as of Jan. 1 each year. The appraisal district may use the information to set property values.

A rendition allows property owners to record their opinion of their

property's value and ensures that the appraisal district notifies property owners before changing a recorded value. Exempt property, such as church property and equipment used for farming, is not subject to rendition.

Owners whose property was damaged by storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report, which indicates the property's condition on Jan. 1, 2023. Filing the decreased value report could lower those owners' final tax bills for 2023.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from county appraisal district offices statewide and can be downloaded at the Comptroller's property tax forms webpage.

For more information about property rendition, deadlines, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 800-252-9121 (press 2) or visit the division online.

'Putt Fore A Purpose' Golf Tournament June 3

The annual Putt Fore a Purpose Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 3, 2030 at Tri-County Golf at The Vineyards beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Entry is \$400 per team of four. Includes 18-hole green fee, cart rental, driving range and balls, lunch, and swag bag.

Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Extras are Happy Gilmore Shot, Mulligans, and Marshmallow Drive.

Proceeds benefit events and activities for the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce (including the 4th of July fireworks show).

Sponsorships are available. For details, call 903-389-5792 or send an email to chamber@fairfieldtx.com

Fajitas & Margaritas Progressive Dinner Fundraiser

Get ready for something new! Fajitas & Margaritas Progressive Dinner, featuring country singer Peter Sinclair, will be held Saturday, June 3, 2023.

The event will featured three historical locations.

First, event goers will enjoy a Nacho Bar and Tex-Mex fruit drinks served at the Freestone County Historical Museum.

Fajitas and Margaritas will follow at the historic Moody-Bradley House. Wortham singer/songwriter Peter Sinclair will

perform at this location.

Final stop will be for Tex-Mex Desserts and Coffee at the Freestone County Courthouse.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Freestone County Historical Commission and the Fairfield History Club Scholarship Funds and Community Outreach Projects.

Tickets are \$50 per person, tables \$250 for 4 or \$500 for 8.

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FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS

IN THE ESTATE OF MORRIS WAYNE ITCHUE
PR09037

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

To all persons interested in the Estate of MORRIS WAYNE ITCHUE:

On 3/31/2023, MARTHA ITCHUE AND JEREMIAH ITCHUE filed a(n) AMENDED APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION in Cause No. PR09037 in the COUNTY COURT of Freestone County, Texas.

Said AMENDED APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION 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 31st day of March, 2023.

RENEE REYNOLDS, County Clerk
COUNTY COURT
Freestone County Courthouse
P. O. Box 1010
Fairfield, Texas 75840

By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FREESTONE

IN COUNTY COURT
FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS

IN THE ESTATE OF MARGARET LEE SNIPES
PR09048

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

To all persons interested in the Estate of MARGARET LEE SNIPES:

On 3/27/2023, JIMMIE KEVIN SNIPES filed a(n) APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION in Cause No. PR09048 in the COUNTY COURT of Freestone County, Texas.

Said APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION may be heard and acted upon by said court after 10 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration on ten days from the date of publication if this citation.

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Coffee with the Superintendent

Date: Saturday, April 15
Time: 9:00a.m. – 10:00a.m.
Audience: Everyone
Meet at: The Gazebo

Questions, comments, or suggestions for the park? Bring your mug for a cup of joe and a conversation with Fort Boggy Superintendent, JD Miller, regarding all things Fort Boggy.

Nature Hike

Date: Saturday, April 15
Time: 2:00p.m. – 3:00p.m.
Audience: Everyone
Meet at: The Gazebo

No local grocery store? The land provided many things for the settlers of Fort Boggy. Learn about the natural resources the early settlers used to help them in their day-to-day lives. This will be leisurely 1/2 mile hike around Lake Sullivan.

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FRI., APRIL 14TH

--Baked Potato Luncheon Fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Fairfield. All order are to-go, pickup or delivery available. Includes potato with all the fixings and a large cookie for \$10. Only 200 sold, so order no by calling Janet Bulger at 903-388-4484 or Diana Lewis at 903-390-4512. Proceeds benefiting Freestone Cancer Support Group.

--Pulled Pork Fundraiser from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the FHS Baseball Fields (Fairfield vs. Franklin game). Cost is \$12 per plate for a sandwich, chips & drink. Proceeds supporting Vicki Stephenson & Family.

SAT., APRIL 15TH

--Recycle Event from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. FHS/FJH area (Post Oak Road). Collecting paper, plastic and metal. NO glass.

--The Spring Pop-Up hosted by Tuscan Flair and The BeYouty Bar will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Over 22 vendors expected, offering clothes, tumblers, jewelry, food, plants, sea moss, and more.

TUES., APRIL 18TH

--Meet the Candidates beginning 6:00 p.m. at the Teague Community Center. Hosted by Teague Chamber of Commerce. Citizens are invited to learn more about the candidates for Teague City Council. Election is May 6, with Early Voting starting April 24th.

THURS., APRIL 20TH

--FREE Medicare Education Class every 3rd Thursday at 12:00 noon at Fairfield Library.

FRI., APRIL 21ST

--PreK and Kinder Early Registration at Wortham Elementary School office from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Check the school website for enrollment packets.

--Aggie Muster at 5:00 p.m. at Circle O Ranch. Hosted by Freestone County A&M Club. RSVP to 979-415-4423 or freestoneaggies@yahoo.com

SAT., APRIL 22ND

--Market on Main from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at 406 Main Street in Teague. Local Vendors, Live Music, and Food Trucks.

MON., APRIL 24TH

--Early Voting starts for City of Teague, City of Wortham, Fairfield ISD, and Wortham ISD elections.

TUES., APRIL 25TH

--Author & Speaker Sheila Dasch will be featured at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Fairfield. Dasch is the author of "Behind the Collar:

A Pastor's Wife's Journey from Illusion to Reality."

FRI., APRIL 28TH

--Drop-Off Day for CCC's huge SuperSale fundraiser. Drop off your unwanted items 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Southern Oaks Fire Station, 120 Southern Oaks Drive, just north of FM 416, behind Shell station.

APRIL 28TH & 29TH

--Freestone County Go Texan's 2nd Annual BBQ Cook Off at the W.L. Moody Fairgrounds in Fairfield. Live Music, \$5,000 Add-On Prize Money, Horse Shoes & Cornhole, IBCA Sanctioned Event, Bounce House, Vendors, Silent Auction.

SAT., APRIL 29TH

--CCC's SuperSale Fundraiser from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Huge garage sale with donations from numerous families and individuals. A fundraiser for the Community Care Club at Southern Oaks Fire Station, 120 Southern Oaks Drive, east of Streetman just north of FM 416. Call 903-467-9545 for more information.

--City Wide Garage Sale in Wortham, Texas. No permits required. Participants choose their own hours.

SAT., MAY 6TH

--Election Day for City of Teague, City of Wortham, Fairfield ISD, and Wortham ISD.

--Lemonade Day – Fairfield, annual youth entrepreneur event. Sponsorship available by contacting Chamber office at 903-389-5792.

--Opening Day for Fairfield Farmers Market at Armadillo Emporium. First Saturday of each month, thru October. For info, call 903-389-3336 or send an email to armadilloemporium@gmail

--Kid Fish Derby at Lake Limestone from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. FREE and open to kids 16 and under. To register, send an email to jewettchamber@sbcglobal.net

SAT., MAY 13TH

--Mother's Day Boho Brunch from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Tuscan Flair in Fairfield. Event features Comedienne Ms. Vickie, Tournament for Uno, Spades and Dominos, an Omelette Bar and Complimentary Mimosa Bar. \$35 per person, or \$60 for two.

MAY 19TH - 21ST

--Disc Dog Texas State Championship returns to Fairfield. Stay tuned for details.

SAT., MAY 20TH

--Boles Family Sporting Clays Shoot from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Case Robinson Memorial Range in Fairfield. Hosted by the Freestone County Shotgun Gun in honor of a club member who lost his dad. For more info, contact Whitney McKinley at 903-640-3209 or Josh Holcomb at 903-394-1459.

--Recycle Event from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. FHS/FJH area (Post Oak Road). Collecting paper, plastic and

metal. NO glass.

--Freestone County Classic Steer & Heifer Jackpot Show beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the fairgrounds. For info, call the Extension office at 903-389-3436.

SAT., MAY 27TH

--Market on Main from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at 406 Main Street in Teague. Local Vendors, Live Music, and Food Trucks.

SAT., JUNE 3RD

--Putt Fore a Purpose Golf Tournament at Tri-County Golf at The Vineyards beginning at 9:00 a.m. Entre is \$400 per team of four. Includes 18-hole green fee, cart rental, driving range and balls, lunch, and swag bag. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Extras are Happy Gilmore Shot, Mulligans, and Marshmallow Drive. Proceeds benefit events and activities for the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce (including the 4th of July fireworks show). 903-389-5792 or chamber@fairfieldtx.com

--Fairfield Farmers Market at Armadillo Emporium. First Saturday of each month, thru October. For info, call 903-389-3336 or send an email to armadilloemporium@gmail

--Fajitas & Margaritas Progressive Dinner featuring country singer Peter Sinclair. Nacho Bar and Tex-Mex fruit drinks served at the Freestone County Historical Museum, followed by Fajitas and Margaritas at the historic Moody-Bradley House, with a final stop for Tex-Mex Desserts and Coffee at the Freestone County Courthouse. Tickets \$50 per person, tables \$250 for 4 or \$500 for 8. Call 903-388-3664 to reserve. Benefitting the Freestone County Historical Commission and the Fairfield History Club Scholarship Funds and Community Outreach Projects. Sponsorships available.

JUNE 12TH – 17TH

--Freestone County Fair & Rodeo. Parade, Miss Freestone pageants, Ag Mechanics Show, Livestock Show and Sale, Carnival, Home & Garden Show, Music, and Rodeos. For all the details, visit online at www.fcfar.org

WED., JUNE 14TH

--Tea With Miss Texas – Miss Averie Bishop from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the historic Moody-Bradley House. RSVP to the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce at 903-389-5792.

SAT., JUNE 17TH

--Recycle Event from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. FHS/FJH area (Post Oak Road). Collecting paper, plastic and metal. NO glass.

SAT., JULY 1ST

--Fireworks Show at the fairgrounds in Fairfield.

JULY 14TH & 15TH

--Annual Peach Festival on the courthouse square in Fairfield. Corn Hole, Music by Kate Watson, Food Trucks, 5K by Faith Academy, and Activities.

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**Wortham Cheer Squads
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Congratulations to Wortham's new Cheer Squads.

Varsity Cheerleaders:
(top photo)

Bottom Row (left-right): Katelynn Spain, Hallie Reyes, Mascot - Brooke Norcross, Gracie Winstead, and Makayla Hogan; Back Row (l-r): Kynlee Calame, Emma Calame-Gonzales, Dallas Crundwell, Co-Captain - Breckyn Waggener, Captain - Madison Newhouse, Ana Colquette, Addison Erler, and Betzaida Mata. Not pictured is Manager Ziah Betts.

Junior High Cheer:
(photo left)

Bottom row (left-right): Co-Captain Leigha Gierisch and Captain - Korie Reed; 2nd Row (l-r): Isabella Sanchez and Peyton Hoag; Third Row: Manager - Zejnie Misini and Sarina Wicker; Top Row: Sophie Yeldell, Alyssa Hadden, Kamille Hook, and Madison Henderson.



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