



A boating accident on Hubbard Creek Lake claimed the life of a Colorado City man shortly after midnight Saturday, July 19. Several first responders, including the game warden, Sacred Cross EMS and the Stephens County Sheriff's Office, responded to the scene.

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Boating accident on Hubbard Creek Lake results in fatality

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A late-night fishing trip turned tragic early Saturday morning, July 19, when a boat crashed into Goat Island on Hubbard Creek Lake, resulting in the death of a Colorado City man, according to Game Warden Clifton Westbrook of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Westbrook said that the man and his son were navigating across the lake after dark when they lost their

bearings and struck the island's shoreline. The impact caused severe damage to the front of the boat.

Emergency responders, which included the game warden, Sacred Cross EMS and the Stephens County Sheriff's Office, declared the boat's operator, reported to be in his early to mid-50s, deceased at the scene. His son sustained minor injuries and went to the emergency room of Stephens Memorial Hospital, before being released later Saturday morning.

The TPWD has launched a formal investigation into the crash and according to Westbrook, they recovered the boat around lunchtime that day.

The game warden stated that the TPWD's specialized accident team, the Storm Team, will conduct a detailed examination and boat analysis, which will take a few weeks.

The names of the man and his son have not been released pending notification of extended family members.

BISD board approves compensation plan, presents proposed budget

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The Breckenridge ISD school board of trustees has begun the 2025-26 budget process and also recently approved the district's compensation plan for the upcoming school year.

At the board's latest meeting Monday, July 14, Stephens County Chief Appraiser Will Thompson presented the proposed budget for the 2025-26 school year as the first step of the budget process.

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With a proposed tax rate of 0.744, the proposed 2025-26 budget for Breckenridge ISD was presented Monday, July 14 to the school board in a budget workshop by Stephens County Chief Tax Appraiser Will Thompson.

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Commissioners approve funding assistance for Humane Society

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The Stephens County Commissioners Court recently agreed to provide more funding assistance to the Stephens County Humane Society.

The Humane Society is a

non-profit organization that relies solely on donations, grants and fundraising.

The recent approval of assistance comes after Humane Society President Kathy O'Shields reached out about needing help

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A building located at 222 N. Baylor Avenue, across from the law enforcement center, which could be a possible option for an Emergency Operations Command Center for Stephens County.

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Stephens County explores options for emergency command center

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As steps are taken towards improving emergency response, Stephens County will be looking into the prospect of building a larger

emergency operations command center.

The decision for the county to look into this was approved Monday, July 14, by the Stephens County Commissioners Court after Stephens County Emergency Man-

agement Coordinator David Leonard approached them about the topic.

Leonard reported to the court that the Council of Governments has received a \$20 million

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The Stephens County Commissioners Court met Monday, July 14 to pass several agenda items, including approving an extra \$8,000 in funding assistance to the Stephens Humane Society to help with the fostering of 30 dogs.

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Weekly Local Forecast

Wednesday, July 23
High 99 | Low 77
Precipitation 6%

Thursday, July 24
High 103 | Low 75
Precipitation 0%

Friday, July 25
High 102 | Low 77
Precipitation 1%

Saturday, July 26
High 100 | Low 76
Precipitation 3%

Sunday, July 27
High 101 | Low 77
Precipitation 7%

Monday, July 28
High 102 | Low 76
Precipitation 2%

Tuesday, July 29
High 104 | Low 76
Precipitation 4%

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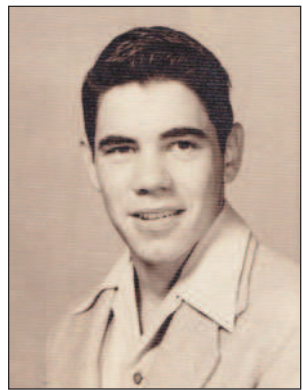


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Obituaries



Charles "Charlie" Elich

Nov. 16, 1932 – July 1, 2025

Charles Elich, 92, passed away Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at his home in Breckenridge. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Charles Ray Elich was born Nov. 16, 1932, in Albany, to Brana and Jennie Elich. He had four brothers and one sister. His brothers Leroy (Bill), James, Woodie, and Douglas preceded him in death, but his sister (Marion) is still with us today.

The family moved to Breckenridge from Albany when Charlie attended high school. During Charlie's time in high school, the school system changed from an 11th grade education system to a 12th grade system. Charlie elected to skip his junior year and go directly to his senior year during that time. He attended college at both Tarleton State and TCU and later served in the Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956. He eventually became employed at the US Postal Service, where he worked for over 33 years before retirement.

Charlie married his first wife, Georgia, and had a daughter, Liz. After Georgia's death, Charlie married Marylu and had a son, Paul. Marylu had a daughter, Lisa, from a previous marriage.

Charlie was regularly involved at the First United Presbyterian Church, where he served both as custodian and elder, while Marylu played the organ and sang in the choir at the church. During retirement, Charlie volunteered in the prison ministry, proclaiming the Word and leading others to The Lord. He would always lend a helping hand, whether financially or physically. He always loved his cats.

Charlie is survived by his daughter, Liz; stepdaughter, Lisa (husband Erwin); and son, Paul (wife Michelle). Grandchildren are April, Chris (wife Katie), Allie, Kyle, Erin, and Mark. Great-grandchildren include Kyla and Gauge.

Budget

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The approved 2025-26 compensation plan had a teacher pay grade ranging from \$38,500 to \$75,385. Thompson said that the average teacher salary increase was around 17% to 18%.

"We didn't feel like it was fair to the rest of the employees of the school not to increase somewhat," Thomp-

son said. "So we've increased all the clerical and auxiliary - they are averaging out at a 10% increase. And the administration around four percent."

The pay grade levels range from 0 to 20, and each grade has a minimum salary. The specific teacher salary scales after the minimum are 169 day teach-

er with a Bachelor, 169 day teacher with a Masters, 183 day teacher with a Bachelor, 183 day teacher with a Masters, 196 day teacher with a Bachelor, 196 day teacher with a Masters and 169 day teacher with no degree.

There is also an adjustment for the implementation of House Bill 2, which includes provisions for significant teacher pay raises and other support staff increases. The bill has an \$8.5 million allocation for new funding, including about \$4.2 million specifically earmarked for teacher and staff salaries. The salary increase for each pay grade ranges from \$1,500 to \$7,200.

The board will hold another budget workshop at their next meeting Monday, Aug. 11 on the proposed budget, with a proposed tax rate of 0.744, which is a decrease from the 2024-25 tax rate of 0.7575.

The proposed budget will then go to the board Monday, Aug. 25 for final approval.



Paul Lippe, left, and Ty Bartoskewitz, center, are sworn in onto the Breckenridge ISD board of trustees by PEIMS Coordinator Lisa Wright after they were appointed to the vacant place 3 and place 4 seats on the board Monday, July 14.

Photo/Alex Kielar

BISD appoints new trustees

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The Breckenridge ISD school board of trustees is now at full capacity after two vacant seats were recently filled.

At the BISD school board meeting Monday, July 14, the board approved the appointment of Ty Bartoskewitz to place 3 trustee and Paul Lippe to place 4 trustee.

Bartoskewitz has also served as president of the Breckenridge Economic Development Corporation since October of last year.

Place 3 had been left vacant after no one filed to run for the

seat in the May election. Due to no one filing for the seat previously held by Roy Russell, the election was canceled and unopposed incumbents Jimmy McKay and Carrol Kanady were appointed to place 4 and place 5, respectively.

However, less than a month after the oath of office took place for those trustee seats in May, McKay stepped down from the board, submitting his letter of resignation Monday, June 16. While he didn't give any specific reasoning for his resignation in the letter, McKay thanked the district for his opportunity to serve

BISD and said that he was grateful and proud of the work that had been done while he was a trustee.

Lippe had previously served on the board as place 2 trustee and McKay was a challenger for the position in the 2021 election, with Lippe narrowly holding on to the seat. Cody Wimberley resigned from place 4 shortly after the election and the board appointed McKay to the vacant seat on May 10.

Lippe then decided not to run in the 2024 election, and Cheyanna Gill was appointed to place 2 as the lone candidate to file.



Jimmy McKay shakes hands with East Elementary's April Student of the Month Bristol Reyes at the BISD board meeting in April. McKay submitted his resignation letter for place 4 trustee shortly after taking his oath of office in May.

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BFAC hosts rock art camp



The Breckenridge Fine Arts Center hosted a rock art camp Tuesday, July 15 and Wednesday, July 16 as they revamped the Covid-era rock garden that was started by the late director of the BFAC, Shalon Taylor Wilson. Kids of all ages made various designs on their rocks to be put on display in the garden. Photos | Alex Kielar



Center

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grant for infrastructure improvements, which he said could be used on the command center. This grant is coming out of the federal budget as part of the Economic Development Administration. After coming to the state, Governor Greg Abbott pushed the grant to the regions, so it is now in the hands of the COG, which will allow the West Central Texas COG and Stephens County to pull from it.

Leonard stated that the current emergency operation center, which is in the training room of the Stephens County Law Enforcement Center, is very small, limited and non-functional in a large situation.

The suggestion that Leonard had for the county was for them to look at the building at 222 North Baylor Avenue, across the street from the law enforcement center.

"But that building would be a possibility of getting in there and rebuilding the EOC to where it would be functional in a large situation," Leonard said. "I understand there's interest, other places that are interested in that building, but I would like to get in there and look at it before we make any decisions and see if that building is applicable to our situation."

Stephens County Judge Michael Roach noted that the current EOC has limited Wi-Fi

and cell service. "Let's just say something were to happen, like a flooding event like they're having in Kerr County, we could not use that building. We'd have to set up somewhere else," Roach said. "So this grant would set up something that would have all that capability."

There are currently a lot of unknowns with the project, as they are just getting it off the ground. Leonard said that the COG would be responsible for contracting with a supplier to do the assessment on the building, as well as bringing in someone capable of determining what the fit would be for the county.

"We do not want a large type of structure or anything for an operation like that. What we're looking for is functional," Leonard said. "We could also use it for training, for meetings – a larger area of use for that building."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Will Warren, who manages the building, stated that he doesn't have any interest in having it moved out of the hands of the county and that they have moved records into it. One of the rooms in the building is also set up for elections.

Leonard said that a command center would consist of TV screens, breakout offices, a room for a Texas Division of Emergency Management representative, a room for the Department of Public Safety and a room for

holding breakout sessions for administration, when an executive briefing is needed.

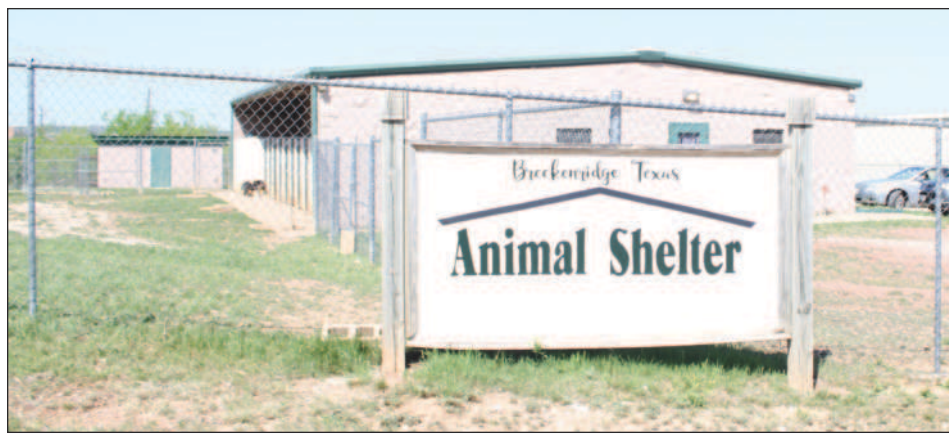
"We've got that big room and you've got bathrooms, you've got a small kitchen and you've got that one office. As far as breaking out into a bunch of different offices, we just don't have it," Warren said. "We don't want to waste that room for something that happens in a very rare instance."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Mark McCullough brought up the idea of using the sheriff's office for the EOC, as it is bigger than the proposed building.

"If they don't have good Wi-Fi, why can't we just get them better Wi-Fi and better cell phones?" McCullough asked.

Roach said that would be a viable option to look at and also said, "If they bring Wi-Fi technology and fiber into that building (222 N. Baylor), it's going to do nothing but help us during elections and everything else we do, generator backup and all that stuff."

The first steps would be for the COG to come look at the county's current EOC and come back to them what options they have as far as expanding it into a larger space. The commissioners court approved this first step taking place, and they will meet with Leonard at a later date to go look at the building and assess the options that they have.



The Stephens County Commissioners Court recently agreed to provide more funding assistance to the Stephens County Humane Society. The a non-profit organization relies solely on donations, grants and fundraising. Photo | Alex Kielar

Funding

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covering the expenses for fostering a handful of dogs.

The new funding assistance, which was approved by the commissioners court Monday, July 14, is for an additional \$8,000 to add on to the previously approved \$2,000 for food cost assistance. The total of \$10,000 funding support comes from the county's \$20,000 annual budget for animal services.

"Several of their dogs, they have a lot of expenses for that they have not been able to cover," Precinct 1 Commissioner David Fambro said.

Fambro noted that the issue is regarding 30 dogs that the Humane Society is trying to foster.

"This particular issue is... we had a person that died and left a considerable number of dogs," Fambro said.

The Humane Society then stepped in to transport and relocate the dogs, which saved the Stephens County

Sheriff's Office from the cost and hassle of seizing them and having that situation to deal with.

Fambro added that this will likely be the final allocation to the Humane Society for the current budget year, as it is more than what the court has given them in the past.

Roach said that for

the next budget cycle, he would like the Humane Society to present a financial report to the commissioners court.

"Just so we can see what's going on there," Roach said. "It's a non-profit... I don't want to see their check register, but just balances and kind of what they're doing."

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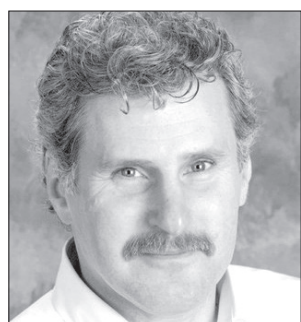
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Fail your way to success

Fear of failure is one of the biggest fears people have. Ironically, failure is an integral component of the success process. There are two distinctly different types of failure. Absolute failure is when you give up. Successful failure is when you get back up.



Bryan Golden

Of course, not everything you attempt works out as planned. When striving for a goal, you will likely discover many ways which don't work as anticipated. Successful people throughout history have experienced this phenomenon.

It took Thomas Edison 10,000 tries before he finally discovered a workable formula for a commercially viable lightbulb.

When asked how it felt to fail so many times, Edison explained that he hadn't failed at all. Instead, he had discovered 9,999 ways a light bulb wouldn't work.

Henry Ford went bankrupt twice before his third attempt at a successful automobile manufacturing company finally took hold. R. H. Macy went bankrupt three times before he came up with a successful business model. Dr. Seuss was rejected by 23 publishers before the 24th publisher sold millions of his books.

Most job seekers go through this process before landing a position they want. They fail their way to success by sending out hundreds of resumes. Their goal is to get one or more interviews which ultimately lead to at least

one job offer. Then, if the job doesn't meet their expectations, they have to start the process over again.

You learned to walk by failing your way to success. Each time you fell down, you struggled to get back up. Each iteration of this process taught you muscle control and balance. You ultimately learned to walk because you refused to give up.

There are countless other examples of people who have failed their way to success. Yet, there are also even more people who have failed and then given up. It's up to you whether you will experience successful failure, or absolute failure.

Here are some strategies to use in order to fail your way to success.

First, accept failure as a necessary ingredient for success. Each failure gets you one step closer to your objective. Failure is a

learning opportunity which shows what requires adjustment.

After each failure, determine what went wrong and look for ways to make improvements. Success requires continuous learning. Seek to constantly add to your skills and knowledge. Study successful people to determine what they have done right. Learn from unsuccessful people what not to do.

Taking action is crucial for producing results. Always be in motion working towards your objective. Keep trying new approaches until you find a working formula. Get up right away each time you stumble or fall.

Leave your comfort zone. You've got to try things you have not done before. When what you are doing is not working, you must make positive changes. This requires venturing

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Ask Rusty: What is the formula for deciding when to claim?

Dear Rusty: I am curious about the "formula" to decide when to take Social Security while still working. I am past the Full Retirement Age. How do you best address such? Should we schedule a call? Signed: Wondering When



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For starters, since you have reached your full retirement age, know that your work earnings will no longer negatively affect your Social Security benefits.

You can earn as much as possible, and your monthly SS amount will be the same, based on your average lifetime monthly earnings (for your highest 35 years), and based on your age when you claim.

Since you have not yet claimed SS, you are already earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which increase your monthly SS amount by .667% for each month you continue to delay. That's 8% for each full year you delay past your full retirement age (FRA).

You should not, however, wait longer than age 70 to claim because that is when you will get your maximum SS benefit amount. For you, that means that your age 70 amount will be 28% more than the amount you would have re-

ceived at your FRA of 66 years and 6 months (in Oct. 2023), and about 15% more than if you were to claim now.

Note too, that if your more recent income is among the highest of your lifetime, Social Security will automatically increase your monthly SS retirement amount to account for that event. They will check your work earnings each year to see if you are entitled to a larger SS amount because of your recent earnings.

Since (according to your AMAC member record) you are married, you may also wish to consider whether your wife will get a spousal benefit from you when you claim. If your wife's personal SS retirement amount at her FRA is less than the amount you were entitled to at your FRA, then she will get a spousal boost when you claim.

With her spousal boost (if claimed at her FRA), her total SS benefit should be about 50% of your FRA benefit amount (not half of the higher amount you will get because you waited longer to claim). But your wife cannot get a spousal boost until you are collecting your SS.

And here is something else to think about: received SS benefits will become part of your overall income taxed by the IRS when you submit your income tax return. If you file your income tax as "married/jointly" and your combined

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Home Country: New recipe

When the word got out about the new creation down at Delbert Chin's Gates of Heaven Chinese restaurant, the boys naturally had to go try it out.

Not that the members of the Mule Barn truck stop's world dilemma think tank are really boys ...at least not for many years now ...but they do have a boy-like curiosity about new things in our community.

Herb Collins told the coffee-drinking group about it, because his wife went to the Gates

of Heaven regularly with her girlfriends.

"I'm serious, guys," Herb said.

Steve looked at him. "Delbert wouldn't do that."

"He did."

Dud looked stunned. "Sweet and sour hamburgers?"

"Yep."

"Wouldn't that make people sick?" Steve said, looking at Doc.

"Nothing Delbert would cook would ever make people sick," Doc replied. "His kitchen is cleaner than a hospital surgery. But sweet

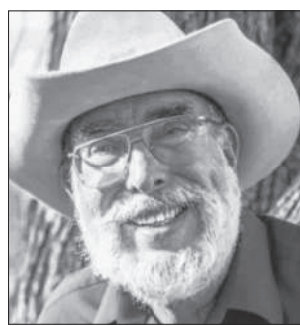
and sour hamburgers doesn't ...click?"

"Lunch, today?" Steve asked.

So the boys went to Gates of Heaven for lunch and they all ordered the sweet and sour hamburgers. Delbert came out of the kitchen, smiling.

"You boys don't need ketchup or mustard with these burgers," he told them. "They're fine just like they are. I have pickles, though ...you want pickles."

The burgers came, with a side order of those petrified noodles



Slim Randals

Home Country

in place of French fries, and the eating began. Delbert watched their faces. He knew this was the Supreme Court of our valley when it came to introducing something new to eat.

There were nods and there were inquisitive facial expressions.

"Well?" asked Delbert.

"Del," said Doc, "your cooking is always wonderful ..."

There were concomitant nods around the table.

"...but I think maybe I'll stick to the sweet and sour pork or shrimp. Hamburgers need..."

"Ketchup?" said Steve.

"Mayo?" said Dud.

"Hey, they're good, though," said Doc. "I

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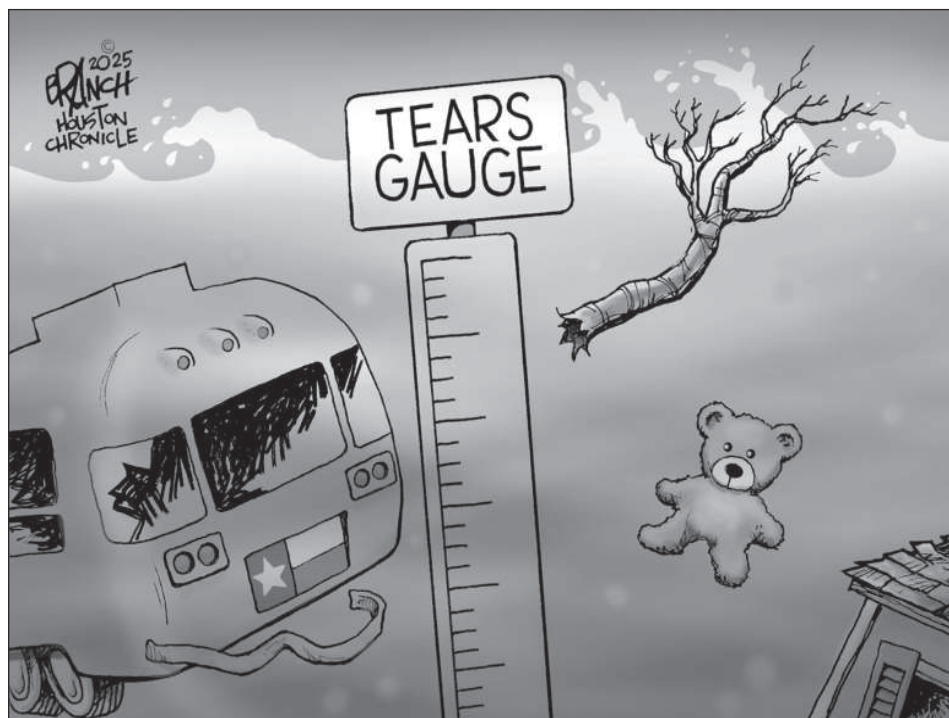
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Closing the book on summer reading



The younglings were at the Breckenridge Library to participate in the final week of this year's summer reading program Tuesday, July 15. They learned all about mammals as the book "Animals Born Alive and Well" by Ruth Heller was read to them before they then participated in an "I Spy" activity.

Photo/Alex Kielar

Golden

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into the unknown. Failure is likely if you take steps which are too big. Big steps are difficult to manage and complete. Big steps should be broken down into a number of smaller, more manageable steps. For example, opening a large restaurant from scratch is fraught with challenges. If you have little or no experience, your chances of failure increase.

Instead, start with a small sandwich shop. As you gain success and experience, you could

expand your business. By taking smaller, more manageable steps, failures are more readily recoverable.

Don't fear failure. Embrace successful failure as essential for goal attainment.

Use each failure as the invaluable learning tool it is. The way you fail yourself to success is by getting right up whenever you fall down.

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income from all sources is more than \$32,000 then some of your SS benefits will become taxable income.

If your combined income is between \$32,001 and \$44,000, then half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. Or, if your combined income from all sources exceeds \$44,000, then about 85% of your received SS benefits will become part of your income taxed by the IRS. Just

something to keep in mind, especially since you are still working.

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1. Is the book of 1 Peter (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. During biblical times, what was a rough, coarse cloth worn as a mourning symbol? Sackcloth, Shadrach, Shiloh, Sling
3. What Old Testament book's ninth chapter mentions the constellation Orion? Joshua, Judges, Job, Jeremiah
4. From Luke 13, which king was referred to by Jesus as "that fox"? Herod, Solomon, Ahab, Caesar
5. Who said, "Be sure your sin will find you out"? Matthew, David, Noah, Moses
6. What is "Jebus" another name for? Jericho, Jerusalem, Judah, Joshua

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In Gerar Abimelech was king of the Philistines. Isaac feared the men of Gerar would kill him and take his wife unto themselves. He claimed Rebekah was his sister. One day Abimelech observed Isaac caressing Rebekah and later asked Isaac why he had said Rebekah was his sister when she was really his wife. Isaac told of his fear of being killed and Rebekah being taken by the Philistines.

Abimelech explained the danger. Isaac had put them in, saying one of them might have slept with Rebekah, thinking she was not married.

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Phase III Paving Improvements

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Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2024, adjusted for known and measurable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$834 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 13% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of \$6,410 million. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues associated with Oncor's Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service ("TCOS"), Distribution Cost Recovery Factor ("DCRF"), and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") adjustments. TCOS revenue was adjusted to include the March 31, 2025 interim update rate at the 2024 ERCOT 4CP. DCRF revenue was adjusted to include the May 10, 2025 interim update approved in Docket No. 57707. TCRF revenue was adjusted to equal the March 1, 2025 TCRF revenue requirement reflected on Line 2, Attachment A of Oncor's petition approved in Docket No. 57354 and further adjusted to include the effects of the 2024 ERCOT 4CP load filed in Docket No. 57491. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers ("REPs"), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested a July 31, 2025 effective date for its proposed rate change.

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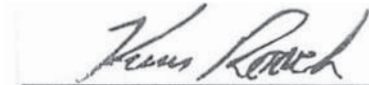
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3	CV32357	The County of Stephens, Texas v Mark Dennis Funderburg	The South 73' of the North 482' of the West 100' of Tract 8, Walker-Caldwell Subdivision of the North 1/2 of Section 11, Lunatic Asylum Lands, Stephens County, Texas (Volume 2091, Page 100, Official Public Records), Account #R000014805
4	CV32830	The County of Stephens, Texas v Salem Sager	The West 45.5' of Lot 8, Block 17 and all of Lot 9, Block 17, all in Roselawn Addition, City of Breckenridge, Stephens County, Texas (Vol. 2076, Page 348, Official Public Records), Account #R000014099
5	CV33332	The County of Stephens, Texas v Helen Morris et al	Lot 28, Block 9, Lakeridge Heights Subdivision out of the Casper Whistler Survey, Stephens County, Texas (Vol. 1765, Page 71, of the Official Public Records, Stephens County, Texas), Account #R000012285
6	CV33332	The County of Stephens, Texas v Helen Morris et al	Lot 11, Block 9, Lakeridge Heights Subdivision out of the Casper Whistler Survey, Stephens County, Texas (Volume 1765, Page 71, of the Official Public Records, Stephens County, Texas), Account #R000043222
7	CV32022	The County of Stephens, Texas v Rachel Stone	The South 50' of the West 1/2 of Lot 3, Block 2, Walker South Side Addition, City of Breckenridge, Stephens County, Texas (Volume 2144, Page 543 & Tract 3: Volume 1278, Page 285, Official Public Records, Stephens County, Texas), Account #R000015122 Approximate Address: 714 S Rose
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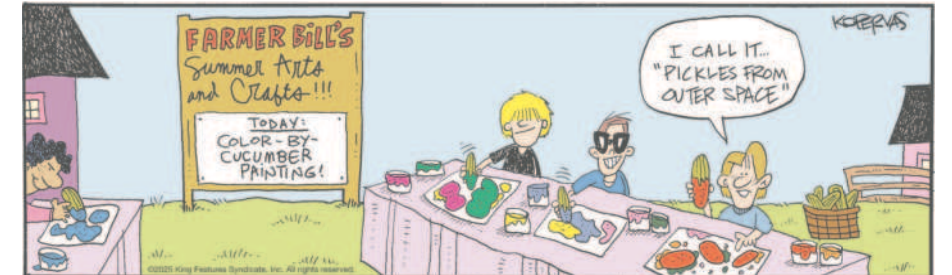
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 I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.
 DATED the 2nd day of July 2025, at Breckenridge, Texas


 KEVIN ROACH
 Sheriff, Stephens County, Texas

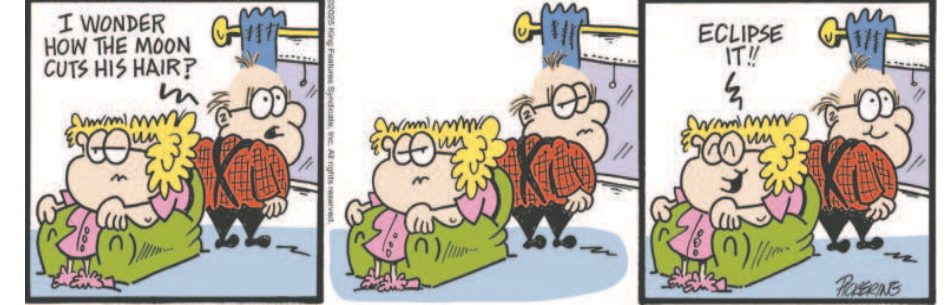
You may contact the attorney for the taxing units at (325) 672-4870.

ENTERTAINMENT Midweek Edition

OUT ON A LIMB by Gary Kopervas



THE SPATS by Jeff Pickering



POPEYE by Randy Milholland



Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 1. Bowling score | ___ _ _ R _ _ | Gardening tool | ___ _ _ D _ _ |
| 2. Pack animal | D _ _ _ _ _ | Curious George, e.g. | M _ _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Twig | ___ _ A _ _ _ | Late morning meal | ___ _ U _ _ _ |
| 4. Steam engine | ___ R _ _ _ _ | Sawyer's creator | ___ W _ _ _ _ |
| 5. Calm, quiet | ___ _ D _ _ _ | Governing body | ___ _ N _ _ _ |
| 6. Linguini or ziti | ___ _ _ A _ _ | Glue | ___ _ _ _ _ E |
| 7. Spring festival | E _ _ _ _ _ | Quicker | F _ _ _ _ _ |
| 8. Postage sticker | ___ T _ _ _ _ | Rascal | ___ _ C _ _ _ |
| 9. Attractiveness | ___ _ _ U _ _ | Ned or Warren | ___ _ _ T _ _ |
| 10. Concise | ___ _ R _ _ _ | Nervous | ___ _ N _ _ _ |



SCRAMBLERS
 Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the board letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Poke
DEGUN

Piece
CLEAN

Border
ARMING

Repay
VEEGAN

TODAY'S WORD

"We're going over to the Holloways' tonight. You've got an hour to eat and dress and about it."

Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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ACROSS

1 "Hold on ..."
 5 Low voice
 9 Pouch
 12 Dog's bowful
 13 Fascinated by
 14 FDR project
 15 Leeway
 16 Toe woe
 17 Have the flu
 18 Butte's kin
 19 Econ. measure
 20 Baby carriage
 21 Water-testing digit
 23 Equal (Pref.)
 25 Hue and cry
 28 Obligations
 32 "Give it —!"
 33 Report card data
 34 Overhauls
 36 Second child-hood
 37 Italian article
 38 GI-entertaining gp.
 39 Witticism
 42 Arced tennis shot
 44 Lab sci.
 48 Coffee vessel
 49 Bullets
 50 Hawaiian city
 51 Request
 52 Gershwin's "The — Love"
 53 Mid-month date

DOWN

1 Friendly
 2 Lotion additive
 3 Wall St. debuts
 4 Grilled cheese go-with
 5 More imposing
 6 Soon, poetically
 7 Inane
 8 Drunkard
 9 Rating unit
 10 Athletic shoe brand
 11 Tranquil
 20 Addictive snack
 22 Like Cheerios
 24 Japanese wrestlers
 25 Former
 26 Opposite of "post-"
 27 Flushed
 29 Roth svgs. plan
 30 Heart chart (Abbr.)
 31 Away from NNW
 35 Author Rushdie
 36 NAACP co-founder W.E.B.
 39 Campus area
 40 Celestial bear
 41 Jet-black
 43 Hotel chain
 45 Conceal supply
 46 Power co.
 47 Spanish —
 49 Docs' org.

Look for answers in the Classifieds.



The Buckaroos running out of the tunnel before a game last season. After finishing the 2024 season 1-9 (1-4), Dave Campbell's Texas Football is projecting the Bucks to finish on the outside looking in for the playoffs this season, with a fifth-place finish in District 3-3A Division 1.

File photo

How the Bucks stack up in DCTF preview

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With football season quickly approaching, the annual season preview edition of Dave Campbell's Texas Football has hit the mailboxes of its subscribers.

Each July, every high school football team and district in Texas is previewed by the publication as Friday Night Lights nears.

Under UIL's 2024-2026 reclassification and realignment, the Breckenridge Buckaroos will again compete in District 3-3A Division I with the Clyde Bulldogs, Comanche Indians, Tuscola Jim Ned Indians, San Angelo TLC Eagles and Sweetwater Mustangs.

After a 1-9 (1-4) finish in the 2024 season, DCTF predicts that the Bucks will be on the outside looking in for the second straight year when the playoffs begin in November, with a fifth-place finish in the district.

Head Coach Casey Pearce has consistently described his high hopes that the experience his squad was able to attain last year will have them in a position to contend for a playoff berth this season.

The Bucks have eight returning starters on both sides of the ball, and players like running back and linebacker Christian Flores, tight end and defensive lineman Douglas White and running back and defensive back Jaime Cruz, all seniors, are expected to step up and carry most of the workload.

DCTF has Breckenridge just in front of San Angelo TLC, while Jim Ned, Sweetwater, Comanche and Clyde are predicted to be in first through fourth place in the district, in that order. The publication has picked



Buckaroos quarterback Joseph Juneau, throwing a pass in a game last season, is expected to compete with Hudson Woodward and Cooper Wimberley for the starting role this season. Juneau was highlighted as one of the top players to watch for in the annual y Dave Campbell Texas Football magazine.

File photo

Sweetwater quarterback Caiden Ortiz as the district's preseason offensive MVP and Jim Ned linebacker Aiden Ellis as the preseason defensive MVP.

Other players to watch for the Bucks are senior quarterback/linebacker Joseph Juneau, junior quarterback/skill player/defensive back Hudson Woodward, senior offensive/defensive lineman Brandon Niblett, senior wide receiver/defensive back Cameron David, junior versatility player Gunnar Pearce, junior OL/DL Joacim Fernandez, junior OL/DL Carson Couch, sophomore wide receiver/linebacker Ryan Waller and sophomore QB/WR/DB Cooper Wimberley.

Pearce said that Juneau, Woodward and Wimberley will be the top three quarterbacks to compete for

the starting role this season.

"All three, if they're not playing quarterback, they're going to be somewhere in the rotation at a receiver or running back spot," Pearce said. "I think Juneau, [Woodward] and [Wimberley] all can throw it and catch it. So it will be fun to watch the competition take place."

The Buckaroos begin their season Saturday, Aug. 9, with Media Day and the annual watermelon scrimmage at Buckaroo Stadium. Watermelon will be provided from the concession stand following the intra-squad scrimmage and team photos.

After traveling to Fort Worth and Wall for scrimmages Thursday, Aug. 14 and Thursday, Aug. 21, the Bucks open their regular season Friday, Aug. 29 at home against Holliday.

Coach Pearce named THSCA Region 2 director

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Breckenridge Buckaroos Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Casey Pearce is officially the new Region 2 Director on the Texas High School Coaches Association Board of Directors.

Pearce was elected to the director position two years ago. He will officially be placed as the director, along with the new directors for regions 1 and 3 through 8, Saturday morning, July 19, at the 2025 THSCA Convention and Coaching School in San Antonio.

It takes two years to be officially in the position, as there are constantly two director-elects, so that if a coach leaves the board, someone is immediately available to replace them. It is officially a three-year term that coaches serve on the board, but they are also somewhat involved as director-elects. Ultimately, it is a six-year period from when they are elected to when their term as director ends.

Pearce has run the last two regional meetings in Wichita Falls which have taken place in February.

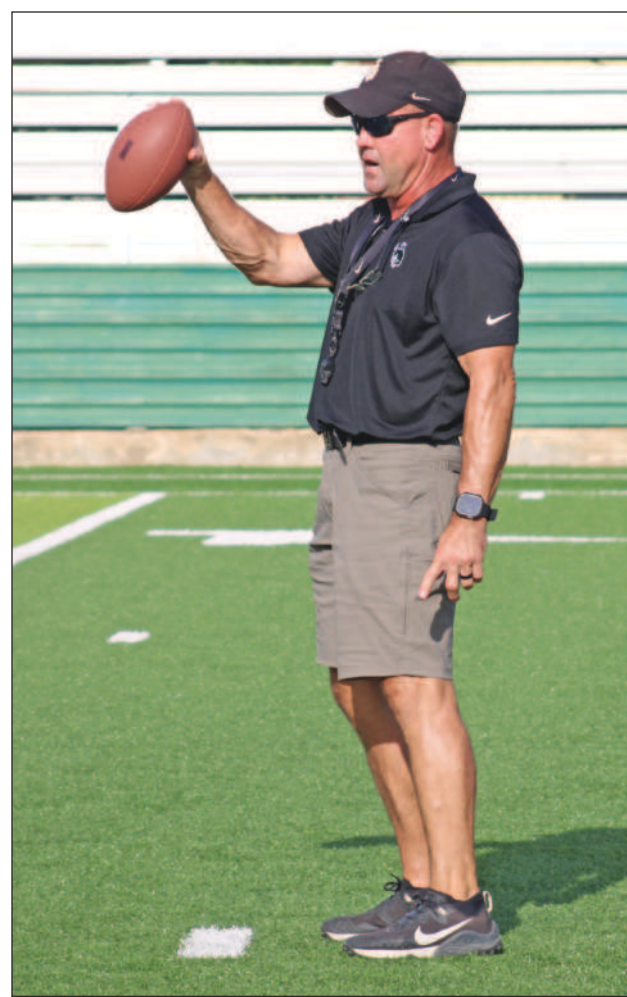
"At coaching school, I had some menial tasks that I'd help with, but this year I will end up being part of the meeting," Pearce said. "It gives us a little bit of a voice and it gives us some heads up on some things coming down legislatively."

Coach Pearce has been involved with the THSCA for 30 years, since entering the coaching field after college. He coached at Stamford from 1997-2003, at Odessa Permian from 2003-2005 and for one season at Pilot Point before spending 14 seasons on the Longview staff. Pearce has been the AD and head coach at his alma mater since 2020, where he graduated from in 1993.

The role of the THSCA board of directors is to work with the questions and concerns from each specific region and bring them back to the board in order to address them at the state level.

Pearce also previously served as an advisory member for track and field from 2015 to 2018. He said the track advisory has allowed them to be able to have early starting times for track meets, which took them about five years to implement.

"It's about a five-year process for you to change a UIL rule. So the board of directors has a big impact on the league," Pearce said. "... the association and the UIL were very at odds for a long time and then about the last 10 to 15 years, they've almost



Buckaroos head football coach and athletic director Casey Pearce coaches kids up during the football camp in 2023. Pearce was recently named as the 2025-26 Region 2 director for the Texas High School Coaches Association Board of Directors.

Photo/Alex Kielar

become one."

The former director of UIL athletics, Susan Elza, developed a relationship with the president of THSCA, Joe Martin, who gave her first job at Allen High School. Elza is now the chief of staff for the Nebraska Cornhuskers football program.

"That relationship kind of brought the league and the coaches association more in trying to work together," Pearce said. "At this point, there are about five former athletic directors from UIL that are now part of the leadership of [THSCA]."

Pearce said that the next step is to bring the girls' coaches association completely on board for full unity, which would bring the number of members from 28,000 to 40,000.

"There's a lot of dual memberships, but I think some of the things that you saw in the legislature this session - NIL, recruiting, vouchers, private school... if we don't get together as a group of coaches and educators, those things can come and really change Texas," Pearce said. "The states that are very privatized, it's the wild, wild west... I think if we can protect it, I think the coaches association can help us."

Pearce talked about the opportunity to be able to work with some former teammates and coaches as a member of the board. Coach John King, who was the head coach at Longview during Pearce's tenure, is a past president of the board, serving in 2021-2022. Pearce noted that they did some good things together at Longview.

Since Texas is a large state, there are different issues for different regions. When the issues are brought back

to the board, they can help put new rules in place, change rules or legislation.

The board of directors meets three times a year to address concerns from the eight different regions, and within the board are several subcommittees that work towards addressing needs.

The regional directors are selected by their peers, who are coaches in their region. Every year at coaching school, there are eight different regional meetings where nominations are made for that region's new director, director at large or director-elect.

The nominated individuals, who are about three to five per region, have to be someone in attendance at coaching school.

Once nominees are selected, a regional meeting is held to vote on the candidates, and whoever receives the most votes is the new director-elect.

Serving as a regional director is a one-time opportunity and qualifications are just to be a full-time coach in one of the THSCA schools and be a member of THSCA. The main duty of a director is to bring back and articulate the message they get from the coaches in their region and what the issues are. Another duty is to ensure that coaching school flows smoothly for their region.

Following the term as a regional director, a coach is then eligible to be nominated or elected board president about three years later.

There are three nominees for president that the freshmen directors are responsible for selecting and voting on. Then the three nominees are voted on at coaching school.