

EYE-CATCHING
OVERPASS ART

SERVE UP SWEET
SPRING CAKES

GRANDMA'S THREE-LEGGED
BEST FRIEND

Texas Coop Power

FOR FAYETTE EC MEMBERS

MAY 2024

Behind the Scenes

The real working ranch
of TV's 'Yellowstone'



A BARN THAT GOES BEYOND



COUNTRY LIVING MADE EASIER WITH MUELLER STEEL BUILDINGS



Mueller steel buildings can be customized to meet your agricultural needs. Whether it's a storage space or a multi-functional ranch facility, we can help design and manufacture a barn that goes beyond your expectations.

www.muellerinc.com
877-2-MUELLER (877-268-3553)


MUELLER, INC.
METAL BUILDINGS, ROOFING & COMPONENTS

May 2024



10

Overpass Easels

Michael Ford's larger-than-life art merges traffic and culture along Texas highways.

*Story by Sheryl Smith-Rodgers
Photos courtesy Michael Ford*

06

Sixes on the Small Screen

The people of the storied Four Sixes Ranch—as seen on 'Yellowstone'—work to preserve its legacy.

*Story by Margaret Buranen
Photos by R.J. Hinkle*

04

Currents

The latest buzz

05

TCP Talk

Readers respond

16

Co-op News

Information plus energy and safety tips from your cooperative

25

Footnotes in Texas History

Payback Time
By W.F. Strong

26

TCP Kitchen

Spring Cakes
By Vianney Rodriguez

30

Hit the Road

Breaking News
By Chet Garner

33

Focus on Texas

Photo Contest: Rides

34

Observations

Grandma's Best Friend
By Martha Deeringer

ON THE COVER

Some of the 700–800 quarter horses at the Four Sixes Ranch.
Photo by R.J. Hinkle

ABOVE

Michael Ford with his sculpted panel that celebrates Wichita Falls' Hotter'N Hell Hundred cycling event.
Photo courtesy Michael Ford



Wakeboard Wizardry

FUN TIMES for a 6-year-old wakeboarding on Coletto Creek Reservoir outside Victoria turned into a teenager’s passion. And for 14 years, Blake Daniel, pictured above, practiced and competed, even as he became a distribution engineer at South Texas Electric Cooperative.

Finally, in September 2023, Daniel reached the pinnacle—capturing a wakeboarding world title in his age group in an international competition in Portugal.

“It was crazy. I can’t explain it,” he said. “It’s something that I feel like we’ve been working for forever. Finally, to win is an unreal feeling.”

Many family members, wearing shirts that read, “I throw Texas-sized tantrums,” shared Daniel’s joy. In wakeboarding lingo, tantrums are good things—blackflips on a board.

Contests and More

ENTER CONTESTS AT
[TEXASCOOPPOWER.COM](https://www.texascooppower.com)



\$500 RECIPE CONTEST
Pumpkin and Spice

FOCUS ON TEXAS PHOTOS
Parenthood

RECOMMENDED READING
On National Paranormal Day, May 3, consider the mysterious musical presence that sometimes intrudes upon a Houston library’s stillness. Read *Shh!* from December 2020.



May 16 National Love a Tree Day

One of Texas’ largest and oldest—Big Tree, a live oak at Goose Island State Park near Rockport—is estimated to be up to 1,100 years old.

FINISH THIS SENTENCE Summer means ...

TCP Tell us how you would finish that sentence. Email your short responses to letters@TexasCoopPower.com or comment on our Facebook post. Include your co-op and town.

Here are some of the responses to our March prompt: **Music makes me ...**

Forget my troubles for a little while.
RENEE TWEED
VIA FACEBOOK

Release those wonderful endorphins that make me grab a broom and give a concert for my plants and fish.
JAMES D. WILLIAMS
VIA FACEBOOK

Reminisce about the time in my life that the song came out.
HARRY MACK
UNITED COOPERATIVE SERVICES
GRAFORD

Think of the many times I danced with my dad.
PATTI FISHER
BOWIE-CASS EC
TEXARKANA

Connect to yesterday, hope for the future and dance today.
MICHELLE WINN
PEDERNALES EC
KYLE

Visit our website to see more responses.

MARCH 2024 The Retirement of a Legend

“Danny Williams and his son, Gordon, used to come to Concho Valley Electric Cooperative for safety meetings. If you didn’t learn something from Danny, you weren’t listening.”

TOMMY EARNEST
CONCHO VALLEY EC
SAN ANGELO



DAVE SHAFER

Pier Placement

Buoyed by Vice [March 2024] stated that the Balinese Room “sat atop a pier that jutted into the bay.” I thought it was on the seawall, jutting out over the Gulf of Mexico.

John Eaves
Pedernales EC
Leander

EDITOR’S NOTE You’re correct. We have fixed the story online.

Katy’s Spunk

Gordon Jennings was my husband’s great-great-grandfather [*A Revere of Our Own*, March 2024]. I am writing the story of our family history for our eight grandchildren, and one of them is named Katy. I believe she has as much spunk as the first Katy Jennings!

Judy Jennings
Wise EC
Paradise

Vintage Puzzles

My grandfather made quite a few wooden puzzles in the 1920s and ’30s and apparently sold them, as some have labels from Vincil Novelty Co. [*Puzzling Times*, February 2024]. My brothers, all my cousins and I still have many of them.

Dorothee Johnson
Grayson-Collin EC
Whitesboro

Adorable Donkeys

As a former longtime breeder, trainer and exhibitor of donkeys, it warms my heart whenever something positive is written about these wonderful animals [*Touched by an Angel*, January 2024].

The story of Angel riding on a float during a Christmas parade was priceless.

Sandra Osborne Neeley
United Cooperative Services
Grandview



KATE GLEYZER

TCP WRITE TO US
letters@TexasCoopPower.com

Editor, Texas Co-op Power
1122 Colorado St., 24th Floor
Austin, TX 78701

Please include your electric co-op and town. Letters may be edited for clarity and length.

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, Texas Co-op Power

TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Neil Hesse, Muenster
Vice Chair Avan Irani, Robstown
Secretary-Treasurer Bryan Wood, San Augustine
Board Members Dale Ancell, Lubbock
Mark McClain, Roby • Julie Parsley, Johnson City • Brandon Young, McGregor

PRESIDENT/CEO Mike Williams, Austin

COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mike Ables, Bellville • Matt Bentke, Bastrop
Marty Haught, Burleson • Gary Miller, Bryan
Zac Perkins, Hooker, Oklahoma
John Ed Shipnough, Bonham
Rob Walker, Gilmer • Buff Whitten, Eldorado

MAGAZINE STAFF

Vice President, Communications & Member Services Martin Bevins
Editor Chris Burrows
Associate Editor Tom Widlowski
Production Manager Karen Nejttek
Creative Manager Andy Doughty
Advertising Manager Elaine Sproull
Communications Specialist Samantha Bryant
Digital Media Specialist Caytlyn Calhoun
Assistant Production Manager Alex Dal Santo
Print Production Specialist Grace Fultz
Food Editor Vianney Rodriguez
Senior Designer Jane Sharpe
Communications Specialist Claire Stevens
Proofreader Louie Bond

TEXAS CO-OP POWER Volume 80, Number 11 (USPS 540-560). *Texas Co-op Power* is published monthly by Texas Electric Cooperatives. Periodical postage paid at Austin, TX, and at additional offices. TEC is the statewide association representing 76 electric cooperatives. *Texas Co-op Power’s* website is TexasCoopPower.com. Call (512) 454-0311 or email editor@TexasCoopPower.com.

SUBSCRIPTIONS Subscription price is \$4.44 per year for individual members of subscribing cooperatives and is paid from equity accruing to the member. If you are not a member of a subscribing cooperative, you can purchase an annual subscription at the nonmember rate of \$7.50.

Co-op members: Please notify your co-op of address changes or other subscription requests.

POSTMASTER Send address changes to Texas Co-op Power (USPS 540-560), 1122 Colorado St., 24th Floor, Austin, TX 78701. Please enclose label from this copy of *Texas Co-op Power* showing old address and key numbers.

ADVERTISING Contact Elaine Sproull at (512) 486-6251 or esproull@texas-ec.org for information about purchasing display ad space in *Texas Co-op Power* and/or in our 26 sister publications in other states. Advertisements in *Texas Co-op Power* are paid solicitations. The publisher neither endorses nor guarantees in any manner any product or company included in this publication.

COPYRIGHT All content © 2024 Texas Electric Cooperatives Inc. All rights reserved. Reproduction of this issue or any portion of it is expressly prohibited without written permission. Willie Wirehand © 2024 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



Sixes ON THE Small Screen

The people of the
storied Four Sixes
Ranch—as seen
on 'Yellowstone'—
work to preserve
its legacy



IF you watched *Yellowstone* spinoff *1883*, you probably saw Joe Leathers. But you likely didn't know it.

He was on screen for about three seconds, driving cattle on horseback.

"It was a long-distance shot, so you couldn't tell it was me," he says.

It was a bit part, but Leathers is the leading man at the ranch that has become a centerpiece for the *Yellowstone* TV series. He has managed West Texas' Four Sixes Ranch since 2008.

The show and its characters are make-believe, but Leathers' work is quite real. He spends "as many days as possible" working cattle with his colleagues at the ranch, though his job keeps him out of the saddle more than he would like.

Yellowstone, created and written by actor Taylor Sheridan, tells the story of a fictional Montana ranch owned by the Dutton family. Four Sixes makes its on-screen debut in the fourth season, when ranch hand Jimmy Hurdstrom is sent away to improve his attitude and cowboy skills. But instead of hating it, Jimmy loves the ranch and wants to stay there.

The real-life Four Sixes covers more than a quarter-million acres, making it one of the 10 largest ranches in Texas.

The main ranch, near Guthrie, east of Lubbock, comprises 142,372 acres and gets its electricity from South Plains Electric Cooperative. In the Panhandle, the Dixon Creek Ranch division in Carson and Hutchison counties spans another 114,455 acres. A third portion, the Frisco Creek Ranch division, covers 9,428 acres in Sherman County and is served by Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative.

There are plenty of outdoor sights to film at the ranch, including sprawling fields and swift, beautiful horses herding cattle. Wildlife includes quail, deer, Barbary sheep, turkeys, wild hogs, coyotes, bobcats, migrating ducks and geese, songbirds, rattlesnakes, and even some antelope. Every year the main ranch house is surrounded by migrating butterflies for two or three days around Halloween. "It's the most beautiful sight," Leathers says.

The Burnett family established Four Sixes more than 150 years ago and passed it down for four generations.



In 1870, Samuel "Burk" Burnett bought some cattle already branded 6666 (contrary to a legend about the ranch being named for a winning poker hand). He kept on buying more land and more cattle, and the four sixes stuck.

Burnett left the ranch to his only surviving grandchild, Anne Valliant Burnett Hall (later Tandy), in trust for her unborn child. Upon the death of "Miss Anne," as she was known, in 1980, her only child, Anne Burnett Windfohr Marion, inherited her grandfather's and great-grandfather's estates, including Four Sixes.

Nowadays, Four Sixes is a whole lot more than a part-time TV set. It's still a working ranch with large herds of high-quality beef cattle and the quarter horses it breeds.

The ranch raised longhorns, shorthorns and Herefords in its earlier years, but for the past 25 years, the cattle herd has been entirely Black Angus. Leathers says this breed has provided the most consistent quality.

One thing that hasn't changed: The cattle have always been cared for the same way—on horseback. Each of the 16–18 cowboys working the ranch has several quarter horses for their work. Vaquero (Spanish for cow herder) is Leathers' favorite horse. He says the sorrel gelding "has a big motor. He's tough, very athletic and has a lot of cow sense. He's a pretty exceptional horse."

The ranch's use of quarter horses is no wonder given that Marion and Four Sixes have a deep connection with the breed. Marion's mother, Miss Anne, co-founded the American Quarter Horse Association in 1940, and Marion displayed a devotion to her animals.

"Anne [Marion] was a strong woman, a very good businessperson. She knew cattle and horses," Leathers says. "Anne was very giving and very demanding. She didn't set you up for failure. She set you up for success."

OPPOSITE The mare pasture at Four Sixes Ranch in West Texas. ABOVE Joe Leathers has managed Four Sixes, which covers more than a quarter-million acres, since 2008.



'It's a LOVE AFFAIR with the land of WEST TEXAS.'

During one crisis, the drought of 2010–11, the ranch went to great lengths to keep its herd and its acres healthy.

“There was no water between Guthrie and Nebraska,” Leathers says. “We ended up taking our cattle to nine ranches in five states, leasing land to make sure we didn’t hurt our land. Our herd was not completely back home until 2015.”

After Marion assumed control of Four Sixes in 1980, she hired Dr. Glenn “Doc” Blodgett as the ranch’s resident veterinarian and horse division manager. Together they established a first-class quarter horse breeding program. Adding artificial insemination services for Four Sixes’ stallions allowed mares across the U.S. to be bred to them.

Today, Dr. Nathan Canaday fills Blodgett’s role. He and two associate veterinarians care for the ranch’s herd of 700–800 quarter horses.

Canaday first came to the ranch in 2006 as a college intern at the veterinary hospital. He returned the next summer. The experience “convinced me to become a veterinarian,” he says. “I thought if I could become a veterinarian at a large ranch like Four Sixes, I would have my dream job.” Canaday became a full-time vet at Four Sixes in 2011 and assumed his current role in 2022, after Blodgett died.

The veterinary team works out of a clinic with state-of-the-art imaging and other equipment. The hospital also serves

other residents in the area, including several big ranches. Canaday says he and his team are the only vets within 60 miles. They treat the region’s horses for colic and lameness, do dentistry work, and even provide breeding services.

“We keep the history and culture of ranching, but we operate on the cutting edge of veterinary medicine,” Canaday says.

When Sheridan decided to add the Texas storyline to *Yellowstone*, he secured Marion’s permission to film at Four Sixes. Though shooting the show means bringing a small army of hundreds of cast and crew members to the ranch, it “really doesn’t interfere with ranch work,” Leathers says. “There’s a lot of people, equipment and vehicles, but they get it done and then they’re gone.”

Pandemic restrictions delayed the filming of Season 4 until August 2020, and it began to air in late 2021. Sadly, Marion didn’t live to see her beloved ranch on TV. She died in February 2020 at the age of 81. Her will stipulated that all her ranch holdings be sold.



OPPOSITE Boots O'Neal has been a working cowboy for more than 75 years, including 30-plus years at Four Sixes. LEFT Two of the thousands of Black Angus cattle that make up the ranch's herd.

As Seen on TV

Before it was a backdrop for *Yellowstone*, Four Sixes was a setting for several Marlboro cigarette commercials during the 1960s. *Yellowstone's* final six episodes are set to premiere in November.

That meant Four Sixes would not be Burnett family-owned for the first time since its founding. Fortunately, a new owner who shared the family's values was interested. Sheridan, who was raised in Fort Worth, put together a group of investors and became the majority owner in 2022.

Sheridan also has a ranch down the road, in Weatherford, and another in Wyoming. But this one is special for him.

"It's a love affair with the land of West Texas," Sheridan told *Fort Worth Magazine* in 2022. "There's a tremendous amount of discipline that it takes to build a ranch like this. It takes strength, excellence, integrity and faith, and that's the main mission statement of the ranch. We're going to live up to that."

Leathers says that having all of Four Sixes under one owner helped the ranch exist for 150 years. Now that the ranch is in Sheridan's hands, "he's determined for it to be here for another 150 years," Leathers says.

"You have to make money for the ranch to be successful,

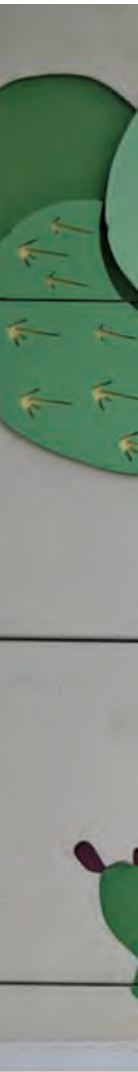
but you can still hold on to the traditions. Taylor has a passion for the cowboy life. Four Sixes will continue it on. We'll continue to be a leader in breeding and ranching."

Protecting that legacy means protecting the animals and the land of Four Sixes through conservation. The ranch works with an environmental firm and employs a variety of best practices.

To prevent soil erosion and save precious water, workers have built dams to create small lakes and ponds. They've cleared 100,000 acres of invasive mesquite and cedar. Composted manure from the barns is the only fertilizer used.

Leathers is proud of how they're caring for the land that has served generations of Texans.

"The cattle and the wildlife are not just coexisting," he says. "They're both thriving." ■



- O - V - E - R - P - A - S - S - - E -

Munday Mayor Robert Bowen still remembers when he showed up at City Hall nearly two decades ago to have his picture taken. More than 350 other residents of the small Knox County town between Abilene and Wichita Falls were also there. Everyone had agreed to pose to help with the creation of a bridge mural—part of a highway project to widen and reroute U.S. 277, which now runs through the east part of town.

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE Munday residents are depicted in the silhouettes that detail an American flag mural in town. Michael Ford, in front of a cactus wall in San Antonio, with his signature gecko just to his right. Pelicans in Corpus Christi and cotton bolls in Lubbock.

Carvings of the residents' silhouettes now form the textured red stripes of a huge depiction of an American flag that unfurls across an overpass retaining wall where U.S. 277 crosses Texas 222. There's a boy bouncing a basketball, a wife kissing her firefighter husband, two girls holding watermelon slices, a cowboy toting his saddle. Bowen—who's still mayor—stands with two neighbors.

"Like any small town, we were worried when the highway went around us," he recalls. "But we've done OK, and we've enjoyed our mural. It's unique."

Munday's road art is among more than 50 pieces across Texas that Michael Ford designed over the course of about 14 years of working for the Texas Department of Transportation. "I've been retired 10 years, and I still get to talk



A-S-E-L-S

about my public art,” quips Ford, who lives near Wimberley and is a Pedernales Electric Cooperative member. “I like to say my hobby became my job.”

Artistic since childhood, he served as a medical illustrator while in the Army and later worked 10 years for a civil engineering firm. In 1994, TxDOT’s bridge division in Austin hired Ford as a draftsman. Soon he was helping engineers create graphics for their presentations. In the meantime, his wife, Betsy, signed him up for a stone-carving class.

“During lunch at work, I’d pull out my limestone block and chisel on it,” Ford recalls. “When my boss saw my gargoyle sculpture, he said, ‘Somehow, someday, we’re going to put one on a bridge.’”

Michael Ford’s larger-than-life art merges traffic and culture along Texas highways

A few months later, Ford had his chance. When TxDOT’s Lubbock division wanted a whimsical logo to dress up a new east-west freeway, he offered to do the work himself. The project became his. He also acquired a new job title—graphics artist. That was in 1998.

Using his own furrowed brow as a model, Ford sculpted Windy Man as a symbol of Lubbock’s infamous gusts and dust. With flowing hair and puffy cheeks, the 3D concrete face blows a dust cloud through pursed lips. However, after the first of a planned 20 went up in 2004—after years of highway design and construction—opponents demanded that the “pagan” Windy Man be removed.

Eventually, TxDOT tried again and installed one Windy Man at the intersection of the Marsha Sharp Freeway and

Avenue L in 2011. He blows dust high above an arts district bridge mural, also designed by Ford. Lubbock overpasses also display red yuccas and a Buddy Holly tribute, courtesy of Ford.

“They all have stories,” Ford says. “Their main purpose has always been to give residents something that’s unique to their community.”

Town by town, Ford worked with mayors and residents to design what they desired. About five years before *Windy Man*, Childress debuted Ford’s talents. Just west of the town, on the edge of the Panhandle near the Oklahoma border, a gigantic stagecoach, windmill and wheat heads—set into overpass retaining walls on U.S. 287 at County Road 9—symbolize the town’s strong ties to agriculture.

Similarly, Goree in Knox County and Robstown in Nueces County chose cotton bolls to grace their highway walls.

And, like Munday, Goree showcases an American flag and Texas flag in addition to cotton. Sinton, just north of Corpus Christi, features a cattle drive on all four overpass ramps as U.S. 181 comes into town from the east.

In Wichita Falls, concrete bicyclists in helmets race across retaining walls in celebration of the city’s annual *Hotter’N Hell Hundred* cycling event. Comanche residents chose rolling hills, live oaks and Native Americans on

horseback to honor their natural heritage.

Kemp’s ridley sea turtles adorn concrete pillars of an overhead sign on the John F. Kennedy Memorial Causeway in Corpus Christi. White-tailed bucks and does pose among prickly pear cactuses in Laredo.

During an Interstate 35 expansion project, TxDOT offered cities the chance to have their own bridge art along frontage roads. Jump off the freeway at Salado to see a stagecoach driven by three cowboys and six horses. At Troy, a bird flits from fence post to post in a series of four windmill murals.

Farther north in West, three murals depict twirling Czech dancers and a polka band, reflecting the city’s cultural roots. In Abbott, silhouettes of a farmer on a tractor and a windmill behind a derelict barn stretch across retaining walls.

“I always designed on a dime,” says Ford, who used pencil sketches and computer software to construct his images that, when enlarged, measure up to 100 feet wide and 50 feet high. Instead of expensive rubber, he carved sheets of extruded foam to form molds that precast concrete companies used to make 5-by-10-foot concrete panels. At work sites, construction crews pieced the panels into place like a puzzle.

And like any good puzzle, some of Ford’s artworks contain a secret.



CLOCKWISE FROM OPPOSITE A stagecoach seems to be charging through Salado. Ford with bas-relief troops just east of Copperas Cove on Fort Cavazos. Ford sculpts Windy Man in extruded foam. Czech dancers in West.



“If the design allowed, I’d hide a tiny gecko, like in the oak leaves of a state seal and Windy Man’s hair,” he says. “That became my maker’s mark and the brand name that I continue to use as an artist—Art Gecko.”

Nowadays Ford pours his creativity into crafting sculptures from gourds. Since his retirement from TxDOT, he’s transformed the hard-shelled fruits—kin to pumpkins and melons—into award-winning pieces, such as fairy houses, abstract sculptures, a fanged monster mask and a retro spaceship on the moon.

As Ford and his wife make their way to gourd festivals, they sometimes pass his bridge art. His reaction is what he hopes other travelers have.

“They always bring a smile,” he says. “And I love it when I get messages and photos from people who have spotted one of my walls. Life doesn’t get much better than that.” ■

TCP Find this story on our website for a map of Ford’s highway art and direct links to each of the pieces mentioned.



Ford’s Favorite Five

U.S. flag wall, Munday Etched into the U.S. 277 overpass at Texas 222.

Czech dancers, West Along the Interstate 35 frontage road, where it crosses West Oak Street/T M W Parkway.

Windmill, wheat and a covered wagon, Childress Cast into the north side of Highway 287, where it crosses Farm to Market Road 164/County Road 9.

Stagecoach walls, Salado Along the Interstate 35 frontage road near Williams Road/Salado Plaza Road.

Pilot walls, Kingsville Where East Caesar Avenue runs under U.S. 77.



POLE BARNS



- Free Estimates
- Colored Metal Available
- Variety of Sizes and Options
- Fully Insured with Workers Comp

30'x50'x10' \$15,500
FULLY ENCLOSED

30'x50'x10' \$18,000
WITH 15' SHED

40'x60'x14' \$27,000
FULLY ENCLOSED

30'x40'x10' \$14,000
FULLY ENCLOSED

20'x60'x9' \$12,500
COW SHED

ZACH TINCHER — IN BUSINESS FOR OVER 40 YEARS

(918) 527-0117
DTConstruction.com



If North Texas Is Your Market, We've Got You Covered.

Target customers close to home with the North Texas advertising section of *Texas Co-op Power*. Be part of a statewide magazine—without the statewide cost. Call or email today.



Texas Coop Power

Contact Elaine Sproull at (512) 486-6251 or advertising@TexasCoopPower.com



Yours FREE!

Order within 30 days and get this special *Morgan Silver Dollars* booklet **FREE!**



Special Offer for New Customers Only

YES! Please send me the following:

QTY	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
1	Last-Year 1921 Morgan Silver Dollar (Limit 1)	\$29.95
1	Morgan Silver Dollar Booklet	FREE!
	Shipping	FREE!
	Sales Tax	FREE!
	TOTAL	\$29.95

ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 30 DAYS

Check payable to Littleton Coin Co.
 VISA MasterCard American Express Discover
 Card #: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____

Name _____ Please print clearly

Address _____ Apt# _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Mail to: **Littleton Coin Company** Littleton Coin Company
 1309 Mt. Eustis Rd Offer Code: 33T409
 Serving Collectors Since 1945 Littleton NH 03561-3737

OWN a Genuine 1921 Morgan Silver Dollar

Over 100 Years old...

Regularly \$87.00...
Now Only \$29.95



Now you can own a 1921 Morgan silver dollar from the last year of the classic series! Big, heavy and handsome - with over 3/4 of an ounce of 90% silver - genuine Morgan dollars like these were struck in silver from old western mines. Once used by rough and ready frontiersmen, today Morgan dollars are a vanishing legacy of America's past - genuine history you can hold in your hand!

Never to be minted again!

Although millions of these silver coins were melted in the 1900s, the 1921 Morgan - from the final year of the classic series - survived. Never to be minted again, this historic Morgan dollar can be yours for just \$29.95 (regularly \$87.00) - **SAVE 65%** off regular prices! Order today and get **FREE** shipping to your home!

You'll also receive a **handpicked trial selection of fascinating coins from our No-Obligation Coins-on-Approval Service**, from which you may purchase any or none of the coins - return balance within 15 days - with option to cancel at any time.

Order now - before they vanish forever!

www.LittletonCoin.com/Specials

Have U.S. Coins or Paper Money to Sell? Get Top Dollar!

We Make it Quick and Easy.
 Littletoncoin.com/CoinsToSell
 *Currently purchasing U.S. currency within the U.S. only.

Due to fluctuations in the coin market, prices and limits are subject to change.

Offer Code: 33T409

YOU'RE INVITED TO EXPERIENCE THE WONDROUS

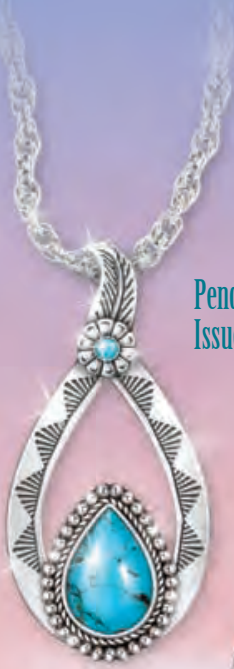
Beauty of the Southwest

THIS EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION IS NOT AVAILABLE IN STORES!

Now you can satisfy your desire for unique turquoise jewelry with these gorgeous designs brought to you exclusively from The Bradford Exchange. All pieces in the collection are handcrafted and showcase at least one carat total of pear-shaped and round genuine turquoise stones, while antiquing throughout the designs further enhances the Southwestern look.

To take advantage of this special subscription offer and begin receiving your jewelry, send in your Priority Reservation now. Then, about every other month, another issue of the *"Spirit of the Southwest" Turquoise Jewelry Collection* will arrive at your door at the same low issue price as shipment one. On your 3rd shipment, you will receive the FREE Folding Jewelry Case along with the Cuff Bracelet.

Each piece of handcrafted jewelry in the collection is affordably priced at just \$49.99* billed prior to shipment. Each issue arrives in a velvet pouch along with a Certificate of Authenticity. To reserve your collection, let us hear from you as soon as possible. Simply send in your Priority Reservation! This is a limited-time offer available only from The Bradford Exchange!



Pendant,
Issue One



Earrings,
Issue Two



Cuff Bracelet, Issue Three



Adjustable Ring,
Issue Four

FREE GIFT!
FOLDING TRAVEL CASE ARRIVES WITH ISSUE 3



ORDER TODAY AT BRADFORDEXCHANGE.COM/SPIRITOFWSW

©2024 The Bradford Exchange 01-36389-001-BIQR

SCAN
HERE TO
SHOP



Uniquely Designed. Exclusively Yours.



PRIORITY RESERVATION

SEND NO MONEY NOW

The Bradford Exchange

9345 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois 60714-9891

YES. Please reserve the *"Spirit of the Southwest" Turquoise Jewelry Collection* for me as described in this announcement, beginning with *Issue One, The Pendant*. I am under no obligation. I understand I may return my item free of charge. I will be billed prior to shipment.

*Plus a total of \$8.99 shipping and service per issue; see bradfordexchange.com Please allow 4-6 weeks after initial payment for shipment. Sales subject to product availability and order acceptance.

Signature _____

Mrs. Mr. Ms. _____
Name (Please Print Clearly)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail (Optional) _____

923331-E54801



MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER

GARY DON NIETSCHKE

Bringing Power Home

I SAW A STATISTIC THE other day that made me stop and think: More than 700 million people around the world lack access to a benefit that most of us take for granted—reliable electricity.

It seems so simple, doesn't it? Flip a switch, and electricity is there to cool our homes, heat our food and light up the darkness.

But when you think of everything that has to happen to bring this power to us, from the generators that start a flow of electrons through hundreds of miles of wires to a vast array of equipment needed to bring those electrons to our homes and businesses, it seems almost miraculous.

This miracle of modern society is brought to you by the dedication and hard work of thousands of people, including the 41 employees of Fayette Electric Cooperative.

Electricity has become so commonplace these days that it's easy to forget that only a couple of generations ago, it was a luxury available to few people outside urban areas.

You have electricity today because 86 years ago, the founders of Fayette EC got together to bring themselves and their neighbors the same power that folks in the city enjoyed. They laid the foundation for this utility, which strives not to make a profit but to offer the best service possible at a reasonable cost. And those of us who followed strive every day to uphold that mission.

Although we can look back at a proud history, the leaders of this co-op do not dwell on the past. We're constantly looking for ways to improve service and keep power affordable.

As a member of Fayette EC, you play your part. You have a say in the policies of the cooperative, electing fellow members to serve on the board of directors. Your voice is important to us. If you have any comments or concerns about how we do business, just give us a call at (979) 968-3181.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you and bring you a modern miracle that has become an essential part of our lives.

Electricity has come a long way, and we're proud of our progress, but we'll never lose sight of how we can best serve our members today and tomorrow. ■

Fayette Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

CONTACT US

357 N. Washington St.
P.O. Box 490
La Grange, TX 78945
Local (979) 968-3181
Toll-Free 1-866-968-3181
Email electric@fayette.coop
Web fayette.coop

Your Board of Directors

David Lehmann, President
Joseph D. Kruppa, Vice President
Bill Briscoe, Secretary-Treasurer
David A. Stancik
Leo C. Henke
Gale Lincke
James A. Anderle

Your General Manager

Gary Don Nietzsche

24/7

Outage Hotline Numbers

For information and to report outages, please contact us.

LOCAL
(979) 968-3181

TOLL-FREE
1-866-968-3181

ABOUT FAYETTE EC

FEC serves Austin, Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette, Lavaca, Lee and Washington counties.

CONVENIENT PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Pay by Bank Draft
- Pay Online Using SmartHub
- Pay by Phone at 844-971-1048
- Pay in Person
- Pay by Credit Card Draft
- Pay by Mail

TEXAS CO-OP POWER

Fayette EC provides *Texas Co-op Power* and TexasCoopPower.com to give you information about events, safety, special programs and other activities of your cooperative. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the co-op office.

VISIT US ONLINE

fayette.coop



Check us out at TexasCoopPower.com/fayette



F50RGUIN | ISTOCK.COM

Nothing Says Love Like Pitching in Around the House

A **GALLUP POLL** found that women still take most of the responsibility for household chores, especially cleaning, cooking, laundry and grocery shopping.

This Mother's Day, get the family together and give Mom the day off while the rest of you dust, vacuum, scrub and straighten up the house.

Double the benefit of a clean house by focusing on a few chores that can also improve the home's energy efficiency.

Wash the windows, inside and out. Clean windows let in unfiltered sunlight, which can warm a room on a cool day and let enough light in that Mom might be able to turn off a few lamps.

Change the air conditioning filter. It's almost prime AC season. The system will work more efficiently if it doesn't have to fight with last year's clogged filter as it tries to circulate cool air.

Snake the clothes dryer vent. A clean passageway for exhaust not only helps the appliance operate efficiently, it lowers its risk for catching fire.

Clean out the refrigerator. Wipe up spills and crumbs and trash expired food. Then organize the remaining items so they're easy to find.

Clean the appliances that are designed for cleaning. Dishwashers and washing machines can harbor bacteria and germs. Simply add a cup of bleach to an empty washer and run it with hot water. And take a bleach-soaked rag to the interior of the dishwasher to stave off mold and fungus.

Sometimes the best gifts don't cost anything but a little time and attention. ■

May Is National Electrical Safety Month

FAMILIES SHOULD PRACTICE electrical safety all year round. But May is National Electrical Safety Month—a good time to pay special attention to cleaning up electrical hazards around the home.

Here's how to start:

- ▶ Call a licensed electrician to inspect your home's wiring. Wiring wears out and can pose a fire hazard.
- ▶ Unplug appliances that you keep near water—like the blow-dryer and curling iron on the bathroom sink. Find another outlet where it's safer to use them.
- ▶ Replace lightbulbs in lamps and overhead fixtures whose wattage does not match the manufacturer's recommended wattage. If a lightbulb's wattage is higher than the lamp was designed to handle, it can overtax the lamp's wiring and cause a fire.
- ▶ Unclutter power strips. Just because your power strip has room for eight plugs doesn't mean the outlet you plug it into can handle that much load. High-voltage devices, like toaster ovens, shouldn't be plugged into the same strip.
- ▶ Put away extension cords. They're not designed for constant use. Use them only as temporarily solutions. ■



EYECRAVE PRODUCTIONS | ISTOCK.COM



SANYA KUSHAK | ISTOCK.COM

down or appears to be insulated.

Always inspect electric cords and equipment before use to ensure that they are in good condition and free of defects.

Use a ground-fault circuit interrupter anywhere electricity and water could possibly come in contact such as the bathroom, kitchen and outdoors.

If there are small children in your home, make sure to install tamper-resistant receptacles.

If outlets or switches feel warm and frequent problems occur with blowing fuses, tripping circuits, or flickering or dimming lights, call a qualified electrician.

Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn and use bulbs that match the lamp's recommended wattage.

For outdoor equipment, use lighting and power tools that have the label of a reputable independent test laboratory (such as Underwriters Laboratories) and make sure they are made for outdoor use.

When working outside, use a wooden or fiberglass ladder. Keep the ladder at least 10 feet away from power lines. Position the

ladder so that it would be well clear of any power lines if it were to fall over.

When you're cooking in the kitchen, use a timer to remind yourself to check on food that's simmering or in the oven, and always double-check to make sure that oven burners and appliances are turned off when you're done.

Make sure smoke detectors are installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home. Smoke detectors should be tested every month to ensure they are working properly, and replace batteries annually.

We hope you don't, but if you ever find yourself near a downed power line, the proper way to move away from it is to shuffle away with small steps, keeping your feet together and on the ground at all times. This will minimize the potential for a strong electric shock.

Talk to your children about the importance of electrical safety. Remind them that they should never touch an outlet and should always ask an adult for help when plugging in or removing cords from an outlet.

Never use a frayed or damaged extension cord or a tool or appliance with a damaged cord. Damaged cords may have exposed wires that can be a fire and shock hazard.

Keep electrical and other cords tidy. Use cord organizers to keep them out of the way and out of reach of pets and young children that may try to chew on them. ■

A Month's Worth of Safety Tips

AS PART OF ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH this May, here's a checklist to help make sure your home and family stay safe around electricity.

Understand your home's electrical system. Label your fuses or circuit breakers so you know which one controls each switch, light or outlet.

Consider purchasing surge protectors to provide protection to your computers, TVs and other electronics.

Before installing a portable air conditioner, make sure that the electrical circuit and the outlet are able to handle the load. Large window AC units should have their own separate electrical circuit so the system is not overloaded.

Check ceiling fans regularly for a wobble, which will wear out the motor over time. You can usually fix the wobble by turning off power to the ceiling fan and tightening the screws.

Use correct bulb wattage in fixtures. Lightbulbs with wattages that are too high can overheat the fixture and start a fire.

Heavy reliance on power strips is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have additional outlets installed by a qualified, licensed electrician.

Use extension cords only on a temporary basis and do not place them in high traffic areas, under carpets or across walkways, where they pose a potential tripping hazard or could be damaged.

Make sure entertainment centers and computer equipment have plenty of space around them for ventilation.

Assume that all overhead wires are energized at lethal voltages. Never assume that a wire is safe to touch even if it's

Why Electric Co-ops Replace Utility Poles

YOU PROBABLY DON'T pay much attention to the thousands of utility poles found throughout Fayette Electric Cooperative's service territory, but did you know these tall structures are the backbone of our distribution network?

Strong, sturdy utility poles ensure a reliable electric system, which is why we routinely inspect the poles on our lines. Throughout the year, poles are checked for decay caused by exposure to the elements. They know which poles are oldest and conduct inspections through a rotational process. Typically, a standard wooden distribution pole is expected to last more than 50 years.

Occasionally, poles need to be replaced for other reasons besides decay and old age. Weather disasters, power line relocation and car crashes are potential causes for immediate replacement. When possible, Fayette EC communicates when and where pole replacements will take place so that you stay informed of where crews will be working.

Here's a quick breakdown of how crews replace a utility pole:

When a pole needs to be replaced, crews will start the process by digging a hole, typically next to the pole being replaced. The depth of the hole must be at least 15% of the new pole's height.

Next, the new pole must be fitted with bolts, cross arms, insulators, ground wires and arm braces—all of the necessary parts for delivering safe and reliable electricity. Crews then safely detach the power lines from the old pole. The new pole is then raised and guided carefully into position, and the lines are attached, leaving the new pole to do its job.

So the next time you come across a co-op crew inspecting or replacing a pole, use caution and know that this process ensures a more reliable electric system for you, our members. ■



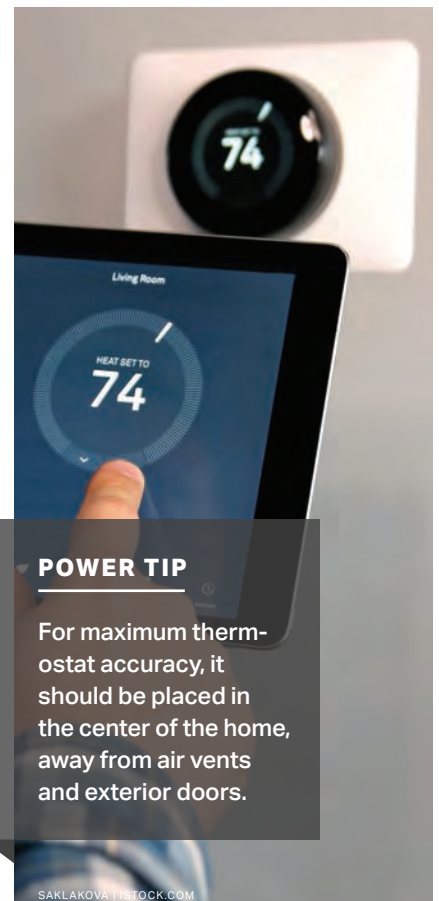
NRECA



DID YOU KNOW?

Hanging anything—even a sign—on a power pole is illegal, causes pole damage, can delay power restoration and is dangerous to lineworkers.

SLOBO | ISTOCK.COM



POWER TIP

For maximum thermostat accuracy, it should be placed in the center of the home, away from air vents and exterior doors.

SAKLAKOVA | ISTOCK.COM



If you depend on electric medical equipment, your power provider will do all they can to assist you during a power outage by giving your residence a priority tag. Examples of lifesaving medical devices include an oxygen concentrator or a ventilator.

If you or someone in your household depends on life-sustaining medical equipment, contact your local electric utility to let them know.

Although the utility will do all they can to help, it is best to have a backup plan in place in case of severe weather events, which can cause prolonged outages.

Backup safety tips include the following:

- Have an emergency plan in place with friends and family that outlines places you can go in the event of a long-term outage.
- Before an outage occurs, find out if the medical equipment safely runs on a backup power source and for how long (see manufacturer's recommendations).

- Keep a full charge on battery-powered devices or have extra batteries available.
- If recommended by the manufacturer, consider purchasing a portable battery pack to power devices.
- Gather related resources that will last for two weeks, including batteries, supplemental equipment and prescriptions.
- Realize that local shelters and hospitals that are also experiencing an outage may be at capacity and have limited resources, including auxiliary power.
- Think about the other special equipment you might need, such as coolers for refrigerated medicine.
- Like any important device, keep up regular maintenance.
- Keep a file that includes the device's manufacturer, serial numbers and photos of the device.

Learn more about preparing for an emergency at:



Protect Financial Information Before a Disaster Strikes

IN RECOGNITION OF National Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 5–11, and National Wildfire Awareness Month, it's a good time to protect important tax and financial information as part of a complete emergency preparedness plan.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has declared disasters for landslides, severe storms, tornadoes and more, which can have an immediate and lasting impact. Year-round preparation is critically important, and observing Wildfire Awareness Month provides a perfect opportunity for an annual assessment of readiness.

These tips can help you protect personal financial and tax information for a complete preparedness plan. You're also encouraged to visit ready.gov for additional disaster information.

Safeguard Documents

Original documents such as Social Security cards, birth certificates, deeds and tax returns should be placed inside a water-proof and fireproof container in a safe space. Make copies of these important documents and store them in a secondary location such as a safe deposit box.

In addition, scanned documents can be stored on a flash drive for easy portability.

Take Stock

All property, especially high-value items, should be recorded.

A simple list with current photos or videos may also help support claims for insurance or tax benefits after a disaster. The IRS disaster loss workbooks in Publication 584, Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Loss Workbook (Personal-Use Property)

and Publication 584-B, Business Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Loss Workbook can help individuals and businesses make lists of belongings or business equipment.

Start by Reconstructing

Reconstructing or replacing records after a disaster may be required for tax purposes, claiming federal assistance or insurance reimbursement. The more accurately the loss is estimated, the more loan and grant money there may be available.

There's Help

After FEMA issues a major disaster or an emergency measures declaration, the IRS may postpone certain tax filing and payment deadlines for those who reside or have a business in certain counties affected by the disaster. The IRS provides details on states and counties that have been issued relief on the IRS disaster relief webpage.

Individuals in the affected areas do not need to call to request this relief. The IRS automatically identifies taxpayers located in the covered disaster area and applies filing and payment relief. Those impacted by a disaster can contact the IRS at 1-866-562-5227 to ask tax-related questions.

Taxpayers who do not reside or have a business in a covered disaster area but suffered impact from a disaster should call 1-866-562-5227 to find out if they qualify for disaster tax relief and to discuss other available options. ■





Reagan Moreau



Rylynn Thumann

Fayette Electric Cooperative Announces Youth Tour Winners

EACH JUNE, more than 150 high school students from all over Texas descend upon Washington, D.C., through the Government-in-Action Youth Tour. Fayette Electric Cooperative is excited to announce that Reagan Moreau, a sophomore from Fayetteville High School, and Rylynn Thumann, a sophomore from Weimar High School, will represent the cooperative on this unforgettable trip to our nation’s capital.

Moreau and Thumann were selected from a pool of six talented applicants who entered Fayette EC’s Youth Tour contest. Their prize is a place on the 2024 trip to the nation’s capital, where they will join other Texas teens to explore monuments and museums, meet with elected officials, and forge lasting memories and lifelong friendships.

Youth Tour has been a Texas co-op tradition since 1965, when the state’s electric cooperatives banded together to send 58 deserving high school students on this unforgettable trip. Educating and mentoring young people fits in with co-ops’ mission to empower and enrich the communities they serve. Since the program’s inception, more than 4,600 Texans have taken part in Youth Tour, and nearly as many look back on it as the trip of a lifetime.

This year Moreau and Thumann will begin their adventure in Austin, where winners from across the state will meet one another and begin forging bonds before boarding a flight to Washington. Once there, the itinerary is jam-packed with sightseeing and meaningful events, including a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and appointments with congressional representatives.

After their week in Washington, Moreau and Thumann will return home with a deeper understanding of our nation’s history and a wealth of experiences they will never forget. By educating and mentoring the young people of our communities, Fayette EC hopes to provide today’s youths with the tools they need to become the leaders of tomorrow. Youth Tour is just one way we work toward that goal.

For more information about the Government-in-Action Youth Tour, visit texasyouthtour.com, find the Texas Youth Tour Alumni page on Facebook or ask Fayette EC for a copy of *Your Tour* magazine. ■



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Cinco de Mayo
Sunday, May 5

Mother’s Day
Sunday, May 12

National River Cleanup Day
Saturday, May 18

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27

Our office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

ANDREW SEEGMILLER | ISTOCK.COM



FEC & COBANK TO OFFER GRANTS

Fayette EC, in partnership with CoBank, is seeking applicants for the Sharing Success Grant Program.

Eligible grant applicants must:

- Be a 501(c)(3) organization
- Plan to use grant money to serve a public purpose
- Submit a grant application by 5 p.m. on May 13.
- For more rules and information and to complete an application, visit fayette.coop/grants.

Questions? Contact Tracy Denton @ 979-968-3181 or tracya@fayette.coop.

Has Your Phone Number Changed?

Has your phone number changed?
Did you disconnect your landline and strictly use your cell phone now?
You're busy, we get it. Life happens!

By keeping your contact information up to date, you can take full advantage of the services your co-op offers, especially during an outage. We also use current phone numbers to contact you in the event of planned outages.

You can make sure we have your most current contact info by logging into your SmartHub account or calling our customer service department at **(979) 968-3181** or **(866) 968-3181**.



150 Years of
Iconic U.S. Silver
Dollars

FIVE OF THE MOST
SOUGHT-AFTER U.S. SILVER
DOLLARS, IN ONE SET!

Peace

Silver Eagle
Type 1



Morgan



Eisenhower



Silver Eagle
Type 2



Actual sizes:
38.1-40.6 mm

Dates
will vary

YOUR ULTIMATE SILVER DOLLAR SET

150 Years of Iconic U.S. Silver Dollars from the Morgan to the Silver Eagle in One Master Collection!

The heritage of American Silver Dollars is rich and diverse, marked by stunningly beautiful designs, leading to an enduring desirability in the hearts of collectors around the world. In this iconic U.S. Silver Dollar set, spanning nearly 150 years, you're getting FIVE American Silver Dollars issued over the last 15 decades that each reflect the history, culture and economic aspects of the United States.

We've Done the Work for You with this Extraordinary 5-Pc. U.S. Silver Dollar Set

Each of these U.S. Silver Dollars is sought-after by collectors individually, but this set includes every design of U.S. Silver Dollar in American history, issued from 1878 to 2024!

Morgan Silver Dollar: First struck 146 years ago in 1878, the Morgan has a historic legacy as the coin that helped build the American West. Minted until 1904, then again in 1921, this 90% silver coin with its iconic Lady Liberty design is the most collected vintage Silver Dollar in the world. Extremely Fine (XF) condition coin included in set.

Peace Silver Dollar: With a beautiful design memorializing peace following the end of World War I, the 90% silver Peace Dollar was intended as a one-year only release struck in 1921—but it proved so popular with the American people, it was struck until 1928, then again in 1934-35. Extremely Fine (XF) condition coin included in set.

Eisenhower Dollar: The last circulating U.S. dollar coin, the Eisenhower Dollar, aka the "Ike Dollar," was prized by Americans, with its design featuring war hero President Dwight D. Eisenhower, backed by an image symbolizing the Apollo II moon landing. First struck with silver 1971-1976, the Eisenhower Dollar in this set was struck in 40% silver for collectors, and you will receive a coin in Brilliant Uncirculated (BU) condition.

Silver Eagle Type 1: The first-ever U.S. Silver Dollar minted in 99.9% silver, these coins were first minted in 1986 following President Ronald Reagan's signing of the Liberty Coin Act into law on July 9, 1985, which authorized the U.S. Mint to strike America's new silver bullion coin. This gorgeous Silver Dollar features the original, revered Type 1 "Heraldic Eagle" reverse design by John Mercanti, 12th Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint. Brilliant Uncirculated (BU) condition coin included in set.

Silver Eagle Type 2: In honor of the popular 99.9% silver coin's 35th anniversary in 2021, the Silver Eagle received a new, esteemed Type 2 "Eagle Landing" reverse design. This is the current issued coin by the U.S. Mint. Brilliant Uncirculated (BU) condition coin included in set.

SAVE with this Ultimate U.S. Silver Dollar Set!

You'll save both time and money on this 150 Year U.S. Silver Dollar Set, with FREE SHIPPING and a BONUS presentation case, plus a new and informative 150 Years U.S. Silver Dollars booklet! Call right now to get yours before they're gone!

Ultimate U.S. Silver Dollars Set — Regular Price \$249 - \$199
Save \$50.00 (over 20%) + FREE SHIPPING

For fastest service call today toll-free

1-800-517-6468

Offer Code YSL167-01

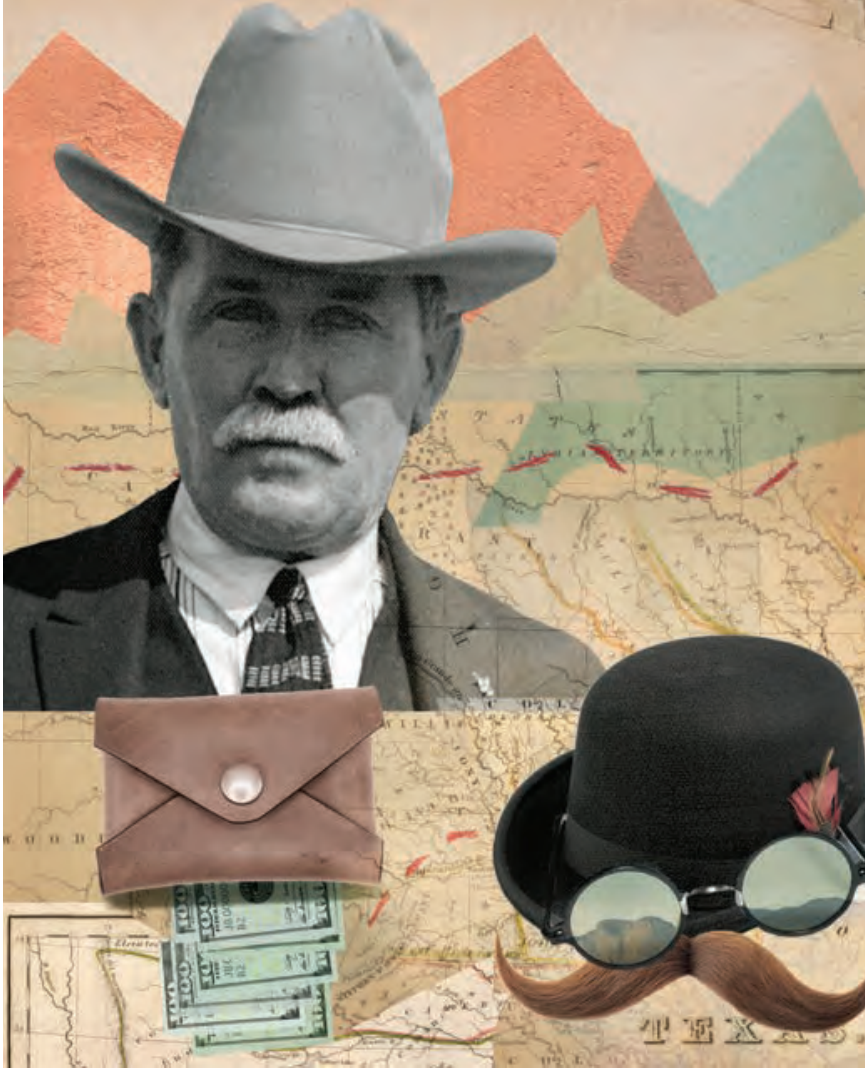
Please mention this code when you call.

SPECIAL CALL-IN ONLY OFFER

FREE SHIPPING: Standard domestic shipping. Not valid on previous purchases.

GovMint • 1300 Corporate Center Curve, Dept. YSL167-01, Eagan, MN 55121

Asset Marketing Services, LLC d/b/a GovMint is a retail distributor of coin and currency issues and is not affiliated with the U.S. government. The collectible coin market is unregulated, highly speculative and involves risk. Prices, facts, figures and populations deemed accurate as of the date of publication but may change significantly over time. All purchases are expressly conditioned upon your acceptance of AMS's Terms and Conditions (www.amsi-corp.com/terms-conditions); to decline, return your purchase pursuant to our Return Policy (www.amsi-corp.com/product-return-policy). Keeping your purchase means you agree to the Terms and Conditions. © 2024 GovMint. All rights reserved.



TCP Listen as W.F. Strong narrates this story on our website.



be interested in his land. That person, Spencer, magically appeared and said they would need to go to the Adolphus Hotel to see another man.

When they sat down in the lobby to wait, Spencer cleverly steered Norfleet so that he'd sit in just the right place to discover a man's pocketbook "lost" in the crevice of the couch. Stetson was the name on an ID card inside. Spencer and Norfleet inquired at the front desk for a Mr. Stetson, got his room number and returned the pocketbook to him.

Stetson (Furey) offered them both \$100 rewards. When Norfleet refused, Stetson told him that he was a stockbroker with the Dallas exchange and said, "Would you mind me placing that money on the market and would you accept what money it might earn?"

Later that day, Stetson gave Norfleet \$800 as the amount his \$100 earned. And that's how the hook was set. From there, Norfleet handed over his own money and eventually cash guarantees, hoping to grow his wealth in the fake exchange. When the con men cleared out on the last round, absconding with all of Norfleet's money, he was left repeating to himself in a stunned haze: "\$45,000 gone, \$90,000 in debt, 54 years old." They stole nearly \$750,000 in today's money.

Norfleet tells the story of his cross-country pursuit of Furey—which took him all the way to Mexico, California, Canada and Florida—in his fast-moving autobiography, *Norfleet*, published in 1924. It's a great adventure and demonstrates an old cowboy's enormous creativity and grit. Or read a more modern version historically contextualized in Amy Reading's *The Mark Inside*.

Whichever you choose, cinch up your saddles nice and snug. It's a wild ride. ■

Payback Time

When a Texas rancher was conned,
he spent years tracking down the swindlers

BY W.F. STRONG • ILLUSTRATION BY DANA SMITH

THE YEAR WAS 1921. J. Frank Norfleet, after two years and 30,000 miles of pursuit, finally slapped handcuffs on "Mr. Stetson" in Florida. Stetson—real name Joe Furey—had swindled Norfleet out of \$45,000 in North Texas.

"Well, you old trail hound, I never expected to see you out here," Stetson said. "I thought we left you in Fort Worth, broke."

Norfleet had no experience in law enforcement, city life or sophisticated cons. He was a rancher, a man who had always lived on the edge of the Texas frontier. So when he made up his mind to pursue the band of bunco men who conned him, he used the only tools he had: unfathomable patience, cutting for

sign, camouflage by way of disguises and weaponry. He out-conned the con men.

Norfleet grew up on the Texas plains. He was a trail herder in his early days and eventually managed to buy his own ranch, near Lubbock. By the age of 54, he had finally accumulated some real wealth.

So he went to Dallas with the intent of selling his ranch to buy a bigger one. It was there that con men ensnared him in their sophisticated plot. It went like this.

Norfleet got into a seemingly casual conversation about mules in the lobby of the St. George Hotel in Dallas with a man named Hamlin. Upon hearing Norfleet had a ranch to sell, Hamlin said he just happened to know someone who might

Spring Cakes

Celebrate every occasion with fresh and fruity flavors of the season

BY VIANNEY RODRIGUEZ, FOOD EDITOR

Spring is here! Bring on the light, fluffy and lemony desserts. My Strawberry Pecan Icebox Cake captures the season in every bite. There's nothing more satisfying than a simple yet elegant dessert you can easily whip up. The best part of this one: It requires no baking.

Strawberry Pecan Icebox Cake

8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature

1 cup powdered sugar

3 cups heavy cream

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1 tablespoon lemon zest

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 box graham crackers (14.4 ounces)

4 cups sliced strawberries

½ cup chopped pecans

1. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese at medium speed until smooth. Gradually add powdered sugar and continue beating until smooth.

2. Add 1 cup heavy cream and beat at low speed until smooth. Add remaining 2 cups heavy cream and mix at medium speed until light and fluffy, increasing the speed as the mixture begins to thicken. Fold in the vanilla, lemon zest and lemon juice.

3. Coat the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan with cooking spray. Line the bottom of the pan with ⅓ of the graham crackers.

4. Spread ⅓ of the mixture over graham crackers followed by ⅓ of the strawberries and pecans. Repeat layers two times using remaining ingredients, ending with strawberries and pecans.

5. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 4 hours or up to overnight.

SERVES 8-12

TCP Follow Vianney Rodriguez as she cooks in Cocina Gris at sweetlifebake.com, where she features a recipe for Concha Icebox Cake.





Poppy Seed Cake

PATTI CROW
FANNIN EC

Once I bit into Crow's Poppy Seed Cake, I knew why my *abuelita* (grandma) enjoyed these tiny gems. This light, moist cake boasts a sweet nutty flavor. I love snacking on it with my afternoon tea.

- 1 package yellow cake mix (15.25 ounces)**
- 1 package lemon pudding mix (3.4 ounces)**
- ½ cup orange juice**
- ½ cup vegetable oil**
- ½ cup water**
- 2 tablespoons poppy seeds**
- 4 eggs**
- ½ cup lemon juice**
- 2 cups powdered sugar**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a Bundt pan with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, beat the cake mix, pudding mix, orange juice, vegetable oil, water, poppy seeds and eggs at medium speed 5 minutes. Pour into prepared pan.
3. Bake 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.
4. In a small saucepan, bring lemon juice and powdered sugar to a boil.
5. Remove cake from pan and poke holes throughout top with a fork. Pour hot glaze over cake. Allow to cool before serving.

SERVES 10-12

MORE RECIPES >

\$500 WINNER

Mandarin Crush Cake

DEBRA GIFFORD
PEDERNALES EC



Hello spring ... hello yum!
This cake is pure happiness. A touch of citrus with a pop of pineapple make Gifford's layered cake simply delightful.

SERVES 10



CAKE

- 1 can mandarin oranges (15 ounces), undrained**
- 1 package yellow cake mix (15.25 ounces)**
- ¾ cup vegetable oil**
- 4 eggs**
- 1 teaspoon orange extract**

FROSTING

- 1 package vanilla pudding mix (3.4 ounces)**
- 2 cans crushed pineapple (8 ounces each), undrained**
- 1 container whipped topping (8 ounces)**
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract**

1. **CAKE** Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat two 8-inch round baking pans with cooking spray.
2. Reserve a few mandarin segments to decorate cake. In a large bowl, beat remaining mandarin oranges and their liquid, cake mix, oil, eggs, and orange extract at medium speed about 3 minutes.
3. Pour batter evenly into cake pans. Bake 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.
4. **FROSTING** In another bowl, mix pudding mix, pineapple and its liquid, whipped topping, and vanilla until smooth. Place in fridge to chill at least 1 hour.
5. Once cakes are cooled, place 1 cake layer on a serving plate and spread half the frosting on top. Place the remaining cake layer on top and spread remaining frosting over top and sides of cake, then place reserved mandarin slices on top to decorate.
6. Chill until ready to serve.

TCP \$500 Recipe Contest

PUMPKIN AND SPICE DUE MAY 10
We're looking for something special for our October recipes. Send us your best by May 10 for a chance to win \$500.





Mary Smith's Coconut Cake

MB WATSON
FANNIN EC

This cake is a sweet tribute to Watson's friend Mary, who was a world-class hostess. No one turned down an invitation to her home or for any of her baked desserts. This cross between a cake and a macaroon is soft and chewy on the inside, crisp and golden on the outside. It's also the ultimate coconut lover's dream.

2 cups flour
1½ cups shredded coconut
3 cups sugar, divided use
1 cup solid vegetable shortening
6 eggs
3 teaspoons orange extract, divided use
½ cup water

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Coat a 9-by-13-inch pan with cooking spray.
2. In a medium bowl, combine flour with coconut and set aside.
3. In a large bowl, cream 2 cups sugar and shortening together at medium speed until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Reduce speed to low and alternate adding eggs, one at a time, and flour until all eggs and flour are mixed. Add 1 teaspoon orange extract, beating until well mixed.
4. Spoon batter into prepared pan. Bake 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Remove pan from oven and set aside.

5. In a saucepan over medium-high heat, bring water, remaining 1 cup sugar and remaining 2 teaspoons orange extract to a boil. Continue boiling for 1 minute. Carefully pour over cake.

6. Allow cake to cool completely before serving.

SERVES 16

TCP Search "cake" on our website and you'll find dozens of recipes. Whatever you crave this spring, we have you covered.

SACRED STONE OF THE SOUTHWEST IS ON THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION

We found a limited supply of turquoise from Arizona and snatched it up for our *Sedona Turquoise Collection*. Inspired by the work of ancient craftsmen and designed to showcase the exceptional blue stone, each stabilized vibrant cabochon features a unique, one-of-a-kind matrix surrounded in Bali metalwork. You could drop over \$1,200 on a turquoise pendant, or you could secure 26 carats of genuine Arizona turquoise for **just \$99**.

Jewelry Specifications:

• *Arizona turquoise* • *Silver-finished settings*

Sedona Turquoise Collection

A. Pendant (26 cts) ~~\$299*~~ \$99 +s&p **Save \$200**
B. 18" Bali Naga woven sterling silver chain \$149 +s&p
C. 1½" Earrings (10 ctw) ~~\$299*~~ 99 +s&p **Save \$200**
Complete Set** ~~\$747*~~ **\$249** +s&p **Save \$498**

**Complete set includes pendant, chain and earrings.

Call now and mention the offer code to receive your collection.

1-800-333-2045



Offer Code **STC875-09**

Rating of **A+**

You must use the offer code to get our special price.

*Special price only for customers using the offer code versus the price on Stauer.com without your offer code.

Stauer® 14101 Southcross Drive W., Ste 155, Dept. STC875-09
Burnsville, Minnesota 55337 www.stauer.com



26 carats
of genuine
Arizona
turquoise
ONLY \$99

WANTED: DEMO HOMESITES FOR 2024 SEASON

Display This Maintenance-Free Pool And \$SAVE \$\$!

Call TODAY to Qualify for This Limited-Time Opportunity!



PRE-APPROVED FINANCING AVAILABLE!

WE CONSIDER ANYTHING ON TRADE!

SWIMTEXSUN.COM



STAYcation at Home in 2024!

1-800-SWIMTEX (1-800-794-6839)

A family owned and operated Texas Company since 1986.



TUB OR SHOWER FROM \$9,995.00 INSTALLED

SPECIAL SAVINGS!

YOUR CHOICE OF A WALK-IN SHOWER OR WALK-IN TUB

Lifetime Warranty
Custom Sizes Available
100% Financing Available
A+ BBB Rating
Good Contractors List



BEST BUY WALK-IN TUBS
FEATURING "SEALTITE" TECHNOLOGY

Trusted by Texans for 19 Years
Tubs and Showers Made in America
Visit Our Texas Showroom

Call for More Info
682-205-3532 • 888-825-2362
bestbuywalkintubs.com

TIRED OF SPRAYING?

The Original Root Grubber

- Kills tree by cutting roots 6" to 8" underground
- Effective on mesquite, juniper, cedar, huisach and other brush problems
- 3-point reversible blade for clearing fence rows

QUALITY CONSTRUCTION 100% SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!

Blade Width	Cat	HP	WT	Delivered Price
18"	I	20-40	230 lb.	\$1,515
27"	II	40-80	285 lb.	\$1,735
30"	II or III	80-110	380 lb.	\$2,085
36"	II or III	110-180	390 lb.	\$2,170



Blade Width 16" Skid-Steer
Cat Universal
HP 50-140
WT 380 lb.

Delivered Price \$2,350

JONES MACHINE

(800) 919-4949 • Fax: (940) 552-6362
jonesmachineshop1944@yahoo.com
P.O. Box 1577, Vernon, Texas 76385

TCP Gift Shop

TCP Shop now
TexasCoopPower.com/shop



COURTESY CHET GARNER

Breaking News

Take a sledgehammer to a printer in Kyle's 'rage room'

BY CHET GARNER

IF YOU WERE to envision a day trip to the Pie Capital of Texas, you might picture homey cafés, cozy cups of coffee and buttery crusts filled with sugary happiness. And you can certainly find those things in Kyle, south of Austin. But you can also smash pie plates into tiny bits and shatter coffee cups into smithereens—legally (and safely)—at Uncharted Adventures, a unique indoor entertainment center.

I stepped into what looked like an inconspicuous warehouse on the outskirts of town and met owner Damon Fogley. He started a junk removal business after serving in the Army and soon learned about a phenomenon called rage rooms, where folks can pay to break stuff.

Fogley had more than enough junk for the job, and the concept was born in Kyle. But to create a full-on destination, he added two escape rooms, a zombie shooting range, splatter-paint lounge and plenty of Instagram-worthy backdrops. It's unconventional family fun at its finest.

Before letting out my inner Hulk on inanimate objects, I tried the zombie shooting range. Armed with a gun that shot tiny gel balls, I took aim at zombie robots jumping out from an apocalyptic set. I don't think I killed any of them (they are undead, after all), but it felt great.

Finally, it was time to rage. And so, donning full-body coveralls and a face shield, I stepped into a room full of bottles, vases, TVs and printers. I picked up a sledgehammer and, with a Neanderthal's scream, I swung it straight into a coffee maker. It flew across the room, hit the wall and broke into pieces.

It was awesome. I'm not angry by nature, but this was a strange kind of therapy that I think everyone could use. ■

ABOVE Chet poses in an Instagram-worthy setting. (No, that is not videotape of *The Daytripper* show.)

TCP Readers know Chet is a smashing success. See for yourself with the video on our website. Find all his Texplorations on *The Daytripper* on PBS.



Know Before You Go

Call ahead or check an event's website for scheduling details, and check our website for many more upcoming events.

MAY

07

Lewisville The Elton Johns with the She, (972) 219-3401, cityoflewisville.com

09

Corsicana 50 Years of Rock and Roll, (903) 874-7792, corsicanapalace.com

10

Alamo [10–11] Watermelon Festival & BBQ Cook-Off, (956) 787-0006, alamotexas.org

New Braunfels [10–11] Ballet Texas Presents *Peter Pan*, (830) 627-0808, brauntex.org

15

Lakeway Lakeway Photography Club Meeting, (512) 263-2885, lakewayphotographyclub.com

16

Luling Field Day, (830) 875-2438, lulingfoundation.org

Giddings [16–18] Lee County Fair, leecountyfairtx.com

17

Columbus [17–18] Magnolia Days Festival, (979) 732-8385, magnoliadays.org

18

La Grange Bluff Schuetzen-Fest, friendsofkbmh.org

23

Kerrville [23–June 9] Kerrville Folk Festival, (830) 257-3600, kerrvillefolkfestival.org

24

Fredericksburg [24–26] Crawfish Festival, fbgcrawfishfestival.com

25

Brenham Elvis! by Vince King and the Vegas Mafia Band, (979) 337-7240, thebarnhillcenter.com

Chappell Hill Art Walk, (979) 337-9910, chappellhilltx.com

26

Lewisville Fiesta Charra, (972) 219-3401, visitlewisville.com

New Braunfels Antique Barn Sale and Makers Market, (830) 629-2943, newbraunfelsconservation.org

31

Kerrville [31-June 1] The Comedy of Errors, (830) 896-9393, caillouxperformingarts.com

JUNE

01

Graham Food Truck Championship of Texas, (940) 549-0401, foodtruckchampionshipoftexas.com

Leander Old Town Street Festival, (512) 259-1907, oldtownstreetfestival.com

Waxahachie [1-2] Gingerbread Trail Tour of Homes, (972) 937-0681, elliscountymuseum.org

07

Fredericksburg [7-8] Craft Beer Festival, fbcraftbeerfestival.com

Blanco [7-9] Lavender Festival, (830) 833-5101, blancolavenderfest.com

Ingram [7-8, 13-15, 20-22] Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, (830) 367-5121, hcaf.com

Submit Your Event

We pick events for the magazine directly from TexasCoopPower.com. Submit your August event by June 1, and it just might be featured in this calendar.

**Bank C.D.'s Due?
CALL US NOW**

1-800-359-4940 TEXAS TOLL-FREE
www.mattsonfinancialservices.com

BLAKE MATTSON, CFP™
Signal Securities, Inc., 5400 Bosque, 4th Floor, Waco, TX 76710
Serving Customers All Over Texas

All C.D.'s are insured to \$250,000 per institution by the F.D.I.C. All C.D.'s are subject to availability. Securities offered thru Signal Securities, Inc., Member FINRA/SIPC 700 Throckmorton, Ft. Worth, TX 76102. (817) 877-4266.

PERMA-ROOF
from Southern Builders

Steel Mobile Home Roofing



Contact us at **800.633.8969** or **roofer.com**

FREDERICKSBURG CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL



JUNE 7-8 ★ TEXAS CRAFT BEER ★ BEER COMPETITION ★ TEXAS MUSIC ★ FOOD & MORE

JUNE 7 - COMPETITION AWARDS - TOUR - DINNER
JUNE 8 - (11am - 7pm) FESTIVAL DOWNTOWN MARKPLAZ FREDERICKSBURG TEXAS



TICKETS:
www.fbcraftbeerfestival.com

Heirloom Seed Kits

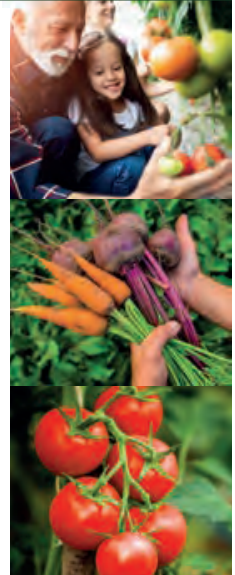
100% NON-HYBRID • 100% NON-GMO



Start a Home Garden Or Store Seeds For Years To Come!

125-VARIETY KIT (w/ Ammo Storage Box)
Over 22,000 seeds.
125 varieties of veggies & herbs. **\$119**

50-VARIETY KIT (w/ Mylar Storage Bag)
Over 9,500 seeds.
50 varieties of veggies & herbs. **\$49**



HEARTSGOOD FARM

Family-Owned & Operated.
Cave Springs, Arkansas

Order Online Or By Phone:

HeartsgoodFarms.com

(866) 861-7111

★ **STILL THE TRACTOR PACKAGE LEADER** ★



Pkg. includes 4' Box Blade and Cutter

New MF 1723E & 1725M Sub Compact Tractor Packages

23HP and 25HP Diesel, 4x4, ROPS, Hydro Auto Transmission, Cruise, R4 Tires, Quick Attach Loaders & Buckets

Option: Backhoe Package

AS LOW AS \$239 Per Month

0 Down, 0% Interest for 84 Months WAC



Pkg. includes 5' Box Blade and Cutter

New MF 1835E Tractor Package

35HP Diesel, 4x4, Shuttle Transmission, ROPS, Quick Attach Front End Loader & Bucket

Options: 25 HP and 40 HP Models, Hydro Transmission

AS LOW AS \$339 Per Month

0 Down, 0% Interest for 84 Months WAC



Pkg. includes 6' Box Blade and Cutter

New MF 2850E & 2860E Tractor Packages

50HP & 60HP Diesel, 4x4, Shuttle Transmissions, R4 Tires, ROPS, Quick Attach Front End Loaders & Buckets, Rear Hydraulic Remotes

Option: Hydro Transmission

AS LOW AS \$539 Per Month

0 Down, 0% Interest for 72 Months WAC



Pkg. includes 6' Box Blade and Cutter

New MF 2860M Deluxe Cab Tractor Package

60HP Diesel, 4x4, Hydraulic Power Shuttle Transmission, 1 Set of Hydraulic Remotes, R4 Tires, Quick Attach Front End Loader & Bucket, Front Fenders, AC, Heat & Stereo Ready Cab

AS LOW AS \$815 Per Month

0 Down, 0% Interest for 72 Months WAC

DELIVERY AVAILABLE



FOSTER'S WORK & PLAY

936-967-0011 • Text 713-899-7976 After Hours • fostersworknplay.com

3601 US Hwy 190 W • Livingston, Texas 77351 • sales@fostersworknplay.com

All horsepower listed are approximate engine horsepower ratings from manufacturer. Prices and payments approximate with approved credit by AGCO Finance. 0% Interest Rates may be blended slightly because of implements other than MF Brand. All prices and payments may not include freight, set up, insurance or delivery if applicable



MASSEY FERGUSON

15TH YEAR

Helping Hand Project



Mueller is deeply committed to supporting organizations dedicated to helping others. For the 15th year, we are proud to announce the continuation of our Helping Hand Project. This initiative aims to assist a deserving non-profit in acquiring a new facility.

Through this project, one worthy organization will be selected to receive a FREE Mueller steel building.

Applications will be open from April 15th to May 24th, 2024.

Visit muellerinc.com/helping-hand-application to apply.

Muellerinc.com
877-2-MUELLER
 (877-268-3553)



Rides

Saddle up or start your engines. Buckle up and hang on tight. Whether it's on horseback, farm equipment or a thrilling carnival attraction, these rides will blow your hair back.

CURATED BY GRACE FULTZ

1 RONALD HAVARD
UNITED COOPERATIVE SERVICES
 "I caught this jet engine dragster racing a P-51 Mustang during an airshow. It was close, but the Mustang won."

2 LINDSAY HUMPHREYS
SOUTH PLAINS EC
 "My son, Brazos, and his grandfather, Bobo, run the barrels at the Dickens County 4-H playday."

3 TONY KRUP
GRAYSON-COLLIN EC
 "A lone motocross rider finishing a ride at sunset in the Dallas-Fort Worth area."

4 MARK MCCLENDON
BANDERA EC
 The Poteet Strawberry Festival.



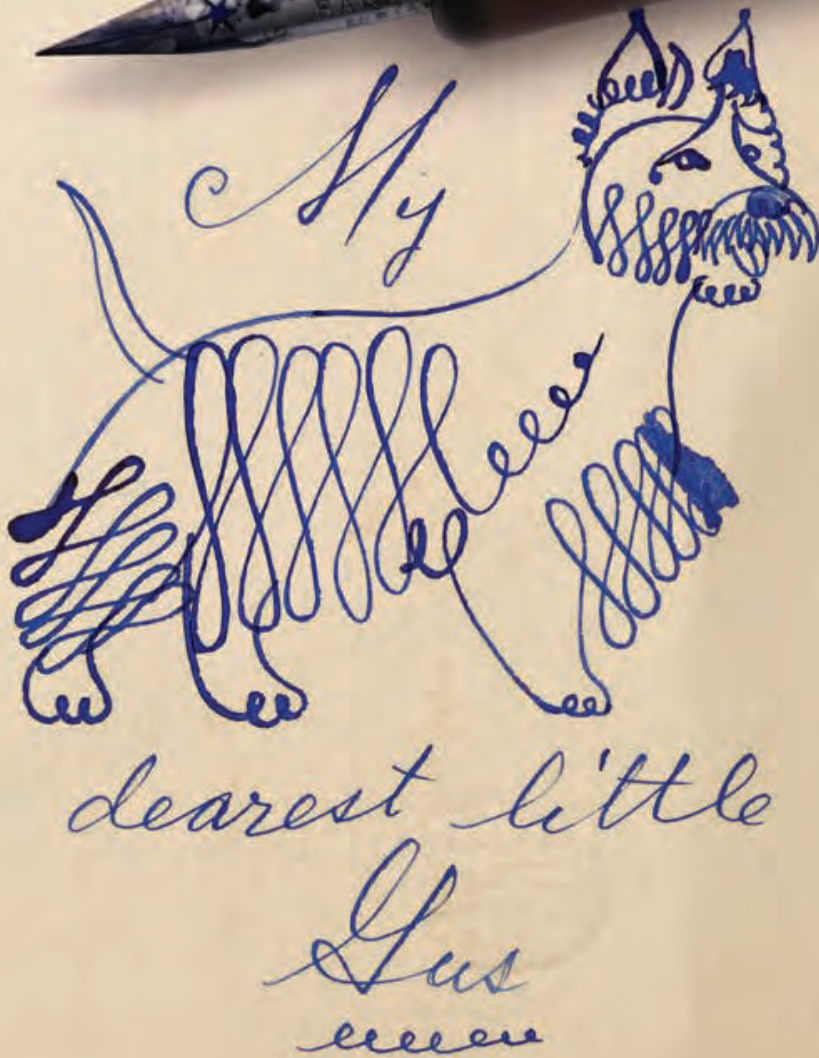
Upcoming Contests

- DUE MAY 10** Parenthood
- DUE JUN 10** Climbing High
- DUE JUL 10** Mascots



Enter online at TexasCoopPower.com/contests.

TCP See Focus on Texas on our website for many more Rides photos from readers.



Grandma's Best Friend

Life is better when people and dogs can age together

BY MARTHA DEERINGER
ILLUSTRATION BY
ELVIS SWIFT

WHEN MY MOTHER finally made the difficult decision to move in with my family in her early 80s, she harbored plenty of misgivings, deciding on the move only when her rheumatoid arthritis and congestive heart failure made it unsafe for her to live alone. Mother brought along her aging West Highland white terrier, Gus, a bone cancer survivor who hopped gamely through the house on his three remaining legs.

Mother left behind a sprawling brick home in town where she had lived for 30 years and took up residence with us in the country in an addition designed to accommodate her needs. Suddenly she was 20 miles from the nearest hub of civilization.

There were plenty of people to take care of her here. Still, she missed her

independence and the opportunity to go out to lunch with friends or run errands on a moment's notice.

Our grandchildren doted on their great-grandma. They drank her Ensure, did somersaults on her couch, fed Gus their cookies and badgered her to read stories. Since her addition was attached to the main house, she had to install a latch on the inside of her door in order to catch uninterrupted naps.

Gus was also unsettled by the move, his lush St. Augustine lawn replaced by spiky Bermuda grass with cows across the fence. He viewed these large animals with deep suspicion and barked ferociously when they approached his empire, a small separate yard he accessed through a doggie door.

Most of Gus' time was spent curled beside the swivel rocker where Mother read biographies and watched our pair of free-ranging peacocks, who chose the porch rail outside her window to preen themselves and admire their reflections in the glass.

For a couple of years after she came to live with us, Mother was able to drive to town for haircuts, church and social occasions, but as her health slipped, she stayed home more. Her friends, also in their 80s, came to visit less often.

But she had Gus, and scientists have known for decades that older adults who own pets reap vast benefits.

In good weather Mother strolled our long driveway with Gus' lead slipped over the handle of her walker. She could talk to Gus about anything. Unlike her great-grandchildren, he never interrupted.

Gus seemed to know the help he provided, and he was always there beside her, sporting a whiskery grin and waving tail.

She celebrated five Mother's Days with us before she died, giving three generations of our family the chance to benefit from her wisdom and to learn to honor and appreciate the life lessons older folks can teach us all.

Gus passed away peacefully a few weeks after she did. ■

BUY ONE, GET ONE **AND** **TAKE AN EXTRA**
40% OFF **\$200**
Windows & Patio Doors! **OFF Your Entire Purchase¹**

AND NO Money Down | NO Monthly Payments | NO Interest for 12 months¹

Minimum purchase of 4 - interest accrues from the date of purchase, but is waived if paid in full within 12 months

TESTED, TRUSTED, AND TOTALLY PROVEN.³

"My overall experience was great. I love the window, and from sales to scheduling, the experience was very good. The installers are highly skilled professionals and I would recommend Renewal by Andersen to all my contacts."

LYNN F. | RENEWAL BY ANDERSEN CUSTOMER

More 5 Star Reviews



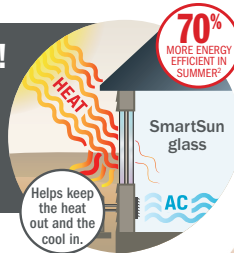
Than Other Leading Full-Service Window Replacement Companies¹



Nation's Best Warranty¹

KEEP THE COOL AIR IN AND THE HEAT OUT!

Solving your window problems and having a comfortable home is easy and enjoyable when you choose Renewal by Andersen. Take advantage of this great offer to save money on your window project - and help save on high energy bills for years to come!



RENEWAL
by ANDERSEN
 FULL-SERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT

Offer Ends July 31

Call for your **FREE** consultation.

888-901-0606

FINDYOURWINDOW.COM

¹**DETAILS OF OFFER:** Offer expires 7/31/2024. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Buy one (1) window or entry/patio door, get one (1) window or entry/patio door 40% off, and 12 months no money down, no monthly payments, no interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or entry/patio doors between 5/1/2024 and 7/31/2024. 40% off windows and entry/patio doors are less than or equal to lowest cost window or entry/patio door in the order. Additional \$200 off your purchase, minimum purchase of 4 required, taken after initial discount(s), when you purchase by 7/31/2024. Subject to credit approval. Interest is billed during the promotional period, but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky® consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, federal and state chartered financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, or familial status. Savings comparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available at participating locations and offer applies throughout the service area. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. CA License CLSB #1050316. Central CA License #1096271. License #RCE50303. FL License #CGC1527613. OR License #198571. WA License #RENEWAP877BM. WA License #RENEWAW856K6. All other license numbers available upon request. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. ²Values are based on comparison of Renewal by Andersen® double-hung window U-Factor to the U-Factor for clear dual-pane glass nonmetal frame default values from the 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, and 2018 International Energy Conservation Code "Glazed Fenestration" Default Tables. ³Based on testing of 10 double-hung units per ASTM E2068 20 years after installation. It is the only warranty among top selling window companies that meets all of the following requirements: easy to understand terms, unrestricted transferability, installation coverage, labor coverage, geographically unrestricted, coverage for exterior color, insect screens and hardware, and no maintenance requirement. Visit renewalbyandersen.com/nationsbest for details. ¹Review aggregator survey of 5-star reviews among leading full service window replacement companies. January 2024 Reputation.com. "Renewal by Andersen" and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of their respective owners. © 2024 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved. RBA13747 ²Using U.S. and imported parts.



THE PERFECT PAIR GET THE BEST OF TV + INTERNET

DIRECTV

DON'T COMPROMISE ON ENTERTAINMENT.

GET DIRECTV.

2-YEAR PRICE GUARANTEE – STOP WORRYING

ABOUT YOUR BILL AND START WATCHING

Taxes/fees apply. Via Satellite req's 24-mo. agmt.

**LEADER IN SPORTS – NATIONAL, REGIONAL
AND LOCAL SPORTS 24/7**



Claim based on offering of Nat'l and Regional Sports Networks. RSNs avail. with CHOICE package or higher. Blackout restr's apply. Availability of RSNs varies by ZIP code and package.

ACCESS LIVE TV & **THOUSANDS OF STREAMING APPS**

Req's separate subscription/login for Netflix, Max, Prime Video (see amazon.com/amazonprime for details) and other 3rd party apps. Restrictions apply. High speed internet-connected compatible device required. Google login required.

ENTERTAINMENT PACKAGE

75+
CHANNELS

\$69^{99*}
MO.
for 24 months
+ taxes and fees

(\$84.99/mo. w/ req'd ARS \$15/mo. Fee) w/24-mo. agmt. + taxes, fees, AutoPay & Paperless Bill.

IT'S FINALLY HERE.

**FAST &
AFFORDABLE
HOME INTERNET**

- ✓ NO CREDIT CHECK
- ✓ NO CONTRACT
- ✓ SELF INSTALL
- ✓ PRICE GUARANTEE



CALL NOW!

TV service not required. Speeds and prices vary by provider.

Connect Us Everywhere, LLC

866.670.2836



Available only in the U.S. (excludes Puerto Rico and U.S.V.I.). Some offers may not be available through all channels and in select areas. Different offers may apply for eligible multi-dwelling units. All offers, packages, programming, promotions, features, terms, restrictions & conditions and all prices and fees not included in price guarantee are subject to change or discontinuation without notice. Visit directv.com/legal/ or call for details.

VIA SATELLITE: Pricing: ENTERTAINMENT \$69.99/mo., CHOICE \$84.99/mo., ULTIMATE \$114.99/mo., PREMIER \$159.99/mo. for two years. After 2 years, then month to month at then-current prevailing prices unless cancelled. Price excludes Advanced Receiver Service Fee of \$15/mo. (which is extra and applies to all packages) and Regional Sports Fee of up to \$15.99/mo. (which is extra & applies to CHOICE pkg or higher) and certain other add'l fees & charges. Additional Fees & Taxes: \$7/mo. for each additional TV connection on your account. Wireless upgrade with HD DVR \$99.00. Applicable use tax expense surcharge on retail value of installation, custom installation charges, equipment upgrades/add-ons, and certain other add'l fees & chrgs. See directv.com/directv-fees/ for additional information. \$10/mo. Autopay and Paperless Bill Discount. Must enroll in autopay & paperless bill within 30 days of TV activation to receive bill credit starting in 1-3 bill cycles (pay \$10 more/mo. until discount begins). Must maintain autopay/paperless bill and valid email address to continue credits. DIRECTV Svc Terms: Subject to Equipment Lease & Customer Agreements. Taxes, surcharges, add-on programming (including premium channels), protection plan, transactional fees, and Federal Cost Recovery Fee are not included in two-year price guarantee. Visit directv.com/legal/ or call for details. Equipment Non-Return-Fees: If you cancel your service, you must return your leased equipment. Failure to return any equipment will result in fees of \$45 for each standard DIRECTV Receiver, each HD DIRECTV Receiver, each Gemini Mini and each Gemini receiver and \$135 for each DVR, HD DVR, Genie® HD DVR and/or Genie 2 DIRECTV Receiver. GEMINI DEVICE: To use the Device, you will need an Internet connection, your use of which is subject to the fees, restrictions, terms, and limitations imposed by your Internet service provider. Gemini Device(s) will deactivate after 90 consecutive days without internet connection. If that happens, you will not be able to receive service through that Device until you (re)connect to the internet.

VIA INTERNET: Service subject to DIRECTV delivered via internet terms and conditions (see <https://www.directv.com/legal/legal-policy-center/>). Requires high speed internet. Minimum internet speed of 8Mbps per stream recommended for optimal viewing. Residential customers only. Pricing: ENTERTAINMENT \$69.99/mo., CHOICE \$84.99/mo., ULTIMATE \$114.99/mo., PREMIER \$159.99/mo. for two years. After 2 years, continues month to month at then-current prevailing prices unless cancelled. Additional Fees & Taxes: Price excludes Advanced Receiver Service Fee of \$15/mo. (which is extra and applies to all packages) and Regional Sports Fee of up to \$15.99/mo. (which is extra & applies to CHOICE pkg or higher) and certain other add'l fees & charges. See directv.com/directv-fees/ for additional information. State and local taxes or other governmental fees and charges may apply including any such taxes, fees or charges assessed against discounted fees or service credits. DIRECTV Svc Terms: Subject to Customer Agreement. GEMINI/GEMINI AIR DEVICE: First device included for well qualified customers; otherwise \$120 for new Gemini/Gemini Air or \$49.99 for Certified Restored Gemini. Applicable taxes due at sale. Additional Gemini/Gemini Air: Additional device for well-qualified customers \$10/mo. for 12 mos., otherwise \$120 each or \$49.99 for each Certified Restored Gemini. Purchased Gemini/Gemini Air may be returned within 14 days of the Ship Date for a full refund, however all monthly fees, including additional monthly fees, will continue to apply. Additional Gemini/Gemini Air purchased on installment agreement subject to additional terms and conditions. If you cancel your service in the first 14 days of order, you must return the included Gemini within 14 days of order to avoid a non-return fee of \$120. Once you've canceled, you can access DIRECTV through the remaining monthly period. No refunds or credits for any partial-month periods or unwatched content. Gemini/Gemini Air purchased on installment agreement subject to additional terms and conditions. See cancellation policy at directv.com/CancellationPolicyStream for more details.

All offers, programming, promotions, pricing, terms, restrictions & conditions subject to change & may be modified, discontinued, or terminated at any time without notice. See directv.com for details.

©2023 DIRECTV. DIRECTV and all other DIRECTV marks are trademarks of DIRECTV, LLC. All other marks are the property of their respective owners.