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### St. Rose of Lima feast celebrated with refreshments after Mass

To help celebrate the feast day of St Rose of Lima, the officers of Catholic Life Insurance provided doughnuts and juice after the 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church on Sunday, Aug. 24. Shown are (from left) Jeanette Vaculik, Kathy Kleiber, Ann Florus and Royce Shimek.

## 'Blessing of New School Year' slated

Clergy, lay leaders and community members will gather for an ecumenical event at the Hallettsville Brahma Memorial Stadium – the annual Blessing of the New School Year – on Wednesday, Sept. 3 beginning at 7 p.m.

Members of the Hallettsville Area Ministerial Alliance of Churches are sponsoring the worship service. The public is invited to participate, especially parents, students, athletes, teachers, support staff, administrators and school boards from area public and parochial schools, preschools, day schools and home

schooled. Pastor Herb Beyer, convenor of the ministerial group, says: "It's important for us to come together, to pray for and support the children of our communities and all involved in educating them. We want for our schools to be safe places of learning and the shaping of future citizens and leaders of our communities and nation. In these challenging times, God needs to be in the equation of our lives. The faith of our people is certainly valued by the citizens of our area. Those staff and volunteers involved in

the education, care and encouragement of our children have a sacred, holy calling." The Sunday Boys + 1 will provide music. Fr. Shane Goertz of Sacred Heart and St. Mary Catholic churches, Hallettsville, will be the guest preacher.

Other leaders representing Lutheran, Southern Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian, Roman Catholic, non-denominational and other churches will participate.

For further information, contact Pastor Beyer at 361-798-0155 cell or email beyerfam55@gmail.com.

### TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

## State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

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### Redistricting bill heads to Abbott's desk

Both the Texas House and Senate have passed a mid-decade redistricting bill that positions the GOP to pick up five additional congressional seats next year. Passage came after House Democrats ended their quorum-breaking walkout while still vowing to pursue legal challenges.

The bill dismantles Democratic strongholds around Houston, Austin and Dallas and increases Republican challenges of also picking up seats in South Texas, The Texas Tribune reported.

In response, California lawmakers seeking to counter Texas' redistricting move have approved a special election for their voters to consider a new congressional map that would likely add five Democratic seats in California.

"This fight is far from over," Rep. Gene Wu of Houston, chair of the House Democratic Caucus, said after the map's passage in that chamber. "Our best shot is in the courts. This part of the fight is over, but it is merely the first chapter."

### Roy joins crowded race to replace Paxton

U.S. Rep. Chip Roy, a fiscal conservative often critical of President Trump and his fellow Republicans, has entered the race to replace Ken Paxton as Texas attorney general, The Dallas Morning News reported.

"Texas is under assault – from open-border, radical leftists, and faceless foreign corporations that threaten our sovereignty, safety, and our way of life," Roy wrote. "It's time to draw a line in the sand."

Roy, R-Austin, is in his fourth term in Congress. He joins several other Republican candidates, including state Sens. Joan Huffman of Houston and Mayes Middleton of Galveston, as well as Aaron Reitz, a former deputy attorney general under Paxton. Democrats who have announced plans to run include state Sen. Nathan Johnson of Dallas and former Galveston mayor Joe Jaworski, who ran unsuccessfully for the post in 2022.

Paxton has announced plans to challenge incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the March 2026 GOP primary.

### House passes six bills providing flood disaster relief

The Texas House passed six bills last week aimed at addressing disaster relief, emergency communications systems and preparedness. The bills are in

response to the catastrophic Hill Country floods over the July 4th weekend. At least 137 people were killed, primarily in Kerr County, including 27 children and staffers from Camp Mystic on the banks of the Guadalupe River.

The News reported the measures include a requirement that youth camps develop emergency management plans and submit them to the state. Legislation also calls for establishing the Texas Interoperability Council, which would create structure and grant programs for multiple agencies to communicate and coordinate on single disasters. That would include hurricanes and mass shootings.

One of the bill's sponsors, state Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, spoke surrounded by a bipartisan group of lawmakers.

"When I speak on this bill, for this bill, I hope I'm not just speaking for myself, but for the lost children, the grieving families who have called us, met with us and shared their heartbreak and grief with us," Darby said.

### Former speaker Dade Phelan won't seek reelection

Former Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, announced he would not seek reelection following a failed intra-party attempt to defeat him in the 2024 election and his subsequent stepping down as speaker. The Houston Chronicle reported Phelan served his district since 2015 and assumed the speakership in 2021.

In a statement, Phelan wrote on Facebook that "leading the House required tough choices, but I sought to chart a course inspired by the values we share in Southeast Texas. Looking ahead I will seek God's path in mapping out my next chapter."

Both Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Paxton backed Phelan's primary opponent in 2024, following Paxton's impeachment in the House while Phelan was speaker. Paxton was acquitted in the Senate. His successor as speaker, state Rep. Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, praised him.

"Dade is more than a colleague — He is a treasure to Southeast Texas, to the Texas House, and to the great Lone Star State," Burrows said on social media.

### Judge blocks law requiring Ten Commandments in classrooms

A San Antonio federal judge has temporarily blocked a Texas law that would require public

schools to post the Ten Commandments in every classroom, the Chronicle reported. The suit was filed by a group of families who claimed the posting would potentially harm their children's religious development.

"Ultimately, in matters of conscience, faith, beliefs and the soul, most people are Garboesque," U.S. District Judge Fred Biery wrote, referencing a line from actress Greta Garbo in a 1932 movie. "They just want to be left alone, neither proselytized nor ostracized, including what occurs to their children in government-run schools."

Paxton, whose office represented most of the school districts named in the suit, said he planned to appeal the ruling.

"The Ten Commandments are a cornerstone of our moral and legal heritage, and their presence in classrooms serves as a reminder of the values that guide responsible citizenship," Paxton said in a statement.

### Audit finds problems with winterizing energy grid

A new report from the State Auditor's Office concludes that state oil and gas inspectors are not doing their job to adequately verify that Texas natural gas producers and their delivery systems can hold up under severe winter storms, according to the Texas Standard.

Since Winter Storm Uri in 2021 left much of the state's power grid paralyzed, the Railroad Commission has been tasked by law with ensuring all parts of the gas supply chain to power plants can operate adequately in severe winter weather. However, the audit concluded that current rules allow gas companies to decide for themselves what is considered adequate winterization. Of 8,732 inspections conducted by the RRC in 2024 and 2025 winter seasons, only two violations were issued.

"The Commission stated that it relies on facility operators to determine which weatherization measures are needed and whether those measures are sufficient for that facility," auditors found. "It did not compare facilities' actual weatherization methods to the Commission's best practices."

The commission contends the low number of violations reflects the "successful implementation" of the legislation passed after Uri.

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## Bulletin Board

### St. Mary, High Hill, Parish Picnic

St. Mary Catholic Church, High Hill, will celebrate its 165th year at the annual parish picnic on Sunday, Aug. 31. A flag-raising at 9:30 a.m. will be followed by a polka Mass at 10:15 a.m. A fried chicken/stew dinner with trimmings will be served starting at 10:30 a.m. for \$15 per plate, with the drive-thru plates available (drive-thru entrance is from FM 2672 northbound only).

The auction will begin at 1 p.m. featuring livestock, quilts, homemade items, plants, etc. Music will be by Texas Sound Czech and Mark Halata/Texavia during the day, with a free dance at night by Texas Sundown Band.

The cake walk will open at 11 a.m. Corn hole will start at 1 p.m. Other activities will include a country store, duck pond, ring toss, train ride, souvenir booth, bounce house, etc. Hamburgers, nachos, High Hill sausage, etc. will be available. A fireworks show is scheduled for 10 p.m.

### Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, Fall Picnic

Sacred Heart Parish will hold its fall picnic on Sunday, Aug. 31 at the KC Hall in Hallettsville. A meal of fried chicken, stew, homemade cornbread dressing and trimmings will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (dine-in and drive-thru) for \$14 per plate. Fr. Michael Rother will give a short memorial at 1 p.m. The auction will start at 1 p.m. Music will include Kovanda Czech Band at the main pavilion, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Red Ravens and Dujka Brothers, free dance at the polka pavilion/biergarten, 1 to 8 p.m. There will also be a cake walk, country store, religious articles booth and bingo (noon to 6 p.m.). Hamburgers, nachos, popcorn, snow cones, lemonade, soda, etc. will be available all afternoon.

### Labor Day Holiday

Most local businesses will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1 for Labor Day. The Sticker will be closed and the deadline for all materials – advertising, classifieds, photos and articles – will be Friday, Aug. 29 at noon.

### Labor Day Weekend Hours for Second Chance Emporium

Second Chance Emporium Labor Day weekend hours are as follows: sales store and donations drop-off area will be open for business on Friday, Aug. 29 and Saturday, Aug. 30; the donations drop-off area will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1. Second Chance Emporium is a resale store located at 841 South Reynolds. La Grange. For more information, visit [www.secondchanceemporium.org](http://www.secondchanceemporium.org).

### BRIDGE Community Literacy Day

BRIDGE will host Community Literacy Day on Saturday, Sept. 6. Activities will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the Schulenburg Public Library, 301 Simpson St., and noon to 2 p.m. at the Stanzel Museum, 311 Baumgarten St. Highlights include literacy activities for children and families and free giveaways/community resources. The first 100 families to arrive will receive a complimentary swag bag.

For more information, visit [bridgerural.org](http://bridgerural.org).

### Restitution Revival United Workshop Services

Restitution Revival United, 702 Hillje Ave., will hold worship services on Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 14 at noon. Pastor Sha-Ron Heslep will lead the services, which will include uplifting worship, a message to ignite the spirit and opportunity to be refreshed, renewed and revived.

### 2nd Annual Armed Forces Appreciation Dinner & Dance

The second annual Armed Forces Appreciation Dinner & Dance is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in La Grange, with a start time of 3 p.m.

Tickets are available from local veterans organizations for \$20 each. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, Sept. 3.

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To adopt these pets or others, call the Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter, 979-966-0021. The address is 240 Svoboda Lane, La Grange.

Hours are Tuesday thru Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

View the pets at the shelter website [www.janssenanimalshelter.org](http://www.janssenanimalshelter.org) or visit the shelter's Facebook page.

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