



Jasper County News

Jasper council approves tax rate

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JASPER — The Jasper City Council approved a higher property tax rate, adopted its 2026-27 budget and distributed \$99,500 in hotel occupancy tax revenue during its Tuesday meeting.

The council first held public hearings on the proposed tax rate and budget. Resident Angie Lee questioned the council about exemptions, credits, rising property valuations and the role of the Jasper County Appraisal District. Mayor pro tem Lequin Hilderbrand answered most of her questions before City Attorney Bill Morian Jr. determined the discussion had moved beyond the hearing's scope.

During its regular session, the council approved a property tax rate of \$0.34944 per \$100 of taxable value. The previous rate was \$0.285

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Stolen car recovered in Port Arthur, suspect arrested

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JASPER — A vehicle reported stolen Sunday from the Walmart parking lot in Jasper has been recovered in Port Arthur, and a suspect is in custody, according to the Jasper Police Department.

Capt. Terry Patrick said the investigation began Sunday after Laniqua Spike reported that her 2017 Ford Fiesta had been stolen from the store's parking lot.

Jasper police began investigating the theft and searching for the vehicle. The following day, officers in Port Arthur reportedly located the Ford in the 5300 block of Twin City Highway.

Patrick said Port Arthur officers recovered the vehicle and took its driver, identified as Jefferey Dixon, into custody.

Dixon is expected to be charged in connection with the theft of the vehicle, according to Patrick. Formal charges had not been

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Jasper remembers 9/11 on 25th anniversary



Visiting New York City firefighters gather with Jasper craftsman Randy Dworaczyk, center, and the handcrafted 9/11 memorial replica he created for presentation during Jasper's remembrance ceremony.

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JASPER — The heat did not stop residents from gathering Wednesday morning on the Jasper County Courthouse lawn to remember the victims and heroes of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The 16th annual Jasper Remembers 9/11 ceremony began with the haunting sound of bagpipes played by Jason Gunn. Students from First Baptist School filled the front rows, the Jasper High School marching band stood at attention and an American flag waved above the crowd from the extended ladder of Jasper Fire Department Tower 1.

The gathering marked the 25th anniversary of the attacks that killed 2,977 people at the World Trade Center, Pentagon and aboard United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

Jasper County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Taylor Justice served as master of ceremonies. Jasper Mayor Clark McLane, Jasper County Judge Mark Allen and other speakers shared memories of where they were when the attacks occurred and urged younger generations to understand the day's significance.

"We come together here in Jasper for a very simple reason: to remember," Justice said.

Among the special guests were New York City firefighters Capt. Bruce DiPietro, retired

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JCSO rescues tangled dog near Buna



A dog found tangled in its tie-out near Private Road 8148 in Buna rests before being freed by members of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. The dog was taken to Buna Animal Hospital and later placed in the care of Noble Hearts Dog Rescue.

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BUNA — A dog found tangled in a tie-out near a Buna residence is receiving care after members of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office and local volunteers stepped in to help.

The dog was discovered at a residence off Private Road 8148 with its tie-out wrapped around one of its legs. According to the sheriff's office, the animal appeared to be well

cared for but was likely injured or frightened.

The homeowner attempted to untangle the dog but was bitten during the effort, prompting authorities to ask for help locating the animal's owner.

Investigator Karli Cherry and Lt. Jason McLelland responded to the scene. Before attempting to free the dog, they stopped at Buna Animal Hospital, where staff members provided tools needed to safely cut the lead.

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JASPER COUNTY CALENDAR

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September

16 • Buna • The Buna Public Library will host preschool storytime at 10:30 a.m. at 1042 State Highway 62.

17 • Buna • The Buna Public Library will host a craft class at 10 a.m. at 1042 State Highway 62. Participants may bring any project they are working on.

18 • Jasper • CASA of the Sabine Neches Region will hold its annual Justice Is Served fundraiser from 7 to 9 a.m. at Elijah's Cafe in Jasper. A full breakfast will be available for \$12, with local dignitaries serving as celebrity waitstaff. Proceeds support CASA's advocacy for children in foster care.

18 • Buna • The Buna Public Library

will host Homeschool Hangout at 10:30 a.m. at 1042 State Highway 62.

19 • Buna • Buna High School will host its homecoming dance from 7 to 10 p.m. in the BHS cafeteria. All Buna High School students are invited.

19 • Kirbyville • The Kirbyville Police Department's Santa's Toy Box will host the Guns and Hoses Emergency Car Show at Magnolia Park. Activities will include an emergency vehicle show, Dam to Dam Poker Run, mud run, car show, food, drinks and live music. Admission and parking are free. The winning emergency department, selected by popular vote, will receive a \$500 donation.

21 • Jasper • Jasper County Commissioners Court will convene in regular session at 9:30 a.m. at the Jasper County Courthouse, 121 North Austin Street.

24 • Buna • The Buna Public Library will host a craft class at 10 a.m. at 1042 State Highway 62. Participants may bring any project they are working on.

28 • Buna • The Friends of the Buna Public Library will meet at 6 p.m. at the library, 1042 State Highway 62.

29 • Jasper • Jasper High School's homecoming activities will begin with the senior parade at 5:30 p.m. on Bulldog Avenue. A community pep rally will follow at 6 p.m., with a bon-

fire scheduled for 6:45 p.m. at the high school.

29 • Jasper • Communities Unlimited, the Jasper-Lake Sam Rayburn Area Chamber of Commerce and Collegiate Education will host a free small-business workshop, "Why Small Businesses Get Stuck (And How to Break Through It)," from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the J.H. Rowe Resource Center, Building 1, 750 E. Gibson St.

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After the dog was freed, Larry Pulliam arrived and helped load the animal into his truck. Pulliam then transported the dog to Buna Animal Hospital for care.

The sheriff's office thanked Pulliam, the responding officers and the animal hospital staff for helping the dog.

Authorities initially continued searching for the dog's owner while also seeking someone willing to foster the animal if the owner could not be located.

On Sept. 11, the

sheriff's office announced that Noble Hearts Dog Rescue had agreed to take responsibility for the dog. Stephany Isaacs opened the rescue's doors to care for the animal and help ensure it eventually finds a suitable home.

Noble Hearts Dog Rescue also works to transport dogs to approved foster homes in Canada. The organization recently announced it has three Canadian foster families prepared to receive dogs but needs assistance covering transportation costs.

The rescue estimates transportation expenses at \$300 per dog and has set a \$900 fundraising goal.

Anyone who recognizes the rescued dog or knows its owner may contact the Jasper County Sheriff's Office at 409-384-5417. Donations and other assistance may be directed to Noble Hearts Dog Rescue.

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announced at the time of the department's update.

The recovery came approximately one day after the car was initially reported stolen. No information was immediately released regarding how officers located the Ford, whether the vehicle had been damaged or if any property was missing from it.

The Jasper Police Department is continuing its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the theft. Additional information, including the specific charge Dixon could face and his

bond status, was not immediately available.

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1 city of the Branch Davidian tragedy

5 TXism: "I dropped it like _ _ horseshoe"

6 TXism: "it's _ _ hog or die"

7 cowboy tie

8 TX Orbison's last hit: "You Got _ _"

9 TXism: "as welcome as a skunk _ _ picnic"

12 TXism: "I got _ _ I haven't even thought of yet"

17 a Texas Ranger rode with "True Grit" _ _ _ Cogburn

20 TXism: "mad as a _ _ snake"

22 a "duster" in the oil business (2 wds.)

23 TXism: "if I thought any harder I'd _ _ my brain"

24 back in the day, "Gone to Texas" came to mean "on _ _ _"

29 Texas ticks can carry _ _ _ disease

30 Gov. Richards and TX Miller

31 San Antonio street

32 in Orange County on I-10

36 TXism: "compadres" _ _ _ _

37 garage sales are in _ _ _ _ areas

43 TXism for bought false teeth

45 they're a minority at Denton's TWU

47 killer bees _ _ _ a Texas man 300 times in 2012

48 point a rifle

50 this Ranger hitter, Kevin became a Brewer in 1993

51 Waco born comedian, Martin of "Roxanne" (init.)

52 TXism: "worn _ _ frazzle"

53 in Collin County on U.S.75

54 TXism: "blister _ _" (handle)

55 Addams Family cousin

56 hymn: " _ _ the Light"

58 TXism: " _ _ in with" (join)

59 TX Strait's: " _ _ in the hole" (1989)

60 West Texas cactus: " _ _ Goblet"

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1 Lone Star Flight facility is one (2 wds.)

2 TXism: "don't give _ _ _ _ a holler"

3 TX Joe Don film: " _ _ Hand Luke"

4 this Preminger directed TX Tierney

9 tiny particle

10 TX Morgan Fairchild was this (2 wds.)

11 TX Space film: "Violets _ _ Blue"

12 TXism: " _ _ a right smart piece"

13 Texas _ _ _ of Public Safety

14 TXism: "bring home the bacon"

15 TXism: "tough _ _ old boot"

16 celebration: Fiesta Diez y _ _

18 TX Shelley Duval was this Olive

19 TXism: "he's a little _ _ in the hat size" (slow)

21 ex-Cowboy, Noonan (init.)

24 Cowboy objective

25 TX Paula Prentiss old TV show: " _ _ and Shen"

26 sixth sense

27 TXism: "truth stretchers"

28 parcels out

33 TX Pride's " _ _ Rather Love You"

34 _ _ Leon, TX

35 TXism: "got my sights _ _ it"

37 TXism: " _ _ rat" (tot)

38 UT Heisman winner Earl (init.)

39 ice or roller

40 1924 slogan: "Me for Ma And _ _ Got a Dern Thing Against Pa"

41 STSU is LBJ's _ _ mater

42 "Fugitive" actor, TX Tommy _ _ Jones

44 former Texas pro golfer, Byron (init.)

46 "Mr. Sam" (init.)

49 summer treat: home _ _ _ cream

50 TX Cynthia Parker was captured in a Comanche

57 TX Kenny Rogers' "I Don't _ _ You"

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Jasper Police Department

• Datrin Samuel was arrested Sept. 4 for speeding in a school zone and speeding.

• Jamarcus Dean was arrested Sept. 4 for tampering or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair and illegal dumping.

• Shadaie Gatson was arrested Sept. 4 for possession of a controlled substance, Penalty Group 1/1-B, less than 1 gram.

• Markus Woods Sr. was arrested Sept. 5 for possession of a controlled substance, Penalty Group 1/1-B, less than 1 gram.

• Delandrick Johnson was arrested Sept. 5 for defective or no stop lamps.

• Kyle Madsen was arrested Sept. 6 for unlawful carrying of a weapon and driving while intoxicated.

• Charles Adams

was arrested Sept. 7 for criminal trespass.

• Alexander Rodriguez was arrested Sept. 12 for tampering or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair, driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• Ismael Villarreal was arrested Sept. 12 for order of commitment and a Class C traffic offense.

• Roylee Fontenot was arrested Sept. 13 for criminal trespass.

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Sheriff's Office

• Sterling Wilson was arrested Sept. 4 for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

• Stephen Worthey was arrested Sept. 4 for bail jumping / failure to appear on a possession of a controlled substance, Penalty Group 1/1-B, less than 1 gram charge.

• Bobby Sackett Jr. was arrested Sept. 7 for assault causing bodily injury to a family member and parole violation.

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Marcelino Alvarez Arriaga

A Jasper man remains listed on the Texas Public Sex Offender Registry with a lifetime registration requirement stemming from a 1997 aggravated sexual assault of a child case, according to information reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Marcelino Alvarez Arriaga, 75, is identified by DPS as a low-risk registrant who must verify his registration annually. His projected registration ending date is listed as lifetime.

Arriaga is reported

as a Texas resident living at 219 County Road 358 in Jasper. The Jasper County Sheriff's Office is listed as the agency responsible for his most recent verification, which was completed April 23, 2026.

Registry records show Arriaga was registered by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville on March 26, 2015. His primary birth date is listed as April 26, 1951.

The registry identifies the reportable offense as aggravated sexual assault of a child under Section 22.021(a)(1)(B) of the Texas Penal Code. The victim was identified in the public record as a 14-year-old female.

A disposition date of Dec. 1, 1997, is shown in the registry. The judgment information

is listed as parole or mandatory supervision. The registry page does not provide additional information about the sentence, the jurisdiction in which the case was prosecuted or the circumstances surrounding the offense.

DPS records describe Arriaga as 5

feet, 8 inches tall and weighing approximately 172 pounds. He is listed as having black hair and brown eyes.

The registry also lists Marcelino Arriaga and Marcelino Alvarez Arriaga as alternate

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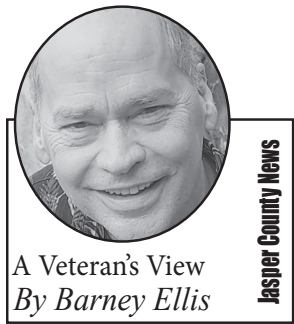
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Veterans Affairs



This Friday is National POW (Prisoners Of War)/MIA (Missing In Action) Recognition Day. There are 81,000 American soldiers who've been MIA since Pearl Harbor. Most of them (90%) are from World War 2. For the families of MIAs, the names, status, and dates are not so important. They want something that gives them closure. But this may only be possible for a few families.

There's a DOW agency charged with finding MIA and POW remains and getting them back to families. It's called the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). They use experts in all kinds of forensics: bone, DNA, dental, and more. In

2025, they were able to reunite 231 families with the remains of their loved ones.

If you consider all the factors that can get in the way of identifying remains, this number becomes significant. Time plays a big part, since the biggest share of remains is more than 81 years old. Bones, teeth, clothing--most have a short shelf life. There's also exposure to dirt, water, and--especially--fire. The biggest problem is when a Service Member dies in a massive explosion or fire (or their body is exposed to such things). There's little chance of any remains being recovered.

Let me give you an example. The USS Arizona was catastrophically destroyed

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DURING A SOMBER MOMENT of prayer at Thursday's sub-courthouse dedication in Buna, Jasper County commissioners Willie Stark and Mack Rose pause to remember the victims of last week's tragedies.

From the Buna Beacon archives, September 14, 2001 | Jasper County News

Buna relates to the nation's disaster
Picture of the Past, September 14, 2001

Last week the United States was the target of the worst attacks by terrorism in its history.

As we viewed the destruction on television at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and the World Trade Center in New York City, we were reminded of how vulnerable our nation is.

Citizens throughout the country have been touched by these acts, especially if they had some personal contact or remembrance of the area.

And even right here in Buna many persons were affected.

A mother of a US Navy corpsman called the Buna Beacon to say her son had been put on "the highest level of threat."

That was Tuesday, the day of the disaster, when Melanie Chism told the Beacon her son Kris Street, 19, was due to be redeployed.

Kris is stationed at Paris Island, NC, and is assigned to the US Marines. He joined the Navy last October.

In another case, Steve Litton, a Buna volunteer firefighter, stopped by the Beacon office to let us know about his friend, Steve Wright.

Litton said Wright was in New York City as a member of the US Search and Rescue. A paramedic, Wright is a former resident and firefighter of Buna.

Wright, who has been gone from Buna for about five or six years, is part of Texas Urban Search & Rescue. He and Litton taught rescue techniques to personnel in area fire departments and at refineries, Litton said.

While in Buna, Wright founded Wright Rescue and worked for DuPont.

Considering him-

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Capitol Highlights
By Gary Borders

The Senate Republican leadership is pouring tens of millions of dollars into the U.S. Senate campaign of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who is locked in a tight race with Democratic nominee James Talarico.

A super PAC affiliated with Senate Majority Leader John Thune last week purchased about \$32 million in television broadcast ads across the state's major media markets, The Texas Tribune reported. In addition, MAGA Inc., a PAC aligned with President Donald Trump, bought \$10 million in ads.

Paxton is trailing slightly in the most recent polls. To date, he has been vastly outspent by Talarico and his allies.

Paxton spoke at the Republican midterm convention held last week in Dallas, according to the Texas Standard. He unveiled his economic plan,

Senate GOP opens wallet for Paxton's campaign

titled Protecting the Texas Promise.

"Everywhere I go, I meet Texans working harder than ever that still worry that they'll never get ahead," Paxton said. "Those are the people that I'm fighting for."

Meanwhile, Talari-co was slated to appear on late-night host Jimmy Kimmel's network show, but the interview was pulled under concerns that the Federal Communications Commission would take punitive action.

The interview was aired on YouTube instead. Several news outlets reported it received 5 million views in its first 24 hours.

Wildfire risk remains high as hunting season begins

The Ross Fire in North Texas has become the largest summer wildfire recorded in Texas, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. As of Sunday, it had consumed 90,400 acres and was 83% contained.

Active wildfires were reported in five other locations in the Hill Country, northwest of Austin

and San Antonio.

With hunting season now underway, officials are urging hunters to be mindful of activities that could spark a wildfire. In August, the forest service responded to 313 wildfires.

"The rapid onset of a flash drought increased fire occurrence and intensity statewide in August," said Walter Flocke, Texas A&M Forest Service fire analyst. "Under flash drought conditions, grasses, brush and timber fuels lose moisture rapidly and become susceptible to ignition."

A flash drought appears and worsens quickly, often over a few days or weeks.

Equipment used by hunters, such as vehicles, trailers, and ATVs/UTVs, is the second-most common cause of human-caused wildfires in Texas, behind debris burning.

"Even a small spark can quickly ignite a wildfire under the right conditions," said Jared Karns, Texas A&M Forest Service

fire chief. "Texans are encouraged to stay alert and be aware of hazards that can cause a wildfire while hunting this season."

What's new for the 2026-2027 hunting season

Dove hunting kicked off this year's hunting season on Sept. 1, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has announced regulatory changes for the coming year. Among the changes are updated identity verification rules to combat residency fraud.

Texas residents must provide a valid driver's license or a personal identification certificate issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Non-Texas residents may be required to provide REAL ID-compliant identification.

Other regulation changes include:

"Doe days" expanded in 21 counties from four to 16 days.

Earlier start for the South Zone Dove regular season.

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• Alexis Scott was arrested Sept. 10 for theft of property valued at \$750 or more but less than \$2,500.

• Jermario Thomas was arrested Sept. 10 for parole violation.

• Isaiah Anthony was arrested Sept. 10 on a motion to revoke probation.

• Mathew Albanese was arrested Sept. 11 on a motion to revoke for credit or debit card abuse.

• Brandon Webb was arrested Sept. 11 on a motion to revoke for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, abandoning or endangering a child with intent to return, two counts of no driver's license and two counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• Allen Tracy was arrested Sept. 11 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• Joseph Randall was arrested Sept. 11 on a motion to revoke for possession of a controlled substance, Penalty Group 1/1-B, less than 1 gram.

• Willie Wayne was arrested Sept. 12 for assault of a family or household member with a previous conviction.

• Kenneth Ruso was arrested Sept. 12 on a motion to revoke for possession of a controlled substance,

• Penalty Group 1/1-B, less than 1 gram.

• Steven Wilburn was arrested Sept. 13 for tampering or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

Kirbyville Police Department

• Veronica Melvin was arrested Sept.

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names associated with the record. A primary photograph included with the listing was reported April 23, 2026.

Texas law requires people convicted of certain sexual offenses to register with local law enforcement authorities. Registration requirements, including their duration and frequency, depend on the offense and other factors established under state law.

DPS cautions that information available through its public registry is reported by the law enforcement agency that served as the registrant's most recent Texas registration authority. The department states that it cannot guarantee a record obtained

4 for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle or watercraft and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• Delmar Gilbert was arrested Sept. 4 for criminal mischief involving \$100 or more but less than \$750.

• Joshua Spears was arrested Sept. 8 on a capias for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, Penalty Group 1, 4 grams or more but less than 200 grams.

Texas Department of Public Safety

• Brent LeBlanc was arrested Sept. 4 for driving with an invalid license with a previous conviction and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

• Keunna Dupree was arrested Sept. 5 for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• Walter Garrett Jr. was arrested Sept. 6 for driving with an invalid license with a previous conviction or suspension and without financial responsibility.

• Brian Ramos was arrested Sept. 6 for driving while intoxicated with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.15 or greater.

• Tammy Daggett was arrested Sept. 6 for driving with an invalid license with a previous conviction or suspension and without financial responsibility.

• William Dowden was arrested Sept. 6 for driving while intoxicated with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.15 or greater.

• Tyran Lewis was arrested Sept. 7 for driving with an invalid license without financial responsibility.

ity and driving with an invalid license with a previous conviction or suspension and without financial responsibility.

• Joshua Sallee was arrested Sept. 7 for driving with an invalid license with a previous conviction or suspension and without financial responsibility.

• Tracy Lacy was arrested Sept. 7 for two counts of unlawful carrying of a weapon and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• Jeremiah Wimbley III was arrested Sept. 7 for unlawful carrying of a weapon, possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and possession of a controlled substance, Penalty Group 3, less than 28 grams.

• Theodore Follie was arrested Sept. 7 for driving with an invalid license with a previous conviction or suspension and without financial responsibility and a Class C traffic offense.

• Randall West was arrested Sept. 10 for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

• Veronica Melvin was arrested Sept. 10 for duty upon striking a fixture or highway landscape involving damage of \$200 or more.

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Elimination of Special White-winged Dove Days.

Matagorda and Wharton counties now closed to Wild Turkey hunting.

Harvest of un-bearded Wild Turkey hens now prohibited statewide.

Definition of muzzleloader modified to allow for use of new muzzleloading technology.

Several season dates have been changed for the 2026-2027 hunting season and can be found at tpwd.gov.

Texas SNAP application backlog skyrockets

Applications to receive SNAP benefits have ballooned almost 4,000% since January, The Dallas Morning News reported. The backlog of pending applications now exceeds 150,000, according to data from the state Health and Human Services Commission.

“This is alarming,” said Diana Forester, director of health

policy at Texans Care for Children. “It is very strange to me — I can’t believe it’s as big as it is.”

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act passed in July 2025 heavily restructured SNAP eligibility, including adding work requirements and requiring a state to fund part of the program based on its “error rate,” which calculates how much recipients were underpaid or overpaid in a year.

“New SNAP mandates require a thorough review of each case to ensure program integrity and accuracy,” state agency spokesperson Jennifer Ruffcorn wrote in an email. “HHSC will continue supporting eligible Texas families as quickly as possible.”

About 300,000 Texas households have lost SNAP coverage since September 2025, with the total dropping to 1.33 million as of August. Food banks across Texas are reporting higher

demand for services.

Guidelines designed to protect consumers from discriminatory pricing

The Texas Department of Insurance recently reminded insurance companies that it is illegal to use factors other than insurance risk to set home and auto insurance rates.

“In Texas, we take pride in looking out for one another. When families are feeling the weight of property insurance costs, they deserve the confidence of knowing that their premiums are determined by genuine risk, not by pricing tactics that take advantage of customer loyalty,” said commissioner Amanda Crawford. “Insurance is about pricing risk, not pricing the customer.”

Common factors used to determine premiums for home insurance include the home’s age, location, replacement cost, and any prior claims.

Auto insurance

rates are determined by claims history, locations, and the customer’s age and gender. Insurance customers with questions can call the TDI help line at 800-25-3439 or visit tdi.texas.gov.

Cities push back on bid to disband their power companies

On the campaign trail, Abbott has proposed dismantling city-owned utilities, saying it would save customers money by increasing competition. Two cities that own electric utilities are pushing back, according to the Standard.

San Antonio and Austin have the state’s two largest city-owned electric utilities. Officials with both say they offer some of the cheapest electricity rates in the state because their utilities operate as nonprofit companies.

Abbott said his proposal would save 10% on the average electric bill for Austin and San Antonio res-

idents. Among those disagreeing is Austin Mayor Kirk Watson.

“Fundamentally changing our utility through deregulation would have broad and significant consequences to those we serve,” he wrote in a statement.

There are 72 municipally owned utilities that provide power to 5.1 million Texans, or 15% of the state’s

population, according to the Texas Public Power Association.

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self a fortunate man, David Nolan, owner of Coastline Contractors in Evadale and a resident of Buna, was planning to leave the Monday before the disaster for a meeting at the World Trade Center in New York City. The meeting was postponed.

Homes evacuated during gas leak in Kirbyville

Six homes near the Kirbyville Elementary School were evacuated last Saturday about 9 a.m. after a Kirbyville school district employee backed over a gasoline pump.

About 180 gallons of gasoline entered the city sewer sys-

tem, said Billy Ted Smith, Jasper County emergency management coordinator.

Smith said a product called micro blaze was pumped into the sewer to remove the gasoline. “Micro blaze eats up petroleum product and leaves only carbon dioxide and water,” Smith explained.

A portion of Highway 82 between Highway 96 and FM 1013 was closed for four hours while the gas leak was eradicated. Electricity was also turned off in the area for four hours.

Evadale grad receives BS degree
Sue Ann Fergu-

son, a 1995 Evadale High School graduate, was awarded a BS degree in horticulture with a minor in business from Texas A&M University.

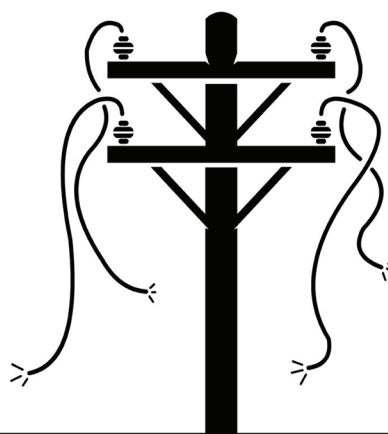
Ferguson, daughter of Pam and Dillon Ray Ferguson of Evadale, will begin training as a financial analyst for Conesco. She will be working in the College Station area.

Ferguson was one of 2,000 A&M graduates to receive diplomas at the school’s summer commencement.

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I awakened this morning with the thought that brain surgery isn't a procedure where when you come out of the recovery room, they offer you fruit juice to drink, tell you to take your time getting dressed, and insist on rolling you out to your car in a wheelchair to meet your designated driver.

It is not that I need to think it over before I choose to have surgery, but for me personally, this is uncharted territory. Years ago in my 20s, I was hospitalized a couple or times overnight for medical tests. That was back in the day when semi-private rooms were the only rooms available. In looking back on that experience, I'd prefer not to duplicate it again.

Don't get me wrong, I'm amenable to making new friends, but I would choose church over the neighborhood bar or hospital as a place to make that happen. I have the good sense not to suggest

that I would choose the neighborhood bar over the hospital, but don't watch me too closely [I'm just joking]. Both venues offer pain management of sorts.

Thankfully, the hospital industry understands a patient's need for privacy. Out of curiosity, I checked the Internet this morning before I started this blog, to determine how long I'd probably be hospitalized. I'm now attempting to erase that information from my consciousness. I'm better served to limit my horizon to one-day-at-a time.

My prayer this morning was "God – Cast out all fear." So why did I think to articulate that prayer? You're right, if you give anxiety and inch, it will take a mile. It was a prayer quickly answered through the resources of my own memory.

Years ago, Treva was hospitalized for surgery at St. David's hospital on 32nd Street in Austin. During her hospital stay, I happened upon a small chapel in an odd, shaped room on the first floor of the hospital. That setting orchestrated a sense of calm

for me. I wish I had taken pictures of the stained-glass windows. They were beautiful.

The longest wall in the odd shaped room was a wall of beautiful stained-glass windows. According to a plaque hanging next to the windows, the windows were made possible through the gifts of six benefactors.

Five of the benefactors either donated resources in memory of someone or in honor of someone named. Sometimes there was a combination of the two; a gift honoring someone, and in memory of another. The windows added ambience to the atmosphere of the small chapel area.

During my initial brief visit to the chapel at St. David's, I couldn't help but think that the benefactors who made the windows possible certainly paid a nice tribute to their loved ones. At the same time, they helped create an environment of serenity, peace and expectation as visitors entered the small, dedicated area to pray and worship.

In looking over the plaque naming those who had graciously

made the stained-glass windows possible, I was intrigued by the designation of the sixth benefactor. It stated simply: "In honor of those who have entered frightened and left in peace."

On a subsequent visit to that small, serene chapel setting where I went for a few moments of quiet, meditation and prayer, I once again thought about the tribute to "those who have entered frightened and left in peace." It then occurred to me that the tribute may have absolutely no relationship to the flow of patients and visitors through St. David's Hospital.

The tribute may more succinctly relate to a much smaller number. It may specifically relate to those who entered the small chapel area seeking the solace of God. With that definition in mind, the tribute became even more poignant: "In honor of those who have entered frightened and left in peace."

During my first visit to the hospital chapel area, I noticed an open book of what appeared to be blank pages. The pages were entitled Memorial Book.

With only a passing thought, I noticed the book and wondered if anyone ever paused long enough to chronicle their reflections.

As I subsequently noticed the book a second time on a subsequent visit, I saw that someone had left handwritten comments. Being curious, while at the same time wanting to respect privacy, I debated the ethics of reading what had been written. Ultimately, curiosity won out as I convinced myself that anything left handwritten in an open book was for public viewing.

The first set of handwritten notes chronicled a prayer of thanksgiving. It stated something closely akin to: "Thank you Lord for your loving care, for seeing me through surgery and for sparing my life. Thank you for granting me favor and giving me eternal life through your Son Jesus Christ. For it is in Him that I find ultimate healing."

I read just enough to whet my appetite. Turning back a page, the writer expressed a desperate plea for God's intervention and grace. The expressed need was

not medical, but emotional and relational. It was something to the effect: "Help me move forward with my life. I now realize that my marriage is over, and in reality, has been for several years. I struggle with fears of loneliness and abandonment, but I can't keep going as I have been. I am all alone apart from you. Help me to be trusting. Strengthen our relationship."

In a quick overview of six or seven written prayers, I was startled to discover that the theme was not primarily an expression of medical needs. More often, the requested healing solicited by those expressing their need related to relationships, not health.

It occurred to me that the Psalms are filled with tangible examples from David's life where he sought solace from God during difficulty and despair. Without fail, he always emerged from those encounters with a renewed spirit and the resourcefulness to negotiate life. Perhaps the key is simply in the seeking.

All My Best!
Don

► 9/11 From Page 1

Capt. Phil Davey, retired firefighter Jim Connolly and John Gaine. DiPietro, Connolly and Davey helped Jasper acquire the piece of World Trade Center steel embedded in the city's memorial.

DiPietro recalled being at the fire academy when the first plane struck at 8:46 a.m. He and other firefighters gathered equipment, traveled toward Ground Zero and arrived after the second tower collapsed.

"There weren't a lot of people to rescue that day," DiPietro said.

He noted that 343

firefighters died that day and more than 600 active and retired firefighters have since died from illnesses connected to 9/11.

Despite those painful losses, DiPietro said visiting Jasper and witnessing the community's patriotism gave the visiting firefighters hope.

"It makes us feel happy that we can come halfway across the country and find people that have the same values and ideas and morals as us," he said.

Organizers Roy James and Chris Lanier helped make Jasper's

memorial possible. James described its World Trade Center steel as the "heartbeat of the memorial." The steel was obtained through the firefighters and transported approximately 3,200 miles from New York to Jasper.

During Wednesday's ceremony, the firefighters were presented with a handcrafted replica containing a small piece of the World Trade Center steel remaining from construction of Jasper's monument.

Members of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, in-

cluding Chief Donnis Battise and the tribe's veterans color guard, also participated.

Allen thanked the first responders who entered the towers and the military members who served during the years following the attacks.

The ceremony included a moment of silence and the ringing of bells in remembrance of those killed.

Lanier captured the spirit behind Jasper's continued remembrance.

"On Sept. 11, 2001, we were all New Yorkers," he said.

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per \$100, representing an increase of \$0.06444. The measure passed 4-1, with Councilwoman Mammie Horn opposed.

The council also approved a \$31,523,345 budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year. That is \$1,345,242 more than the city's originally adopted 2025-26 budget of \$30,178,103. The budget passed 4-1, with Horn opposed.

Council members approved \$99,500 in hotel occupancy tax funding. The American Junior Golf Association received \$37,000 for two tournaments, with \$18,500 allocated to each. The Sealy Outdoors Fishing Tournament received \$18,500.

Other allocations included \$10,000 each for Major League Fishing and Lakes Area Cruisers; \$5,000

each for the Jasper County Cowboy Church Pro Rodeo and Outlaw Outdoors Fishing Tournament; \$4,000 for the Jasper County Historical Museum; \$3,000 for the J.H. Rowe Alumni Association; \$2,500 for Lone Star Youth Council; \$2,000 for CFHPA; \$1,500 for the East Texas Art League; and \$1,000 for DeWitt Clinton

Masonic Lodge.

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Wildcats Show Heart Against Livingston

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KIRBYVILLE — Kirbyville struggled to generate consistent offense Friday night as Livingston built an early lead and defeated the Wildcats 34-6. Livingston took control during the opening quarter, scoring 20 unanswered points before adding another touchdown in the second. The Lions carried a 27-0 advantage into half-time, leaving Kirbyville facing a steep climb after the break. The Wildcats responded with their only touchdown during the third quarter. Kendrick

Washington finished the scoring drive with a rushing touchdown, cutting into the Livingston lead before the Lions answered with their final score. Washington led Kirbyville's rushing attack with 56 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries. Adan Pina added 50 yards on nine attempts, while quarterback Kaleb Wiggins rushed 10 times for 33 yards. As a team, Kirbyville gained 142 yards on 36 rushing attempts, averaging just under 4 yards per carry. The Wildcats found less success through the air. Wiggins completed 7 of 28 passes for 55 yards with one interception. He faced



The Kirbyville defense swarms a Livingston ball carrier during Friday night's road game. The Wildcats recorded three sacks despite falling 34-6.

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Kirbyville's Keyton Bruce carries the ball against Livingston on Friday night. The Wildcats fell to the Lions 34-6.

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consistent pressure and struggled to establish a rhythm against Livingston's defense. Kirbyville finished with 197 yards of total offense and 13 first downs. The Wildcats also lost a fumble, giving Livingston another opportunity to control possession. Three players recorded receptions for Kirbyville. Jordan Thomas caught three passes for a team-high 24 yards, while Jamarion Myers made three catches for 18 yards. Watson added one reception for 13 yards.

Livingston finished with 316 yards of offense, including 191 yards and three touchdowns on the ground. The Lions averaged 7.6 yards per rushing attempt and added 125 passing yards. Despite the final score, several Wildcats delivered productive defensive performances. Bruce led Kirbyville with 10 tackles, including three solo stops. Pina finished with nine tackles and a tackle for loss, while C. Glenn recorded seven tackles and a pass breakup.

Bryson Moss collected six tackles, one tackle for loss and a 15-yard sack. Morgan and Rosemon also recorded sacks as the Wildcats generated pressure against Livingston's backfield. Kirbyville's defense held Livingston scoreless during the fourth quarter, but the Wildcats could not overcome the Lions' 27-point first half. The loss dropped Kirbyville to 0-3 after setbacks against Bridge City, Lumberton and Livingston. The Wildcats have shown

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Cat Fight: Buna sweeps Kirbyville in district opener

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KIRBYVILLE — The claws came out when Buna and Kirbyville opened district volleyball play, but it was the Cougars who walked away with the first mark in the win column.

Buna swept the visiting Wildcats, 3-0, on Sept. 8, giving head coach Debbie Holyfield and the Cougars a strong beginning to the portion of the schedule that matters most.

The meeting between two familiar Jasper County opponents offered both programs an opportunity to reset following busy preseason schedules filled with tournaments, lineup

changes and difficult nondistrict matches.

Buna entered the district opener after showing steady improvement during the preseason. The Cougars worked through several combinations at the Silsbee tournament before finishing with their best volleyball on the final day and winning the Maroon Bracket.

That growth carried into the matchup with Kirbyville as Buna found enough consistency in its serving, hitting and defense to close each set and prevent the Wildcats from extending the match.

Kirbyville entered the contest with experience in close matches. Head coach Savannah Andrews' Wildcats had battled Newton in a five-set loss before earning a



Buna seniors Madelyn Fry (5), and Allison Brandenburg (27) close the door at the net during the Cougars' district-opening sweep of Kirbyville.
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five-set victory over Evadale. Kirbyville also faced Hemphill in a four-set match before beginning district play.

Those competitive matches gave the Wildcats valuable court time, but Buna controlled the district opener and did not allow Kirbyville to turn the evening into another long battle.

The sweep was an important early result for the Cougars, but one September victory will not settle the district race. Both teams will have opportunities to adjust before meeting again later in the schedule.

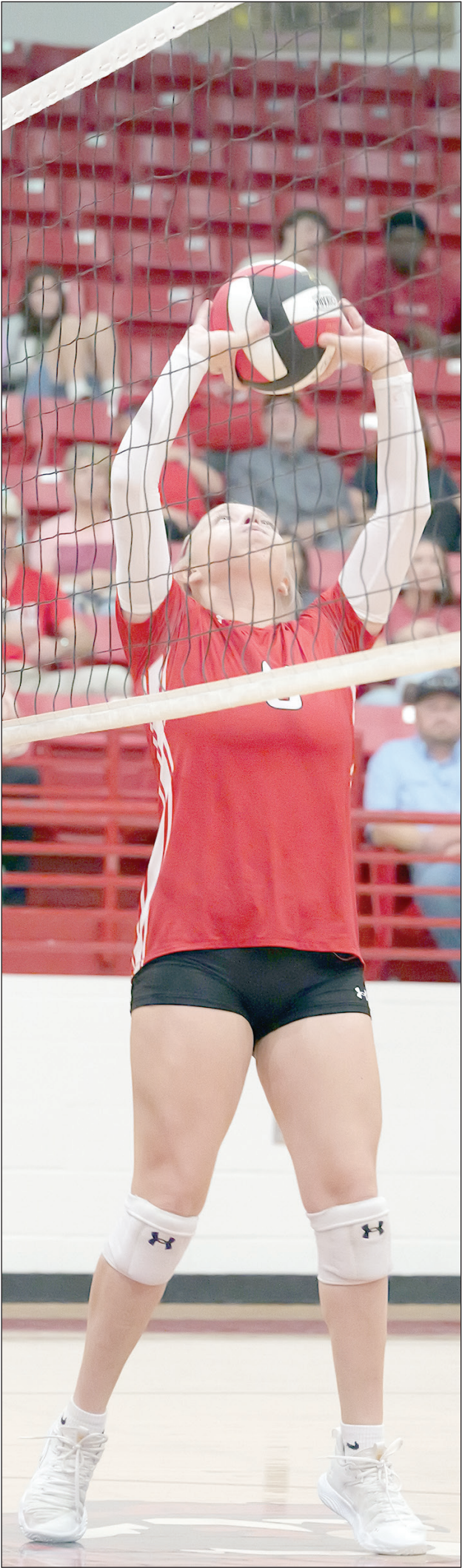
Buna returned to action Sept. 11 against Kountze and was swept, 3-0, showing how quickly momentum can change

during district competition. The result also reinforced the importance of every matchup as teams compete for playoff positioning.

For Kirbyville, the loss provided a list of areas to address as the Wildcats continue working toward greater consistency. Andrews praised her team's energy and effort through-

out the preseason and said the early schedule helped identify areas requiring improvement.

The first cat fight belonged to Buna, but the Cougars and Wildcats still have plenty of volleyball ahead. If their preseason battles are any indication, neither team plans to put away its claws quietly.



Kirbyville works at the net during its district-opening match against Buna. The Wildcats fell to the Cougars in three sets.
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Brookeland's Powell Commits to Arkansas-Rich Mountain Softball

level after committing to play softball at the University of Arkansas-Rich Mountain. Powell's commitment marks the next step for a multisport athlete who has represented Brookeland on both the softball field and the track. Brookeland Independent School District announced the commitment while congratulating Powell for the work and dedication that helped her earn the opportunity. "Paige has put in the work, shown the dedication and earned this opportunity to compete at the college level," the district said in its announcement. "We are incredibly proud to see one of our Wildcats take this next step." Powell has also established herself as one of the state's top track and field athletes. During last year's state competition, she earned a silver medal in the high jump and placed ninth in the long jump. Her success in both events demonstrated the athleticism that she will bring to the college softball field. High jump requires explosiveness and precise technique, while long jump tests speed, power and body control. Those abilities can translate naturally to softball through quick reactions, strong movement in the field and speed on the basepaths. Competing in multiple sports has also required Powell to balance different training schedules and expectations throughout the school year. Her accomplishments reflect the time she has devoted to improving while representing Brookeland at major competitions. Powell will now prepare to make the transition from high school athletics to college softball, where she will face a faster and more demanding level of competition. Her commitment gives Brookeland another reason to celebrate an athlete who has performed at a high level in multiple sports. It also provides younger Wildcats with an example of what can be achieved through consistent work and determination. Powell will have the opportunity to carry Brookeland's blue and gold tradition with her as she begins the next chapter of her academic and athletic career.

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BROOKELAND — Brookeland standout Paige Powell will continue her athletic career at the collegiate

Trahan Train Rolls as Buna Blanks Huntington, 48-0

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BUNA — How do you stop a charging Cougar? Don't ask Huntington, because it had no answers for the Buna rushing attack. The Trahan Train rolled through Huntington on Friday night as Buna piled up 305 rushing yards and seven offensive touchdowns in a commanding 48-0 victory. Buna improved to 3-0 under head coach Mike Trahan and has now rushed for 1,023 yards through three games. The Cougars have outscored their opponents 104-27 while averaging 344 rushing yards per game. Caleb Nevils led the scoring charge against Huntington, rushing four times for 64 yards and two touchdowns. He has amassed 344 yards and six touchdowns on only 24 carries this season, an average of more than 14 yards per attempt. Tanner Crane added 64 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries, while Braxton Stimits gained 51 yards on nine attempts. Lev Rice carried five times for 44 yards, Alex Soileau contributed 38 yards and a touchdown, and Brody Moss recorded 37 yards and a score. Brody Batman added a 7-yard touchdown run. Buna hardly needed to put the ball in the air, but the Cougars made their lone completion count. Moss connected with Jaythen Fachorn for a 10-yard touchdown, giving the passing game a perfect scoring percentage on completed passes. The defense was every bit as dominant. Hayden Holden led the Cougars with four solo tackles and 10 assists. Caden Flannigan finished with two solo tackles and eight assists, while Jaythen Fachorn recorded six solo tackles and two assists. Braxton Stimits and Huck McGuire each contributed two tackles for loss. Wyatt Pelts forced a fumble, and Jackson Holmes recovered one as Buna kept Huntington off the scoreboard throughout the night. Through three games, Buna's defense has allowed only 481 total yards, an average of just over 160 per contest. The Cougars have also intercepted six passes. The schedule will take an interstate turn Friday when South Beauregard travels from Louisiana to face Buna at 7 p.m. If the Cougars keep running the football and defending at their current pace, the visitors may find it difficult to derail the Trahan Train.

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Jasper Let The Dawgs Out

That's Who!



Damion Young Jr. makes a drive-saving catch on fourth down during Jasper's 99½-yard go-ahead touchdown drive against Lumberton.
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► **BULLDOGS** From Page B1

scored both Jasper touchdowns. He also delivered a hard hit on defense that helped bring up a crucial fourth down.

Landis McBride Jr. added 89 yards on 16 carries. Jayden Rawls

gained 43 yards on four attempts, Beatty rushed for 31 yards and Young contributed 29 yards.

The Bulldogs rushed 48 times for 309 yards, averaging 6.4 yards per carry. Jasper finished with 357 yards of total

offense despite completing only two passes.

Beatty completed 2 of 6 attempts for 48 yards with one interception. He also punted three times for 104 yards.

Lumberton threatened late after complet-

ing two big passes, but Jasper's defense answered. Pressure forced an intentional-grounding penalty before Jason Carter broke up a fourth-down pass to secure the victory.

Elam then helped Jasper run out the

remaining time.

"Cam Elam played like a grown man tonight," Foreman said. "More schools need to get on him because he's going to be a big-time college football player, in my opinion."

After celebrating his

first victory at Bulldog Stadium, Foreman delivered a clear message to his team.

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