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Jerry Lawson sees success for Louisville defense

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Former Breckenridge Buckaroo football standout Jerry Lawson has officially suited up for the University of Louisville, continuing a remarkable football journey that began in a small town and unfolds on the national stage.

After two seasons at Abilene Christian University

following his graduation from Breckenridge High School in 2023, Lawson transferred to Louisville in December. He quickly earned a spot on the depth chart and was listed as second-string defensive tackle behind Rene Konga on the official depth chart ahead of the Cardinals' opening matchup Saturday, Aug. 30 against Eastern Kentucky.

In that opening game,

Lawson made his debut late in the first half, recording a tackle assist with Louisville cruising to a 41-7 lead. In the Cardinals' recent game Friday, Sept. 5 against James Madison University, Lawson tallied three total tackles (two solo), including a half tackle for loss and a shared sack—early signs that the former Buckaroo

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County approves amendment to law library budget

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To stay in line with laws recently updated by the 89th Texas Legislature, the Stephens County Commissioners Court recently approved an amendment to its law library budget for the purchase of new materials.

In total, 835 bills took effect Monday, Sept. 1 and the county's law library must stay up-to-date on its information and source materials. The commissioner's court approved the amendment Monday, Sept. 8.

"There are some up-

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The Stephens County Commissioners Court approved an amendment to its law library budget Monday, Sept. 8 and was also informed by Stephens County Sheriff Kevin Roach that the Law Enforcement Center's generator is in need of repairs.

Photo/Alex Kielar

Reid Brothers open concert series this weekend

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The curtain rises on a new season of live music at the National Theatre this fall, as the Friends of Historic Breckenridge kick off their 2025-2026 Performance Series with a soulful, genre-blending act: Reid Brothers.

Set for Saturday, Sept. 20, the opening show features Austin-based singer-songwriter Reid Umstadd, performing under the moniker "Reid Brothers"—a name steeped in family legacy. Borrowed from his grandparents' clothing store in Corinth, Mississippi, the title reflects the art-

ist's deep-rooted connection to small-town grit and imaginative memory.

"Reid Brothers represents family, adventure, memories and mystery," Umstadd shared in a past Facebook post, describing the boutique as a childhood playground and a symbol of his grandparents' hard work ethic.

Umstadd's musical journey spans alternative rock and Americana, with a vocal style that defies easy categorization. Before launching his solo project, he co-founded the Austin-based rock

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BISD approves new concession stand for Buckaroo Stadium

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A long-awaited new concession stand will soon rise at Buckaroo Stadium, thanks to a partnership between Breckenridge FFA, the booster club and a local contractor.

The Breckenridge ISD board unanimously approved the project during its meeting Monday, Sept. 8, marking a milestone for community members who advocated for the upgrade over the past few years.

Josh Patterson, of Rockin P Construction LLC, was in attendance to answer questions and share preliminary design details. Patterson presented the board with a design showing the stand's placement on the southeast end of the stadium.

"It'd be freestanding; the only thing that'd be attached would be some flashing going up behind there to extend it," Patter-



Players, coaches and families grab watermelon following this year's Watermelon Scrimmage at Buckaroo Stadium. The Breckenridge ISD board approved the construction of a new concession stand at the southeast end of the stadium.

Photo/Alex Kielar

son said.

It was clarified that the final design will feature green and white colors, not the red and black seen in the

iron framing of the draft rendering.

"It's not going to be

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Weekly Local Forecast

Wed., Sept. 17
High 96 | Low 71
Precipitation 4%

Thursday, Sept. 18
High 94 | Low 69
Precipitation 15%

Friday, Sept. 19
High 95 | Low 71
Precipitation 17%

Saturday, Sept. 20
High 95 | Low 72
Precipitation 18%

Sunday, Sept. 21
High 96 | Low 69
Precipitation 24%

Monday, Sept. 22
High 95 | Low 67
Precipitation 22%

Tuesday, Sept. 23
High 95 | Low 66
Precipitation 17%

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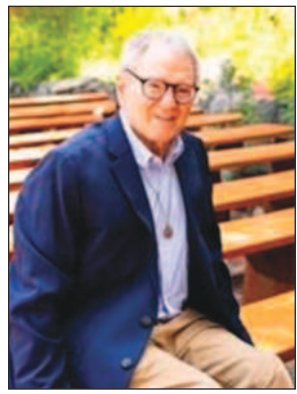
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Obituaries



Montie Rex Carey Aug. 4, 1946 – Aug. 18, 2025

Montie Rex Carey, born Aug. 4, 1946, passed away Aug. 18, 2025, at the age of 79.

Rex was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Vanno and Ada Carey; his sister Ann Costilow; his brother Dick Carey; and his brother-in-law Homer Hensley.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy Wiggins; his children, Brian Carey, Amy Carey, and Emily Russell and husband John; his grandson, Ethan Dauphin; and his

siblings: Jean Hensley, Kent Carey and wife Nancy, Betsy Pedigo and husband Bill, brother-in-law Jan Costilow; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rex was born in Breckenridge, where his early years were marked by athletic excellence as a high school track star. He earned his undergraduate degree in Biology from North Texas State University, where he was also a proud member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He later completed a master's degree from East Texas State University.

He began his professional life as a track coach at Sunset High School in Dallas. In 1974, Rex moved to Abilene, where he established Carey's Marine, following in his father's footsteps.

During the height of the Vietnam War, Rex served in the Army National Reserve, and he was also a proud Mason while living in Abilene.

Among his proudest personal achievements was running in the Boston Marathon—a testament to his lifelong passion for athletics and his remarkable perseverance.

Rex had a great sense of humor and was always the life of the party. His laughter was infectious, and he was also a gifted storyteller—able to captivate a room with tales that were as heartfelt as they were hilarious.

Rex lived a beautiful final chapter in Florida alongside his wife Cathy and their beloved dogs, Bella and Buster. He enjoyed playing golf, visiting the beach, and cherished time with Cathy, who brought boundless love and devotion to their life together. Their deep bond was a testament to true partnership, with Cathy's loving spirit helping make his golden years truly golden.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 20 at St. Peter's by the Lake in Grafado at noon, where friends and loved ones are invited to gather in celebration of Rex's life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, dedicated to eliminating Parkinson's disease.

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band Nelo. In 2018, he reached national audiences as a contestant

on season 14 of NBC's The Voice, where he reached the top 24. Doors open at 6 p.m.

with the performance beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, available online at friendsofhistoricbreckenridge.org. Online sales will end at 3 p.m. the day of the show and tickets will also be available for purchase at the box office based on availability.

This is the fourth year that the National Theatre and the Friends of Historic Breckenridge is hosting the Performance Series. There are four more shows following the Reid Bros., each on a Saturday—3 Fools on 3 Stools (Nov. 8), Maggie Amini and Kevin Singleton (Dec. 6), Bleu Edmonson (Feb. 14) and David Lewis (March 28).

Molly Fay Jones Cook

June 29, 1940 – Aug. 28, 2025

Molly Fay Jones Cook went home to be with our Lord August 28, 2025, in Saginaw. Molly was born in Hamlin to A.A. (Casey) and Hazel (Hill) Jones, June 29, 1940.

Molly married Paul Ray (P.R.) Cook, Feb. 25, 1957, in Anson. They were blessed with four daughters. Molly and Paul Ray owned and operated the MisFit shrimp boat for 10 years in Port Aransas. After retirement, she moved to Saginaw with Paula and Dianna. Molly is survived by her Daughters Vicky (Bill) Hitt of Breckenridge. Paula Cook and Dianna Cook of Saginaw. Molly was lovingly known as Mema to eight grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Molly was preceded in death by her husband P.R. Cook and daughter Carolyn Smith, her parents, four brothers and one sister.

A memorial service will be held at Leon River Cowboy Church in Olden on Sept. 20 at 1p.m. Donations may be made the Alzheimer's Association.

Abbott limits THC products to those 21 and older

After two special sessions ended without lawmakers agreeing on how to regulate the state's THC market, Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order restricting the use of products infused with the psychoactive cannabis compound to adults age 21 and older, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The order goes into effect immediately and comes after Abbott vetoed an outright ban on THC products passed during the regular session.

"Absent the kinds of regulations that apply to other psychoactive substances that may safely be enjoyed by adults like alcohol and tobacco, minors have been allowed to purchase these products without any safeguards," Abbott said in his order. "The Legislature did not pass any legislation concern-



Gary Borders

Capital Highlights

ing consumable hemp products, not even a ban for minors, leaving in place the status quo."

Texas outlawed THC vapes effective Sept. 1, but other products such as snacks, gummies and drinks are still legally available for anyone 21 and older. Since hemp products became legal in 2019, more than 8,000 retailers across the state are selling them.

Flea-borne typhus making comeback

Typhus is making a comeback in Texas,

carried by fleas despite having almost been eradicated in previous decades, the Texas Standard reported.

The state has reported the most flea-borne typhus cases in the nation, with more than 6,700 cases recorded from 2008-2023. About 70% of patients were hospitalized, and 14 deaths attributed to typhus.

One of the reasons for the increase in typhus cases is climate change, with warmer conditions allowing fleas to reproduce faster and spread the typhus bacteria. Symptoms include fever, headache, rash and cough, and in rare cases more serious illnesses if left untreated. Typhus is successfully treated with antibiotics.

State health officials emphasize pet flea con-

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Lawson

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is finding his footing in the FBS ranks.

Lawson was in attendance at the Buckaroos' game against the Cisco Lobos at Buckaroo Stadium Friday, Sept. 12, during his bye

week. He stood on the Bucks' sideline with the current players on his former team to cheer them on.

The Cardinals are currently on a bye this week, but Lawson and Louisville will re-

turn to action Saturday, Sept. 20, against Bowling Green University, with kickoff set for 11 a.m. The game will be broadcast on the ACC Network and also stream on the ESPN app.

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With a new school year under way, the first students of the month for the 2025-2026 school year were honored at the Breckenridge ISD school board meeting Monday, Sept. 8. September students of the month were Audree McLane for East Elementary presented by Principal Shannon Deen, Gentry Diaz for South Elementary presented by Principal Patricia Gonzalez, Armani Ruiz for BJHS presented by Principal Laura Gibson and Carter Carrion for BHS presented by Principal Paul Armstrong.

Photos / Alex Kielar

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chunky and thick like that," Patterson clarified.

Board Member Paul Lippe credited Patterson with the work on the draft rendering and work he has done in the past.

"That's a heck of a job, I've seen a little bit of your work," Lippe said.

Following discussion, a motion to approve the construction was made and seconded.

With no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

The new concession



Josh Patterson of Rockin' P Construction LLC shows the BISD school board a draft rendering on his phone of what the approved concession stand construction will look like at the southeast corner of Buckaroo Stadium.

Photo / Alex Kielar

stand is expected to enhance the game-day experience for students, families and fans, while reflecting the collaborative spirit of Breckenridge's school and civic community.

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dated statute books that the law library has the funds available for," County Judge Michael Roach said. "It's maybe not in this year's budget, but the law library has its own cash fund and September 1 a lot of these laws changed."

Roach noted that there were significant changes in the family code and Country Attorney Gary Trammel requested certain library books for the law library.

"These are the books that we would order to replace the old ones in there and they're not last year's books. Some of these things are five or 10 years old and they

need updating," Roach said. "We have LexisNexis; we pay for a subscription every year. We're required by statute...to keep an updated law library. So we do that with a computer terminal and that qualifies, but sometimes there are issues that these books are very helpful [for]."

While the commissioners court didn't budget for the purchase of the books, they only had to amend the budget to transfer funds over from the law library, which had \$21,962 in it according to County Treasurer Kelsey Cornwall, to allow for the purchase.

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Who's in charge here...

My old Uncle Mort, easily East Texas' most ancient denizen, never throws anything away. Stuff is stored here and there, including such unlikely items as S&H Green Stamps, "in case they ever come back," he says. There also are "I Like Ike" buttons and newspaper clippings from the late 1800s. A while back, he told me of a newspaper item about one of his late nephews who drove a tour bus through Civil War battlefields, pointing out only the sites where the Rebels prevailed. Finally, one lady on board--from Rhode Island--interrupted: "Didn't the Union troops win any battles in the Civil War?" "Not while I'm driving this bus they didn't," he fumed...

Anyways, Mort recently recalled a note received 40 years ago from yet another nephew, this one still alive. Now 45, one Jon Benton



Don Newbury

The Idle American

Newbury wrote it when a five-year-old kindergarten. Scrawled on a Big Chief tablet, it was to-the-point, its print in huge letters and sent in an envelope bearing a twenty two cent stamp.

Crackling with laughter at almost every punctuation mark, Mort insisted on reading it to me, and I'm glad he did!

"Dear Uncle Mort: I have sat at this desk for almost a year, and am not sure I have learned very much. Every day when I get home from school, my parents ask me what I had learned at school

that day. When enough was enough, I told 'em the truth. The teacher told us to 'line up and shut up, and we did.'"

Reckon that Jon Benton's assessment of that day's learning was precursor to mandates heard so often today? They come from power brokers in Austin and Washington, D. C. It is becoming increasingly and alarmingly obvious that decisions--minor and major--are being made by a handful of major players, who expect the rest of us to "line up and shut up." "Whatever happened to referendums to determine what common people think about major issues?" Mort wonders. He has long believed in establishing term limits for office holders in both capitals. The way things are going, term limits are making more and more sense, even if highly unlikely to ever happen. An axiom commonly

heard during the American Revolution is recalled: "Taxation without representation is tyranny." If they could see us now, they'd get a good look at what it's like with representation...

My uncle has a like-minded friend who lines up with him on many issues. His name is Mickey Eddins, board chairman of Sulphur Springs' M&F Western Accessories and widely known as a leader in the field. Recently at the 60th anniversary party of Cavender's Western Wear, it was discovered that Mickey is the firm's only living original salesman/distributor.

In the early years, he traversed hundreds of thousands of miles in East Texas and Louisiana selling western accessories.

He took great pride in discovering good eat-

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Ask Rusty:

I'd like to retire early, but don't want my Social Security reduced

Dear Rusty: I will be 65 this year and my husband is 72 (he retired in 2019 at age 66). I would like to retire and enjoy some time with him before he gets too much older.

I do not want to have my benefits cut by retiring earlier, but I don't see a way to be able to do that. My benefit will be \$1343 on my full retirement age (FRA).

If I took half his retirement when he retired, it would be less than mine. If I take early retirement and he passes away before me, would I get his full benefit as his survivor, or will it be cut? We are trying to figure it out.

His current benefit (before Medicare Part B) is \$2978. It's very confusing. Signed: Confused and Wondering

Dear Confused: Whenever any Social Security benefit is claimed earlier than full retirement age (FRA), the monthly amount is permanently reduced. If you were to retire at age 65, your Social Security benefit would be reduced by about 13% - in other words, if your FRA (age 67) amount is \$1,343, at 65 you would get about \$1164. And at age 66 you would get about \$1,253 per month.

Whether you would be entitled to a "spousal boost" from your husband depends on how your FRA amount compares to 50% of his FRA entitlement. If your FRA amount is less than 50% of his FRA amount, then you would get a "spousal boost," but the amount of that boost would also be reduced if you claim before your FRA.

(Note: from the numbers you provided, you may be entitled to a spousal boost and, if so, it would be applied by Social Security when you claim).

Also, FYI, if you



Russell Gloor

Social Security Matters

take SS before your FRA and are still working, Social Security has an annual earnings test which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits.

If you earn more than \$23,400 in 2025, you will likely not get all of your monthly SS payments (SS will take away some monthly benefits if you exceed the earnings limit).

Of course, if you retire from working, this will not be a problem, because earnings before you claim SS won't count toward the limit.

When you claim your SS retirement benefit now will not affect your survivor benefit from your husband later.

If your husband passes first, your benefit as a surviving spouse would be based on the amount your husband was receiving at his death.

But if you were to claim your widow's benefit prior to your FRA, your survivor benefit would also be reduced (the amount of reduction depends on how much before your FRA you claim your survivor benefit).

If you claim your widow's benefit at or after you FRA, you will get 100% of the amount your husband was receiving at his death (instead of your own smaller amount).

It will only be reduced if you claim before your full retirement age.

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Kelley Shannon

FOIFT Director

After all, in our nation, government belongs to us.

This summer's dead-

ly Hill Country flooding underscores the need for openness and accountability to enhance public safety. Questions have arisen about transparency surrounding evacuation plans, warning systems and building in floodplains since the tragedy that killed at least 138 people. Questions continue about government's responses to the catastrophe.

This subject will be explored at the Free-

dom of Information Foundation of Texas state conference Sept. 26 in Austin, "We the People: Holding Government Accountable." Other discussions will focus on transparency legislation at the state Capitol and effective use of the Texas Public Information Act. Members of the public are welcome to register to attend the conference.

Jan Crawford of CBS News, the chief legal correspondent who reports on the U.S. Supreme Court, is the keynote speaker. Attorney Bill Aleshire will receive the James Madison Award honoring his open government and First Amendment work.

"Without transparency, the government is a petri dish for corruption and a reason for people to doubt the legitimacy of their government," Aleshire rightly notes.

Aleshire represented citizens who challenged the Hays County Commissioners Court over a \$439 million road

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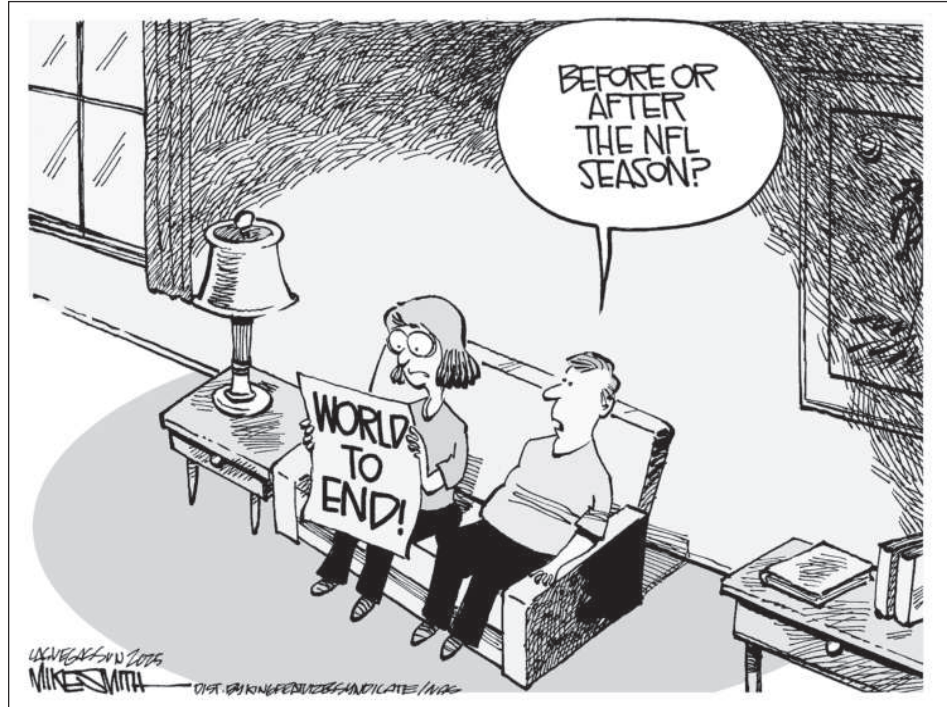
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trol, yard cleanup (removing brush and outdoor food sources that attract rodents and opossums), and promptly seeking care for unexplained fever — especially after flea bites or exposure to pets and wildlife.

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Newbury

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ing places where locals dine...

... Now, years later, he and Linda—his wife of 65 years—enjoy driving the back roads, mostly to ignite memories and to see which “mom and pop” places remain in operation.

A while back, they checked into a Lafayette hotel—on Pinhook Street, alongside the Vermilion River. They asked the desk clerk to suggest a good local place for a hearty breakfast. “Go to T-Coon’s,” he advised. (In French, this means “little raccoons.”)

... For three straight days, they loved eating there—repeatedly ordering typical breakfast items, but taking a

particular shine to the grits. “Probably some Cajun recipe,” Mickey figured, his analytical mind spinning.

He didn’t want his first bike any more than he yearned for that grits recipe, but he figured it might be hard to come by. “Reckon the chef would share the grits recipe?” Mickey coyly asked the server, flashing a toothy smile. “I don’t know; I’ll check,” she answered. A few minutes later, she returned. “He said the recipe is printed on the box of Quaker Instant Grits.”

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Shannon

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bond election. The commissioners’ meeting item ordering the election did not mention the election was for road bonds, which roads were included or the amount of the proposed bonds. The Open Meetings Act lawsuit successfully contested the 2024 election, with a judge striking down the passage of the bonds.

Another Aleshire lawsuit blocked the city of Austin from placing controversial charter amendments on an election ballot because of Open Meetings Act violations.

In Corpus Christi, investigative reporting by KRIS-TV using government records disclosed the persistent

problem of fatal wrong-way driver crashes on the Harbor Bridge and highlighted solutions to save lives.

Other dangerous situations have been exposed thanks to access to public information – toxic air pollution in southeast Texas, for example, and the locations of deadly COVID-19 outbreak clusters in nursing homes during the pandemic.

Public records about law enforcement responses to mass shootings such as the one at Robb Elementary in Uvalde or records related to someone dying in police custody are supposed to be obtainable under the Texas Public Information Act – not kept

secret.

State lawmakers approved bipartisan legislation in 2023 by Rep. Joe Moody of El Paso specifying that when someone dies in law enforcement custody those records are to be public.

Under a previous loophole, some police departments withheld records from citizens because the arrested person – the one who died – had not gone to trial. That was a misuse of the law.

Whether it’s a police encounter, the spending of taxpayer mon-

ey, public health policy or something else important in life, open government laws are at the heart of keeping us informed.

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... Shannon is executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, a nonprofit that works to ensure government transparency and protect First Amendment rights.

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1. Is the book of Ezra (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Daniel 4, who had the vision of a tree growing higher and higher until it could be seen by everyone? Sillas, Josiah, Nebuchadnezzar, Solomon
 3. Which book could be summarized, “God, why don’t you stop bad things from happening”? Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Malachi
 4. What hour mentioned in the Bible means the last possible moment something can be done? 1st, 3rd, 11th, 12th
 5. From Judges 6, where did Gideon encounter an angel? Prison, Oak tree, Temple, Well
 6. What was Adam’s occupation in Eden? Preacher, Shepherd, Carpenter, Gardener
- ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nebuchadnezzar, 3) Habakkuk, 4) 11th, 5) Oak tree, 6) Gardener

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TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE
Moses: His people freed
Exodus
Moses returned to Egypt to lead his people out of Egypt and to the land of Canaan. God told him to perform before Pharaoh the wonders God gave him the power to perform, but warned him that Pharaoh’s heart would be hardened and he would refuse to let Moses’ people go free.
Moses and Aaron asked Pharaoh to permit the people of Israel to go to the desert to worship God. Pharaoh refused and made life difficult for the People of Israel. Moses prayed to God and God reaffirmed the covenant that he had made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – to give them the Land of Canaan.
Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh again and performed 11 mighty acts to convince Pharaoh. The first mighty act was that Aaron’s staff became a snake when cast on the ground. This was followed by a plague of the water in the Nile River being turned to blood, a plague of frogs, a plague of gnats, a plague of flies, a plague of the death of the livestock that belonged to the Egyptians, a plague of boils, a plague of hail, a plague of locust, a plague of darkness and a plague of the death of the firstborn of the Egyptians. Only the last plague convinced Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go. Moses led the people through the Red Sea while the pursuing Egyptian Army (Pharaoh had a change of heart and decided to detain the people in Egypt) was drowned in the sea.
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SPORTS

Bucks fall short against Loboes

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The entire Buckaroo Stadium held its collective breath as the ball took a big bounce up in the air on an on-side kick attempt in the fourth quarter. When

the ball came down after coming off the foot of Josiah Acosta, a Cisco Loboes player fell on it. The Loboes ran out the clock to close out the game as the Buckaroos fell just short, 18-14 Friday, Sept. 12.

The Bucks started

the game with the ball after winning the coin toss and opting to receive. After getting into good field position on the return, the ball wasn't moved much before the Loboes forced the Bucks to punt.

Cisco got the ball at its own 45-yard line following the punt and took advantage of the good field position. The Bucks struggled to bring the ball carriers down, allowing two straight first downs; that was followed by a roughing the passer penalty on Breckenridge to move the ball even deeper into their end of the field.

With a chance to come up with a stop, the Bucks allowed a third-down conversion with quarterback Colby McIlroy completing



Buckaroos quarterback Cooper Wimberly throws a pass towards the end zone in the second half of an 18-14 loss Friday, Sept. 12 to the Cisco Loboes.

Photo/Alex Kielar



Canyon Shirley breaks up a pass in the back right corner of the end zone on fourth down as the Bucks came up with a big stop late in the first half to hold the score at 6-0 going into the locker room, Friday, Sept. 12 against Cisco.

Photo/Alex Kielar

a pass to Carter Toof. A group of Bucks defenders helped save a touchdown, tackling Toof within the five-yard line and Cooper Wimberly slowing him down.

McIlroy then ran to the right side into the end zone for a two-yard touchdown score, and following a missed extra point, the Bucks trailed 6-0.

Tucker Baugh re-

turned the ensuing kickoff to the 33-yard line. Jaimie Cruz took the ball on a toss and ran it for strong yardage, and a face mask call on the defense moved the ball into Cisco territory.

A few plays later, the Bucks had fourth down from the Cisco 20 and Juneau kept the ball in at quarterback and ran for the first down.

On another fourth

down from the nine, a toss to Cruz was sniffed out by the Loboes as they stuffed him behind the line. The turnover on downs occurred with less than 40 seconds to go in the opening quarter.

The Loboes opened up the second quarter, moving the ball down the field as the Bucks were struggling to wrap

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, November 4, 2025

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 59)

SJR 59 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish two special funds in the state treasury to provide a dedicated source of funding for capital projects and equipment purchases related to educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College (TSTC) System. The proposed amendment requires the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to manage the funds, including managing any investment activities related to the funds and making the funds available for use by the TSTC System. The proposed amendment authorizes the TSTC System Board of Regents to use amounts distributed by the Comptroller to the available fund to acquire land, construct and equip buildings and other permanent improvements, make major repairs and rehabilitations of buildings or other permanent improvements, acquire capital equipment, acquire library books and materials, make payment of the principal and interest due on any bonds or notes used to finance permanent improvements, or for any other purpose authorized by law. Under the proposed amendment, the TSTC System could not use the appropriated funds to construct, equip, repair, or rehabilitate buildings or other permanent improvements that are to be used for intercollegiate athletics or auxiliary enterprises.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the permanent technical institution infrastructure fund and the available workforce education fund to support the capital needs of educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College System.”**

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 18)

SJR 18 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust. This prohibition would include a tax on the sale or transfer of a capital asset that is payable by an individual, family, estate, or trust selling or transferring the asset. The proposed amendment would not prohibit the imposition or change in the rate of an ad valorem tax on property; a sales tax on the sale of goods or services; or a use tax on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of goods or services.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The**

constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust.”

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 5)

SJR 5 proposes a constitutional amendment to require the denial of bail pending trial for persons accused of certain criminal offenses. The proposed amendment would apply only to a person accused of committing one or more of the following offenses: murder; capital murder; aggravated assault if the person caused serious bodily injury to another, as defined by law, or the person used a firearm, club, knife, or explosive weapon, as those terms are defined by law, during the commission of the assault; aggravated kidnapping; aggravated robbery; aggravated sexual assault; indecency with a child; trafficking of persons; or continuous trafficking of persons. Under the proposed amendment, a person accused of one or more of these offenses must be denied bail pending trial if the attorney representing the state demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that the granting of bail is insufficient to reasonably prevent the person's willful nonappearance in court; or the attorney representing the state demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that the granting of bail is insufficient to reasonably ensure the safety of the community, law enforcement, and the victim of the alleged offense. A judge or magistrate who grants bail to a person accused of one or more of these offenses under the proposed amendment must set bail and impose conditions of release necessary only to reasonably prevent the person's willful nonappearance in court and ensure the safety of the community, law enforcement, and the victim of the alleged offense. The judge or magistrate must also prepare a written order that includes findings of fact and a statement explaining the justification for the grant of bail. The proposed amendment specifies that it may not be construed to limit any right a person has under other law to contest a denial of bail or to contest the amount of bail set by a judge or magistrate or to require any testimonial evidence before a judge or magistrate makes a bail decision with respect to a person to whom the amendment applies. A judge or magistrate who determines whether a preponderance of the evidence or clear and convincing evidence exists under the proposed amendment shall consider the likelihood of the person's willful nonappearance in court; the nature and circumstances of the alleged offense; the safety of the community,

law enforcement, and the victim of the alleged offense; and the criminal history of the person. A person is entitled to be represented by counsel at a hearing described by the proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail under certain circumstances to persons accused of certain offenses punishable as a felony.”**

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 7)

HJR 7 proposes a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to allocate and transfer funds to accounts administered by the Texas Water Development Board. The proposed amendment also allows the legislature to suspend allocations of funds to these accounts during a state of disaster declared under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue.”**

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 99)

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt animal feed held by the owner for retail sale from ad valorem taxation. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to provide additional eligibility requirements for the exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail.”**

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 4)

HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from enacting a law that imposes an occupation tax on a registered securities market operator or a tax on a securities transaction conducted by a registered

securities market operator. The proposed amendment would not prohibit the imposition of a general business tax measured by business activity, a tax on the production of minerals, a tax on insurance premiums, a sales and use tax on tangible personal property or services, or a fee based on the cost of processing or creating documents. The proposed amendment would also not prohibit a change in the rate of a tax in existence on January 1, 2026.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law imposing an occupation tax on certain entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or imposing a tax on certain securities transactions.”**

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 133)

HJR 133 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to give surviving spouses of United States armed services veterans a property tax exemption on their residence homestead. The proposed amendment would exempt all or part of the property tax on the spouse's residence homestead if the veteran died from a condition or disease presumed under federal law to be service-related. The exemption would apply only to a surviving spouse who has not remarried since the veteran's death. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected.”**

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 2)

HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a state tax on a deceased individual's estate because of the individual's death, including an estate, inheritance, or death tax. The proposed amendment would prohibit the legislature from imposing a state tax on the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift from an individual, family, estate, or trust, including generation-skipping transfers, if the tax was not in effect on January 1, 2025. The proposed amendment would also prohibit the legislature from

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Bucks finish second, Lady Bucks fifth at Lipan Invitational

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For their fourth and final invitational meet of the season, the Breckenridge cross country teams traveled to the Lipan Indian 18th Annual Invitational.

The Bucks came out of the meet held Wednesday, Sept. 10 as runners-up, while the Lady Bucks finished in fifth place.

The Bucks had a score of 92 points, with three runners in the top 20 and were only behind Brock who had a score of 73 points.

They were four points ahead of fourth-place Garner with 96 points. Andrew White continued his strong start to the year with a top-five finish.

The Lady Bucks, with a score of 142 points, were behind Peaster (136), Santo (131), Brock (52) and Hamilton (41).

Sixth-place Poolville was behind them with 171 points.

The cross country

teams will travel to Dublin two weeks in a row, first for the Dublin FCA meet Wednesday, Sept. 17 and then for the Dublin Dash Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Bucks 5k individual results

- 5. Andrew White, 17:55.54
- 7. Gabriel Garcia, 18:17.00
- 13. Bodie Skiles, 18:46.07
- 22. Agustin Byrd, 19:12.06
- 49. Logan Thompson, 20:18.93
- 55. Landon Elting, 20:38.36
- 76. Malaki Smith, 21:29.01

Lady Bucks 3.2k individual results

- 23. Sayler Townson, 13:45.34
- 34. Maylea Townson, 14:05.63
- 35. Miley Ramirez, 14:08.76
- 39. Lizandra Rubio, 14:17.23
- 42. Abbi Duran, 14:35.66
- 53. Elli Duran, 15:06.61
- 60. Abby Nye, 15:27.46

Bucks

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up ball carriers. The defense stood tall despite allowing a couple of first downs on quarterback runs down inside the red zone.

A tackle for loss by Douglas White brought up a big 4th and goal. McIlroy looked to the end zone on the next play, but the pass intended for Canon Harris was broken up Canyon Shirley on a great defensive stop in the back right corner of the end zone.

The Bucks were able to get out from under the shadow of their own end zone, leaning on Cruz once again for a first-down run to the 18-yard line. Wimberly kept it on back-to-back plays, the first for nine yards and the second for another first down.

The clock ran down to the two-minute timeout as the Bucks had the ball in Lobo's territory on a 2nd and 10. Following the timeout, a pass intended for Gunnar Pearce went off his fingertips to bring up 3rd down. An offside penalty on Cisco made it 3rd and 5. Wimberly scrambled but was tackled behind

the line for a loss.

Following a Breckenridge timeout, the Bucks opted to punt and the Lobos took over from the 24-yard line. Cisco failed to move the ball much as the clock ran out on the half and the score remained 6-0.

The Bucks had good coverage on the second-half kickoff, limiting the return to the 35. The Lobos completed a pass to get past midfield with under a minute into the half.

Hudson Woodward deflected a pass to set a 3rd and 12, and then Zachary Beltran pushed McIlroy out of bounds short of the sticks on the next play.

On 4th down, a pass intended for Adam Bennett fell incomplete as the Bucks took over on downs.

Taking over from their own 43-yard line, Cruz was again leaned on for several tough runs on the drive. After churning his legs for first-down runs, he was handed the ball at the 18-yard line and ran it right up the gut to the end zone for the first score of the game for the Bucks.

"Cruz ran his rear

off, quarterbacks ran with the football and took some absolute licks. I'm proud of that," Head Coach Casey Pearce said. "We kept swinging."

The extra point was good by Acosta and the Bucks, at the seven-minute mark of the third quarter, took their first lead of the game and the season.

A big hit by Truett Trammel on the ensuing kickoff forced the Lobos to start at the 20-yard line. Despite the good coverage on the kickoff, the Bucks still allowed Cisco to drive the length of the field. A big catch and run by Harris got the ball inside the five, with Trammel recording a touchdown-saving tackle.

The Lobos then ran right up the gut on the next play for the touchdown. With 5:37 to go in the third quarter, the Bucks trailed, 12-7.

The third quarter ended with Wimberly scrambling to the 20 and the fourth quarter opened with him scrambling again but falling well short of the end zone.

After the Lobos took over, another

penalty was called against the Bucks – an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and the fourth in a row called on the home team.

Woodward rolled left from the 9-yard line and targeted Cameron David who came down with the catch in the end zone for the touchdown.

The point after attempt was good by Acosta and the deficit was down to 18-14.

The onside kick attempt went the Lobos' way and they were able to kneel a few times to run the clock out, as the Bucks only had one timeout left.

The Bucks are going into homecoming and will host Eastland at Buckaroo Stadium on Friday, Sept. 19.

"We've got another shot [to win] next win in front of this crowd. We better come back and represent them. Because that was a representation of this community," Coach Pearce said. "...It's another week of improvement. Everything that we're doing, we're getting better. We need to catch some kind of break."

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increasing the tax rate or expanding the applicability to new parties of a transfer tax that was in effect on January 1, 2025. The proposed amendment would not prohibit the imposition or change in the rate or applicability of a general business tax measured by business activity; a tax on the production of minerals; a tax on the issuance of title insurance; a tax in existence on January 1, 2016; a tax on the transfer of a motor vehicle by gift; or an ad valorem tax on property.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent's property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift."**

Proposition Number 9 (HJR 1)

HJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment to change the amount of tangible personal property held or used for the production of income that the legislature could exempt from property taxes to \$125,000 rather than the minimum amount sufficient to recover the costs of property tax administration.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income."**

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 84)

SJR 84 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to create a temporary property tax exemption for the appraised value of an improvement to a person's residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire. The proposed amendment authorizes the legislature to prescribe the duration of the exemption and to establish additional eligibility requirements for the exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely**

destroyed by a fire."

Proposition Number 11 (SJR 85)

SJR 85 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from property taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is 65 years of age or older or a person who is disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled."**

Proposition Number 12 (SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment to change the membership and procedures of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC). The proposed amendment would: (1) change the membership of the SCJC so that it is composed of six judges appointed by the Texas Supreme Court and seven citizens appointed by the Governor who are at least 35 years old, with both groups of appointees requiring the consent of the Texas Senate to be confirmed; (2) restrict the SCJC's power to issue a private reprimand (or impose a requirement that the person obtain additional training or education) to a person who has not previously been issued a private reprimand and in response to a complaint that does not allege criminal behavior; (3) require the SCJC to find that a person engaged in willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of a judge's duties, or determine that there is other good cause, before issuing a public admonition or punishment; (4) expand the SCJC's power to order suspension without pay as punishment; (5) give the chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court the power to select the appellate-court justices to serve on a tribunal to review the SCJC's recommendation for the removal or retirement of a person from office, without any requirement that each court of appeals designate one of its members for consideration by the chief justice; and (6) direct the Texas Supreme Court and Governor to appoint SCJC members to initial terms of two, four, and six years starting on January 1, 2026, with the succeeding terms to be

six years, so that upon completion of the initial terms, the SCJC will be composed of members serving staggered six-year terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the membership of the tribunal to review the commission's recommendations, and the authority of the commission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanction judges and justices for judicial misconduct."**

Proposition Number 13 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory homestead exemption from property taxation for general elementary and secondary public school purposes from \$100,000 to \$140,000 of the market value of the residence.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$100,000 to \$140,000."**

Proposition Number 14 (SJR 3)

SJR 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to require the legislature to establish a new state agency, the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT). The proposed amendment would create the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to be administered by DPRIT. Under the proposed amendment, DPRIT would be responsible for awarding financial grants for research on and the prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders. The proposed amendment would also authorize the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer \$3 billion from the state general revenue fund to the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to provide money for research on and**

prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue."

Proposition Number 15 (SJR 34)

SJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment to affirm that a parent has the responsibility to nurture and protect the parent's child and the corresponding fundamental right to exercise care, custody, and control of the parent's child, including the right to make decisions concerning the child's upbringing.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment affirming that parents are the primary decision makers for their children."**

Proposition Number 16 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that only United States citizens are allowed to vote in Texas elections.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen."**

Proposition Number 17 (HJR 34)

HJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from property taxation, in counties that border the United Mexican States, the portion of a real property's assessed value that arose from the installation or construction of border security infrastructure and related improvements. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to define "border security infrastructure" and prescribe additional eligibility requirements for the exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property located in a county that borders the United Mexican States that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements."**

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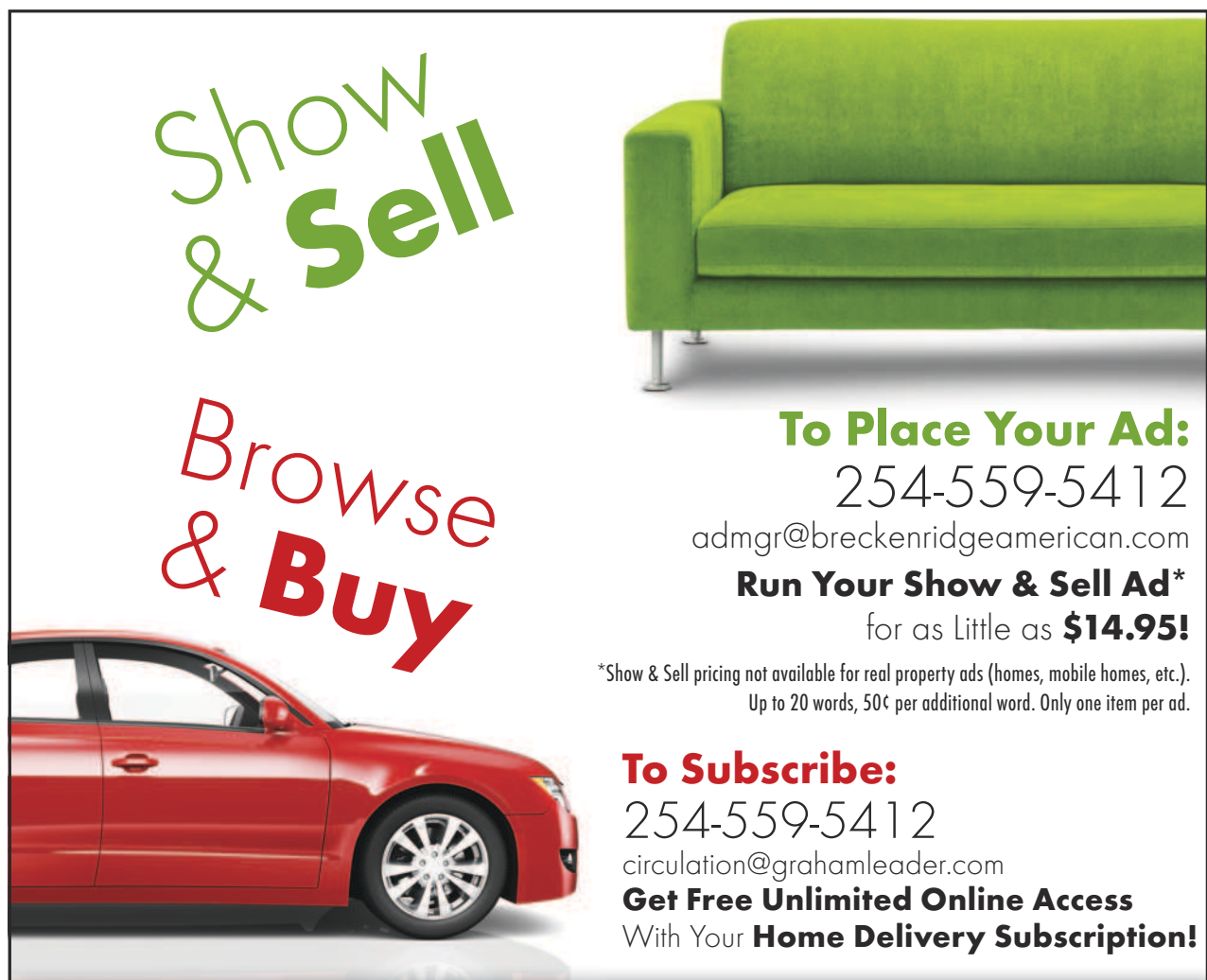
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Courthouse, 200 West Walker, Room 115, Breckenridge, TX 76424. Specifications will be mailed upon request by calling 254-559-2371. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025, at which time bids will be considered by the Commissioner's Court during their regular meeting. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Any bid may be withdrawn before the scheduled time. Any bid received after the stated deadline will be returned unopened. Stephens County, Texas, reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids or to accept the bid or bids that appear to best serve the interests of Stephens County, TX. **STEPHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

By: /s/ Michael C. Roach
 Michael C. Roach, County Judge

CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to Section 22-4-(B)(3) of the Breckenridge Code of Ordinances, the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on:
 DATE: Monday, October 6, 2025
 TIME: 5:30 PM
 PLACE: City Commission Chambers, 105 N. Rose Ave.

Pursuant to Section 22-4-(B)(5) of the Breckenridge Code of Ordinances, the City Commission will hold

a public hearing on:
 DATE: Tuesday, October 14, 2025
 TIME: 5:30 PM
 PLACE: City Commission Chambers, 105 N. Rose Ave.
 The public hearings will be to consider:

(1) The property owner of 1300 W. Jeanette request a Specific Use Permit at this location for the placement of a tiny house. This lot is zoned R4 - General Dwelling District.

(2) The property owner of 120 W. Elm request to replat this lot into two lots.

(3) The property owner of 300 E. Walker request to replat this lot into two lots.

Any and all persons interested in the above referenced item may attend such hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard.

By: /s/ Cynthia Northrop
 Cynthia Northrop
 City Manager
 City of Breckenridge, Texas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE STEPHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2026. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE STEPHENS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2ND FLOOR, DISTRICT COURTROOM.
 DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2025
 TIME: 10:00 AM

ALL RESIDENTS OF STEPHENS COUNTY ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE.

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Move
ATONIC _ _ _ _ _

Design
NETVIN _ _ _ _ _

Recluse
RITHEM _ _ _ _ _

Refusal
RAVIEW _ _ _ _ _

TODAY'S WORD _ _ _ _ _

"You're lucky, the only wheels my father lets me use are on the _____."

Crossword

ACROSS

- Like lemons
- Rock concert booster
- Farm fathers
- "The Kite Runner" boy
- Saloon
- Buffalo's lake
- Yellow-brown gemstone
- Blaze
- Industrious insect
- Actor Karl
- Entices
- Small rodents
- Common connections
- Vision tests
- Enjoy Aspen
- Camper owners, for short
- Yule quaff
- Close watch
- Blog entry
- Hibernia
- Trousers
- Brief time
- Debussy's "La -"
- Author Hunter
- Good-looking person
- Laptop connection
- Fair-hiring letters
- Shabby beer joint

DOWN

- Bit of ink
- "- Blue?"
- Fix illegally
- Goodies
- Help a hood
- Spring month
- Opening night
- Automatic reaction
- Saharan
- Swampy terrain
- Viewed
- ER workers
- Experts
- Pyramid part
- "Puppy Love" singer
- Beatnik's assent
- "No way!"
- Katniss in "The Hunger Games"
- Shortly
- Lion's share
- Boot camp VIPs
- Check
- Mr. Brezhnev
- Saint Patrick's Day event
- Chest muscle
- Stitches
- Marisa's "Only Love" role
- Parisian eatery
- Cat call
- Pro vote
- Veto
- 506, in old Rome
- However

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2025 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Sept. 17

7pm - Parade Begins
Bonfire/Pep Rally begins
immediately following parade
at baseball fields.

Friday, Sept. 19

Noon - Pep Rally
6:30pm - 2025 Homecoming
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7pm - Bucks vs Mavericks



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