

Bloomington amenities bless community

by Peter Moralez

“I want healthy alternatives available to the residents of Bloomington,” said Terry Ellis, founder and operator of The Gym of Bloomington located on Texas Highway 185 on the outskirts of Bloomington coming into town from Victoria. “We have also created a maze-like walking trail across the street providing residents an additional opportunity for recreation.”

The walking trail, located across the highway from The Gym of Bloomington was made available in 2020 and opened its doors in August of 2021. “Bloomington is a small community with limited opportunities to enjoy recreation,” Ellis said. “I feel that anything we can do to provide healthy alternatives for our residents is good for everyone.”

The Gym of Bloomington is complete with various fitness machines available for their guests to use. All at zero cost to them. There

is television for attendees to watch while they are working out, as well as two vending machines for refreshments located in a large air-conditioned and heated space that allows ample room to work out. There is even a free air system to fill car or bicycle tires low on air or recreational equipment.

Even though Victoria is only ten miles away, Ellis said, “I feel that something located within Bloomington allows residents, who don’t or can’t travel, as well as individuals getting off a hard day of work, a local option to either maintain or improve their health.”

There is also a smaller room that Ellis envisions as a general meeting area for people to come in and play dominoes, checkers, or even bingo. “From the beginning, it has been our goal to create a dedicated multi-purpose space for area residents to gather, visit, workout, and have a good time. For us, it is all about community.”

The Gym of Bloomington also
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Nacole Hosey, Director of Special Events for the Gym of Bloomington. *Contributed photo.*



Those over 21 years of age who meet eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply to foster parent. *Contributed photo.*

Foster care revamps program to improve lives

by Michelle Madsen

As we embrace the holiday season, we give thanks for our families and friends, but as many as 25,000 children are in foster care with our county having 1200 children in foster care. “We need the

community to wrap around these kids, to be foster parents, to be their support, to get in the heart with them all the while staying close to home,” said Tara Roussett, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SJRC Texas and Belong. She explained that foster care is

changing, October 2021 foster care focused on placement, and as of October 2022 the focus is on management. “We are nationally certified and have always worked with kids, but now we are able to work with families with full case

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If it is called tequila, you know it is from the Mexican state of Jalisco

by Peter Moralez

Tequila, made from the blue agave plant, is the distilled pride of Mexico. Specifically, from the city of Tequila, located about forty miles northwest of Guadalajara in the central western state of Jalisco. It does not have to be from Tequila, but according to Mexican laws, tequila must be from the region of Jalisco, where it is grown, distilled, and bottled. There are several related products such as mes-

cal, bacanora, raicilla, and pulque.

The process of harvesting, distilling, and aging of tequila has remained unchanged since the 1500's. The rich red volcanic soil is perfect for the blue agave to flourish. Throughout Jalisco, based on the altitude of the hilly areas, or the depths of the valleys, will dictate the difference in specific tastes and aromas that are notable. It is widely believed that agaves grown in the hills tend to grow larger and sweeter, while

those grown in the lower regions have a more herbaceous fragrance and flavor, a more organic aroma, if you will.

It is noteworthy to acknowledge that the region near Tequila was distinguished as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2006. Tequila, recognized as a Mexican designation of origin product, was protected through the North American Free Trade Agreement. In 1974, the Mexican government protected tequila by declaring the term tequila



Silver tequila goes through two distilling processes and the golden, or amber color, is aged over a year. *Contributed photo.*

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King Carlos IV of Spain granted the Cuervo Family the first license to commercially produce tequila. King Carlos ruled the Spanish Empire from 1788 to 1808. However, it was Don Cenobio Sauza, the founder of Sauza Tequila, who also served as Municipal President of the village of Tequila from 1884 through 1885, who was the first entrepreneur to export tequila to the United States.

Over one hundred distilleries produce tequila in Jalisco, and they are responsible for over 2,000 different brand names that have been registered. Each bottle is assigned a distinct serial number, making it traceable to its point of origin. Previously, in some cases, tequila would be distilled in Mexico, and then shipped to different countries for bottling and creating jobs in the bottling country.

In 2003, Mexico put a stop to the practice that required all tequila to

be bottled in Mexico. Citing that this would serve quality control. In 2006, Mexico and the United States entered into an agreement that once again allowed the bulk importing of tequila, however, the United States was required to still identify each bottle with a unique serial number. This was referred to as the tequila bottlers' registry, and an agency was created to enforce this rule.

The planting, harvesting, and distilling of tequila is still a hands-on endeavor. The men who harvest the blue agaves are called jimadors, and they learn to develop an intimate knowledge of the agaves' cultivation. In many cases, this knowledge and experience is handed down from father to son. Jimadors are constantly caring for the agaves by not allowing them to flower or die, and by trimming away a large stalk from the center of the plant, which grows several

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Winners in November election

by Peter Morales

A general election was held in Victoria County on November 8, 2022. The following is a list of the candidates that were either elected or re-elected.

In the election for Victoria County Clerk, Republican candidate Heidi Easley was re-elected. Easley has worked in the county clerk's office since 1994. She got her start as a deputy county clerk. In 1999, she transferred to the district attorney's office and then returned to the county clerk's office in 2014 when she defeated Robert Cortez. She is a graduate of Victoria-Stroman High School.

In the race for Victoria County Commissioner, Precinct 2, Republican candidate, Jason Orht won. This is Orht's first elected office. He is the executive director of Vitality Court Assisted Living, and a graduate of Stroman High School, class of 1990.

In the race for Victoria County Commissioner, precinct 4, Republican candidate, Kenneth Sexton won. This is Sexton's first elected seat. He is the owner of Long Branch Ranch and Ag Service, and he is a graduate of Victoria High School, class of 1984.

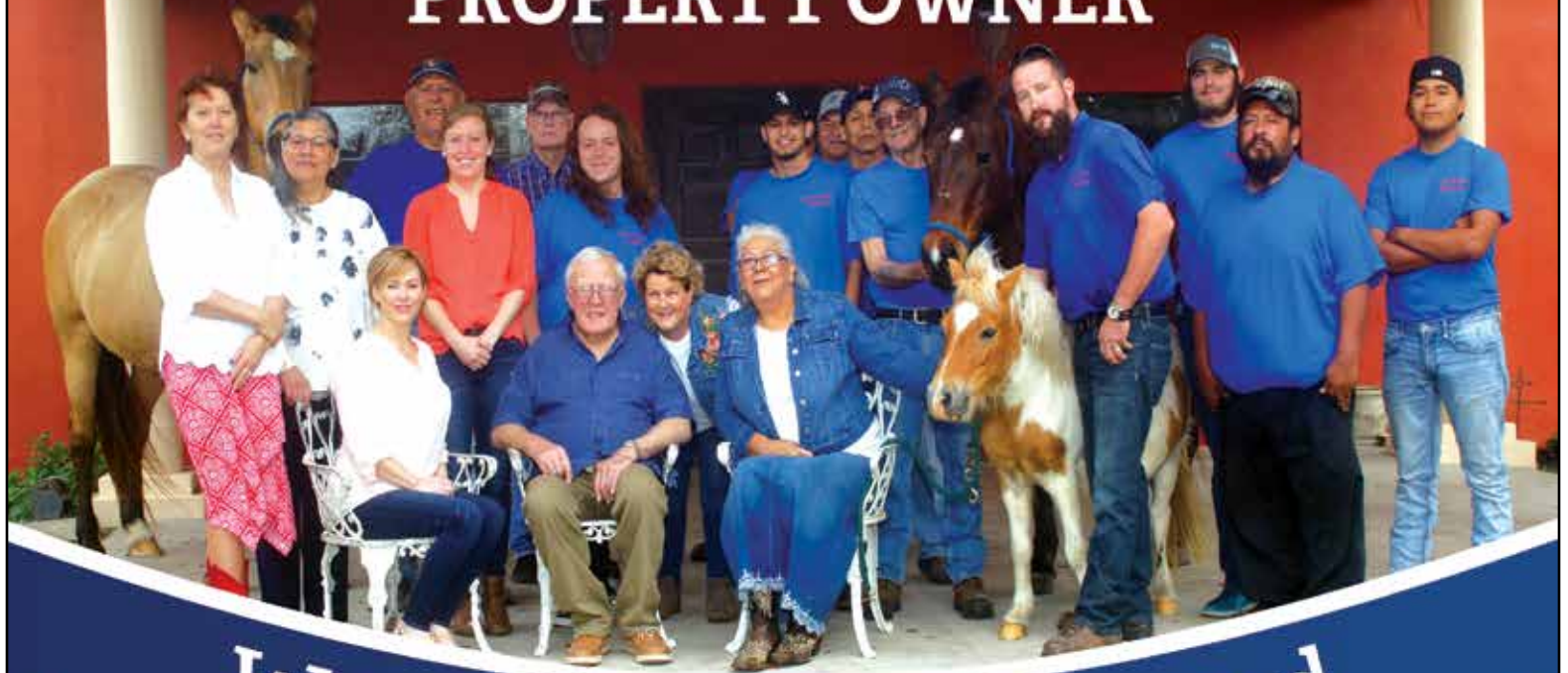
In the race for Victoria County Criminal District Attorney, Republican candidate, Constance Filley Johnson won re-election. Johnson has served in this office since 2019. She attended University of Houston-Victoria, graduating in 1993, and obtained her law degree from Texas Southern University, class of 2005.

In the race for Victoria County Treasurer, republican candidate, Lori Paige Foster won in her first elected seat. She previously worked as the payroll coordinator in the treasurer's office. She is a graduate of Stroman High School, class of 1989.

In the race for Victoria District Clerk, Republican Kim Plummer was elected. This was her first election, although she was appointed two years ago to complete the unfinished term of former clerk Kathy Stuart. Born and

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EE. UU. — Muere Irene Cara, la cantante de los éxitos de “Fama” y “Flash dance.” La noticia fue confirmada por su publicista Ju-

dith A. Moose en Twitter. Moose señaló que Cara falleció en su residencia de Florida. Por el momento se desconoce la causa de muerte,

que será revelada “cuando haya información disponible.” “No puedo creer tener que escribir esto, y mucho menos dar la noticia. Por favor, compartan sus pensamientos y recuerdos de Irene. Estaré leyendo todos y cada uno de ellos; y sé que ella estará sonriendo desde el cielo. Ella adoraba a sus fans,” escribió Moose en la cuenta de Twitter de la cantante.

QATAR — Argentina vence a México, ¿qué necesitan ambos para pasar a la segunda ronda de Qatar 2022? Cuando todo hacía pensar que el cero se imponía en la noche del estadio Lusail Iconic, Lionel Messi cambió la historia de un encuentro con mucha tensión, pero pocas emociones. Con un disparo rasante a los 20 minutos del segundo tiempo, imposible de atajar para Guillermo Ochoa, el

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Irene Cara. Contributed photo.

capitán argentino le dio la primera alegría a la albiceleste luego de la sorpresiva derrota en primera ronda con Arabia Saudita. Con su gol, Messi llegó a la cifra de ocho goles mundialistas, la misma de Diego Armando Maradona, dos años y un día después de la muerte del gran astro argentino.

UCRANIA — ucraniano dice que

en Jersón mató soldados rusos que “estaban borrachos. “La ciudad de Jersón, ahora liberada, mira hacia atrás y cuenta las crudas historias de la resistencia ucraniana. Ciudadanos de a pie están dispuestos a matar con tal de liberarse de los rusos, como este joven que habló con el enviado especial por CNN, Sam Kiley.

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Victorian speaks of tragic crash

by Michelle Madsen

The November 12, 2022 mid-air collision of two vintage World

War Two aircraft hits home for one Victoria man. “Three of the aviators killed were friends of mine,” said Victoria native Billy Mc-

Caskill, who was a member of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) for many years. McCaskill’s first Commemo-

orative Air Force airshow was in 1976, a gift for obtaining his Eagle Scout award. McCaskill, now age 60, was a member of the CAF Marshalling Detachment in the 1990s. He would assist the warbirds in taxiing to takeoff position and then again when returning to their parking spot after performing their airshow routine. He was also a member of the Gulf Coast Wing for several years prior to Covid.

McCaskill and his father, the late Bill McCaskill, a World War



Billy McCaskill, Confederate Air Force Colonel and trained B-17 loadmaster, stands next to the SB2C Helldiver. *Contributed photo.*

only four of the World War II aircrafts left in existence.

McCaskill learned of the crash through social media and immediately started calling members of the Gulf Coast Wing to determine who may have been involved in the crash. The Wings Over Dallas air show hosted the B-17 Raiders, whose mission is to Educate, Inspire, Honor through flight. The Commemorative Air Force acquired the Texas Raiders in 1967 and has been delighting audiences with hands-on living history educating the public at airshows,

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The actual B-17 aircraft that crashed during the Wings over Dallas Airshow. *Contributed photo.*

Two aviator and thirty-year owner of Victoria Putt Putt, loved the B-17. After his father’s passing, McCaskill joined the Conroe-based Wing, which was home to the B-17 Flying Fortress “Texas Raiders.” TR, as it was commonly referred to, was one of the two vintage World War II warbirds involved in the Veteran’s Weekend airshow in Dallas, which claimed the lives of six as a result of the crash. The United States originally built 12,731 B-17s. This leaves



Leonard “Len” Root. *Contributed photo.*

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Terry Barker. Contributed photo.



Kevin "K5" Michaels. Contributed photo.

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flyovers, and civic events.

According to the Commemorative Air Force media relations, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) had placed a gag order to not release the names of



Craig Hutain. Contributed photo.

those killed until the next of kin could be notified. "I was breathless waiting to find out the names of the six," McCaskill said. Social media and other newspapers re-



Curt Rowe. Contributed photo.

leased the names of four of the six against the wishes of the NTSB. "I received a call from a friend in the Gulf Coast Wing who routinely flies on the B-17 and was told that the remaining two were not Wing members from the Houston area, nor part of the 2017 crew that came to Victoria.

McCaskill had brought the Texas Raiders to Victoria in 2017 as a salute to World War II veterans. "I was really close to that crew and concerned for their safety," Mc-



Dan Ragan. Contributed photo.

Caskill shared. He coordinated with Mike Yokum, Victoria Generals Pro Baseball Club, Vice President and General Manager, to do a flyover in conjunction with First Responders Night during the National Anthem to start the Generals baseball game. Yokum shared that he had always wanted the Texas Raiders to come, and it was a great

honor, which the fans really enjoyed. He was on vacation with his family when he learned of the fatal crash. "It is a dangerous business for sure; a very tragic situation. How hard for the fans who are there to take part in the excitement of the day and end up witnessing a tragedy that will probably stay with them forever."

"The Commemorative Air

Force is great organization! I hope this doesn't hurt them or the airshows," expressed McCaskill. "I have many great memories, which include meeting Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Greg "Pappy" Boyington of the famed Blacksheep Squadron, as well as members of the Doolittle Raiders, who bombed Tokyo in 1942 in response to the bombing of Pearl Harbor,

Hawaii a few months earlier. Nowhere else on earth can you socialize with the Blue Angels, the Thunderbirds, and other aviators spanning decades."

"The deaths of Terry Barker, Len Root, Craig Hutain, Curt Rowe, Kevin Michels, and Dan Ragan are a tragic loss, but they died doing something they loved," McCaskill added.

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A look at the origins of Thanksgiving

by Peter Morales

November a federal holiday called Thanksgiving Day.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation making the fourth Thursday of

Lincoln wrote: "The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of

fruitful fields and healthy skies. To these bounties, which we are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to ever the watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and natives of the Union...I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father

who dwelleth in the Heavens...In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.... Proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln, October 3, 1863.

While with Lincoln's signature the holiday officially became law, historical diaries from the early 17th century, however, indicate that the first time Thanksgiving was actually celebrated was in the Plymouth Colony directly after the colonists survived their first winter in New England.

Those same records reflect that 53 pilgrims and 90 Native Americans, who dined on fowl, venison, fish, lobster, clams, berries, fruit, pumpkin and squash, enjoyed a three-day celebration. The fowl was wild turkey, which historians believe gave rise to what would later become the tradition of serving turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

Back as early as 1607, more generic Thanksgiving Day celebrations were recognized annually by virtue of charters that were created by specific landing parties, such as that of the colonists who settled in



Thanksgiving cornucopia. Contributed photo.

Jamestown. Those colonists decreed that an annual thanksgiving celebration would be recognized on the day the pilgrims first landed there, that being May 14, 1607.

By 1621, thanksgiving became associated with a successful harvest. In that same year, a harvest celebration was held at Plymouth Plantation. Squanto, a Patuxet Native American who resided with the Wampanoag tribe, taught the pilgrims how to catch eel and grow corn. He also served as an interpreter for them since he had learned English when he was enslaved and taken to Europe.

There is ample documentation from historical records indicating that indigenous American Indians

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Does the bear have the right to bear arms, too?



Hunting deer lease. *Contributed photo.*

by Peter Morales

As all hunters would tell me, the right to bear arms is one of America's most invaluable rights. But let's face it, when that right was given to all Americans, America was quite the different place, wasn't it? And just like so many other, so called, inalienable rights, they weren't applicable to all Americans, were they?

When our forefathers wrote our rights into the Constitution, the rights they spoke of didn't include the rights of, say, people of color did they? Nor where those same rights extended to women, were they? When the rights of all Americans are referred to, what was really meant were the rights of white American men.

That being said, what I really want to talk about is the state of affairs concerning hunting and hunters. Now I'm not talking about all hunters. No, I want to talk about a specific type of hunter, and trust me I use the term hunter very loosely.

When I was a child, many of my uncles and cousins hunted. Although I can honestly say that I never saw the head of a single animal grace their walls. They hunted for food, not for trophy. None of them went on safari, unless you call hunting on their ranches safaris.

Let me just stop here so we can be on the same page. Man has been hunting since he first occupied the earth. Stones developed into sharpened sticks, or spears, if you will, then into arrowheads with bows. Let's also clarify that the rudimentary tools man was using were being used to take down huge wild animals, and I'm sure that many of these early hunters were killed honing their craft.

In modern times, man developed better weapons, delighting in using them on both man and beast. Man has since excelled in creating

more accurate and more deadly weaponry, including scopes and even night vision.

Several years ago, I lived and worked in Kerrville. While there, I would often take extended drives in the surrounding countryside. I started to notice that many of the ranches offered hunting leases. I don't have a problem with that. Then I noticed that some of the ranches offered 'exotic animals' to their perspective hunters. When you start to import animals into a hunting ranch for the specific reason of slaughtering them, it really rubs me the wrong way.

Then I started to research the hunting practices on many of these enclosed hunting ranches. I found that they had feeders that would condition the so-called "game" to feed at a specific time and at a specific place; sort of like our mothers would do at breakfast, lunch and dinner when we were children.

I guess the major difference being that at no time during my childhood did my mother lie in wait for me to start eating and then fire a couple of rounds into my hindquarter. Who in their right mind would refer to killing the family cat or dog while it's eating the food you just put in its bowl as

hunting?

I know that this article may upset some, but there's no need to get upset, unless I'm referring to you. If you see some sport in killing trained animals, why don't you take a ride to the zoo or to Sea-World and ply your hunting skills? Personally, I don't see any difference.

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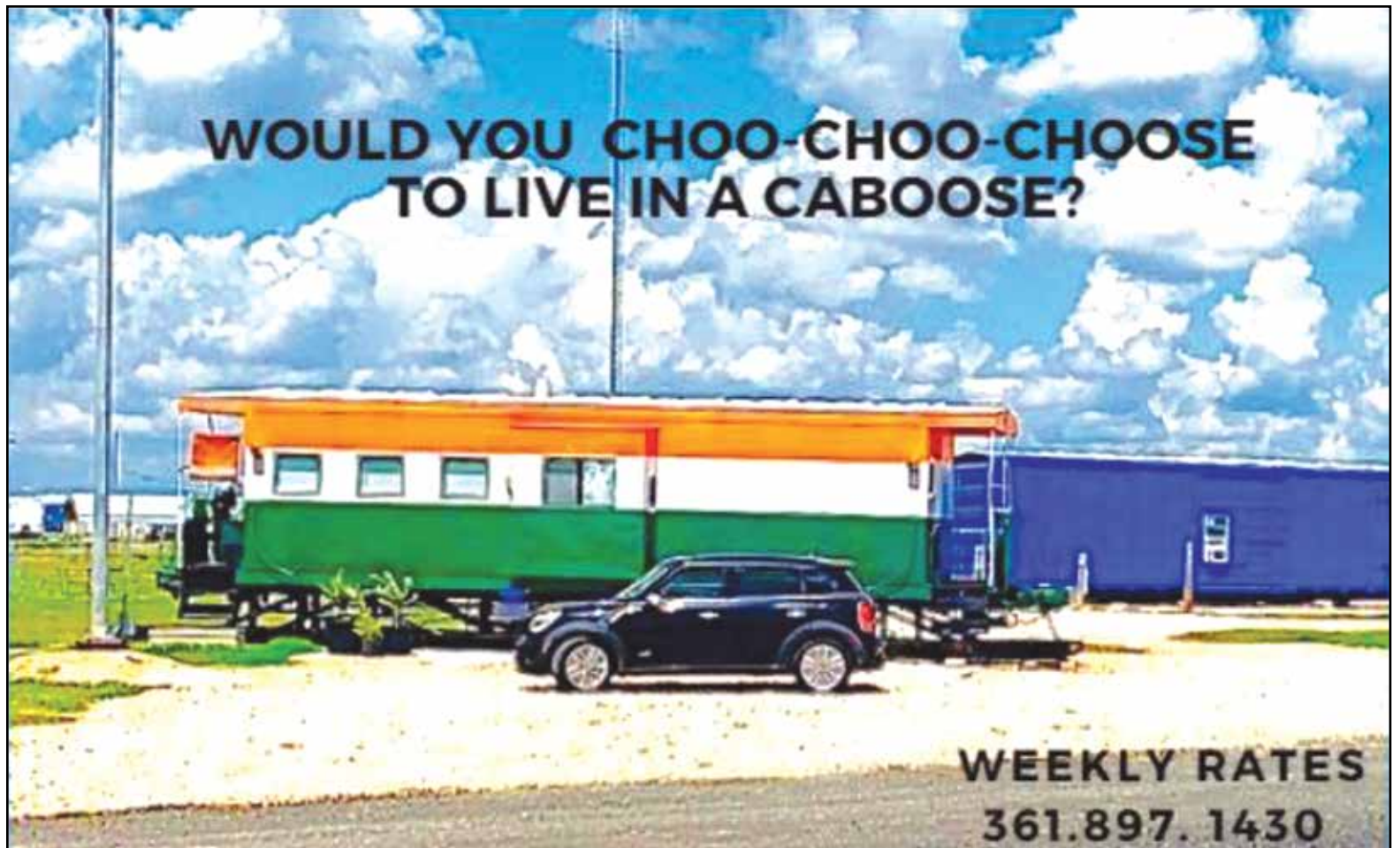


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by Meridith Byrd

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you can do that by hosting a food drive.

Who can host a food drive?

In a word, anyone! Businesses, churches, service organizations, schools, apartment complexes,

and neighborhood groups have all hosted successful food drives. All you need is a physical location to collect the donations and the Food Bank will do the rest.

How do I set up a food drive?

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What should I donate?

In general, we recommend foods that are high in protein and fiber (which helps you feel full longer) and low in sugars and sodium, including the following suggestions: Canned tuna and chicken are



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high in protein and versatile meal options. They can be eaten on a whole grain cracker or made into sandwiches, casseroles and salads.

Peanut butter is another great source of protein and always in demand by food pantries because of its popularity with kids and adults alike.

Canned soups, chili and stews, especially low sodium varieties with a mix of meats and vegetables, are high in fiber and make a hearty lunch or dinner.

Canned beans and vegetables, full of nutrients and fiber, are important parts of a well-rounded

meal. Because they can be high in sodium, look for cans that say “no salt added” on the label.

Canned fruits and fruit cups are wonderful for healthy snacks or desserts. Fruits packed in water or fruit juice are best, as they have much less sugar than those in heavy syrup.

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TDECU Offers Tips for Safe Online Holiday Shopping



Follow safe online shopping tips. *Contributed photo.*

by Mike O'Neill

Every year the number of Americans who do most of their holiday shopping online continues to rise. A recent survey by Statista.com found that 57% of U.S. consumers intended to shop online compared to just 43% who say they planned to go to a store. The ability to find the perfect gift from home and having it shipped, sometimes for free, directly to a friend or family member can be quick and conve-

nient, but it can also put the user at a great risk for fraud.

Here are some of TDECU's top tips for safe shopping this season:

1. Use a credit card when shopping online. Most cards offer liability protection in case of fraudulent use of your card information.

2. Don't respond to suspicious email offers. Your email inbox may fill up with amazing deals and incredible offers, but don't click on them, especially if they are not from companies that you are familiar with. They can often be phishing scams designed to get you to provide account or personally identifiable information that can be used by scammers.

3. Make sure your username and passwords are strong, and enable multi-factor authentication, which requires an additional step or two to verify your identity.

For more tips on protecting yourself please visit TDECU's Se-

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TEQUILA, from pg. 2

feet high. This stalk is called a quote. They are also responsible for dictating when the plant has reached the point of perfect maturation so it can be harvested at the height of its sweetness.

They use a special knife, called a coa, which is a circular knife on a long pole. The coa is used to trim away the guard leaves from the pina, which is the succulent core of the plant. When mature and trimmed, the agaves average about 150 pounds. Once harvested, the next stop for the pinas is the onsite ovens utilized to break the plants down. Once the solids are reduced to mash, they are allowed to ferment.

Even though the fermentation liquid is low in alcohol content, the wort, as it is called, is then distilled, which increases the alcohol content, flavor and aroma. Then it goes through a second distillation process, which yields the silver tequila. Aging the tequila will change the color to a golden or amber color. This is called anejo tequila, and it must be aged for at least a year to acquire this distinction.

In 2021, Mexico produced 527 million liters of tequila, the highest amount ever recorded. According to statistics, tequila production in the past 25 years has increased by 405 percent, and there is no end in sight. Tequila bars are popping up all over in both large and small cities, offering a wide range of libations, at an equally wide range of costs.

ELECTION, from pg. 3

raised in Victoria, she attended Victoria High School, and graduated in 1989.

In the race for Victoria Justice of the Peace, precinct 1, Democrat Mary Ann Estrada Rivera won re-election. She has served in that position since 2015.

In the race for Victoria Justice of the Peace, precinct 2, Republican candidate Rodney F. Durham was victorious. This is his first time to serve. Durham is a local attorney.

In the race for Victoria Justice of the Peace, precinct 4, republican candidate, John G. Miller won re-election. For the past 21 years, Miller has served Victoria County as a reserve deputy sheriff, Constable, and JP.



Michelle Peña, Kasy Reyes, Gabrielle Aguilon, and Michelle Cruz. *Contributed photo.*

BLOOMINGTON, from pg. 1 gives back to the community. Last year, they donated approximately eighty-five complete turkey dinners to anyone that needed a little help in these economically trying times. This year, they will be helping families out in the same fashion sometime in December for Christmas Day meals.

Nacole Hosey, the Director of Special Events for the Gym of Bloomington, organizes all the activities for the community. She coordinates not just the events, but also all aspects from the food, area safety, flow of the activities, and ensures that all participants' needs are met. She is credited with bringing back the Health Fair, which will come to the Gym of Bloomington once a month and offer free blood pressure testing and blood checks including diabetes testing and education by registered nurses. Residents are referred for

medical care if they need that.

"We partner with Curbside Cajun Eatery in all events that include refreshments and food," Ellis said. "We also host a Fall Festival on Halloween where we provide a cake walk, a photographer to take family pictures, candy, games, hot dogs and drinks, all at no cost. For the past two years we have had the opportunity to entertain more than three hundred attendees annually."

Bloomington partitions off part of the surrounding street to offer a safe area for families to get in and out. The area is well lit, and the festival gives parents an opportunity for their children to trick or treat without the need to go door-to-door. The refreshments are made available to everyone.

A quick look at the sign-in sheet that guests must sign to workout reveals that The Gym of Bloomington is attracting many guests a day. Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. "Eventually we want to expand the hours so we can provide residents time to workout perhaps on Saturdays," Ellis said.

Bloomington resident, Kasy Reyes, teaches an exercise dance class on Monday and Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Her class is open to the public. There is no cost for the class.

"I'm so thankful that there's a place located right here in Bloomington where I can offer my fit-

ness dance class, especially a place that's climate controlled and clean," she said. "We're just getting started but so far there is about 5 women that participate in the hour-long class, and for me it's a great stress reliever."

Reyes is looking to expand her class as participation increases. She also provides the music to

dance to. "Now do not get me wrong, it is a physical workout, and even though I provide the music as well as the instruction, I am always open to suggestions to meet the needs and desires of all those who participate. We are so fortunate to have a place like this right here in town and I want to get the word out."

Ellis wants to provide an outlet for residents to improve their health and increase their life spans. "Personally, as a stroke survivor, I know I need to work out more. I hope there are more like-minded people in the community that come in and join us at both The Gym of Bloomington and the Walking Track."

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AVISO DE UN PERMISO FEDERAL PARA OPERACIÓN PRELIMINAR

Permiso Preliminar Número: O3524

SOLICITUD Y PERMISO PRELIMINAR Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC, 800 E Sonterra Blvd. Ste. 400, San Antonio, TX 78258-3940, ha presentado una solicitud ante la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) para la renovación del Permiso Federal de Operación (en adelante denominado el Permiso) número O3524, Solicitud núm. 34156, para autorizar la operación de Port Lavaca Estación de Compresión, un transporte por gasoducto de instalaciones de gas natural. El área a la cual se refiere la solicitud está ubicada en 9546 US Highway 87 en la ciudad de Port Lavaca, Condado de Calhoun, Texas 77979-5550. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación es proporcionado como una cortesía y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=28.645555&lng=-96.761388&zoom=13&type=r>. Esta solicitud fue recibida por la TCEQ el día 12 de agosto del año 2022.

El propósito de un Permiso Federal de Operación es mejorar el acatamiento general con las normas que gobiernan el control de la contaminación atmosférica, claramente definiendo todos los requisitos aplicables como están definidos en el Título 30 del Código Administrativo de Texas § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10, por sus siglas en inglés). El permiso preliminar, si es aprobado, codificará las condiciones bajo las cuales el área debe operar. El permiso no autorizará construcción nueva. El director ejecutivo ha concluido la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha hecho una decisión preliminar para preparar el permiso preliminar para la revisión y comentario público. El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ recomienda la expedición de este permiso preliminar. La solicitud de permiso, la declaración de base y el permiso preliminar estarán disponibles para ser revisados y copiados en la Oficina Central de la TCEQ, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building (Edificio) E, First Floor (primer Piso), Austin, Texas 78753, y en la TCEQ Corpus Christi oficina regional, 500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Suite 500, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-0318 y la biblioteca pública del Condado de Calhoun, por la calle 200 W Mahan St., Port Lavaca, Texas 77979-3327, empezando el primer día de la publicación de este aviso. El permiso preliminar y la declaración de base están disponibles en el sitio de la TCEQ:

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

En la oficina central y la oficina regional también puede revisar y copiar documentos pertinentes para el permiso preliminar, así como los permisos para la Evaluación de Nuevas Fuentes que han sido incorporados por referencia. Cualquier persona que tengan dificultades obteniendo estos materiales debido a restricciones para viajar pueden comunicarse con la sala de archivos de la Oficina Central al teléfono (512) 239-2900.

COMENTARIOS/NOTIFICACIÓN PÚBLICA Y AUDIENCIA. Cualquier persona puede entregar comentarios públicos sobre el permiso preliminar. Comentarios relacionados a la exactitud, lo completo, y lo apropiado de las condiciones del permiso pueden resultar en cambios al permiso preliminar.

Una persona que podría ser afectada por la emisión de contaminantes atmosféricos del área del sitio del permiso puede solicitar una audiencia de aviso y comentarios. El propósito de la audiencia de notificación y comentarios es para proporcionar la oportunidad para entregar comentarios sobre el permiso preliminar. El permiso puede ser cambiado en base a si los comentarios relacionados con el permiso permiten el cumplimiento con el Título 30 del Código Administrativo de Texas, Capítulo 122 (ejemplos pueden incluir que el permiso no tiene todos los requisitos aplicables que correspondan o que no se cumplieron los procedimientos de aviso público). La TCEQ puede otorgar una audiencia de aviso y comentarios con respecto a esta solicitud si una petición por escrito es presentada dentro de los treinta días después de la publicación del anuncio en el diario. La solicitud de audiencia debe incluir la base de la solicitud, incluyendo una descripción de como la persona puede ser afectada por la emisión de contaminantes atmosféricos del área de la solicitud. La solicitud también debería especificar las condiciones del permiso borrador que son inapropiados o especificar como la decisión preliminar para expedir o denegar el permiso es inapropiado. Todos los asuntos razonablemente verificables deben ser planteados y todos los argumentos razonablemente disponibles deben ser entregados a no más tardar al final del período de comentarios públicos. Si se concede una audiencia de aviso y comentario, todos los individuos que presentaron comentarios por escrito o una solicitud de audiencia recibirán confirmación por escrito de la audiencia. Esta confirmación indicará la fecha, hora y lugar de la audiencia.

Comentarios públicos por escrito y/o peticiones para una audiencia de aviso y comentarios deberían ser presentados a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental (TCEQ), Oficina del Secretario Oficial (Office of Chief Clerk), MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, o por internet al www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, dentro de treinta días después de la fecha de publicación en el periódico de este aviso. Si se comunica electrónicamente con la TCEQ, favor de notar que su correo electrónico, tal como su dirección de correo doméstico, formarán parte del archivo público de la agencia.

Un aviso de la acción final propuesta que incluye una respuesta a los comentarios y denotando cualquier cambio al permiso preliminar, será enviado a todas las personas que hayan presentado comentarios públicos, una solicitud de audiencia o que hayan solicitado ser incluidos en la lista de correo. Este envío de correo también proveerá instrucciones para hacer peticiones públicas a la Agencia de Protección Ambiental (EPA, por sus siglas en inglés), para solicitar que la EPA se oponga a la expedición del permiso preliminar. Después de recibir una solicitud, la EPA solamente podrá objetar a la expedición de un permiso que no cumple con los requisitos aplicables o los requisitos del 30 TAC Capítulo 122.

LISTA PARA ENVÍO DE CORREO. Aparte de entregar comentarios públicos, usted puede solicitar ser incluido en una lista para envío de correo con respecto a esta solicitud al enviar su petición a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial (Office of Chief Clerk) a la dirección antes mencionada. Los que se encuentran en la lista para envío de correo recibirán copias de avisos públicos futuros (si hay) para esta solicitud enviados por correo por el Secretario Oficial.

INFORMACIÓN. Para más información con respecto a esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, favor de contactar a la Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas), Programa de Educación del Público (Public Education Program), MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 o llamar sin cargo al 1-800-687-4040.

Puede obtener más información sobre Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC llamando a Sr. Landon Bippert al teléfono (361) 698-4023.

Fecha de Expedición: el día 21 de octubre del año 2022

THANKSGIVING, from pg. 8

often helped pilgrims by giving them seeds to grow local crops, teaching them hot spots for hunting and, in some cases, donating foodstuffs for survival.

In addition to the colony in Plymouth, other colonies also celebrated some version of Thanksgiving Day. In the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Thanksgiving was first observed in 1630, but they didn't recognize it as an official annual event until 1680. In the Connecticut Colony, the first observation on record was in 1639. The Dutch, who set up the colony of New Netherland, first observed Thanksgiving Day in 1644. The largest township in New Netherland was New Amsterdam, which would later become New York City, and New Netherland would become New York State.

The most common reasons cited were bountiful harvests, military victories, or ratification of a state constitution. In many cases, thanksgiving days were observed by fasting and prayer. It should be noted that these thanksgiving days were not religious holidays, as those would have been designated by the church. It wasn't until 1777 that an official national day of thanksgiving was recognized throughout the land. That was to commemorate the surrender of British troops at Saratoga.

Since 1777, several United States presidents proclaimed the observance of specific national days of thanksgiving, from President Washington through President Buchanan, but it was President Lincoln who set the exact day of national observance of Thanksgiving Day, and that is the holiday we will celebrate this month.

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Residents can water their lawns with hoses at any time of day, as long as the hose has a positive shut-off nozzle.

Residents must also observe the

following new restrictions:

- Sprinkler irrigation must be limited to designated watering days:
 - Addresses ending in an even number: Sundays and Thursdays
 - Addresses ending in an odd number: Saturdays and Wednesdays
- Decorative fountains cannot be operated unless needed to keep fish alive, unless the fountain uses a recirculation system.
- Water may not be used to wash paved surfaces or buildings, control dust or flush gutters.
- Water may not be allowed to run or accumulate in any gutter or street.
- Water customers who are di-

rected to repair leaks must do so within 15 days.

- Restaurants may not serve water unless it is requested.
- Fire hydrants can only be used

for firefighting and other essential activities.

- Golf courses cannot be watered unless a different water source is used.

Exceptions to the above restrictions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. To request an exemption, contact Public Works at 361-485-3380.

FOSTER, from pg. 1

management. National data shows that kids do best when they remain in the community, close to home, preferably with family, but if not, then in foster care. She added that things are especially changing for high school students. "We want kids to have a home to go to after aging out and have a place to go for the holidays; a safe place for them."

Their mission for community-based care is to offer healing and hope to children and families affected by abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Belong, a division of SJRC Texas, is a 501(c)(3) non-

profit organization. Their vision is for abused and neglected children to be empowered to grow up to be happy, productive, and caring adults.

Luckily, Texas is one of seven states implementing Phase 2 of privatized foster care (Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Georgia, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Michigan). This is full-case management with the goal of full reunification. The new changes allow for the needs of parents to be addressed to help bring parents and children back together more quickly. Before privatization, children were the sole focus, but it

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Por la presente se notifica que la Comisión de Planificación Regional de la Media Luna Dorada (GCRPC) está buscando información sobre el método de distribución para reasignar \$ 1,267,062 en fondos del **Programa de Infraestructura Local de Recuperación de Desastres de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario.**

Los comentarios escritos y orales sobre el Método de Distribución se tomarán primero en una reunión pública de planificación programada para la siguiente fecha, hora y lugar:

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Los comentarios por escrito se recibirán desde el miércoles 7 de diciembre de 2022 hasta el jueves 9 de enero de 2023. Los comentarios por escrito deben recibirse a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m., el jueves 9 de enero de 2023. Puede enviar comentarios por correo electrónico a hannahc@gcrpc.org o por correo, Attn: Hannah Crone, Regional Services Manager, 1908 N. Laurent, Suite 600, Victoria, Texas, 77901.

GCRPC proporcionará adaptaciones razonables para las personas que asistan a las audiencias públicas de GCRPC. Las audiencias públicas se llevarán a cabo en inglés. Las solicitudes de personas que necesiten adaptaciones especiales, solicitudes de intérpretes de idiomas o solicitudes de otras necesidades especiales de comunicación deben hacerse al menos 72 horas antes de cada audiencia. Para solicitudes de alojamiento o información adicional sobre esta publicación, llame al (361) 578-1587, x401.

COMISIÓN DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DE TEXAS



AVISO DE RECIBIMIENTO DE LA SOLICITUD E INTENCIÓN DE OBTENER UN PERMISO DE AIRE (NORI)

NÚMERO DE PERMISO DE CALIDAD DEL AIRE 127838, PSDTX1588M1, 170552 Y PSDTX1610

SOLICITUD. Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas (FPC TX), ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) para:
Enmienda del Permiso 127838
Enmienda del permiso de prevención del deterioro significativo (PSD, por sus siglas en inglés) PSDTX1588M1
Una solicitud de permiso inicial número 170552
Una solicitud de permiso inicial número PSDTX1610

Esta solicitud autorizaría la modificación de La Planta de Formosa Point Comfort ubicado por la calle 201 Formosa Drive, en la ciudad de Point Comfort, en los Condados de Calhoun y Jackson, Texas 77978. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o instalación se proporciona como cortesía pública y no como parte de la solicitud o aviso. Para conocer la ubicación exacta, consulte la aplicación. <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/newsourcereview/airpermits-pendingpermit-apps>. La instalación emitirá los siguientes contaminantes: monóxido de carbono, NOx nitrogen oxides (óxidos de nitrógeno), compuestos orgánicos, materia en partículas con diámetro de 10 micrones o menos y materia en partículas con diámetro de 2.5 micrones o menos, y dióxido de azufre.

Esta solicitud se presentó a la TCEQ el día 29 de septiembre del año 2022. La solicitud estará disponible para su visualización y copia en la oficina central de la TCEQ, la oficina regional de la TCEQ Corpus Christi, la biblioteca conmemorativa del Condado de Jackson, por la calle 411 North Wells Street, Room 121, en la ciudad de Edna, en el Condado de Jackson, Texas y la biblioteca pública del Condado de Calhoun, por la calle 200 West Mahan Street, en la ciudad de Port Lavaca, en el Condado de Calhoun, Texas, a partir del primer día de publicación de este aviso. El archivo de cumplimiento de la instalación, si existe alguno, está disponible para su revisión pública en la oficina regional Corpus Christi de la TCEQ.

El director ejecutivo ha determinado que la solicitud está administrativamente completa y llevará a cabo una revisión técnica de la solicitud.

COMENTARIO PÚBLICO. Usted puede enviar comentarios públicos a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la dirección a continuación. La TCEQ considerará todos los comentarios públicos al desarrollar una decisión final sobre la solicitud y el director ejecutivo preparará una respuesta a esos comentarios.

REUNIÓN PÚBLICA. Puede solicitar una reunión pública a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la dirección a continuación. El propósito de una reunión pública es para brindar la oportunidad de enviar comentarios o hacer preguntas sobre la solicitud. Se llevará a cabo una reunión pública sobre la solicitud si lo solicita una persona interesada y el director ejecutivo determina que existe un grado significativo de interés público en la solicitud o si lo solicita un legislador local. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia de caso impugnado.

ANUNCIO DE SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR. Además de este NORI, 30 Código Administrativo de Texas (TAC) § 39.419 requiere que esta solicitud también tenga un Aviso de Solicitud y Decisión Preliminar (NAPD, por sus siglas en inglés) después de que se determine que la solicitud está técnicamente completa y se prepare un bosquejo de permiso. **Tenga en cuenta que: La TCEQ puede actuar sobre esta solicitud sin emitir un NAPD y sin buscar más comentarios públicos o proporcionar más oportunidades para una audiencia de caso impugnado si los cambios en las representaciones en la solicitud hacen que la solicitud ya no esté sujeta a los requisitos de aplicabilidad de 30 TAC § 39.402. En tales casos, este NORI será su aviso final de esta solicitud y no tendrá oportunidades adicionales para hacer comentarios o solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado.** Si se requiere un NAPD, se publicará y enviará por correo a aquellos que hicieron comentarios, enviaron solicitudes de audiencia o están en la lista de correo para esta solicitud, y contendrá la fecha límite final para enviar comentarios públicos.

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La fecha límite para presentar una solicitud para una audiencia de caso impugnado es de 30 días después de que se publique el aviso del periódico. Si una solicitud se presenta oportunamente, la fecha límite para solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado se extenderá a 30 días después del envío de la respuesta a los comentarios.

Si una solicitud de audiencia se presenta oportunamente, después del cierre de todos los períodos de comentarios y solicitudes aplicables, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y cualquier solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión. La Comisión sólo podrá conceder una solicitud de audiencia de un asunto impugnado sobre cuestiones que el solicitante haya presentado en sus observaciones oportunas que no hayan sido retiradas posteriormente. **Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de una audiencia se limitará a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas con preocupaciones relevantes y materiales sobre la calidad del aire presentadas durante el periodo de comentarios.** Cuestiones como los valores de las propiedades, el ruido, la seguridad del tráfico, y la zonificación están fuera de la jurisdicción de la Comisión para abordar en este procedimiento.

LISTA DE CORREO. Además de enviar comentarios públicos, puede solicitar ser colocado en una lista de correo para recibir futuros avisos públicos para esta solicitud específica enviando una solicitud por escrito a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial a la dirección a continuación.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA AGENCIA. Los comentarios y solicitudes del público deben enviarse electrónicamente a www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, o por escrito a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información de contacto que proporcione, incluido su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física, se convertirá en parte del registro público de la agencia. Para obtener más información sobre esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, llame al Programa de Educación Pública al número gratuito 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener más información de Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas, P.O. Box 700, Point Comfort, Texas 77978-0700 o llamando a Sra. Tammy G. Lasater, Gerente Corporativa de Permisos de Aire al (302) 383-1598.

Fecha de emisión del aviso: el día 13 de octubre del año 2022

Diabetes Increases Your Risk of Eye Disease

If you are diabetic, when was the last time you had an eye exam? If you cannot remember or if it has been longer than two years, November is a great time to focus on your vision. Having an eye exam this month could end up being one of the best decisions you can make to protect your eyesight.

Why? Because diabetics have an increased risk of developing eye diseases – especially if you are a smoker, cannot control your blood sugar levels or are Hispanic/Latino, African American or Native American.



Vision checkups are important to Diabetic health. *Contributed photo.*

November is Diabetic Eye Disease Awareness Month

Diabetic retinopathy is a common complication of diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2). It occurs when the blood vessels in the back layer of your eye (retina) become damaged, causing them to weaken and leak fluid or blood. Because the retina is responsible for converting light into signals that are sent to the brain, any damage to the retina will result in vision problems. As the condition advances, abnormal, fragile blood vessels begin to grow on the retina. This can lead to a retinal detachment, vitreous hemorrhage, glaucoma or even blindness.

Victoria Eye Center Can Help

The team at Victoria Eye Center is trained to diagnose diabetic retinopathy in the early stages, when there are no outward symptoms. This eye disease typically starts slowly, so you may not even know there is damage happening inside your eye.

Watch for These Symptoms

By the time diabetic retinopathy starts to impact your vision, See DIABETES, pg. 18

Victoria Public Library's gingerbread house workshop returns



Children will be able to decorate gingerbread houses made of graham crackers and milk cartons at the Victoria Public Library's gingerbread house workshop Dec. 10 at the Victoria Community Center annex. Contributed photo.

by City of Victoria

The Victoria Public Library's gingerbread house workshop is returning to an in-person format for the first time since 2019, giving local kids a chance to decorate their own unique gingerbread houses and collect other festive goodies to take home.

The gingerbread house workshop will be 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Victoria Community Center annex. Kits will be provided while supplies last.

The workshop will include a new feature this year: Santa's Helper Avenue. Children will be able to visit booths to receive craft kits and other items from City departments and community organizations.

"We had a great experience partnering with Blue Santa and Explore Victoria during the drive-

thru workshop, so we wanted to expand on those partnerships," said Youth Programs Supervisor Noelle Elkins.

Elkins, who joined the Victoria Public Library in late 2021, said participating in the drive-thru workshop left her with a strong impression of how important the gingerbread house workshop is to many families.

"We're looking forward to doing the workshop in person and having those more personal interactions with our kids during our biggest event of the year," Elkins said.

Funding for the workshop is provided by the Friends of the Victoria Public Library, a volunteer organization that raises funds for library events through book sales and membership fees.

For more information about library events and programs, visit www.victoriatx.gov/library.

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AVISO DE RECIBIMIENTO DE LA SOLICITUD E INTENCIÓN DE OBTENER UN PERMISO DE AIRE (NORI)

NÚMEROS DE PERMISO DE CALIDAD DEL AIRE PROPUESTO 48653 Y 170759

SOLICITUD Unión Carbide Corporación, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en inglés) para: Modificación del Permiso 48653 y Emisión de Permiso 170759.

Esta solicitud autorizará la construcción de una nueva planta de Alcoxilación en UCC Seadrift Operations ubicada en 7501 State Highway 185 North, en la ciudad de Seadrift, en el Condado de Calhoun, Texas 77983. Esta solicitud se está procesando de manera expedita, según lo permitido por las reglas de la comisión en Título 30 Código Administrativo de Texas, Capítulo 101, Subcapítulo J. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o instalación se proporciona como cortesía pública y no como parte de la solicitud o aviso. Para conocer la ubicación exacta, consulte la aplicación <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=28.516388&lng=-96.768055&zoom=13&type=r>. La enmienda autorizará un aumento de las emisiones de los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos: monóxido de carbono, contaminantes atmosféricos peligrosos, cloruro de hidrógeno, óxidos de nitrógeno, compuestos orgánicos, material particulado, incluidas las partículas con diámetros de 10 micras o menos y 2.5 micras o menos, dióxido de plomo y azufre.

Esta solicitud fue presentada a la TCEQ el día 19 de octubre del año 2022. La solicitud estará disponible para su visualización y copia en la oficina central de la TCEQ, la oficina regional de TCEQ Corpus Christi y el condado de biblioteca del Condado de Calhoun, por la calle 200 West Mahan Street, en la ciudad de Port Lavaca, en el Condado de Calhoun, Texas a partir del primer día de publicación de este aviso. El archivo de cumplimiento de la instalación, si existe alguno, está disponible para su revisión pública en la oficina regional Corpus Christi de la TCEQ.

El director ejecutivo ha determinado que la solicitud está administrativamente completa y llevará a cabo una revisión técnica de la solicitud.

COMENTARIO PÚBLICO. Usted puede enviar comentarios públicos a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial en la dirección a continuación. La TCEQ considerará todos los comentarios públicos al desarrollar una decisión final sobre la solicitud y el director ejecutivo preparará una respuesta a esos comentarios.

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También se puede obtener más información de Unión Carbide Corporación, P.O. Box 186, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979-0186 o llamando a Sr. Kyle Lofland, Gerente Ambiental al (361) 553-3399.

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FOOD, from pg. 10

meal or a snack, particularly those that are low in sugars.

Shelf-stable and powdered milk is an important source of protein and calcium and does not need refrigeration, so it will stay fresh for a long time.

What if I would rather donate money than food?

Cash donations are the most versatile donation we receive, and they do not take up space in our warehouse or have an expiration date. The Food Bank does not pay retail prices for food, so we can buy much more food with each dollar than the typical shopper at a grocery store. We can also focus on buying frozen and refrigerated foods, things that are not donated through food drives. You can make a monetary donation anytime at donate.tfbgc.org.

We are so grateful for the generosity of our community during the holidays, whether by donating directly to us or hosting a food drive for our benefit. Your donations will help feed the more than 40,000 people helped by the Food Bank each month throughout the 11 counties we serve.

Meridith Byrd is the Director of Community Engagement for the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent. If you would like to make a donation or host a food drive, contact her at 578-0591 or mbyrd@foodbankgc.org.

DIABETES, from pg. 16

the disease will be in a later stage of development and your vision could be at risk. If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, contact Victoria Eye Center immediately to schedule an appointment:

- Dark spots
- Floaters or strings in vision
- Vision loss
- Blurry vision
- Changes in color perception

Take Action Right Now

Annual eye exams are critical for detecting this disease early so treatment can be administered, and vision preserved. If you are having any vision complications, it may be necessary to have more frequent visits. Contact Victoria Eye Center at www.VictoriaEyeCenter.com or call (361) 578-0234.

La Cocina de Tia Yole



Pesto-green beans and tomatoes. *Contributed photo.*

CILANTRO-LEMON MARINATED TURKEY

1 (8-to-10 lb.) fresh or frozen turkey
 1 brining bag or extra-large plastic bag
 2 cups lightly packed fresh cilantro leaves (about 1¼ oz.)
 1 1/3 cups orange juice
 ½ cup lemon juice
 10 cloves garlic, halved
 2 teaspoons salt
 2 teaspoons ground cumin
 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 2/3-cup olive oil
 Nonstick cooking spray
 Peppered Onion Gravy (Optional)

1. Thaw turkey, if frozen. Using tip of a sharp knife, prick turkey in several spots. Place turkey in a brining bag or extra large self-sealing plastic bag set in a very

large bowl. Set aside.

2. In a large food processor or container combine cilantro, orange juice, lemon juice, garlic, salt, cumin, and black pepper. Cover and process until almost smooth. With processor or blender running, slowly add oil in thin stream. Pour cilantro sauce over turkey; marinate in refrigerator at least 8 hours or up to 24 hours, turning occasionally*. Coat shallow roasting pan and roasting rack with cooking spray.

3. Preheat oven to 325°F. Remove turkey from marinade; discard marinade. Place turkey, breast side up, on rack in prepared roasting pan. Insert an oven-going meat thermometer into the center of one of the inside thigh muscles without the thermometer touching bone. Tent turkey with foil. Roast for 2¼ hours. Cut bank of skin between drumsticks so thighs will cook evenly. Continue roasting for 30 to 45 minutes more or until thermometer registers 180°F, juices run clear, and turkey is no longer pink. Cover with foil to prevent over-browning, if necessary. Let stand, covered, 15 minutes before slicing. Pass Peppered Onion Gravy, if desired. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

4. Peppered Onion Gravy: In a medium saucepan cook 1 large onion, chopped, in ¼ cup olive oil until tender. Stir in 3 tablespoons cornstarch, and ½ teaspoon coarse ground pepper until smooth. Add two 14-ounce cans reduced sodium chicken broth. Cook until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir 1 minute more. Season to taste with salt. Makes 3 cups.

5. Turkey Breast Option: Use two 3 to 3½ pound fresh or frozen (thawed) bone-in turkey breast halves and 1/2 recipe of the marinade. Use tip of a sharp knife to prick turkey breast in several spots. Place skin side down in a very large self-sealing plastic bag set in a baking dish. Marinate as above. Coat a shallow roasting pan and roasting rack with nonstick cooking spray. Roast, skin side up, uncovered, in a 400 degree F. oven for 20 minutes. Reduce oven tem-

perature to 350 degrees F. Roast turkey 1 to 1 1/2 hours longer or until thermometer registers 170°F. If necessary, cover with foil to prevent over browning. Let stand, covered, 15 minutes before slicing. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

6. Tip: *because turkey is not totally submerged in marinade, it is important to turn the turkey.

PESTO-GREEN BEANS AND TOMATOES

1½ pounds fresh green beans, trimmed
 1-pint small tomatoes, such as red grape, halved
 ¼ cup Pesto Vinaigrette (See Recipe Below)*
 Salt and freshly black pepper

1. Cook beans, covered, in a small amount of boiling water for 10 to 15 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain and rinse under cool water.

Drain and pad dry with paper towels.

2. In a large bowl toss green beans and tomatoes with Pesto Vinaigrette. Add additional vinaigrette, if desired. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately or chill in the refrigerator up to 8 hours. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

*Pesto Vinaigrette

½ cup Jaye's Basil Pesto or purchased basil pesto
 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
 1-tablespoon fresh lemon juice
 ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
 Salt and ground white pepper

1. In a bowl combine pesto, vinegar, and lemon juice. Slowly add olive oil in a thin stream, whisking until combine. Add salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate until ready to use or up to 3 days. Makes about ¾ cup.

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