

to big problems, there can only be the combined result of many small solutions. Whoever said it was wise. It starts with each of us. It starts with how we care about ourselves, our families, our neighborhoods, our neighbors, and our place. If each of us took just a little less interest in the merchants of big answers in politics and if each of us exerted just a little more effort into the care of each of those things (however that might manifest itself), the results would be incredible.

We have just over two months until our presidential election. That's enough time to be made miserable, angry, and cynical from all the self-gratification and self-annihilation that is yet to come. I do not have the time or energy to be made miserable like that. There is another path! Every time it starts to drive us batty, we can steer back towards the small solutions that we can influence locally.

May we secede from the union of self-gratification and self-annihilation and into the care for one another and for the good gifts of Heaven and Earth! If we do, our people, our places, our individual faiths, and our world will be better off as a result.

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Texas Game Wardens Offer Tips for a Safe, Enjoyable Dove Hunt

Hunters preparing for dove season have much to look forward to, with significant increases in both mourning and white-wing dove populations.

While hunters prepare to take to the field for their shot at the most popular game bird in North America, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Game Wardens have some recommendations for a memorable but safe experience.

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Stars! Robert Lee Elementary students named as Stomper's Stars for Week One have recently been announced. They include Pre - K Maren Meek, Kindergarten - Maria Gonzales, 1st Grade - Layla Rivera, 2nd Grade - Noah Tijerina, 3rd Grade - Braxton Noland, 4th Grade - Xander Torres, and 5th Grade - Ella Hazard.



Football! Despite some very hard work and their best efforts, the Bronte Longhorns fell to the Santa Anna Mountainers on Thursday, August 29, with a final score of 22 - 42.

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Joke County Water Supply Corporation awarded grant

The Joke County Water Supply Corporation has been awarded a grant from the Texas Water Development Board to fund a water treatment plant. The grant is for \$500,000 and will be used to purchase and install a water treatment plant. The plant will be used to treat water from the Joke River and will provide clean water to the residents of Joke County.

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