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Baseline shot
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The belief that one cannot lose their salvation is certainly an attractive one. But what is more important than the attractiveness of a belief is its truth.

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Claude Albert Nussbaum, Jr. passed away Jan. 11, 2017.
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Claude was the last living Nussbaum in Mexia. His family came to Mexia in the 1800s and were prominent on the business scene for many years.
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The Wortham Bulldogs took one on the chin Tuesday night as the Axtell Longhorns wound up beating the home team, 51-37.
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The Teague Lions move to 5-0 in District 18-3A basketball after picking up the win over Leon Tuesday evening on the road, 70-47.
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Weather

SAT	70/48	
01/21		
WIND SW 14 MPH		
20% PRECIP		
AM CLOUDS		
SUN	61/42	
01/22		
WIND NW 28 MPH		
10% PRECIP		
PARTLY CLOUDY/WIND		
MON	65/50	
01/23		
WIND SW 9 MPH		
0% PRECIP		
SUNNY		
TUE	72/48	
01/24		
WIND SW 19 MPH		
0% PRECIP		
MOSTLY SUNNY		
WED	58/39	
01/25		
WIND NNW 12 MPH		
0% PRECIP		
MOSTLY SUNNY		

Good morning, Gary Findley!
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Alan Goodrich, of Mexia, introduces his grandson Isaiiah Lara, then 3, to the joys of fishing at last year's Youth Trout Fishing Clinic at Fort Parker State Park. This year's event will take place Saturday, Jan. 28, for kids under 12, and Sunday, Jan. 29, for youth 13-18.

Mexia News file photo

Trout clinic may spark youth fishing interest

By Roxanne Thompson
 Staff Writer

An opportunity for Limestone County youth to learn about fishing and enjoy the great outdoors is coming next weekend, Jan. 28-29, to Fort Parker State Park.

The 26th Annual Youth Trout Fishing Clinic, hosted jointly by the Park and the Mexia Bass Club, will take place at Springfield Lake, inside the park. Children 12 and under are free; the \$4 park entrance fee only applies to anyone 13 and older.

Volunteer park rangers and Bass Club members will be on hand to show the children how to tie knots, bait hooks, cast fishing lines and catch fish. All equipment and bait will be provided for use at no charge.

Three sessions for ages 5-12 will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28: 9-11 a.m., noon-2 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Then, on the following day, Sunday, Jan. 29, there will be one session, for youth ages 13-17.

Before the clinic, the park will stock the small

lake with 1,000 rainbow trout to make successful fishing easier.

Parents or guardians are encouraged to register their children now by calling the park at 254-562-5751 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Park Superintendent Tom Fisher pointed out that the fishing clinic is an opportunity for parents to spend time getting closer to their children.

"This is just such a great opportunity for teaching the kids to enjoy the outdoors and to enjoy fishing," Fisher said.

"We're getting more and more disconnected from the outdoors and spending more time in front of a computer screen. Our kids are growing up in front of those computer screens, whether it's for games or for school. We need to get them outdoors to enjoy the outdoors, and fishing is one of those ways. When they catch a fish, a lot of times they're hooked."

Fisher said his own father took him fishing at age four or five and the love of the outdoors never left him.

"I don't know that we

caught any fish," he said, "but it was good to be out on the water and to be outdoors — and spend some time with my dad."

Ron Talbot, with the Mexia Bass Club, is directing the youth fishing clinic and said the total number of children who have participated over the past 26 years will probably surpass 6,000 with this year's event. Lighter years have seen 150 children show up for the clinic, with heavier years reaching \$50.

He credits area businesses and individuals with its success, since their sponsorship donations pay for all the costs involved.

"It takes a lot of people in the community to make this thing work," Talbot said. "The park does a tremendous amount, and then we do some helping with it, too."

"This is all about the kids," he added. "It's hard to quantify if you've helped any kid along the way, but if you've helped one, it makes it worthwhile."

Fisher noted that the

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DAR compliments county for flag use

Mexia News Staff Report

Limestone County Maintenance Supervisor Sam Callis was complimented in commissioners court for his correct use and display of the U.S. flag.

The Daughters of the American Revolution wrote County Judge Daniel Burkeen, commending the county on its handling of the flag, and Burkeen in turn credited Callis since that is one of his many responsibilities.

"With the current scrutiny of the traditions and symbols of our nation, our Association is very pleased to commend your office on the proper use, correct display and patriotic presentation of the flag of the United States of America," Burkeen read from the letter at the Jan. 10 meeting.

"So I'd like to commend Sam Callis for that, because he's the one who keeps up with the flags at the courthouse and the other county locations," Burkeen said in

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LMC named Employer of Excellence



Workforce Solutions for the Heart of Texas selected Limestone Medical Center as this year's Employer of Excellence for all of Limestone County. The Employer of Excellence award salutes an outstanding employer who, as a customer and collaborator with Workforce Solutions, created or used innovative approaches to create jobs, foster economic development in its community and/or improve the skills of its workforce. Mr. Larry Price, Limestone Medical Center CEO, and Mr. Michael Williams, CFO, attended the 19th Annual Awards of Excellence banquet on Thursday, Jan. 19 at the Phoenix Ballroom in Waco and are pictured with the award. Pictured from the left, Larry Price CEO and Michael Williams CFO.

Contributed photo

Court to name ESD board members

By Roxanne Thompson
 Staff Writer

Limestone County commissioners are expected to make appointments or re-appointments to Emergency Services District No. 1 next week, after doing the same for ESD No. 2 at the court's Jan. 10 meeting.

Commissioners court meets on Tuesday, Jan. 24, with a short agenda that also includes renewing an agreement with the county's Senior Service Project, accepting a donation for the county's K9 officer and agreeing to allow the city of Groesbeck to use its wood chipper.

Regarding the ESD appointments, the county has only the two emergency services districts, which cover most of the southern half of the county.

ESDs are political subdivisions of the state that support emergency services in the districts they cover by imposing a tax on residents there, then using the money collected to fund emergency services in that district.

The ESDs in south Limestone County support the fire departments on the east and west sides of Lake Limestone because there are no towns in that area to provide that support. The ESDs there only cover fire services, since EMS coverage in that area is provided by the hospital district.

In other business, the court plans to enter its contract with the Limestone County Senior Services Project, which includes giving them the \$25,000 allocated for them in this year's budget to help run the senior

centers across the county.

Also at the meeting, the court is expected to accept a donation for the care of K9 Deputy Jack, given in memory of the late Gordon Miller.

Standing agenda items include addressing regular business of the Limestone County Detention Center, which is the county-owned prison, the Juvenile Detention Center and County Fairgrounds; and dealing with requests for utility line agreements. Consideration of a burn ban remains on the agenda year round but is considered highly unlikely at this time with soil conditions moist across the county.

Tuesday's meeting starts at 9 a.m. in the county courtroom of the courthouse, 200 W. State Street in Groesbeck.

CORRECTION TO DEC. 29

ARTICLE

In the Dec. 29 issue of the Mexia News, in an article entitled "Bull train takes hit with eminent domain." It was inaccurately printed that District Judge Joseph Halbach ruled against Texas Central concerning the Texas Central's ongoing project for a high speed rail service from Dallas to Houston. The judge did not rule on the merits of the case, he only moved the proceeding to be set for trial at a later date. The Mexia News apologizes for the inaccuracy.



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