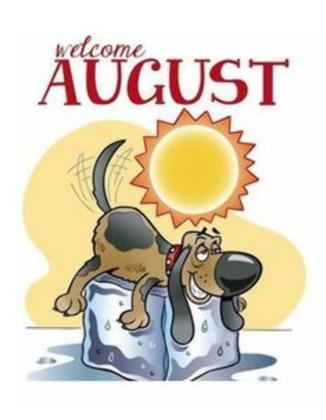
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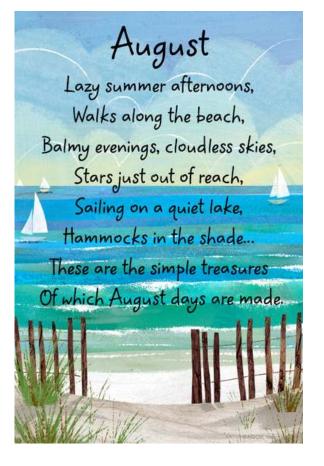
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Goodbye July... ALOHA August!





DON'T FORGET THE LAST PAGE OF THE WNN FOR A LAUGH OR TWO!

Info at a Glance CALENDAR

- COMMISSIONERS' COURT 08/07 9AM
- TRIVIA NIGHT 08/09 6PM
- MUD MEETING 08/16 3PM
- WIA MEETING 08/19 9AM
- COMMISSIONERS' COURT 08/21 9AM
- JAWS POOL BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY 09/06 7PM

SAVE THE DATE!

WOMEN'S LEAGUE BINGO NIGHT 10/19

HELPFUL NUMBERS

WATERWOOD SECURITY 936-661-2800

SAN JACINTO COUNTY SHERIFF 936-653-4367

WIA OFFICE 936-891-7710

INFORMATIVE LINKS

WATERWOOD WEBSITE

WATERWOOD MUD

WATERWOOD MUD 936-891-7182

ATTENTION ACCUMANTALISM HOMEOWNERS



Make note of our waterwood Improvement Association & MUD board meetings!

Get involved, be active!

WIA-3rd Monday, 9am

MUD-3rd Friday, 3pm

WATERWOOD NATIONAL GOLF & RECREATION ASSOCIATION

WNGRA Seeking Leadership Nominations for Next Term Alex Chrestopoulos, current Secretary/Treasurer, and Al Rincon, current President, will have fulfilled their commitments by year end and will be stepping down from the role at the end of this term. Ray Ramirez has been selected as Board Member Nomination Chair. His role is to obtain Nominees for the Board Positions of President and Secretary/Treasurer, both of which will become available at the end of this year. These positions are critical to the continued success of the organization. . See below for a general description of the responsibilities. A super summary of the required traits to be successful in the role are Intelligence, Passion for the Organization, Influential, Resilience, and a Unifying Leader. Should you be interested in either role, or would like to nominate someone who possesses these characteristics, please contact Raymond Ramirez at rsr64@yahoo.com prior to the end of August.

Excerpt from Bylaws regarding Board Roles:

Section 4: Officer Duties and Powers. The Officers shall manage and control the affairs of WNGRA and it is expressly given full power, not inconsistent with the bylaws, to operate WNGRA. The Officers shall present to the Membership, for approval, an annual budget, long-term strategy and annual goals and objectives, which shall be the basis for the development and execution of the annual operating budget, programs and projects. The Officers shall construe and interpret the bylaws and rules of WNGRA. The Officers shall have no power or authority to borrow money.

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- (a) The President of WNGRA shall be responsible for all administrative requirements of the WNGRA and preside at all formal meetings of the members. The President shall develop an annual set of goals and objectives for the WNGRA, and an annual operating budget, all of which will be submitted to the membership for approval. He/she shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as may from time to time be delegated to him/her by the Membership.
- (b) The Vice President of Operations shall be responsible for all course maintenance, beautification and special projects as described and funded in the Membership approved annual budget. The Vice President of Operations shall perform all the duties and exercise all the powers of the President during the President's absence or disability. The Vice President of Operations shall also perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her from time to time by the President.
- (c) The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep regular minutes of the meetings of the Membership and of the Officer meetings, shall keep and maintain all necessary Association records ensuring compliance with all IRS financial and non-financial reporting/filing requirements and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her from time to time by the President. In the absence of, or the disability of the Secretary/Treasurer, the vacancy may be filled by appointment by the President subject to the approval of the Membership. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of all dues and donations and shall have custody of all monies of any kind or character belonging to WNGRA. Under supervision of the President and within the limits of the approved annual budget, he/she shall make disbursements and have charge of all financial affairs of WNGRA.



YOUR VFD & AUX WERE BUSY IN JULY WITH THE CELEBRATION AT THE PAVILION AND THE FIREWORKS AT THE MARINA

PUMPER









CREW TRAINING

WE NEED MORE
VOLUNTEERS
APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE
THE STATION DOOR





THE AUXILIARY MEMBERS, WITH THE HELP OF SOME WOMEN'S LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS, WORKED WITH THE SALVATION ARMY AND THE SAN JACINTO COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO HAND OUT 300 HOT MEALS, NUMEROUS BOXES OF FOOD, MRES, AND TWO TRAILER LOADS OF ICE AND WATER AFTER THE HURRICANE

WE ALWAYS WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!



WIA SOCIAL CORNER

Here you can find the latest and greatest information on events happening in our neighborhood. Information can also be found on FACEBOOK. Please contact Wiasocialgroup@gmail.com if you need additional information. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey!!

UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES



Trivia night
9 August 2024
WIA BOARDROOM
HAPPY HOUR AT 6PM
GAME TIME AT 7 PM



BACK TO SCHOOL MOVIE

NIGHT
6 SEPTEMBER 2024
PAVILION AND POOL
7 PM
MOVIE FEATURING
JAWS
FREE HOT DOGS AND
POPCORN



This was my first time organizing our Independence Day festivities. Let me tell you!!. I learned so much that I plan to implement next year. First thing I learned is to make sure you attend the event. I want to give a HUGE THANK YOU TO LISA HAYMAN!!! She decorated the pavilion and orchestrated the DJ, food vendors, and fireworks. It takes a special person to step in and take on a role she never asked for. Thank you for being a great person!! The second thing I learned was only to have the fireworks and celebration on the actual 4th of July!

Also thank you to Greg Riley for his awesome DJ skills and Derrick Gill for preparing and igniting the fireworks. Special thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the festivities!!

We had several golf carts in the parade, which was led by the VFD and our very own security vehicle.

Line Dancing Golf Cart Drive-In Movie Night 15 June 2024

A special thank you to those who attended and to our favorite line dancing instructor, Misty Hales. You guys provided support, encouragement and laughter as we danced and watched the movie. Only a few people attended and I hope more will attend our movie night in September!









SHARK BACK TO SCHOOL POOL/MOVIE PARTY



How long can you hang on?



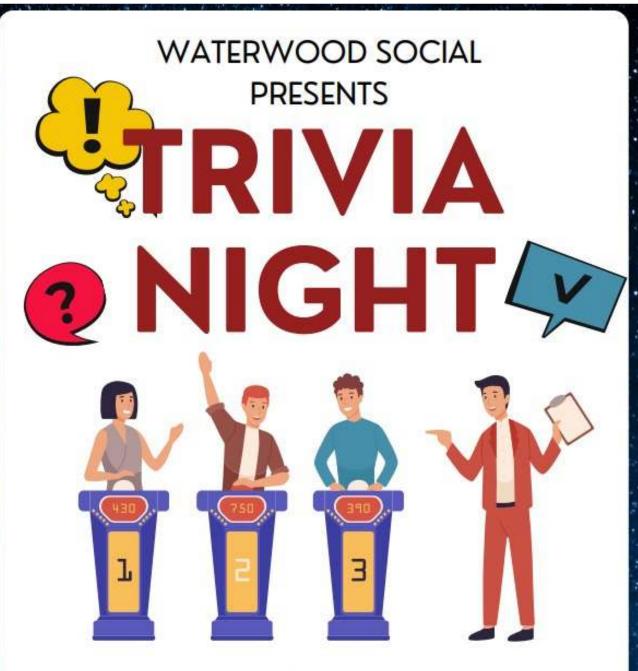
Featuring JAWS

FREE HOT DOGS AND POPCORN









Friday 9 August, 2024

Door Open With Happy Hour at 6:00 PM Game starts at 7 PM AT THE WIA OFFICE

Trivia Night Is Fun BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

Waterwood Women's League News

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Summer is coming to an end. I just wish the summer heat would follow suit. With the end of summer comes Waterwood Women's League meetings again! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at the WIA boardroom at 10:00. At the meeting you'll be able to update your contact information and pay your \$25 annual dues. Come and enjoy great company, and learn about upcoming meetings! Grab a neighbor or friend to join in the fun!

WWL is going full speed ahead in planning Bingo Night. As many of you know Bingo Night is one of Waterwood Women's League's big scholarship fundraisers. Each year WWL gives out 2 scholarships to deserving seniors from Onalaska and/or Coldspring school districts. Every bit of the money made from Bingo Night goes to these scholarships. Waterwood Women's League can't fund these scholarships without your help so plan on coming to Bingo Night, October 19th. It's a fun family night with door prizes, raffle items, a silent auction, food, and monetary prizes for Bingo winners. If you are unable to attend but wish to help, you can help by donating an item to the silent auction or raffle. You could sponsor a bingo game or donate an old gift card you have lying around for a door prize. WWL truly appreciates any kind of participation. The Bingo committee chairs would love to your help.

The committee chairs are

Coordinators - Pam Sultan (713703-5713)

Dianne Chrestopoulos (940-297-9943)

Bingo items - Pat Chandler

Advertising - Nancy Stewart

Silent Auction - Siobhan Dagleish (832-607-7358)

Raffle items - Pat Chandler (936-377-4506)

Door Prizes - Sally Charlton (832-275-1638)

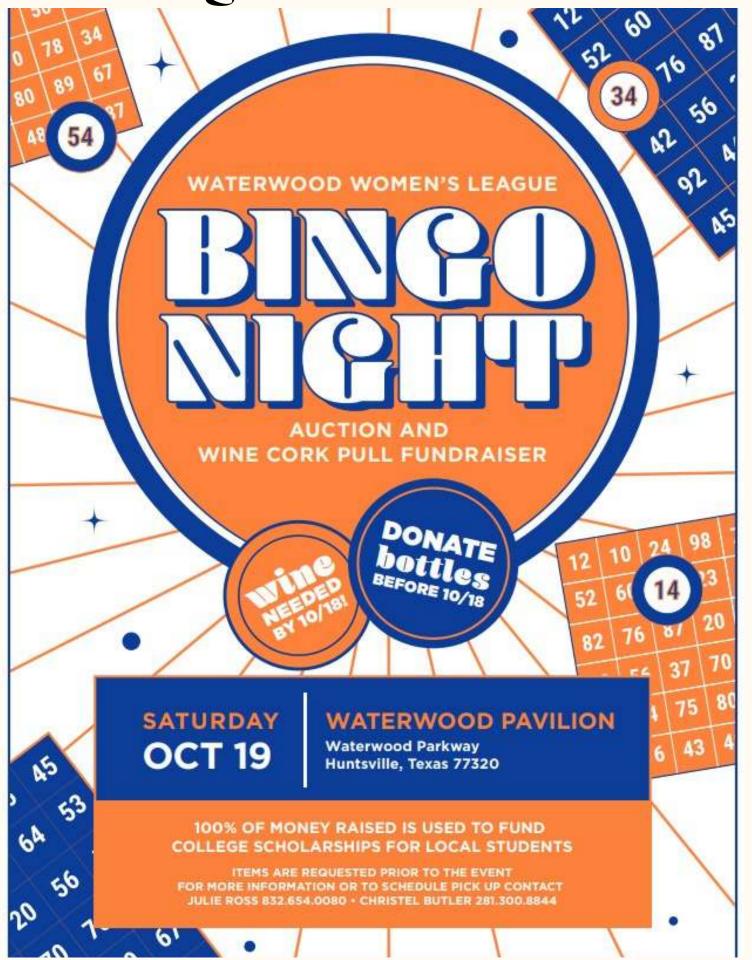
Wine draw - Julie Ross

On-line donations - Carole Magee

Set up/take down - Sharon Gusman

Concessions - Jane Presley and Tommie Kwiatkowski

Bingo Night
Saturday, October 19, 2024
WIA pavilion
5:30 - 6:00 Concessions
6:00 - 9:00 Bingo
Hope to see you there!



HURRICANE BERYL OBSERVATIONS

The community response was great following Beryl; however, issues such as fuel for generators, dumping of garbage and communications proved challenging. When I arrived home from Austin at 5:30 PM, all Waterwood escape routes were passable. That's not to say all roads were clear of debris, which wouldn't have been expected so soon after the storm. My hats off to the Waterwood Volunteer Fire Department and several residents who grabbed their saws and started clearing roadways and driveways. The response to Beryl tells me there are several people in our community that would be great volunteers for our fire department! The WIA office has signup sheets and I assure you they will be delivered to the appropriate people.

The Security fuel tank had plenty of fuel prior to the storm. I don't know who made the decision to sell fuel for generators at a flat \$4 per gallon (max of 5 gallons per visit) but it was brilliant. The cost per gallon for the last fill up for Waterwood's private tank was \$3.76 per gallon. Not able to provide change, a flat \$20 for 5 gallons was the way to make it work for the 26 people who needed emergency fuel. We even had one uninformed individual hop on his keyboard and accuse WIA of price gouging. Not one of the 26 people who needed the emergency generator fuel were worried about the 24 cents. I burned a lot more than that looking for additional fuel for my own generator, not to mention time wasted. Remember to consider the source of your information. Make sure you're well informed.

The garbage dump was the source of extreme anxiety. You may even consider this as the perfect storm. As you may have observed after holidays such as Christmas, Easter, July 4th and Thanksgiving, Waterwood has more garbage in the dump. Fourth of July weekend officially closed Sunday PM. With garbage pickup scheduled the next morning, the heaping garbage dump had to be kept closed as our sole provider for garbage pick-up did not show up Monday morning. Lisa called and called with no response so she worked on getting a dumpster placed outside the dump area. The only problem is those dumpsters were already in use for storm debris removal. Mr. Flores was finally able to free up a 40 yard monstrosity. That worked out for the best since there was a large amount of perishables that had to be disposed of. Although the situation was not ideal, please don't leave your garbage outside the dump when it's closed. After the first person leaves a garbage bag outside the dump, other residents follow suit and it leads to a huge mess. The animals love it too, but not the individuals who volunteer to pick it up.

The Auxiliary Fire department and other volunteers were phenomenal. They served over 300 meals, and distributed water and other items to area residents. Their efforts were invaluable to our community. We are in great need of additional members to ensure long term success of our auxiliary. Sign up sheets can be found at the WIA office. WIA will forward to the department.

In addition, the storm identified communication issues. With no cell service for residential input, security personnel had to visually inspect roadways to determine where help was needed. Although doing the best they could, this led to a slower response in clearing of debris from roadways. We are working on ways to improve this process.

Finally, I personally want to thank all employees, volunteers and members of our community for their efforts to clear roadways, distribute supplies and help those in need during this "stormy" time. It was greatly appreciated.

Rick Harlow WIA Security Director

WATERWOOD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT #1

For the July meeting the MUD board signed a new Rate Order. The board had waited 6 months to sign what should have taken one month. Rate orders can be changed and adopted, after legal review, any time. The new order has removed the ten dollar fee for owners with grinder pumps. This will be reflected on the September bill. It will be the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain and repair the pump. It has come to the attention of the board that a few homes share a grinder pump. The current board has and never would approve such an arrangement. Those homes with shared pumps have concerns and expressed those concerns to social media with many opinions being offered by people that really have no legitimate reason to comment. Such things server to only distract from folks that have a real concern. The board will address those customers with shared pumps, (all 4 homes) in our August meeting. The MUD district is discussing a plan for using electric meters. We were presented a plan from a company representative in May and will make a final decision, with public comment, in the fall. The board will meet a week later than usual. The August meeting will be August 23rd, at 1:00. The board will spend the first half discussing the 2025 budget with public comment and approval in September. The 2023 final audit should be available at that time. The board will have their investment advisor from RBC to advise us on the 2025 tax rate. Donnie Marshall brought for discussion an improved public notification system. We the board will update the current system and explore the ins and outs of phone alerts. The public is encouraged to attend the District's meeting or to send inquiries to waterwoodmud@yahoo.com

Roy Knapp, President, Waterwood MUD Board of Directors

DEED ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Due to hurricane and cleanup, there was no DEC drive the month of July. Drives will resume this month (August). Boats, boat trailers, and vehicles storage and parking, have come to our attention, in 2019 the policy was changed. The current policy is stated below.

B 16 and B 18

B 16 P7 Vehicle, Boat, or Trailer Storage. No Mobile home, Commercial-type truck or other equipment shall be stored, kept, or placed on any lot or street. Except as provided in B-18 below, no recreational vehicle, motor home, trailer of any kind, tractor or similar equipment, camper, boat, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), golf cart, or personal water craft (PWC) shall be stored or kept on and lot or street except in a carport, garage, or in an ACB approved storage area screened from view from streets, adjoining lots, golf course and lake. Wrecked, disabled, unlicensed, unregistered or uninspected motor vehicles trailers shall not be stored, kept, or placed on any lot or street.

B 18 P8 To facilitate efficient passage of emergency or other vehicles on a street, vehicles should be parked on a driveway or in a carport, or garage. No vehicles of any kind shall be parked, kept, or stored on landscaped or unimproved lot surfaces. On an infrequent basis, a recreational vehicle, motor home, boat, PWC, or utility trailer may be temporarily parked on the driveway of a lot or adjoining street for up to four (4) consecutive days.

Should you have a concern or need to report an issue please contact us at WaterwoodDec@yahoo.com



KEITH'S CORNER: WATERWOOD MAINTENANCE

Greetings from the maintenance department, neighbors.

Progress since the last column:

The damage to the pool area from the fallen huge pine tree is now 100% corrected. Thanks to several volunteers who helped make this happen. on Friday July 19. we gathered to spread special mulch material in the playground area. Thanks to Rick Harlow with his trusty equipment. Ed Kile. Ray Ramirez. Brian James. Phil Brown. and LCS Fiber's own Hugo. who happens to be The World's Best Dad (his shirt says so). All you other dads. stand down!

I am still looking for a volunteer to handle the controls (by Smartphone app) that govern the watering of the two subdivision entrances, at 190 and 980. It is a VERY simple task and would be best served by someone who cares about the appearance of the entrances and takes pride in their appearance. In other words, if you drive by the entrances 7 times a week and don't give them even a sideways glance, you are probably the wrong person for this job. If you are interested, please contact the WIA office and I'll get back with you. I estimate that this job will take less than 4 hours per YEAR as long as you pay attention to the entrances and care about them like many of us do.

Federal Disaster Response This month I am working on an application for a loan from the Small Business Administration [SBA]. This application is for the pool and pavilion complex. to help pay for the damages done from the May Storm Disaster. Like most activities related to the federal government. this application will consume many hours and may not result in anything positive for Waterwood. The SBA rules give them many ways to reject our efforts. We have to apply for this Ioan because FEMA does NOT cover HOAs or PCAs: SBA is the only avenue open to us. We are compiling a final list of costs due to that disaster and will apply soon. Wish me luck.

Hurricane BERYL Response I've never seen any hurricane as 'small' as Beryl do so much damage. By my reckoning. Beryl was in the area with her full fury for about 6 hours: she was a fast mover. However, so many were without power for so long. WIA has had to pay substantial sums of money to clear the mountains of debris that were created: this effort will largely be over by the time you read this. This money was over WIA's budget, but as we've consistently done for disasters, we've spent what it takes because it's the right thing to do for the community. Thanks to Pat Zappa, Ray Norman. Timberlake Nurseries, and Astros Tree Service for great work for all of us.

KEITH'S CORNER: WATERWOOD MAINTENANCE CONTINUED

Despite all of our pre-planning, the clearing Streetlight Update The effort to of trees on the day of Beryl didn't go as planned. In fact, it was a total failure. The community is making great progress. reason was that key players in our response team lost communications for 24 hours at that time. The ATT tower was down. No texts, in or out. No calls, in or out. Nothing. Pat Zappa and I. who handle trees, were ready to coordinate the response. Our normal contractor for this. Ray Norman, had been alerted and was ready for our call to mobilize. Uh. slight problem: there were to be no calls whatsoever for an entire day. The 'official' WIA response didn't get started when it was needed the most. [This is the Bad News.]

The Good News? Well, I've seen hurricanes bring out both the worst and best in people. In this case, Beryl brought out the Best. Once I figured out that none of my texts or calls was going to happen. I got my chain saw and hit the streets. Out on our streets. I saw several groups of neighbors chopping up trees and clearing streets. I can't even count the different places where people just came together and did what it took to help out in time of need. Waterwood pitched in, all over the place, and Got It Done. I am proud of all of represented a wide range of folks from you, and I'll never fully know who it was or all of our various subdivisions. Now, how many pitched in. Thanks to all of you who contributed that day. Good News. indeed!

repair and update streetlights in the Even with all of the disaster efforts. SHECO, which supplies the labor to get the lights refurbished, has been able to spend time out here during the spring and summer. As this point we can state that every subdivision in Waterwood has been completely updated. If you live anywhere in Waterwood, and you see a streetlight that isn't upgraded, please contact WIA with its location. We believe we're finished and need you to help verify this with us. Thank you, Johnny Samperi, you rock! The common areas still need some work, notably down at the 190 entrance and at the tip of WWP near the old resort, but we believe we have all of the residential areas taken care of.

'One More Time' - ESD I personally am proud and grateful for all the support of Waterwood at the June Commissioners' Court meeting. There were approximately 50 people there in support of the ESD issue. Fifty! The folks that came out please do it One More Time. In part because of your large turnout, the Court did NOT reject our bid to have this issue voted on in November. We had been expecting a rejection. Now. we have a reason for optimism, with a good chance to have ESD No. 2 placed on the Nov. ballot

KEITH'S CORNER: WATERWOOD MAINTENANCE CONTINUED

I assume that elsewhere in this newsletter you will read the story of WIA's efforts to gain acceptance for ESD 2 by our commissioners, who had been negative toward us from the beginning. But I will summarize: The primary reason for the opposition was that a small group of landowners (down Waterwood Parkway toward 190) were not happy with the plans for ESD 2. Their objections tended to influence the Commissioners to be in opposition to our scheme. After consulting with our ESD lawyer, the Board decided to scrap our original petition, change the geography of ESD 2 to remove those that did not want to be included, and re-apply. We had to do this in record-setting time. Lisa worked all weekend to generate a new petition form. Tana. Jamie. and Lisa masterfully obtained over 100 signatures all over again in less than 48 hours, submitting the new petition just before the deadline. Lisa discussed the new petition with Mark Nettuno at length, and in the July meeting, the Commissioners approved 'petition # 2' for another Public Hearing.





THE 'NEW' PUBLIC
HEARING FOR ESD 2 WILL
BE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST
7. PLEASE ATTEND AGAIN
AT THIS HEARING. THE
MEETING WILL BE AT THE
SAN JACINTO COUNTY
SHELTER AND STARTS AT
9 AM, WITH OUR PART TO
BE SOMETIME LATER,
PROBABLY ABOUT 10 AM.
GIVE US FIFTY AGAIN!
ONE MORE TIME,
WATERWOOD!



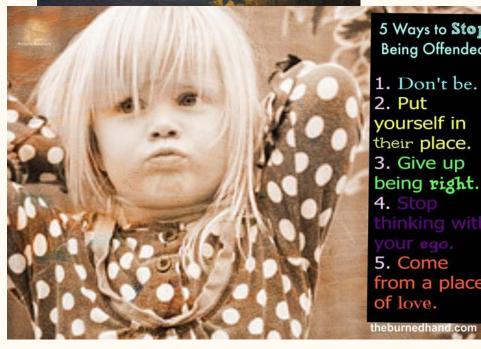


School is back in session! Watch out for our kids!



The secret of man's success resides in his insight into the moods of people, and his tact in dealing with them

J G Holland



5 Ways to Stop Being Offended

their place.

being right.

from a place









"This county deserves to have as many CPR trained citizens as possible. Help me make that a reality."

Classes:

- ✓ BLS Provider \$55
- ✓ Heartsaver CPR AED \$55
- ✓ Family and Friends \$25
- ✓ Stop the Bleed \$Free

SIGN UP TODAY

KAITLIN COOK

President San Jacinto County First Responders

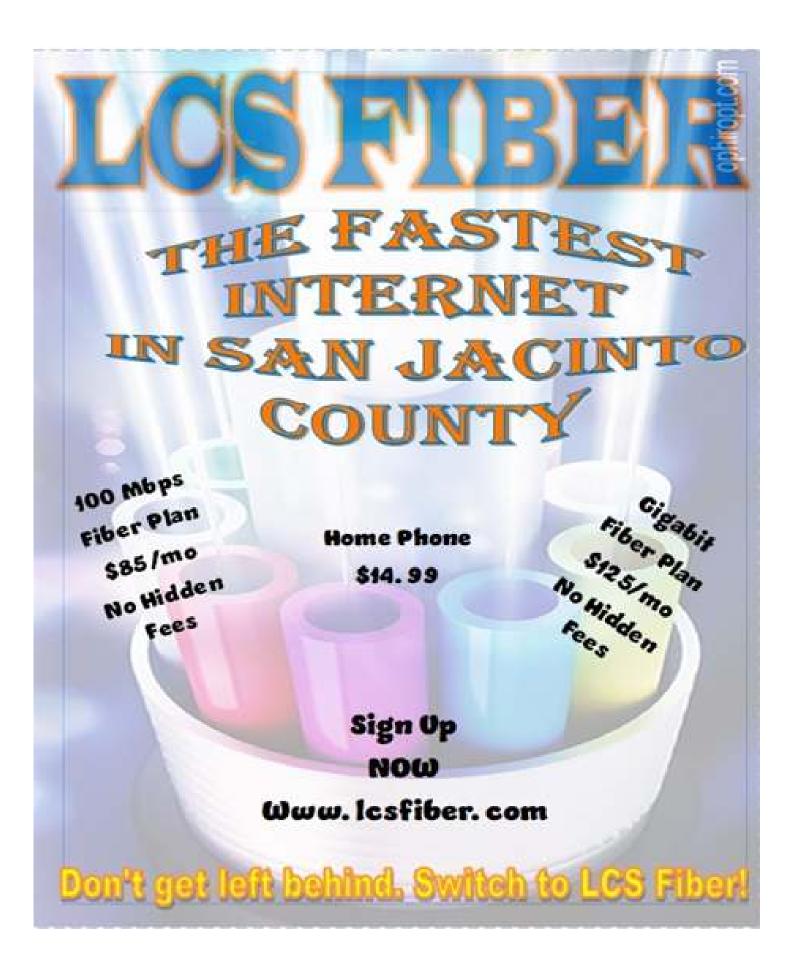
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SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY (SHSU)
IS SEEKING TRANSPORTATION TO SHSU
CAMPUS IN HUNTSVILLE, PREFERABLY,
WITH SHSU STAFF OR FACULTY MEMBER.
WILL SHARE FUEL COSTS. CALL KELLEY AT
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Final thoughts...





"Okay, okay, you guys have had your chance—the horses want another shot at it."



Celebrity horse mixers

Not my circus, not my monkeys. But I definitely know the clowns.

HEY!!! TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO



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