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# The Silsbee Bee

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## Woman, 60, is found dead in county jail



Denise Lumpkin Marshall  
Dan Eakin  
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Silsbee Bee

A 60 year old woman who had been in the Hardin County Jail since March 27 was found dead in her cell on Wednesday of last week. Hardin County Sheriff Mark Davis said Denise Lumpkin Marshall had been placed in jail on numerous drug charges and was being held in lieu of a total of \$1 million in bonds.

Davis said, “She suffered a medical episode on May 28, 2025, and was found during normal cell rounds of inspection and feeding. The jail staff and local paramedics performed life-saving measures at the jail, but were unsuccessful. She was pronounced deceased by Hardin County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace

Rod Ousley.”

He said the judge has ordered an autopsy, and her body was transferred to the Jefferson County Morgue. The judge preliminarily listed the death as “sudden cardiac event” and the manner of death as “natural.”

The charges against the woman had included four counts of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, one count of possession of a controlled substance, two counts of tampering with evidence and one count of possession of a prohibited substance in the county jail.

Broussard’s Mortuary in Silsbee will be in charge of funeral arrangements.

## Sales Tax Trends Mixed Across Hardin County Cities

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The Silsbee Bee

HARDIN COUNTY — The latest sales tax allocation data released by the state comptroller’s office shows a mixed bag for cities across Hardin County, with some communities seeing year-over-year growth while others experienced notable declines.

Kountze posted one of the sharpest declines this month, reporting \$81,180.11 in sales tax revenue, down 25.44% from the \$108,880.22 received during the same month last year. Year-to-date, the city has collected \$343,379.73, representing a 13.44% drop from 2024’s total at this point.

Lumberton, on the other hand, continued its upward trend. The city received \$483,911.98 for the month, a 4.30% increase over last year’s \$463,922.72. Year-to-date collections total \$2,364,416.32 — up 9.83% from the \$2,152,635.00 received during the same period in 2024.

Silsbee reported modest gains in both monthly and year-to-date comparisons. The city collected \$361,678.99 in the current period, a

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## New outdoor fitness court opens at Waldo Mathews Park



With city officials, representatives of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and other supporters present, Silsbee Mayor Danny Reneau cut the ribbon last Thursday to officially open to the public the new outdoor fitness center at Waldo Mathews Park.

Dan Eakin | Silsbee Bee

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The Silsbee Bee

SILSBEE — A crowd of about 35 people came to Waldo Mathews Park in Silsbee last Thursday afternoon for a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new outdoor fitness court.

The outdoor fitness court is the only one of its kind in Hardin County and is number 40 of a National Fitness Campaign goal for 100 such outdoor fitness courts to be built in Texas during the next few years.

The fitness court

was financed partly by a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas grant, and by the City of Silsbee itself.

Walter Land Jr. designed and painted the background in honor of his father who was a former city council member and civic leader in Silsbee. Tina Young-Holman, Silsbee city council member, was master of ceremonies for the ceremony and expressed gratitude to all who had a part in making the outdoor fitness center become a reality.

She emphasized that the outdoor fitness court is for

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## The Silsbee Bee sold to veteran community newspaper publisher

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HARDIN COUNTY — This week’s edition of the Silsbee Bee looks different from issues past because it has new owners.

Veronica and Dennis Phillips of Phillips Publishing LLC purchased The Silsbee Bee from Mark Hicks of Hicks Media last week.

Dennis Phillips said there were two main reasons why they decided to purchase the Silsbee Bee. “First,” he said, “The Bee is the his-

toric newspaper of record for Hardin County, and I’ve spent more than 30 years of my career working to preserve and revitalize community newspapers. While The Bee wasn’t in immediate danger, it was clear the paper needed support and direction to transition effectively into the digital age.”

“Second, and perhaps more importantly,” he added, “was the staff. With a veteran editor and a longtime bookkeeper, both with more years

in the business than I have, and a dedicated, hard-working advertising representative, the team at The Bee is the real deal. The heart and passion they bring to their work are inspiring—something I wish every community newspaper could experience. If I were to assemble a newspaper dream team, The Bee staff is what it would look like.”

Although the Phillips live in Hearne, about 175 miles northwest of Silsbee, they are very familiar

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## Silsbee’s news now comes with a Buzz

Roy McCoy  
Staff Writer  
The Silsbee Bee

SILSBEE — A new way to stay connected to Hardin County news quietly began this week with the launch of The Silsbee Bee Buzz, a free week-

day email newsletter from The Silsbee Bee.

The first edition landed in inboxes Monday, June 2, at 9 a.m., marking the beginning of a digital push to keep readers informed in a faster, more convenient format. Sent out each weekday morning, the

Buzz includes a brief roundup of breaking news, school coverage, community features, and even daily lunch menus—all aimed at giving readers a simple, streamlined update before the day gets away from them.

“In these modern times, we

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don’t have time to wait for the news,” said the new publisher Dennis Phillips in the original launch announcement. “It is happening everywhere, every minute of every day. Sign up today and you will be set to receive all the community news,

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Picture From The Past

Originally published Thursday, September 23, 1971, The Silsbee Bee



No Gain – The Silsbee Tiger defense clearly shows its mettle here as linemen penetrate Pork Acres’ front line to bring down tailback Steve Roberts for no gain in last Thursday’s thriller. Calvin Fobbs (88) has Roberts stopped, while three Tiger defenders, led by Bim Armour (74), come in to lend a hand. Tackle Gerald Skinner (76), his eyes on the ball, swings around to finish the job in case Roberts breaks loose. Eagles Frank Rose (88) and quarterback James Johnson (19) watch helplessly. The Tigers snapped back from a miserable first half to win 28–14.



Then again, I could be wrong.  
By Dennis Phillips

THE SILS BEE

Who’s the New Guy?

Some of you may have read the front-page story this week about me — but that was just the canned version. Want the real story? You’re in the right place.

I reserve this space each week to write about just about anything, but mostly, you’ll find good, old-fashioned humor. I like to tell stories about the funny and often ridiculous things that happen to me — which, of course, are usually newspaper-related. That’s what I do all day: make newspapers.

On Monday, I was in Silsbee. Not my first trip to Hardin County, but my first official “business” trip — the kind where I actually get to meet people, shake hands, and talk about the exciting news that The Silsbee Bee is under new ownership.

I love interacting with people, so my first stop was the bank: RAVE. It’s a clean, modern place. I walked in to open a new checking account for The Bee and was greeted by a lovely young lady who escorted me into a small room with a monitor screen. She shut the door, and another kind woman appeared on the screen to help with the account setup.

Now, let me say this: I’m not ancient, but I am old enough to remember the days when you knew your banker’s full name — and probably his dog’s name too. My banker in Johnson City, Texas gave me my first loan — \$300 to buy my parents a new TV for their anniversary. I still know his son, and he’s still one of my bankers.

But back to RAVE. The process was smooth, just... distant. No handshakes. And while I completely understand how these changes came about — especially during COVID — I have to admit, I missed that personal connection. I even attempted a handshake with the screen. Don’t try that, by the way. It just looks sad.

Now, don’t get me wrong — I think RAVE is a fine institution. In fact, they’re probably ahead of the curve when it comes to modern banking. Most of us do everything from our phones now anyway. But still... I’ll miss sitting across from a banker and pitching some wild idea, like the time I tried to open a miniature golf course in Johnson City (population: 1,100). I was 17, had every hole mapped out, land-use agreements in place — everything but the money. My banker wisely

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Capitol Highlights  
By Gary Borders

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Dust Settles on 2025 Session: Key Bills Head to Abbott

The 2025 Texas legislative session has wrapped, with major bills already on Gov. Greg Abbott’s desk:

- LGBTQ+ Student Club Ban – A measure barring public schools from sponsoring student clubs based on sexual orientation or gender identity passed, drawing strong criticism from Democrats who say it targets LGBTQ students. Supporters argue it protects parental

rights regarding exposure to gender and inclusion topics.

- Ten Commandments in Classrooms – A bill may require public classrooms to display the Ten Commandments, though legal challenges are likely. A similar Louisiana law is already under appeal.

- Property Tax Relief – Texans will vote in November on increasing the homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000, and to \$200,000 for seniors and people with disabilities. If passed, the measure would cost the state around \$6.5 billion in lost revenue and reimbursements to school districts.

- Foreign Ownership Ban – Citizens of China, North Korea, Iran, and Russia

would be barred from owning most property, aside from a homestead. Critics call the bill discriminatory and reminiscent of historic injustices.

- Inactive Oil Well Clean-up – Starting in 2027, operators must plug wells idle for 15+ years. Texas has 150,000 such wells, including nearly 9,000 orphans with no traceable owner. The Texas Railroad Commission will enforce the rule

- THC Product Ban – Lawmakers approved a ban on THC-infused hemp products, threatening the \$8 billion industry. Abbott has not said whether he’ll sign or veto the bill. Opponents favor regulation over prohibition, citing minimal oversight currently in place.

Cherishing the significance of wisdom



Guest Editorial  
By Jim Coonrod

THE SILS BEE

One of the stunning developments that has occurred in the United States during the past 60 years, is a significant shift of its citizens away from our founding principle and values of God and the Bible.

Remembering the past growing up in the 50’s and 60’s was a time where principles and values shaped our attitudes, actions, and decisions, and impacted our personal growth. Remembering these principles is not about living in the past, it is about cherishing the significance of the wisdom we have lost and its impact on America.

Respect served as the foundation for maintaining harmony and preventing conflict, guiding our interactions with others. Respect for our parents, family, elders, the personal beliefs of our neighbors, and authority were deeply ingrained in our values. Honoring and respecting others is pro-

foundly rooted in biblical teachings, as illustrated in Romans 12:10. When we show respect to others, we acknowledge them which creates a sense of belonging and mutual respect fostering love for one another.

Family dinners were more than about food, they were about bonding, unity and belonging, sharing moments of concerns and accomplishments. In our lives, the importance of gathering as a family cannot be overstated. This teaches us that we are just a small part of something that is bigger and more important than self-satisfaction. Family unity, love and purpose are special moments we should apply to our lives.

Following the conclusion of World War II, America faced significant financial challenges. It was a period where nothing was taken for granted and every penny held substantial importance. My parents diligently worked to support our family, instilling in us the principles of hard work, earning rewards, and saving responsibly.

We did not have social media, e-mail, cell phones for communication in the 50’s and 60’s, showing grat-

itude was so much different and personal. Handwritten notes, cards on special days, were common, illustrating thoughtfulness and sincere appreciation. A simple “thank you” acknowledges the effort and kindness of another person. It fosters better relationships and reminds us of the simple joy of appreciating others in a more personal way.

In the 1950s and 1960s, a handshake held the same weight as a signed contract. It was widely accepted that one’s word represented their bond, and to break it was inconceivable. We were instilled with the belief that a person’s word reflected integrity and trust that these values would stay with us for our lifetime. The bible teaches us this principle in Ecclesiastes 5:5 where it is “better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it.”

Traditional family has been lost to self-satisfaction of one’s moral values instead of honoring the biblical family. Marriage has given way to shacking up, the definition of life has changed from being a blessing and a gift from God

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Veteran’s News  
By Paul Baker

THE SILS BEE

Flag Day

Washington, D.C., and across the country to honor this milestone.

Locally, there are many simple but meaningful ways to take part. Fly the American flag at your home or business. Dress in red, white, and blue. Show your pride. Most importantly, take a moment to thank an Army veteran for their service. Veterans, we encourage you to wear your Army shirt or cap with pride on June 14—you’ve earned the recognition.

Let’s come together to celebrate both our nation and those who have protected it for 250 years. Let’s make Flag Day a visible reminder of our shared commitment to the ideals that define America.

Next Friday, June 14, our nation will celebrate Flag Day—a time to honor the values our flag represents: liberty, unity, and sacrifice. While our country isn’t perfect, it remains a beacon of hope and opportunity, standing strong among nations.

This year’s Flag Day carries even more meaning as we also mark the 250th anniversary of the United States Army. Since its founding in 1775, the Army has stood behind its motto, “This We’ll Defend,” with generations of men and women answering the call to serve. Major celebrations and parades are planned in





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### Hardin County Arrest Log

*The Hardin County Sheriff's Department has released the following information. Each individual in this report is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

May 18 • Roy Winkie, Saratoga, was charged with cruelty to non-stock animals. Bond was set at \$30,000.

May 21 • Thurman Harvill Jr., Silsbee, was charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon, tampering with evidence and possession of a controlled substance. Bonds were set at \$4,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000.

Austin Dunlap, Lumberton, was charged with assault causing bodily injury to a family member and resisting arrest. Bonds were set at \$4,000 on each charge.

Shamirah Slaughter, Houston, was charged with burglary o a vehicle. Bond was set at \$5,000.

May 22 • Stetson Campbell, Kountze, was charged with abandoning or endangering a child. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Trina Mills, Petrolia, was charged with possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Kourtney Cole,

Kountze, was arrested on two counts of unlawful carrying of a weapon and one count of possession of a controlled substance. Bonds were set t \$4,000, \$1,000 and \$20,000.

May 23 • Kody Baker, Silsbee, was arrested on charges of evading arrest and resisting arrest. Bonds were set at \$2,500 on each charge.

Sonya Duke, Silsbee, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Nicholas Barker, Palmetta, Louisiana, was charged with theft of a firearm. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Diron Jackson, Silsbee, was charged with possession of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$1,000.

May 24 • Tracie Saulsbury, Beaumont, was charged with assault causing bodily injury. Bond was set at \$3,000.

May 25 • Karissa Weaver, Beaumont, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and tampering with evidence. Bonds were set at \$20,000 on each charge.

Izaiah Miller, Kirbyville, was charged

with driving while intoxicated. Bond was set at \$7,500.

May 28 • Allysha Smith, Silsbee, was charged with stalking. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Jaron Benevedes, Kountze, was charged with criminal trespass. Bond was set at \$2,500.

May 29 • Kendrick Edwards, New Orleans, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and evading arrest. Bonds were set at \$20,000 and \$5,000.

May 30 • Kaygen Palmer, Silsbee, was charged with evading arrest. Bond was set at \$30,000.

Jesse Eckert, Batson, was charged with interfering with child custody. Bond was set at \$60,000.

May 31 • Casey Miller, Kountze, was charged with possession of marijuana. Bond was set at \$20,000.

*The Lumberton Police Department has released the following information. Each individual in this report is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

May 20 • Julie Ann Trahan was arrested by Officer Isaac Robichaux

### TAX From Page 1

1.63% increase from the \$355,862.44 received last year. Year-to-date collections also rose by 3.80%, with \$1,559,179.59 compared to \$1,502,031.90 in 2024.

Sour Lake saw the largest monthly percentage increase in the county. With a reported \$107,598.76 in sales tax allocations, the city marked an 11.59% jump from last year's \$96,421.73. The year-to-date total of \$433,256.98 reflects an 18.40% gain over the \$365,900.91 reported at the same time last year.

In Liberty County, the city of Hardin showed the most dramatic percentage spike. The city's 1.00% local sales tax brought in \$16,708.57 this month — an 86.77% increase over last year's \$8,945.67. Year-to-date, Hardin has brought in \$49,968.46, up 15.16% from \$43,387.33 a year ago.

Sales tax revenue is a key source of funding for municipalities and often reflects the pace of consumer spending. Cities in Hardin County and surrounding regions

rely on these allocations to fund services including public safety,

infrastructure, and economic development.

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# Hardin County Calendar

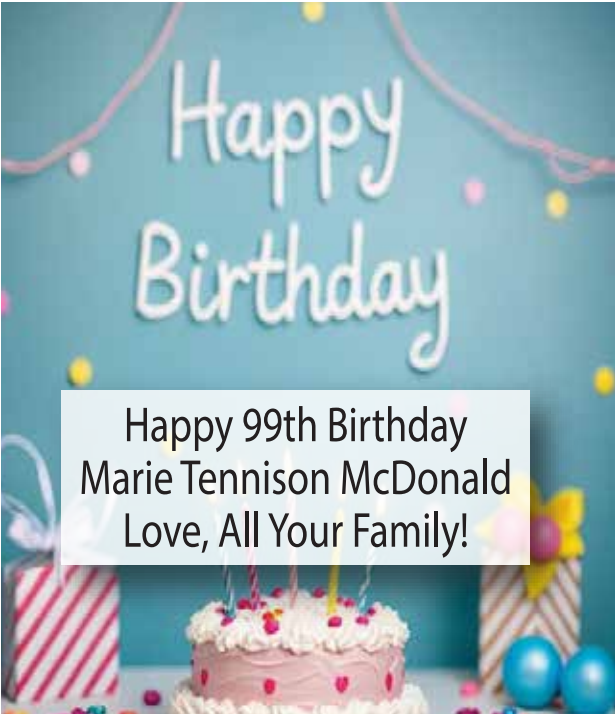
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June 5  
– The Hardin County Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m. at the Lumberton Fire Station, 228 Country Lane.  
– The Lumberton ISD board of trustees will meet at 7 p.m. at the administration building, 121 S. Main St.  
June 8  
– The West Hardin 4-H Club will meet at 3 p.m. at the Batson Community Center, 9153 Main St.  
June 9  
– The SETX 4-H Vet Science Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Educational Building, 3677 Hwy 326, Kountze.  
– The Lumberton City Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the City Hall

Chambers, 836 N. Main St.  
June 10  
– The Kountze Public Library will host a “Color My World” activity at 10 a.m. at the County Seat Music Hall, 125 W. Brown St. The event is part of the library’s Summer Reading Program and will be led by the Beaumont Children’s Museum.  
– The Hardin County Commissioners Court will meet at 10 a.m. at the Hardin County Courthouse.  
June 12  
– The Hardin County Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m. at the Lumberton Fire Station, 228 Country Lane.  
– The Silsbee Wom-

an’s Club will meet at 11 a.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church on Roosevelt Drive.  
June 14  
– The Hardin County Genealogical Society will meet at 11 a.m. at the library next to the Kirby-Hill House, 220 W. Main St.  
June 16  
– The Silsbee City Council will meet at 6 p.m. at Silsbee City Hall, 1220 Hwy 327 East.  
– The Village Creek 4-H Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at New Covenant Assembly of God, 1470 N. Fifth St., Silsbee.  
– The Lumberton Municipal Utility District board will meet at 7 p.m. at the LMUD

office, 625 FM 421.  
June 17  
– The Kountze Public Library’s Summer Reading Program will present “Facts Are Fun: Seriously Awesome Non-Fiction” at 10 a.m. at the County Seat Music Hall and Museum of Hardin County.  
– The Sour Lake City Council will meet at 7 p.m. at Sour Lake City Hall, 625 Hwy 105 West.  
June 19  
– The Hardin County Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m. at the Lumberton Fire Station, 228 Country Lane.  
– The Kountze City Council will meet at 6 p.m. at Kountze City Hall, 1025 N. Pine St.



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## BUZZ From Page 1

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The content is tailored to the local audience and curated by the same newsroom that produces The Silsbee Bee. While the print edition of the newspaper continues to run weekly, the Buzz is designed to give readers something more immediate—especially on fast-moving or timely local topics.  
Though still in its first week, the Buzz reflects a broader trend in local journalism: using

digital tools to meet readers where they are. By offering news in a format that fits modern schedules, the Bee aims to provide added value without replacing the newspaper itself.  
The newsletter’s tone is brief and to the point, with a goal of giving readers what they need to know in just a few scrolls. For longtime readers of The Silsbee Bee, the Buzz offers an extra layer of connection. For new readers, it’s an easy way to plug into the rhythm of the community.  
The Silsbee Bee Buzz may be just getting started, but it’s already one more way local journalism is adapting—and sticking around.

### WORD SEARCH

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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1 TXism: “no brag, just \_\_\_\_”  
5 home state of former Cowboy Golden Richards  
6 TXism: “\_\_\_\_ your poison” (choose)  
7 \_\_\_\_ Campo, TX  
8 Cowboy, Astro, or Star, e.g.  
9 TXism: “he can stay neck ‘n neck with \_\_\_\_ Texas jackrabbit” (fast man)  
14 cap worn by Davy Crockett: \_\_\_\_ skin  
15 kissing  
19 actress TX O’Toole who was on TV’s “Nash Bridges”  
21 TXism: “does a cat \_\_\_\_ \_ climbing gear?” (yes)  
22 TX Gatlin Brothers’ “All \_\_\_\_ \_ in California” (1979)  
27 lion’s sound  
28 many Texans fought in the \_\_\_\_ War  
29 this TX Charley caught passes for the Redskins  
30 plan \_\_\_\_ \_ Texas (good idea)  
32 the youngest Texas Gatlin brother (init.)  
33 Texas-based 1953 film (2 wds.)  
36 TX Sissy Spacek starred in 1980 film “\_\_\_\_ Miner’s Daughter”  
37 album by TX Josh Abbott Band: “\_\_\_\_’s Like Texas”  
38 combining or blending  
39 high-spirited  
41 horse color  
42 TX Dale who was married to Roy Rogers  
45 TXism: “\_\_\_\_ \_ piece” (distant)  
46 Texas “Star Trek” creator (init.)  
47 TX Chester Nimitz helped set up the Navy \_\_\_\_ \_ in 1926  
48 \_\_\_\_ Oak, Texas  
49 Texas-filmed “The Thief \_\_\_\_ \_ to Dinner” (1973)  
52 waste conduit  
53 basketball coach Moe who ended his career at TCU  
54 int’l distress signal  
55 Taylor County town

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1 TXism: “a frog in a skillet would have more \_\_\_\_” (bored)  
2 TX Tanya Tucker’s “One Love \_\_\_\_ \_ Time” (1986)  
3 Milam County seat  
4 Texas-based old TV series and 2013 film (3 wds.)  
8 TXism: “big frog in the \_\_\_\_” (VIP)  
9 TX Phil Lyne was “The Great \_\_\_\_ \_”  
10 military officer ranking below a commissioned officer (abbr.)  
11 first state forest: \_\_\_\_ \_ Siecke  
12 TXism for “teacher” (2 wds.)  
13 “\_\_\_\_ she blows!”  
14 Texas uses the Gregorian \_\_\_\_ \_  
15 “Lone \_\_\_\_ State”  
16 TXism: “\_\_\_\_ got half a mind to . . .”  
17 “I don’t want you anywhere \_\_\_\_ \_” (protective father)  
18 “they \_\_\_\_ \_ up on me” (unfair)  
20 \_\_\_\_ bag (used for carrying)  
22 24th governor: \_\_\_\_ \_ Campbell  
23 TXism: “he \_\_\_\_ short arms and deep pockets” (frugal)  
24 1970 “Rio Lobo” actor, Jack  
25 someone who can’t be saved  
26 “don’t sit there like a bump \_\_\_\_ \_”  
28 university-owned Kingsville FM  
31 French-American opera singer Lily who died in Dallas  
34 TXism: “\_\_\_\_ horn” (amateur)  
35 TXism: “dab it \_\_\_\_”  
37 \_\_\_\_ poker  
40 “legal eagles” charge \_\_\_\_ \_  
43 marryin’ promises  
44 TX Madalyn Murray O’Hair, for one  
50 “\_\_\_\_ and desist” (letter or order)  
51 late Texas “Cowpokes” artist (init.)

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## Tony Baumgartner Sr.



February 24, 1959

May 19, 2025

Tony Dale Baumgartner Sr., 66, of Frankfort, Kentucky, widower of Connie Gay (Adkins) Baumgartner, passed away on Monday, May 19, 2025.

He was born in Houston to the late Melbourn and Elaine Joyce Sheffield on February 24, 1959. Tony was a retired welder and pipefitter. Tony enjoyed riding his motorcycle and spending time with his family and friends.

Tony is survived by his sons, Tony Dale Jr. Baumgartner (Tasha), Orange, TX, and Nathan Adkins Frankfort, Kentucky; his little brother, Mel Baumgartner (Kim), Warren, TX; his sisters, Sandy Baumgartner (Chris Simon), Nederland, TX, Treesa Crouch (Mark), Campbell, TX, Melanie Lorraine Baumgartner (Eusebio Enriquez), San Angelo, TX, and Tania Overstreet (Craig), Warren, TX; his grandchildren, Hannah Baumgartner, Alexis Baumgartner, and Madison Dyson; his great grandson, Wyatt Dyson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his stepmother, June Baumgartner.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at Clark Legacy Center, (Versailles Road) with Rob Hutcherson officiating. Entombment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Serving as casket bearers will be Jimmy Preston, Ron Brumback, Mike Lester, Brent Cleary, Nathan Adkins, and Addison Whitt. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at Clark Legacy Center, Versailles Rd., Frankfort, Kentucky. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.ClarkLegacyCenter.com](http://www.ClarkLegacyCenter.com).

## Richard Earl Wheeler

August 25, 1952

May 31, 2025

Richard Earl Wheeler, 72, of Evadale, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2025. He was born in Kountze to the late Ruby Christine Bobbitt Wheeler and John Edwin Wheeler.

Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 5 at Broussard's Mortuary in Silsbee with burial following at Old Hardin Cemetery in Kountze.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Nola Wheeler; children, Stacy Marie Parker and husband Larry of Buna, Richard Earl Wheeler II and wife Tisha of Colmesneil, and Niki Bowman and husband Lonnie of Evadale; and 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



## Terry Wayne Blanton

March 3, 1949

May 31, 2025

Terry Wayne Blanton, 76, of Spurger, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2025. He was born in Nacogdoches to the late Mary Reece Blanton and Thomas E. Blanton.

Funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 4 at First Baptist Church in Spurger with burial at Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger under the direction of Broussard's Mortuary in Silsbee.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann Blanton; daughters, Christina Greenwood and husband James "Doot" and Theresa Richardson and husband Melvin, all of Spurger; and five grandchildren.



## J.W. Smith

January 6, 1949

May 25, 2025

J.W. Smith, 76, of Conroe, passed away Sunday, May 25, 2025. He was born in Newton to the late Hazel Spears Smith and John Henry Smith.

Graveside service was Saturday, May 31 at R.S. Farmer Memorial Cemetery in Silsbee under the direction of Broussard's Mortuary in Silsbee.

Survivors include sons, Jason Wayne Smith of Lufkin and Johnny Wayne Smith and wife Wendy of Moss Hill; daughter, Rhonda Smith; siblings, Sue Hobbs of Conroe, Doris Stockton of Livingston, Cathy West of Silsbee, and Robert Smith and wife Deana of Kountze; and seven grandchildren.



## Kathryn Sue Grissom Gore

November 8, 1953

May 28, 2025

Kathryn Sue Grissom Gore, 71, passed away Wednesday, May 28, 2025. She was born to the late Louis and Ione Grissom and was a lifelong resident of Silsbee.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 14 at North Hardin Baptist Church in Silsbee. Cremation is under the direction of Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee.

Survivors include her husband of 32 years, William "Cheyenne" Gore of Silsbee; daughters, Kate Courville and husband Jason of Hemphill and Heather Richards of Lumberton; son, Clinton Paine of Silsbee; brother, Louis Grissom and wife Dorinda of Wilmington, North Carolina; sisters, Mary Parrott and husband Scott of Vidor and Connie Schaeffer and husband Joe of Eldersberg, Maryland; and seven grandchildren.



## Vicki Daw Sheffield

August 12, 1953

May 28, 2025

Vicki Daw Sheffield, 71, of Spurger, passed away Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at Silsbee Oaks Health Care. She was born in Baytown to James and Melba Brown Daw.

Funeral service was Tuesday, June 3 at Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee with burial following at Turner Branch Cemetery in Spurger.

Survivors include her mother, Melba Ambrose; daughters, Stormy Eason and husband Morgan and Misty Burnes and husband Chad; sisters, Marsha Teague and husband Larry and Connie Schafer; brother, Tracy Daw; and four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



## Jimmy Ray Rush

April 4, 1966

May 20, 2025

Jimmy Ray Rush, 59, of Silsbee, passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2025 at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont. He was born in Austin to Elray Sr. and Jessie Mae Coleman Rush. He worked most of his life in the food service industry.

Survivors include his sister, Sheila Priest and husband Pete; and brother, Elray Rush Jr.

Cremation was under the direction of Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee.



## Robert Duel "R.D" Howard

November 6, 1932

June 2, 2025

Robert Duel "R.D" Howard, 92, of Lumberton, passed away Monday, June 2, 2025 at his home. He was born in Hollis, Oklahoma to Eugene Victor and Minnie Evelyn Bradley Martin. He was a United States Army Korean War veteran.

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8 at Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee with burial following at Old Hardin Cemetery in Kountze. Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. the day of service.

Survivors include his son, Wes Howard and wife Sandra; daughters, Vickie Carney, and Carol Hargraves and husband Roger; brothers, Ed Howard and wife Lynda, and Leon Howard; and six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.



## Nancy June Jenkins

July 31, 1955

May 31, 2025

Nancy June Jenkins, 69, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2025.

Memorial service was at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 4 at Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Maiké Jenkins; children, Jeromy Jenkins and wife Nicole and Summer Courville and husband Brandon; sisters, Mary Hayes and Judy Merendino; and eight grandchildren.



## Roger Kirkendall Sr.

May 26, 1944

May 31, 2025

Roger Kirkendall Sr., 81, of Buna, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2025. He was born in Silsbee to the late Frank Kirkendall and Irene Reid. He was a United States Army veteran and had worked as a salesman.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 6 at Parkwood Baptist Church in Buna with burial following at Antioch Cemetery in Buna. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, June 5 at Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Brenda Kirkendall; children, Rober Kirkendall Jr. and wife Audra, Becki Hatch and husband Jody, Shane Kirkendall, and Brandon Kirkendall and wife Christina; brothers, David Kirkendall and Roy Kirkendall; and nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



## Amanda Chere Eason

July 13, 1982

May 31, 2025

Amanda Chere Eason, 42, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2025.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 7 at Fred Community Cemetery in Fred under the direction of Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the funeral home.







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with Hardin County.

Veronica Phillips is originally from Batson in West Hardin County. She was born and raised there. Her entire family, including her son, mother, and father, still live in Batson. She attended both West Hardin and then Hull-Daisetta High School. She has a sister who lived in Silsbee until recently.

The Phillips publish the Robertson County News in Hearne and digitally publishes The Franklin Advocate, which has maintained a strong digital presence since transitioning to digital format during the pandemic. In addition, they maintain a presence for The Bremond Journal.

They also hold the rights to two out-of-print publications: The Bremond Gazette and The Calvert Tribune.

In the past, Phillips owned the John-son City Free Press, Blanco Free Press, and Marble Falls Free Press. All three were sold in the years following the economic downturn that affected many small rural Texas newspapers after the events of September 11, 2001.

Dennis Phillips began his career in publishing as a graphic designer, landing his first job at the Marble Falls Highlander, a community newspaper, in 1998. Before that, he was based in Austin, where he sold and designed ads

and produced both monthly and weekly publications from his bedroom while helping to raise three children.

“Over time, I progressed through nearly every role in the industry,” he said. “I’ve run a printing press at Granite Printing, covered sports, served as an editor, and was eventually promoted to general manager in 2009 by Mark Henry of Moser Community Media.”

He continued, “My career path has focused on restoring, revitalizing, and renovating community newspapers across Texas. This work has taken me all over the state, often completing the turnaround in as little as a year



Under the new ownership of Phillips Publishing, the full time staff at The Silsbee Bee will remain the same. They are, from left, Debbie Gordon, business manager; Amy Gonzales, advertising manager; and Dan Eakin, editor. Danny Reneau will continue to contribute sports stories and photos and Brent Guidry and Julie Isbell will continue to contribute sports photos.

Amy Gonzales | The Silsbee Bee

POLICE BEAT From Page 3

on charges of assault on a public officer and resisting arrest.

John Paul Kelly III, 43, was arrested by Sgt. Michael K. Strange Jr. on charge of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

May 22 • Anthony Paul Johnson, 27, was arrested by Sgt. Michael K. Strange Jr. on a warrant.

Kourtney Terrell Cole, 20, was arrested by Officer Bailey S. Holt on charges of possession of a controlled substance, unlawful carrying of a weapon and a warrant out of Hardin County.

May 24 • Katherine Garza, 63, was arrested by Sgt. Dale Tinsley on a warrant.

Keith Michael Kolb, 42, was arrested by Sgt. Dale Tinsley on a warrant.

May 25 • Izaiah Ryan Miller, 21, was arrested by Officer Michael D. Robertson on charges of driving while intoxicated.

May 28 • Arnoldo Leal, 37, was arrested by Officer Samuel Jones on charges of tampering with a witness.

Hayden Alexander Murphy, 24, was arrested by Officer Samuel Jones on a warrant.

May 29 • Bobby Jo White, 51, was arrested by Officer Bailey S. Holt on a Jefferson County Warrant.

Garrett Andrew Dillard, 55, was arrested by Officer Bailey S. Holt on a Hardin County warrant.

Kendrick Deante Edwards, 32, was arrested by Officer Samuel Jones on a warrant and charges of evading arrest.

Anthony Keidarren Scott, 26, was arrested by Officer Samuel Jones on charges of possession of marijuana.

May 30 • Diego Montano Chasoy, 38, was arrested by Sgt. Gregory Mouton on charges of burglary of a habitation and evading arrest.

Fausto Valentin-Torres, 41, was arrested by Officer Michael d. Robertson on charges of burglary of a habitation and evading arrest.

Aspen Nicole Moffett, 25, was arrested by Sgt. Michael K. Strange Jr. on a warrant.

May 31 • Casey Nichole Miller, 24, was arrested by Officer Michael D. Robertson on charges of possession of marijuana and public intoxication.

Adam Benjamin Wright, 43, was arrested by Officer Chris Robichaux on a warrant.

Dedrick Henry Ward, 43, was arrested by Officer Andrew Lange on two warrants.

June 1 • Payton Benjamin Davis Gentry, 23, was arrested by Sgt. Michael K. Strange Jr.

on two charges of deadly conduct.

June 2 • Tina Marie Yancey, 46, was arrested by Officer Andrew Lange on charges of public intoxication.

*The Silsbee Police Department has released the following information. Each individual in this report is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

May 20 • Roman Dereck Jaco, 40, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

May 21 • Michael Jermaine Carter, 39, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

Cissie Rebeccanne West, 30, was arrested on a local warrant.

May 23 • Diron Germaine Jackson, 48, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Jacques Anthony Guidry, 45, was arrested on a local warrant.

May 24 • Tecedrick Teclinton Anderson, 31, was arrested on charges of making a false report to a police officer.

May 25 • Cynthia Sue Fonner, 58, was arrested on a warrant from another agency and charges of failure to identify as a fugitive.

Jaci Nicole Travasos, 24, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest.

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# Silsbee, Lumberton, Kountze all district players are named

Danny Reneau  
Sports Writer  
The Silsbee Bee

The all district teams for District 18-4A that includes Silsbee, Lumberton and Kountze were released this week.

Ryder Blythe, a sophomore first Baseman of Silsbee was selected as the New-comer of the Year.

LCM dominated the individual superlative positions with

Parker Seago as the District MVP Marco Bandier as the Offensive MVP and Hunter Hagler as the Coach of the Year. CJ Riojas of Bridge City was the Defensive MVP and Max Pachar of Bridge City was the Pitcher of the Year.

Silsbee had a young team this year but they had several players honored on the first team. Mikey Moshier, a senior, was named as first team pitcher.

Jaden Miller, a senior, was picked as first team outfielder.

Matsyn Morris, a junior, was selected to be a second team all district pitcher.

Haegyn Morris, a freshman, was chosen as a second team designated hitter.

The honorable mention players from Silsbee included Jalen Hobbs a senior, Jackson Perdue, a junior, Brendon Hughes a sophomore and Hud-

son Morris a freshman.

Lumberton had three players on the first team all district squad. They included Hudson Emerson, a senior, pitcher; Gavin Harmse a senior, catcher, and

Luke Cody, a sophomore, outfielder.

Second team players from Lumberton included senior pitcher Aiden Marshall and junior pitcher Colton Harwell. Lumberton

had three second team infielders. All

Three were seniors. They included first baseman Greyson Steininger, second baseman Ryan Verde and shortstop Jackson Cullen.

Honorable mention players from Lumberton included senior Carter Wilson and sophomore Talon White.

Members of the 2025 Kountze baseball team who received all

district honors include Hunter Kunk, pitcher of the year; Kade Bumstead, first team second base; Hunter Courts, first team outfielder; C.J. Swanze, second team outfielder; and Cade McNeely, honorable mention.

Kountze softball players receiving all district honors include Kyla Parker, first team all district; and McKinley Rowinski, second team all district.



## Free basketball camp returns to Kountze this June

Staff Reports  
editor@silsbeebee.com  
The Silsbee Bee

KOUNTZE — The JLB Foundation is bringing back its popular basketball camp this summer,

offering a free opportunity for youth athletes to build their skills, confidence, and love for the game. The one-day camp will be held Friday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 1

p.m. at the Kountze Intermediate School gym.

Now in its 11th year, the JLB Basketball Camp is open to students entering 1st through 8th grade and welcomes play-

ers at both intermediate and advanced levels. The camp promises a fast-paced, skill-focused experience, emphasizing both fundamentals and fun.

Participants are

required to bring their own basketball and must pre-register online. Friends are welcome, but they must also be registered in advance.

Spots are limited and early registration

is strongly encouraged. For more information or to sign up, visit <https://forms.gle/q9BkGJRSFM-76NUB58>, call 512-905-2348, or email [jlbsummerncamp15@gmail.com](mailto:jlbsummerncamp15@gmail.com).



**Warden, Nichols selected for All-Star**

Silsbee High School senior Jena Warden will represent the Tigers in the 2025 SETCA All-Star Volleyball Game on June 5 at East Chambers High School. SHS Head Volleyball Coach Carly Nichols will lead the East team as head coach. Both were selected for their outstanding performance and leadership throughout the season.

## Statistics are listed for all district Tigers

Five members of the 2025 Silsbee Tigers baseball team received all district honors this year.

They are Mikey Moshier, first team all district pitcher; Jayden Miller, first team all district outfield; Matsyn Morris, second team all district pitcher; Haegan Morris, second team all district DH; Jalen Fobbs, honorable mention catcher; and Ryder Blythe, new-comer of the year.

Moshier pitched

35.1 innings, with three wins and three losses, 27 Ks and a 2.97 ERA. He averaged .28, with 28 hits, 8 doubles, 2 triples, 18 RBIs and 20 runs.

Miller had 5 doubles, 14 RBIs, 29 runs and 19 stolen bases.

Matsyn Morris had 4 wins and 4 losses, 1 save, 42 strikeouts and a 2.16 ERA. He had a .324 batting average with 22 hits, 4 doubles, 13 RBIs, 24 runs and 5

stolen bases.

Haegan Morris had a .302 average with 16 hits, 2 doubles, 9 RBIs and 12 runs.

Miller had a .380 average and 21 hits

Blythe had a .394 batting average with 28 hits, 3 doubles, 15 RBIs and 13 runs.

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## LaQuan's Visit



A young basketball team visits with LaQuan Stallworth at an event last Sunday afternoon at the YYAFA Building in Silsbee. LaQuan Stallworth is a 1995 graduate of Silsbee High School who set numerous records while in high school and then went on to play college ball and then to have a professional basketball career. Last month, she was inducted into the Texas Association of High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in San Antonio.

— Dan Eakin | Silsbee Bee

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#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### JOB REQUIREMENTS

Job Requirements for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator:

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- Understanding of wastewater sampling and testing methods.
- Strong problem-solving skills and attention to detail.
- Ability to operate and maintain complex machinery.
- Familiarity with safety regulations and environmental policies.

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- TCEQ License Class C or Higher
- Ability to use/Comprehend computer systems and online reporting necessary.
- High school diploma or equivalent; specialized training in groundwater management.
- Understanding of groundwater sampling and testing methods.
- Proficiency in monitoring systems and data analysis.
- Strong communication skills for reporting findings.
- Adherence to regulatory compliance and safety standards.

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The City of Silsbee has a job opening for the position of “Utility Clerk”. Experience working with the public, handling a cash drawer, issuing of work orders and permits, must be able to multi-task and ability to cross train. Demonstrate the ability to work independently with various computer applications and systems. The position is 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested parties Send Application with Resume included to: Silsbee City Hall, ATTN: Brooke Steel, Assistant City Secretary, 1220 Hwy 327 East, Silsbee, Texas 77656. Applications may be obtained at Silsbee City Hall or www.cityofsilsbee.com . Applications will be taken until June 10, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.

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## BID NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS - OLD METAL CULVERTS AND MISCELLANEOUS METAL JUNK

Hardin County is requesting sealed bids for old metal culverts and miscellaneous metal junk. Bids must be received in an envelope marked “SEALED BID” and addressed Hardin County Purchasing, 300 Monroe, Kountze, Texas 77625. It is recommended the bids be hand-delivered or sent via FedEx or UPS to ensure they arrive on time. Bids must be received by 2:00 p.m., June 11, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in Purchasing Department front. No late bids will be accepted. Additional information may be obtained from Commissioner Precinct 2 Chris Kirkendall (409) 246-3972. Items can be seen at 1315 North Pine Street, Kountze, Texas 77625. Hardin County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted. EEO employer.

## AUCTION

### HARDIN COUNTY AUCTION

#### DISWASHER, ICE MACHINE, REFRIGERATORS, AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Auction will be handled online by Rene Bates Auctioneers starting June 4, 2025. The web address is www.renebates.com. Bids must be submitted online by June 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact the Purchasing Department at (409)246-5124. www.Co.Hardin.Tx.Us

## LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

#### CAUSE NO: 65949

MICHAEL SWARTHOUT	§	88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT	§	
-VS-	§	
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANNE BELLE BOUDREAUX HEISELBETZ AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES WILLIE BYRD	§	COUNTY OF HARDIN
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF STEVEN WAYNE BYRD, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAMELA BYRD ATWOOD AND RACHEL LYNN BYRD, TINA LOUSIE GASH, RENEE G. BYRD, SHANNA BYRD		
THURSTON, APRIL BYRD NECTOUOX, CATHY ATWOOD CARROW, PAMELA ATWOOD TEGTMEIER, CHRISTOPHER ATWOOD JEFFERY ATWOOD HUBERT, SR.		

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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**TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANNE BELLE BOUDREAUX HEISELBETZ  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES WILLIE BYRD  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF STEVEN WAYNE BYRD  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAMELA BYRD ATWOOD**

Defendant, Greeting:  
YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) AE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of HARDIN COUNTUY, TEXAS, at the Courthouse located at 300 Monroe St. of said County in the City of Kountze, Hardin County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation the date for answer being 2nd day of DAY OF July, 2025 to the Plaintiff’s Original Petition to QUIT TITLE filed in said court on, in cause number **665949** styled:

**MICHAEL SWARTHOUT  
-VS-**

**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANNE BELLE BOUDREAUX HEISELBETZ AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES WILLIE BYRD, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OS STEVEN WAYNE BYRD, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAMELA BYRD ATWOOD AND RACHEL LYNN BYRD, TINA LOUISE GASH, RENEE G. BYRD, SHANNA BYRD THURSTON, APRIL BYRD NECTOUOX, CATHY ATWOOD CARROW, PAMELA ATWOOD TEGTMEIER, CHRISTOPHER ATWOOD JEFFERY ATWOOD HUBERT, SR.**

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:  
Tract No. 1: One (1) acre of land out of that certain tract out of the M Peveto one-third League and out of twenty-six (26) acres heretofore sold and conveyed by George Daniels and wife, to W.L. Lewis; and deed being recorded in Volume 12 at page 509 et seq. of the Deed Records of Hardin County, Texas: Tract No. 2: Two Acres of land out of the Michael Peveto one-third League, Hardin County, Texas; Will contain two (2) acres of land; being the same land described in that certain deed dared September 16, 1907, from Chas A. Hill, et ux, to Joseph Milligan, recorded in Volume 48, Page 233 of the Deed Records of Hardin County, Texas.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT KOUNTZE, TEXAS, ON THIS 22nd day of May, 2025.

**ATTORNEY OF RECORD:**  
JENNIFER JACKSON MORONES  
PO BOX 2383  
SILSBEE, TX 77656

**DANA HOGG, DISTRICT CLERK**  
Hardin County, Texas  
P.O. Box 2997  
Kountze, Tx 77625

By KIMBERLY LANGLEY, DEPUTY

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Request for Qualifications for Construction Manager at Risk Services

The Kountze Independent School District will be accepting Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Construction Manager at Risk Services (one-step process) for the May 2025 Bond Project up until the deadline at 10AM on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at the Kountze ISD Administration Building at 160 Vaughn Street, Kountze, TX 77625. At which time, the proposals will be publicly opened and the names of vendors submitting proposals will be read aloud, along with fees and pricing.

Information regarding proposal documents, specifications, and other pertinent data may be obtained at the Kountze ISD Administration by contacting Dr. Shane Reyenga, Superintendent, at sreyinga@kountzeisd.org or (409) 246-3352, or by contacting Claycomb Associates Architects at (832) 672-4000. Kountze ISD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. No proposer shall withdraw a proposal within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening.



LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. TO AMEND ITS  
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE  
CYPRESS TO LEGEND 500 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN  
HARDIN AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET NO. 58136

Entergy Texas, Inc. (“ETI”) provides notice that it has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“PUCT”) to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) to add new electric transmission infrastructure in Hardin and Jefferson counties. ETI is planning to construct a new single-circuit 500 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line and a new 500 kV substation (the “Project”). The Project will be approximately 40 to 49 miles in length (depending on the route ultimately approved by the PUCT). The new transmission line will connect the existing Cypress Substation to the new Legend 500 kV Substation.

The existing Cypress Substation is located approximately 5 miles northwest of the intersection of United States Highway (“US Hwy”) 69 and Farm-to-Market (“FM”) 421. The new Legend 500 kV Substation will be located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of the intersection of State Highway (“SH”) 73 and SH 82.

The primary purpose of the Project is to provide electric service to support the load growth in Hardin, Orange, and Jefferson Counties in Southeast Texas. The Project will provide greater reliability to the Southeast Texas region by adding a new transmission source into the growing area. In particular, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, a regional transmission organization of which ETI is a member, identified the Project as a Baseline Reliability Project that is needed to comply with federal reliability standards for transmission planning. Finally, by creating a new large-capacity transmission source into the area, the Project will increase operational flexibility, help meet the growing power demands of Southeast Texas and increase reliability and resiliency during extreme events such as hurricanes and winter storms.

The application was filed at the PUCT on May 30, 2025, under Docket No. 58136. In its CCN application for this Project, ETI presented 104 potential route segments for the PUCT to use in selecting a transmission line route for this Project. ETI presented 24 alternative route combinations of the segments for consideration by the PUCT. An interactive routing map can also be found on the Project website: <https://www.entergy-texas.com/transmission/cypress-legend/>. The PUCT will choose the route of the proposed transmission line. The estimated cost of the proposed transmission line and associated facilities ranges from approximately \$392.7 million to \$436.2 million depending on the route selected by the PUCT.

The proposed 500 kV transmission line would utilize steel structures within a right-of-way that would be up to 225 feet wide. This right-ofway consists of approximately 112.5 feet on either side of the centerline of the proposed transmission facilities.

Persons with questions about the transmission line may contact Brad Coleman, ETI’s Regulatory Transmission Coordinator, at 409- 347-5010 or email the project team at [cypresslegend@entergy.com](mailto:cypresslegend@entergy.com). Detailed routing maps may be reviewed at:

- ETI Offices located at 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, TX 77701; an appointment must be made by calling 409-347-5010 or emailing [cypress-legend@entergy.com](mailto:cypress-legend@entergy.com); or
- The project website at <https://www.entergytexas.com/transmission/cypress-legend/>

All routes and route segments included in this notice are available for selection and approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Persons who are affected by the proposed transmission line and wish to intervene in the docket or comment on the applicant’s application should mail the original and 10 copies of their requests to intervene or their comments to:

Public Utility Commission of Texas  
Central Records  
Attn: Filing Clerk  
1701 N. Congress Avenue  
P. O. Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Persons who wish to intervene in the docket must also mail a copy of their request for intervention to all parties in the docket and all persons that have pending motions to intervene, at or before the time the request for intervention is mailed to the PUCT. ***The only way to fully participate in the PUCT’s decision on where to locate the transmission line is to intervene in the docket. It is important for an affected person to intervene because the utility is not obligated to keep affected persons informed of the PUCT’s proceedings and cannot predict which route may or may not be approved by the PUCT.***

The deadline for intervention in the docket is June 30, 2025, and the PUCT should receive a letter from anyone requesting intervention by that date.

The PUCT has a brochure titled “Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC.” Copies of the brochure are available from Brad Coleman at 409-347-5010 or may be downloaded from the PUCT’s website at [www.puc.state.tx.us](http://www.puc.state.tx.us). To obtain additional information about this docket, you may contact the PUCT’s Customer Assistance Hotline at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUCT’s Customer Assistance Hotline at (512) 936-7136 or toll free at (800) 735-2989. In addition to the intervention deadline, other important deadlines may already exist that affect your participation in this docket. You should review the orders and other filings already made in the docket.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of David George Young were issued on May 30 , 2025, in Cause No. 12342, pending in the County Court of Hardin County, Texas, to David Tyson Young and Tiffany Wynne Young Davidson, as Dependent Co-Executors. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows: c/o Victoria Vaughan Laine, 1045 Redwood Street, Kountze, TX 77625.

Dated June 2, 2025

Victoria Vaughan Laine  
Attorney for Executor of the  
Estate of David George Young

LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: 65965

ELAINE M. LANDRY	\$	88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
AND CRAIG LANDRY	\$	
-VS-	\$	
ESTATE OF CLARK EDWARD BOWEN,	\$	
DECEASED, LEONARD RAY BOWEN,	\$	
TROY FRANKLIN BOWEN, LORA LEE	\$	COUNTY OF HARDIN
BOR, AND JAMES EDWARD BOWEN		

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**TO:** ESTATE OF CLARK EDWARD BOWEN, DECEASED, LEONARD RAY BOWEN, TROY FRANKLIN BOWEN, LORA LEE BOR, AND JAMES EDWARD BOWEN

Defendant, Greeting:  
YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS, at the Courthouse located at 300 Monroe St. of said County in the City of Kountze, Hardin County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 o’clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation the date for answer being July 14, 2025 to the Plaintiff’s Petition to Quiet Title filed in said court on, in cause number **65965** styled:

**ELAINE M. LANDRY AND CRAIG LANDRY**  
**-VS-**  
**ESTATE OF CLARK EDWARD BOWEN, DECEASED, LEONARD RAY BOWEN,**  
**TROY FRANKLIN BOWEN, LORA LEE BOR, AND JAMES EDWARD BOWEN**

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

Trespass to Try Title on Property Located at 330 Duhon St., Sour Lake, Texas 77659 described as follows:  
Petition to quiet title and trespass to try title actions on real property that is described below:  
Lots One (1), Two (2), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), and the East 25’ of Lot 3, Block Thirty-Eight (38), Electric Subdivision to the Town of Sour Lake, Texas

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT KOUNTZE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 28th day of May 2025.

ATTORNEY OF RECORD:	
VICTORIA LAINE	DANA HOGG, DISTRICT CLERK
1045 South Redwood	Hardin County, Texas
KOUNTZE, TX 77625	P.O. Box 2997
	Kountze, Tx 77625

By: TRACIE MORGAN, DEPUTY CLERK

LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE  
Silsbee Volunteer Fire Department- Invitation to Bid

The Silsbee Volunteer Fire Department is accepting sealed bids for the installation of a high-performance, slip-resistant safety surfacing system at its main station in Silsbee, Texas.

The surface must be seamless, repairable, ADA-compliant, and capable of incorporating custom inlays, including the departments logo. All systems must prioritize durability, UV stability, and a high coefficient of friction to ensure safety in both wet and dry conditions.

Specifications required for all bids:

- Virgin-grade, UV stable surface material (non-recycled)
- Seamless installation with custom inlay capabilities
- Slip resistance meeting or exceeding ASTM E303 standards
- Aliphatic, non-yellowing, moisture-cured binder, or adhesive
- Compatible with concrete or sealed asphalt (primer applied)
- Surface must be fully repairable on-site
- ADA-compliant and accessible
- Minimum 5-year warranty on materials and workmanship
- Installer must have verifiable experience and references

Bids not meeting these performance-based specifications will be disqualified.

Submission Deadline: Wednesday, June 18th at 5:00 PM. Bids must be sealed and delivered to: Silsbee VFD Administrative office located at 1205 N 5th St, Silsbee, Tx 77656.

Contact for site visits or questions: Robin Jones, Fire Chief (409)673-6717.

This notice is published in The Silsbee Bee by request of the Silsbee Volunteer Fire Department.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dinkie Ruth Young were issued on May 30, 2025, in Cause No. 12343, pending in the County Court of Hardin County, Texas, to David Tyson Young and Tiffany Wynne Young Davidson, as Dependent Co-Executors. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows: c/o Victoria Vaughan Laine, 1045 Redwood Street, Kountze, TX 77625.

Dated June 2, 2025

Victoria Vaughan Laine  
Attorney for Executor of the  
Estate of Dinkie Ruth Young



RV SPACE

SERVICES

LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICE



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**GARAGE SALE:** Thursday and Friday and ½ day Saturday, 1040 Maxwell Dr. Items for wine making, tools, fishing items, and children’s items. 23p

**GARAGE SALE:** June 6 and 7 from 8am to noon, 6394 Kiwanis Club Rd. Kitchen items, women items, fishing poles, first aid items, clothes, holiday items. 23p

**HARD WORKING:** mother/daughter team needs work! Any odd jobs. Fenceline cleaning to flowerbed cleaning. Contact Christal 409-224-5293. 232p

**RV PARK:** Full-hookups, 30 and 50 amp, access to Village Creek, fishing, swimming etc. 409-751-0276. 48tf

**FOR RENT:** Nice 2BR mobile home with stove and refrigerator, no pets, utilities paid. 409-751-0276. 30tf

**CHICKENS & QUAIL For Sale:** Wyandotte, New Hampshire, Delaware, and Easter Egg Layers. Brown Quail and White Quail. Will barter. Also, cages, incubator, and chicken houses. 409-454-3903. 23p

LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: 65964

JEREMIAH DINET  
-VS-  
ESTATE OF FRANK HESTON  
ROBINSON SR., ESTATE OF PHYLLIS  
ANE RHODES AKA PHYLLIS J. DINET,  
ESTATE OF JERROD ROBINSON, ESTATE  
OF FRANKLIN HESTON ROBINSON,  
JOSHUA DINET AND CALLYE WINSOR

§ 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
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§ COUNTY OF HARDIN

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TO: ESTATE OF FRANK HESTON ROBINSON SR., ESTATE OF PHYLLIS JANE RHODES, AKA PHYLLIS J. DINET, ESTATE OF JERROD ROBINSON, ESTATE OF FRANKLIN HESTON ROBINSON, JOSHUA DINET AND CALLYE WINSOR

Defendant Greeting:  
YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS, at the Courthouse located at 300 Monroe St. of said County in the City of Kountze, Hardin County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation the date for answer being July 14, 2025 to the Plaintiff's Original Petition ON Trespass To Try Title filed in said court on cause number **65964** styled:

JEREMIAH DINET  
-VS-  
ESTATE OF FRANK HESTON ROBINSON SR., ESTATE OF PHYLLIS JANE RHODES AKA PHYLLIS J. DINET, ESTATE OF JERROD ROBINSON, ESTATE OF FRANKLIN HESTON ROBINSON, JOSHUA DINET AND CALLYE WINSOR

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:  
  
Trespass to Try Title on Property Located at 330 Duhon St., Sour Lake, Texas 77659 described as follows:  
BEING the J.L. Loftin 1.16-acre tract out of Stephen Jackson League, Hardin County, Texas  
  
Being a 19.35 acre tract of land in and a part of the Thomas Murphy Survey, Abstract Number 399, in Hardin County, Texas, said 19.35 acre tract being all of a called 2.40 acre tract of land, no deed found, identified as Property ID: 77809, of the Hardin County Appraisal District, and being all of a called 20.40 acre tract of land, no deed found, identified as Property ID Number 19220, of the Hardin County Appraisal District, and being all of a called 0.70 acre tract of land, as recorded in County Clerk's File Number 2015-59736 of the Official Public Records of Hardin County, Texas.  
  
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
  
ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT KOUNTZE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 28th day of May 2025.  
  
ATTORNEY OF RECORD:  
VICTORIA LAINE  
1045 South Redwood  
KOUNTZE, TX 77625  
  
DANA HOGG, DISTRICT CLERK  
Hardin County, Texas  
P.O. Box 2997  
Kountze, Tx 77625  
  
By: TRACIE MORGAN, DEPUTY CLERK

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: 65954

CHARLES HOOPER HARRIS, III.,  
JAMES ALLEN BARNER, AND  
WILLIAM FRANKLIN BARNER  
-VS-  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANNE  
BELLE BOUDREAUX HEISELBETZ AND  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES  
WILLIE BYRD THE UNKNOWN HEIRS  
OF STEVEN WAYNE BYRD, AND THE  
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAMELA BYRD  
ATWOOD AND RACHEL LYNN BYRD,  
TINA LOUSIE GASH, RENEE G. BYRD,  
SHANNA BYRD THURSTON, APRIL  
BYRD NECTOUOX, CATHY ATWOOD  
CARROW, PAMELA ATWOOD  
TEGTMEIER, CHRISTOPHER ATWOOD  
JEFFERY ATWOOD HUBERT, SR.

§ 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
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§ COUNTY OF HARDIN

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TO: CAROL HOOKS SMITH, ALLISON NEWBERRY, ROXANNE NEWBERRY MORROW, ERRAN NEWBERRY, BRANDON NEWBERRY, CONNIE SUE HOOKS, LISA GAY HOOKS, KELLY A. HOOKS, THOMAS A. HOOKS, JR., SUE HOOKS VANDERVOORT, JAMES LOUIS HOOKS, DAN ALLEN HOOKS AND PHYLLIS ELLEN MCLEAN, DEFENDANTS

Greeting:  
YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS, at the Courthouse located at 300 Monroe St. of said County in the City of Kountze, Hardin County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation the date for answer being July 7, 2025 to the Plaintiff's Petition to Quiet Title filed in said court on May 22, 2025, in cause number **65954** styled:

CHARLES HOOPER HARRIS, III., JAMES ALLEN BARNER AND WILLIAM FRANKLIN BARNER  
-VS-  
CAROL HOOKS SMITH, ALLISON NEWBERRY, ROXANNE NEWBERRY MORROW, ERRAN NEWBERRY, BRANDON NEWBERRY, CONNIE SUE HOOKS, LISA GAY HOOKS, KELLY A. HOOKS, THOMAS A. HOOKS, JR., SUE HOOKS VANDERVOORT, JAMES LOUIS HOOKS, DAN ALLEN HOOKS AND PHYLLIS ELLEN MCLEAN

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: PETITION TO QUIET TITLE  
DESCRIPTION: 23 1/3 ACRE TRACT N ABST. 399, the THOMAS MURPHY SURVEY RESURVEYED AS BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: METES AND BOUND DESCRIPTION, 19.35 ACRE TRACT, THOMAS MURPHY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NUMBER 399, HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS  
  
Being a 19.35 acre tract of land in and a part of the Thomas Murphy Survey, Abstract Number 399, in Hardin County, Texas, said 19.35 acre tract being all of a called 2.40 acre tract of land, no deed found, identified as Property ID: 77809, of the Hardin County Appraisal District, and being all of a called 20.40 acre tract of land, no deed found, identified as Property ID Number 19220, of the Hardin County Appraisal District, and being all of a called 0.70 acre tract of land, as recorded in County Clerk's File Number 2015- 59736 of the Official Public Records of Hardin County, Texas. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
  
ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT KOUNTZE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 23rd day of May 2025.  
  
ATTORNEY OF RECORD:  
VICTORIA LAINE  
1045 South Redwood  
KOUNTZE, TX 77625  
  
DANA HOGG, DISTRICT CLERK  
Hardin County, Texas  
P.O. Box 2997  
Kountze, Tx 77625  
  
By: TRACIE MORGAN, DEPUTY CLERK

PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE TEXAS  
PROPERTY CODE: Curio Storage Silsbee, located at 255 E. Ave R, Silsbee, TX 77656, (phone: 409-203-4147) will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. The sale will take place at www.storageauctions.com beginning on 06/10/2025 at 12:00 AM and ending on 06/17/2025 at 12:00 PM. Property in each space will be sold by the space. Deposit for removal and cleanup may be temporarily required. No cash accepted. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes appliances, furniture, toys, electronics, personal items, boxes, and other items. Name and unit number of tenants: Elizabeth Menthaca, unit 18; Jazmin Harvill, unit 22; Alison Glenny, unit 35; Torrie Gore, unit 37; Mandy Bonnette, unit 40; Tanna Hodges, unit 41; Tanna Hodges, unit 45; Chadrick Shaw, unit 47; Rhonda McNeil, unit 49; Jeffrey Gregory, unit 50; Mya Alfred, unit 57; Fannie Bible, unit 60; Melanie Criddell, unit 66; Edward Carmenar, unit 67; Zachary Vaught, unit 68; Clyde Roth, unit 76; Stephen Gilbert, unit 79; Mirajah Porchia, unit 88; Hayley Vanslyke, unit 92; Dylan Gale, unit 104; Michelle Jackson Georgia Williams, unit 106 & 107; Jamie Revils, unit 108 & 109; Bobby Milton, unit 113; William Marx, unit 115; Chloe Pate, unit 124.



LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICE

## The Silsbee Bee’ Policy regarding Public / Legal Notice

The Silsbee Bee is the only paid circulated newspaper of record for Hardin County, Texas which encompass:

- Hardin County
- Kountze ISD
- Kountze City

- Silsbee ISD
- Silsbee City
- Lumberton ISD

- Lumberton City
- Hardin Jefferson ISD
- Sour Lake City

Furthermore any and all state regulated entities including Water Board, Water Districts and all notices required by TABC as well as all other state agencies. Individual law notices required by Federal, State and County, if filed in Hardin County are also required to be published in The Silsbee Bee.

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2 Col. x 3” x \$9.25 = \$55.50 per week  
\$55.50 per week x 8 weeks = \$444.00

1.00 Inch

1.12 Inch

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- (1) devote not less than 25 percent of its total column lineage to general interest items;
- (2) be published at least once each week;
- (3) be entered as second-class postal matter in the county where published; and
- (4) have been published regularly and continuously for at least 12 months before the governmental entity or representative publishes notice.

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*This policy effective 06/01/2025*

LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: 65855

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

-VS-

KOURTNEY BRYAN TEER, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ROBERT C. SUTTON, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF TANYA L.KOURTNEY BRYAN TEER, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ROBERT C. SUTTON, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF TANYA L. TEER-SUTTON, DECEASED

§ 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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§ COUNTY OF HARDIN

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

"YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE AN A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF 42 DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU. IN ADDITION TO FILING A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO MAKE INITIAL DISCLOSURES TO THE OTHER PARTIES OF THIS SUIT. THESE DISCLOSURES GENERALLY MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER YOU FILE YOUR ANSWER WITH THE CLERK. FIND OUT MORE AT TEXASLAWHELP.ORG."

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ROBERT C. SUTTON, DECEASED AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF TANYA L. TEER-SUTTON, DECEASED

Defendant, Greeting:  
YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) AE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of HARDIN COUNTUY, TEXAS, at the Courthouse located at 300 Monroe St. of said County in the City of Kountze, Hardin County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation the date for answer being 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025 to the Plaintiff’s Original Petition filed in said court on, in cause number **65855** styled:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS 6640 PALACE DRIVE, LUMBERTON, TEXAS 77657, DISCRIBED AS: LOT NUMBER TWO OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS, PHASE II, AS ADDITION IN HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN/UNDER VOLUME 4, PAGES 127 AND 135 OF THE PLAT RECORDS OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT KOUNTZE, TEXAS, ON THIS 16th day of May, 2025.

ATTORNEY OF RECORD:  
BRADLEY CONWAY  
6080 TENNYSON PKWY., STE. 100  
PLANO, TX 75024

DANA HOGG, DISTRICT CLERK  
Hardin County, Texas  
P.O. Box 2997  
Kountze, Tx 77625

By KIMBERLY LANGLEY, DEPUTY

► **FITNESS** From Page 1

people of all different races and for people of different exercise levels.

Raymond Estrada said, “I’m here on behalf of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas. It’s an honor to join you all today to celebrate our collaboration with the City of Silsbee and the National Fitness Campaign to provide free accessible exercise space for community members of all ability levels.”

He added, “We know that on average one in two adults don’t get enough physical activity in their day-to-day lives, which can lead to chronic, yet preventable conditions. We saw a need to reduce barriers by improving physical and mental health, so in 2022 we joined the National Fitness Campaign to

commit nearly a million dollars to bring up to 100 outdoor fitness courts across Texas.”

Walter Land Jr., who now lives in Dallas, told the crowd that he made the financial contribution in honor of his father, Walter Land Sr., who had served on the Silsbee City Council and had been a member of several service clubs.

Walter Land Sr. had been a gifted athlete at Waldo Mathews High School in football and baseball and later at Prairie View College. He died in 2022.

His son told the crowd that he himself had grown up across the street from what is now Waldo Mathews Park, the former site of Waldo Mathews High School which was the only black high school in Hardin

County during days of segregation.

Land said he came up with the idea for the art work or mural on the outdoor fitness court to be of a Panther and a Tiger, the mascots of the Waldo Panthers and the Silsbee Tigers.

The mayor presented Land with a certificate of appreciation and a key to the city.

Following the ribbon cutting, members of the Silsbee Police Department and Silsbee Fire Department tried out the new facility and got involved in friendly competition.

Silsbee Mayor Danny Reneau said he is hopeful that the new outdoor fitness court, which opened on May 29, 2025, will be used by and be beneficial to many people in the Silsbee area for many years to come.

► **PHILLIPS** From Page 2

told me no. Thank God for that man.

I’ve been in newspapers a long time, and I’m proud to be part of Hardin County now. My newspaper family just got a little bigger — with Dan, Debbie, Amy, Danny and the rest of the incredible team you already know.

We’re also bringing in a new guy:

Dylan. He’ll be working with Dan and learning the ropes. He’s full of energy and ready to dig into the business. I’m excited to see where we go from here as we work to make The Silsbee Bee into the award-winning newspaper it deserves to be(e).

And finally, here’s my cell number: 979-250-2733. I’m

Examining the past to understand its effectiveness equips us with wisdom for the future. As we understand

available pretty much all the time. I don’t answer unknown calls, but if you text me, I’ll call you back and add you to my contacts. Call to compliment, complain, offer advice, or just say hello. This is your newspaper — and the best way I can serve you is by knowing what you care about most.

*Until next week.*

I cherish the wisdom of the past, which could still be relevant today. We are all part of the now.

Shall we go back in time?

► **COONROD** From Page 2

to a health issue. Biological gender at birth has been confused to where politicians and judges can not define a woman.

Equal opportunity is giving way to equal outcome which destroys our work ethic. Honoring our creator has been

replaced with man’s greatness. All this leads to love being replaced with hatred, violence, confusion, and a nation in turmoil.

how America is wallowing in the evilness of the present, it is healthy and very necessary.





A total of 277 members of the Lumberton High School Class of 2025 were seated in the center of the Doggett Ford Park Arena last Friday night for graduation ceremonies.

Dan Eakin | Silsbee Bee



Brooke Martin, 2025 LHS salutatorian, addresses the seniors and the huge crowd at the Doggett Ford Park Arena.

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LHS valedictorian excelled in both academics; sports

Dan Eakin  
Managing Editor  
The Silsbee Bee

LUMBERTON — Brooke Martin did not know until Tuesday night of last week that she would be the valedictorian for the Lumberton High School Class of 2025.

That means she also did not know that she would be making the valedictory speech at the graduation the following Friday night before 276 fellow classmates and hundreds of people in the Doggett Ford Park arena in Beaumont.

Brooke, the daughter of Daniel and Amy Martin, graduated with a grade point average of 4.57813.

In addition to being a giant success in the academic world, she has also excelled in sports. She played soccer all four years in high school and made first team all district in soccer in

her sophomore, junior and senior years. She was team captain in her junior year and in her senior year she was team captain and chaplain, received Co-MVP for the district, was Second Team All-State for TASCO, received TASCO Academic All-State, and was First Team Academic All-State for THSCA.

Also in addition to being successful in the academic world, she was president of the National Honor Society in her senior year, treasurer for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes senior year, a member of Raiders for Christ and a member of Calvary North Youth Group and First Baptist Church Youth Group.

Her scholarships include Daughters of the American Revolution (\$50), #64 “Be Like Ben” Scholarship (\$1,000), Education First Federal Credit Union Scholarship (\$2,500), Lumberton High School

National Honor Society Scholarship (\$400) and Lumberton Education Foundation Founders Scholarship (\$500).

She plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall to major in nutrition with hopes of entering the nursing program.

“Some day, I would like to be a nurse anesthetist,” she said.

Asked why she chose Texas A&M, she said, “For starters, my dad graduated from Texas A&M and so I have always planned to go there because my dad speaks so highly of it. Last year, after going to a couple football games and getting an official tour of the school, though, I realized how much I love the community and atmosphere. While the university is huge, it still feels small, homey, and like a family.”

Brooke, who attended Lumberton schools for 12 years, was asked who her favorite teacher was and why.

She said, “Mrs. Wright, my freshman year Advanced Biology, junior year AP Biology, and senior year Dual Credit Anatomy & Physiology teacher is my favorite teacher. She is kind-hearted, compassionate, intelligent, and talented with what she does and never fails to make lessons interesting and create relationships with her students. In a way, Mrs. Wright was able to make her classroom feel more like a family.”

Asked to what or whom did she attribute her success, she replied, “I attribute my success to God. Without Him, none of this would have been possible.”

LHS salutatorian Hope Fowler honored



Hope Fowler  
Submitted | Silsbee Bee

Dan Eakin  
Managing Editor  
The Silsbee Bee

LUMBERTON — Hope Fowler, the salutatorian for the Lumberton High School Class of 2025, has been honored in many ways throughout

her high school years both academically and athletically.

Academically, she maintained a 4.0 unweighted GPA and rank in the top of her class, earning recognition as one of Lumberton High School’s Top Ten students for the Class of 2025. She consistently made the A Honor Roll and was selected for the Practicum Program based on teacher recommendations. She also earned certifications in Word 2016, Excel 2016, CPR (double certification), basic first aid, phlebotomy, and EKG.

Her final grade point average was listed as 4.51.

Athletically, she was a regional qualifier and quarterfinalist in mixed doubles tennis, earned multiple first-place tournament finishes, and contributed to team district titles in both tennis and basketball.

“I have played varsity sports since my sophomore year, playing volleyball, basketball, and tennis,” she said. “After breaking my ankle and re-injuring it all throughout my year in basketball, I decided to focus on tennis my senior year.”

57TH ANNUAL INVITATION Golf Tournament

12-15 JUNE 2025

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

\$150 Attendance Packet – Entry for two, meals, beverages, and access to all events

\$200 Hole Sponsor – Name at a tee box + 1 attendance packet

\$300 Food Sponsor – Name at cook shack all weekend + 2 attendance packets

\$500 Company Sponsor – Name at course entrance + 3 attendance packets

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\$2,500 Cart Sponsor – Name on banner near cart area + 7 packets

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IN MEMORY OF

Ronnie Nash  
Donnie Van Pelt

AGENDA

June 12 • Dinner: Boiled Shrimp & Fixings & 100% Calcutta Payout

June 13 • Tournament Begins:  
• Lunch: Links & Chips - Dinner: Fried Fish & Fixings

June 14 • Tournament Resumes  
• Lunch: Hamburgers & Chips

June 15 • Lunch: BBQ Brisket & Sausage  
• Tournament Ends  
• Awards Presentation

Proceeds benefit Hardin County Go Texas, the Christian Care Center in Silsbee, and The Helping Center in Buna.

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