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# FAITH UNDER THE FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

## SILSBEE FCA TO HOST FIELDS OF FAITH AT TIGER STADIUM



BY: JOHN MARBLE

On a typical Friday night, the lights of Tiger Stadium illuminate a football field where young athletes battle for touchdowns, victories and hometown pride. But on Wednesday, October 21, those same stadium lights will shine on something entirely different.

There will be no opposing teams, no scoreboard to watch and no championship on the line. Instead, organizers hope to fill the stadium with thousands of people united by something they believe is far greater than football: faith.

For the first time, Silsbee will host Fields of Faith, a communitywide Christian outreach event featuring worship music, prayer, personal testimonies and an invitation for attendees to make or renew their commitment to Jesus Christ

The event begins at 7 p.m., with gates opening at 6 p.m. Free hot dogs and water will be provided.



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For Roberts, moments like that are what Fields of Faith is all about.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"
-Isaiah 6:8

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"We want everyone in the community involved," he said, emphasizing that the gathering is not affiliated with one particular denomination but welcomes people from Bible-believing churches and those simply interested in learning more about Christianity.

During the Port Neches-Groves gathering, Roberts experienced another deeply personal moment when five young men from Silsbee gathered behind him, some overcome with emotion.

"I just remember, I looked down, I was like, why me?" Roberts recalled. "He didn't save me just to sit around. I ain't perfect. But dadgum, I'm just so thankful that He's using me."

Roberts will share more of his personal testimony during Silsbee's gathering, joining fellow Silsbee alumnus Seth Adams as one of the featured speakers. Silsbee FCA student Holden Dean will also deliver a testimony, while Jamie Foster and a regional worship team from the Newton and Jasper area will lead the music.

Although Roberts has helped spearhead the local effort, he credits a team of dedicated individuals, including regional FCA representative Kenny Rawls, Ben Hancock and Taryn Young of JC3, for helping make the event possible.According to Roberts, Rawls had been hoping to bring Fields of Faith to Silsbee for quite some time.

"When Kenny first came down and met with me and Coach Smith, he said, 'I've been passing by this stadium for 18 months now, praying that we would get this started here,'" Roberts shared.

That vision is now becoming a reality, and organizers have set an ambitious goal of bringing approximately 2,000 people to Tiger Stadium.



Previous gatherings have demonstrated the potential impact. According to figures shared with Roberts, the Jasper Fields of Faith event drew approximately 1,500 attendees, with organizers reporting 76 decisions for salvation and 21 rededications of faith.

But putting together an event of this magnitude has not been without challenges.

Roberts recalled struggling to contact local churches following an early volunteer meeting that drew less participation than organizers had hoped.

Driving home from football practice one evening, he found himself wishing he had something as simple as an old-fashioned phone book to locate church addresses and telephone numbers.

By the time he arrived home, he had nearly forgotten about it. Then he checked his mailbox.

Inside was a phone book.

"I can't make this up," Roberts laughed. "So I guess the message there is, God ain't always gonna fix your problems perfect, but He'll give you a phone book and give you a way out."

Organizers are still seeking volunteers, particularly individuals willing to serve as "encouragers" during the invitation portion of the evening. These volunteers will be available on the field to pray with students and others seeking spiritual guidance.

Financial contributions are also welcome. Roberts said the event costs approximately $4,000 to organize, with Rawls covering the initial expenses and donations through FCA helping reimburse those costs.

Fields of Faith shirts are also available for $15, with $5 from each purchase supporting Silsbee FCA activities.

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Despite the challenges and the ambitious attendance goal, Roberts says he has recently found peace in remembering what truly matters.

He admits he has placed considerable pressure on himself to make the event successful. But he has come to realize that success will not necessarily be measured by how many people fill the stadium.

"Even if there's just a few people there, even if one person comes to Christ, we're all gonna get up there on stage and we're gonna do it like 20,000 people there," Roberts said.

For generations, Tiger Stadium has been a place where the Silsbee community gathers to celebrate victories, share memories and support its young people. On October 21, organizers hope to begin a new tradition rooted in faith, fellowship and community.

"I really think we get this going this year and this is gonna be something that Silsbee hangs its hat on for a long time," Roberts said.

Whether 200 people attend or 2,000, the mission remains the same.

And for one special evening beneath the lights of Tiger Stadium, the greatest victory celebrated may have nothing to do with football.

Fields of Faith will take place Wednesday, October 21, at Tiger Stadium in Silsbee. Gates open at 6 p.m., and the program begins at 7 p.m. Free hot dogs and water will be available. Those interested in volunteering or donating may contact Morgan Roberts or Kenny Rawls through FCA.




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# HALLS OF HORROR OPENS OCT. 17 FOR A GREAT CAUSE










BY: JOHN MARBLE

Get ready for screams, scares and plenty of Halloween excitement as Halls of Horror prepares to open its doors this Saturday, October 17, bringing a frightening experience to Silsbee with a mission that goes far beyond Halloween entertainment.

What started as an idea from the Silsbee Volunteer Fire Department has turned into an exciting community project, thanks to the dedication of local volunteer fire fighters and the helping hand of Jason Barnes, the creative mind behind Halls of Horror.

When the department began developing plans for a haunted attraction, Barnes stepped forward to offer his experience, creativity and support in helping bring the vision to life. Working alongside members of the fire department, Barnes has helped design and build the attraction, transforming the idea into a terrifying experience for visitors.

The project combines the dedication of Silsbee's volunteer firefighters with Barnes' knowledge of haunted attractions, creating an opportunity for the community to enjoy some Halloween fun while supporting an important cause.

This year's attraction carries a particularly meaningful purpose, as proceeds will benefit longtime Silsbee firefighter Mike Morrison, who is battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as ALS.

Morrison has spent more than two decades serving and protecting the Silsbee community as a firefighter. Now, his fellow firefighters and community members are coming together to support him during one of the most difficult battles of his life.

For the Silsbee Volunteer Fire Department, the haunted attraction is more than just an opportunity to provide Halloween entertainment. It represents the brotherhood and commitment to one another that extends far beyond responding to emergencies.

Barnes' willingness to contribute his time, knowledge and creativity has helped make the department's vision a reality. Together, they have worked to create a memorable experience that promises plenty of screams while reminding visitors of the importance of supporting their neighbors.

As opening night approaches, organizers are preparing to welcome those brave enough to walk through the attraction, where frightening surprises and unexpected encounters await.

Halls of Horror is located at 355 Hwy 418 West in Silsbee, with opening night scheduled for Saturday, October 17.

While visitors may come for the scares, the real story behind Halls of Horror is one of friendship, teamwork and a community standing behind a man who has spent much of his life standing ready to help others. This Halloween, every scream will help support a firefighter who has dedicated his life to answering the call.

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## TIGER PROWL BRINGS COMMUNITY TO DOWNTOWN




BY: JOHN MARBLE

Downtown Silsbee was filled with Tiger pride Saturday, October 10, as the annual Tiger Prowl Homecoming Festival brought the community together for a day celebrating hometown traditions, local businesses and the spirit of Silsbee.

Held at the Silsbee Public Library following the annual Homecoming Parade, the festival featured local vendors, food, music, games and family-friendly activities, giving residents an opportunity to celebrate their community while showing support for the Silsbee Tigers.

Hosted by Downtown Revitalization and the Silsbee Public Library, the vent was part of Silsbee's homecoming weekend festivities, a tradition that brings generations of Tigers together to celebrate their shared hometown roots.

Tiger Prowl continues to serve as an important reminder of what makes Silsbee special: its people, its traditions and the pride residents carry for the community they call home.

From celebrating school spirit to supporting local vendors, the festival highlighted the small-town atmosphere that makes homecoming in Silsbee about much more than football.

Once again, Tiger Prowl demonstrated that no matter how much Silsbee changes, Tiger pride remains a tradition worth celebrating.

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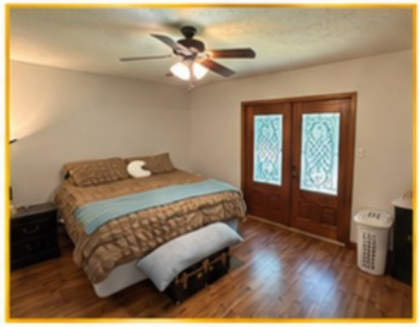
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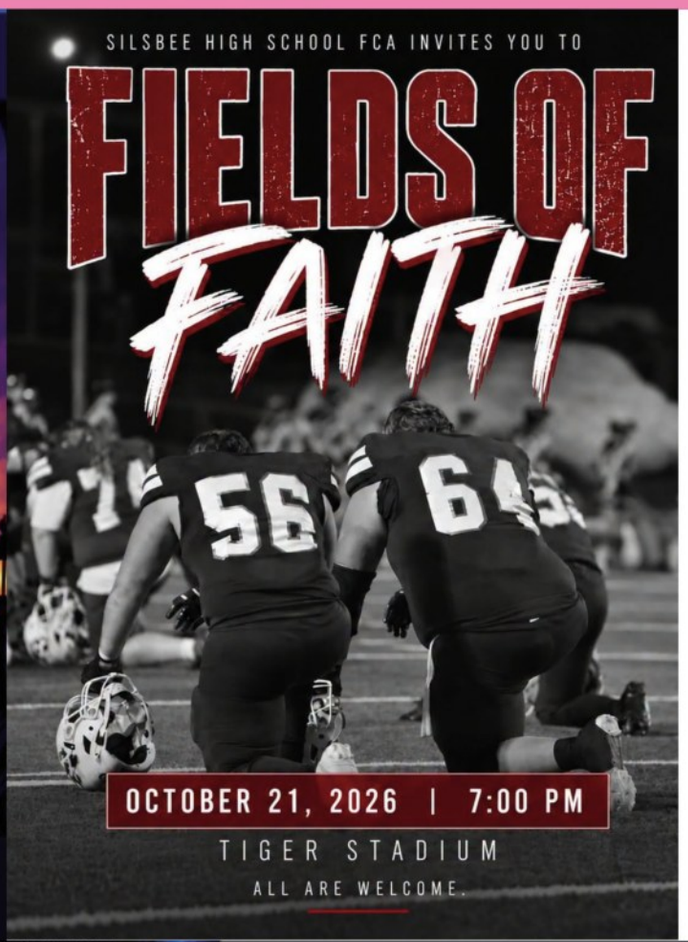
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## WREATH PICKUP

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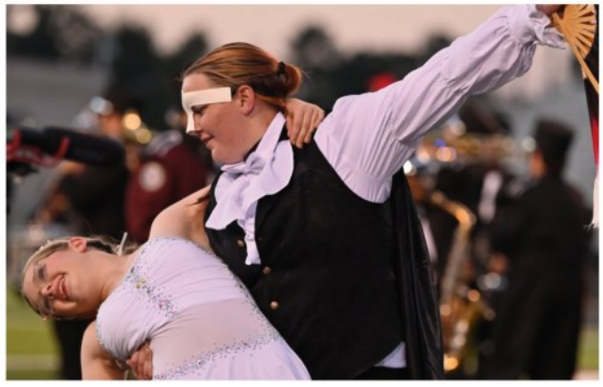



## HOMECOMING QUEEN

## Miss Averie Brooks

# TIGER TALK

## SILSBEE TIGER BAND BRINGS PHANTOM OF THE OPERA TO LIFE AHEAD OF UIL COMPETITION



The Silsbee High School Tiger Band gave fans a special treat Friday night as they took the field before kickoff of the Tigers' Homecoming game to offer a preview of their upcoming UIL marching contest performance. This year's production, inspired by the legendary Phantom of the Opera, brought a touch of Broadway to Tiger Stadium as the talented student musicians showcased the hard work, dedication, and countless hours of practice they have poured into preparing for competition.

Now, the Tiger Band is preparing to take its performance on the road as students head to PNG Stadium on Saturday, October 17, for the UIL Marching Band Contest. Silsbee is scheduled to take the field at 3:25 p.m.

For these young musicians, Saturday's competition represents more than just a performance. It is an opportunity to showcase their musical talents, precision, teamwork, and Tiger pride before judges and spectators from across the region.

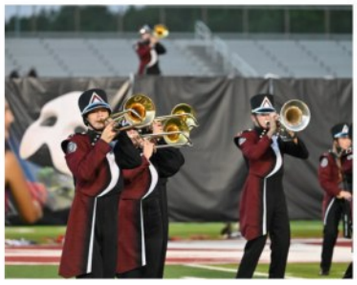
The Silsbee community is encouraged to make the trip, fill the stands, and show the Tiger Band the same enthusiastic support that fills the stadium on Friday nights.

Whether on the football field or the competition stage, these students continue to represent Silsbee High School with dedication and pride.

Good luck, Tiger Band! Make Silsbee proud!

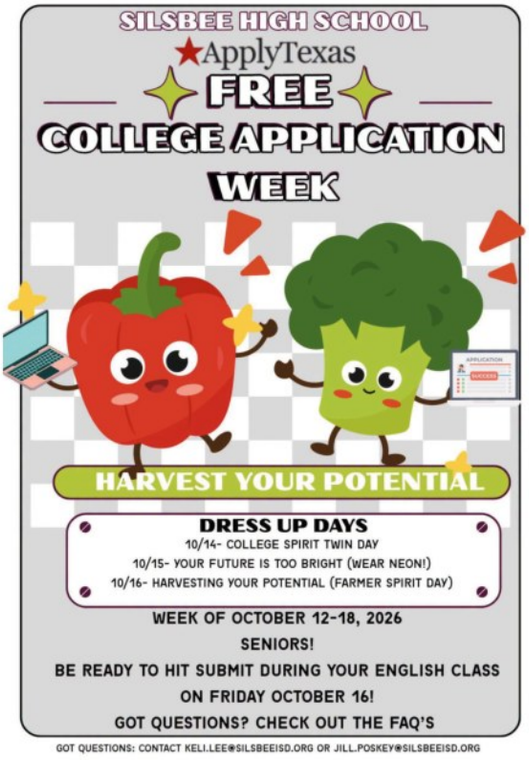


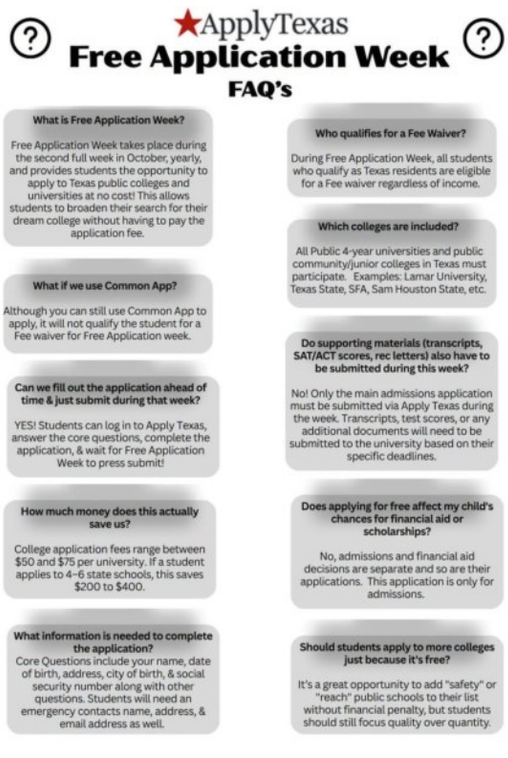






## THIS WEEK IS FREE COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK




BY: KELSEY JOHNSON

This week is Free College Application Week, and we're helping our Tigers take that next big step toward life after high school!

We'll wrap up the week on Friday with an all-day Application Submit Party in the SHS Library! Seniors can stop by for help submitting their college applications, grab some snacks and celebrate with a photo booth after hitting that "submit" button!

And because we can't have a celebration without a little fun, we'll have dress-up days throughout the week, too!

Seniors and senior parents, be sure to check out the flyers for all the details and FAQs. Let's get those applications SUBMITTED!

# TIGER TALK

## WOODARD GOLF TOURNAMENT DONATES $60,000 TO SILSBEE EDUCATION FOUNDATION



A legacy of generosity, community pride, and dedication to education continued Friday night as the Charlie and Sherry Woodard Open Golf Tournament committee presented a remarkable $60,000 donation to the Silsbee Education Foundation during the Silsbee Tigers' Homecoming football game.

The generous contribution will go toward funding educational grants that directly benefit teachers and students throughout Silsbee Independent School District, helping provide additional resources and opportunities in local classrooms.

The annual golf tournament continues to honor the memory and legacy of Charlie and Sherry Woodard, whose names remain connected to a tradition of giving back to the Silsbee community. Through the dedication of tournament organizers, sponsors, players, and supporters, their legacy continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of future generations.

Committee members Doug Almond, Ricky McInnis, Doby Dear, Molly Woodard, Heath Donalson, Scott Droddy, and Mike Sanchez were recognized for their hard work and commitment to making the tournament a success.

Accepting the donation on behalf of the Silsbee Education Foundation were Deidra Porter, Rana Thornhill, Lauren Camacho, Sissy McInnis, Kathy Watson, and Donita Banks.

The $60,000 contribution represents far more than a financial donation. It is an investment in the future of Silsbee, giving educators additional opportunities to inspire students and helping ensure that local children have the tools they need to succeed.

As Tiger Nation gathered to celebrate Homecoming, the special presentation served as a reminder that the strength of Silsbee extends far beyond the football field. It lives in the generosity of neighbors, the dedication of volunteers, and the shared commitment to helping the next generation succeed.

Through the continued success of the Charlie and Sherry Woodard Open Golf Tournament, a cherished legacy lives on, one classroom, one teacher, and one student at a time.

## CAMDEN PRAISED FOR WORK DONE FOR SHS AND COMMUNITY

BY: KELSEY JOHNSON



We just want to show a little Homecoming Appreciate to a very special Tiger!

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Angela, thank you for pouring so much time and heart into our students and Silsbee High School.

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## SEPTEMBER 2026

**SEP 28 – OCT 1**
Romeo and Juliet • Hal Evans
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**SEP 29**
A Tell-Tale Tale: The Stories and Poems of Poe
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## OCTOBER 2026

**OCT 15 – 16**
Mother Goose

**OCT 20**
Julius Caesar • Hal Evans

## NOVEMBER 2026

**NOV 10**
Mr. Blue Shoes • SES
3 programs: 8:10 AM, 9:10 AM, 1:45 PM

## DECEMBER 2026

**DEC 5**
Christmas in the Big Thicket
Face painting

**DEC 7 – 11**
PVAC Palooza

## JANUARY 2027

**JAN 15**
Hamlet • Hal Evans

## MARCH / APRIL 2027

**MAR 29**
Twelfth Night • Hal Evans

**APR 5 – 9**
Pick Up Art

**APR 10 – 24**
Springfest Art Show

**APR 24**
Spring in the Big Thicket

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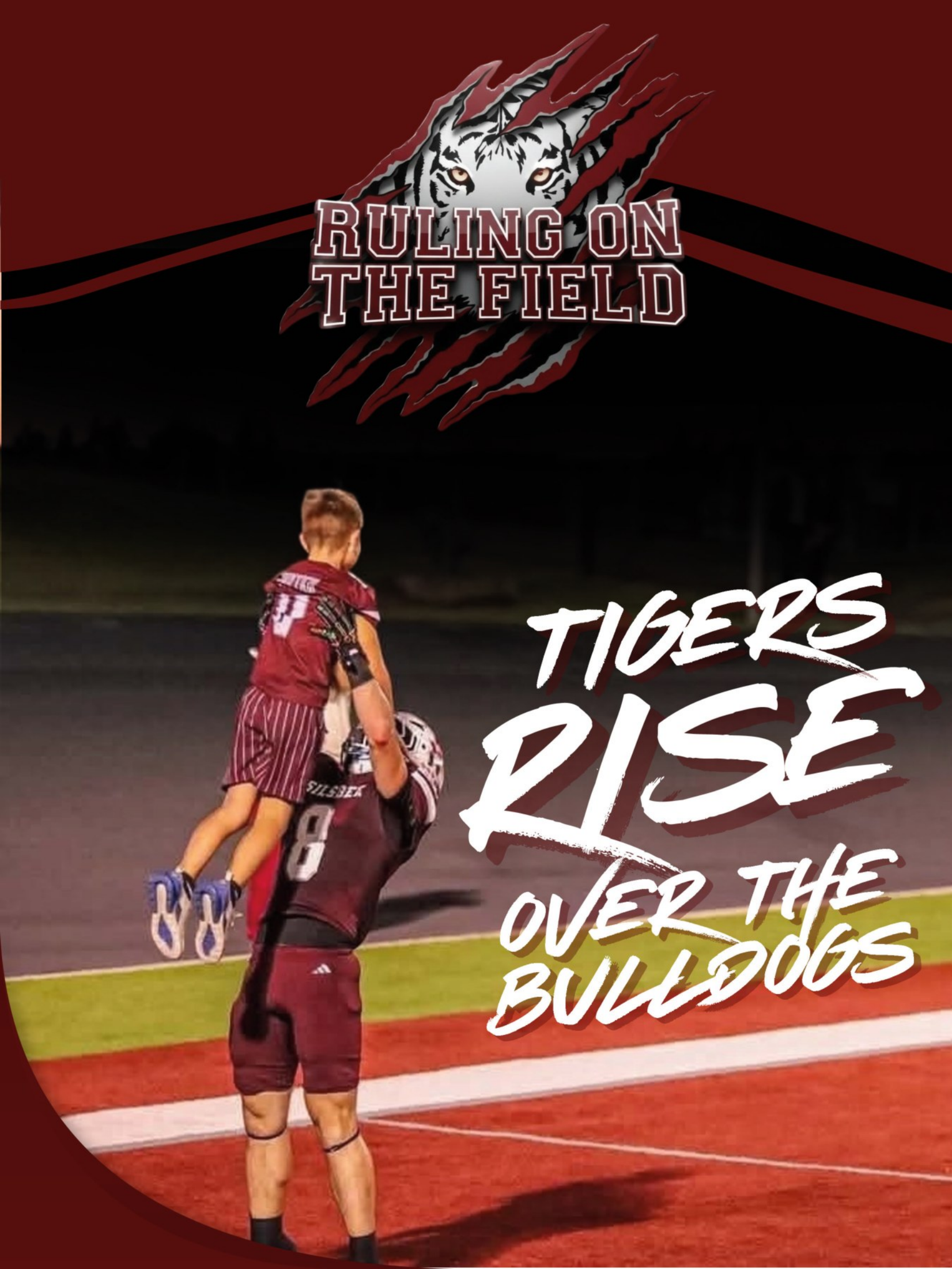
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# RULING ON THE FIELD



# TIGERS RISE OVER THE BULLDOGS

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BY: RULING ON THE FIELD

Homecoming night in Silsbee was filled with Tiger pride, excitement, and plenty of reasons to celebrate as the Silsbee Tigers delivered a commanding 59-14 victory in front of their hometown crowd Friday night.

With alumni returning home, students cheering from the stands, and Tiger Nation coming together for one of the most anticipated nights of the season, the Tigers gave their fans a performance to remember.

The victory extended Silsbee's winning streak to three games and improved the team's overall record to an impressive 5-1. It also marked the third time this season the Tigers have defeated an opponent by more than 38 points, showing just how explosive this Silsbee offense has become.



Leading the charge was standout running back Corde Wilson, who delivered an outstanding performance, rushing for 88 yards and two touchdowns. Wilson's 88 rushing yards marked a new season high, helping power the Tigers' impressive offensive attack.

Quarterback Sedrick Matthews Jr. also put together a remarkable Homecoming performance, throwing for 156 yards and three touchdowns while completing an incredible 88.9% of his passes. His accuracy and leadership kept the Tigers moving down the field and putting points on the scoreboard throughout the evening.

But the offense wasn't the only unit making noise under the Friday night lights. Silsbee's defense came ready to play, recording three sacks, its highest single-game total of the season. The defensive pressure demonstrated the Tigers' ability to control the game on both sides of the football.



While Homecoming is traditionally a time to celebrate school spirit, honor traditions, and welcome former students back to their hometown, this year's celebration gave Tiger Nation another reason to cheer as their football team continued its impressive run.

With momentum building and confidence growing, the Tigers now turn their attention to another important district matchup. Silsbee will face longtime rival West Orange-Stark on Friday at 7 p.m., hoping to extend its winning streak to four games.

or the players, coaches, students, alumni, and loyal fans who filled the stands, Friday night was more than just another football game. It was a celebration of what makes Silsbee special: tradition, community, and a shared love for the maroon and gold.

Homecoming 2026 will be remembered not only for the festivities and Tiger pride, but also for a football team that gave its hometown plenty to celebrate.

Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger!

Silsbee

# SILSBEE LADY TIGERS CONTINUE STRONG DISTRICT RUN WITH BACK-TO-BACK SWEEPS

BY: RULING ON THE FIELD

The Silsbee Lady Tigers volleyball team continues to make its presence known in district competition, currently sitting in third place with an impressive 6-3 district record and a 14-8 overall record, following two outstanding victories over Jasper and Bridge City.

The Lady Tigers have been playing some tremendous volleyball, showing determination, teamwork, and a hunger to win as they continue their push toward the postseason.

Silsbee recently delivered two commanding performances, sweeping both the Jasper Lady Bulldogs and Bridge City Lady Cardinals in straight sets, 3-0. These back-to-back victories have provided a tremendous boost of momentum as the Lady Tigers continue battling for positioning in the district standings.

With the regular season nearing its conclusion, every match becomes increasingly important. Sitting in third place, Silsbee has positioned itself as a serious competitor heading into the final stretch of district play.

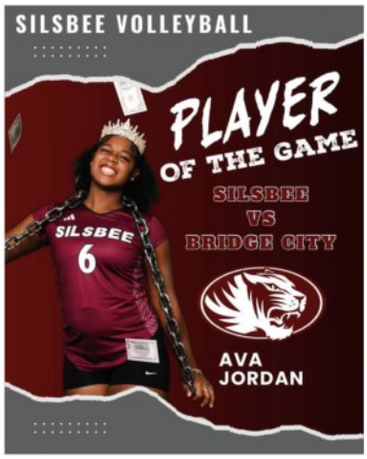
The Lady Tigers will return to their home court on Tuesday, October 13, for Senior Night against the Vidor Lady Pirates. Silsbee previously swept Vidor 3-0 earlier this season and will look to repeat that performance while celebrating the senior players who have dedicated so much to the volleyball program.

Following Senior Night, the Lady Tigers will hit the road on Friday, October 16, to face West Orange-Stark, another district opponent they defeated in straight sets, 3-0, earlier this season.

These upcoming matches present another opportunity for Silsbee to strengthen its district standing and build momentum heading toward the playoffs.

The Lady Tigers have demonstrated throughout the season that hard work, dedication, and teamwork can produce winning results. With two consecutive sweeps behind them and important district contests ahead, Silsbee has plenty to be excited about.

The Lady Tigers are making their mark, and their season is far from over!























# TIGER PRIDE

## EJMSMS LADY TIGERS CELEBRATE FOLLOWING BRIDGE CITY MATCHUP

BY: RULING ON THE FIELD

The Edwards-Johnson Memorial Silsbee Middle School (EJMSMS) Lady Tigers volleyball teams are wrapping up their season with plenty to celebrate following their final road matchup against Bridge City.

The Lady Tigers traveled to Bridge City on Monday night, where the seventh-grade B team (7B) and eighth-grade A team (8A) both brought home victories, adding another exciting chapter to their season.

Following the matches, four outstanding Lady Tigers were recognized as Players of the Game for their efforts and contributions on the court.

Those receiving recognition were Norah Gore, Kynlei Guillory, Riley Martin, and Alayia Ramsey.

These young athletes have demonstrated the determination, teamwork, and competitive spirit that continue to make the Lady Tigers volleyball program a source of pride for Silsbee.

With their final road game behind them and a scheduled bye week, the Lady Tigers are preparing to close out their season with three consecutive home games.

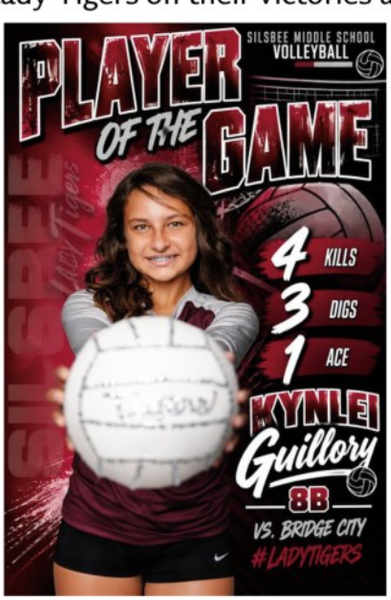
The upcoming home stretch will provide a wonderful opportunity for family, friends, and Tiger Nation to fill the stands and cheer on these young athletes as they finish their season strong.

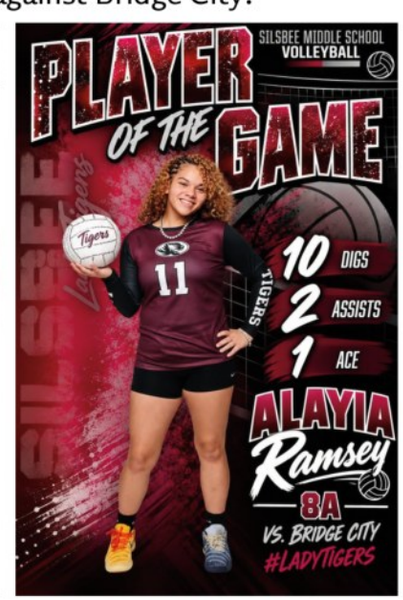
Congratulations to all four Players of the Game and to the Lady Tigers on their victories against Bridge City!









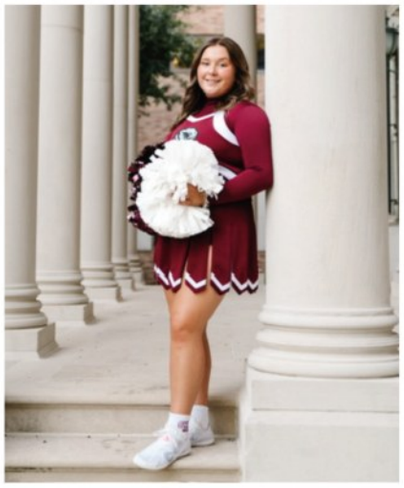


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# Words of Inspiration

ANCIENT CONTEXTS

## "THE ETERNALITY OF GOD"

BY: Chris Glenn



Heb 9:13-14: "...the blood of Messiah—who through the ***eternal Spirit***...cleanse..."

This is the only verse where the Holy Spirit was called the "eternal Spirit", regardless of ancient language or text versions. I've often pondered this, so I researched it further.

Hebrews was testifying of the Holy Spirit from before the foundation of the world because it was actually during this time of eternality that the blood of Jesus was presented to God, and we were chosen.

Sifting through ancient sources, I found a Dead Sea Scroll prayer asking for a *strong eternal spirit*, but otherwise nothing was applicable.

*So, why would the author of Hebrews use "eternal Spirit" here versus the typical Holy Spirit? For holiness to exist, non-holiness must also exist. Before creation there was no holy or non-holy, only eternal.*

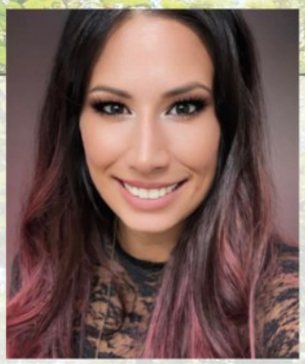
Separately, and seemingly unrelated, the ancient word for Egypt is ***Mitzrayim*** which literally means "The Two Constrictions". This intriguing definition led to many debates about its exact contextual meaning. The aggregated gist from these debates is that Egypt constricted people from moving outside the left/right margins of the Egyptian way.

Eph 1:3-4: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Messiah. He chose us in the Messiah before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before Him in love."

I found one classical commentary which helped me piece it altogether. It posited that *the pure antonym of Mitzrayim is an "eternal spirit"* because the constrictions of *Mitzrayim* sought to both reduce *past* promises and *future* fulfillments–*forcing a sole focus on the disadvantaged present. This is indeed an exact inverse of the works of Jesus per Heb 9.*

# Words of Inspiration

A WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY: MEGAN D. HARDING

## That Doesn't Belong in the Batter

Scripture: Ephesians 4:22-32

You wouldn't pour pickle juice into chocolate chip cookie dough and expect nobody to notice. It might have a place in your kitchen, but it doesn't belong in that recipe. What goes into the bowl affects what comes out of the oven.

Yet sometimes we expect our spiritual lives to be different. We hold on to bitterness, feed gossip, and make excuses for habits we know are wrong, then wonder why those things keep showing up in our words and actions. My husband recently went on a cleaning sprint through our house, throwing out old things we didn't need anymore. It made me think about how easily we get used to keeping things. An expired item sits there long enough that we stop noticing it.

Spiritually, we can do the same. "That's just how I am," we say about a sharp tongue. "They deserve it," we say about resentment. But becoming comfortable with something doesn't mean it belongs. In Ephesians 4, Paul tells us to put off our old selves and put on the new. He gets specific: replace dishonesty with truth, harmful words with words that build others up, and bitterness with kindness and forgiveness.

God calls us to change what we're allowing into our lives and what we're giving room to grow. This week, ask God to help you take an honest look at what you're holding onto. Is there an attitude you keep defending, a habit you keep excusing, or resentment you keep revisiting?

Bring it to Him and take a step toward change. Apologize. End the gossip. Choose the truthful answer. You wouldn't knowingly add something that spoils your cookies. Give that same attention to what you're allowing to shape your heart.

### EPHESIANS 4:22-32

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22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.
26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
27 Neither give place to the devil.
28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.
29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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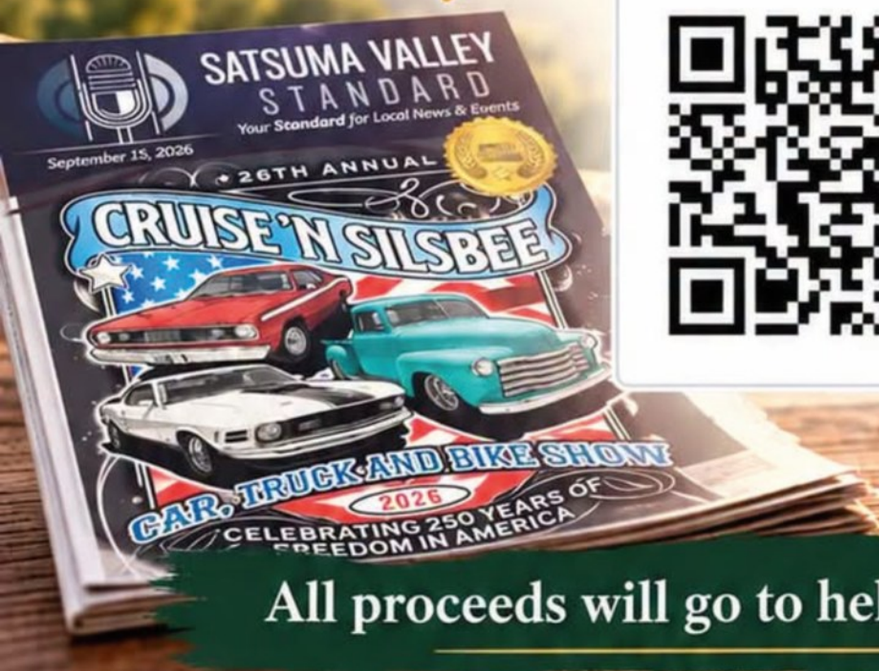
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