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NOTICES

**CAUSE NO. GU14-00085
GUARDIANSHIP OF
TONJA HUBBARD, AN
INCAPACITATED
PERSON
IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF COKE COUNTY,
TEXAS**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters for Guardianship of the Person and Estate of TONJA HUBBARD were issued on the 29th day of June, 2015, in Docket No. GU14-00085, pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas to AARON HOOD AND MARANDA HOOD.

The residence of the Joint Guardians of the Person and Estate, AARON HOOD AND MARANDA HOOD, is in Coke County, Texas: the post office address is:

Aaron Hood and Maranda Hood
Box 551
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 22nd day of July, 2015.

JOHN W. CALDWELL, JR., Attorney
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... Texan Meaning

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official state symbols. You've heard our unofficial motto, "Everything's bigger in Texas" — well, that includes our number of official state symbols. According to the Texas State Library and Archives, 76 items, things, or activities have now earned official status.

Many are obvious: the official state jig is the square dance. The official flower is the bluebonnet. You've seen the state flag, and of course you've heard our official state song, "Texas, Our Texas."

Our state bird is the mockingbird, so named for the way it mimics the sound of its neighbors. It's only fitting the mockingbird represents our state, as they are known for their pride and their fierce protection of their nest.

Texans are a loyal bunch, which is why our state motto is "friendship." Texas hospitality is alive and well in the Lone Star State — which is, of course, our state's nickname.

The more than 268,000 square miles that comprise our state are home to three official state mammals: the longhorn, the armadillo, and our official flying mammal, the Mexican free-tailed bat. Anyone who has stood on the Congress Avenue Bridge in Austin knows that one well. And those three mammals don't even account for the official state horse (American quarter horse) or our state breed of dog (Blue Lacey).

Just a few months ago the Texas Legislature gave Texas our newest official state symbols.

Lawmakers in Austin passed a bill declaring #txlege one of three official hashtags to help Texans follow their representatives on social media. They designated the official hashtag of Texas as, you guessed it, #Texas.

And while we couldn't possibly capture the essence of the Lone Star State in even one hundred items, our 76 official symbols bring pride to our almost 27 million residents and give an idea of what it really means to be a Texan to our millions of annual visitors. Now that's something to hang our state-sanctioned cowboy hat on.

Final water rule adds risk, uncertainty for Texas

A final rule by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will expand its authority under the Clean Water Act and could leave Texas agriculture mired in regulation.

After months of debate, thousands of comments from farmers and ranchers—including 1,200 from Texas—and direction from Congress, EPA moved forward on their interpretation of the rule.

"The agency will have more power to regulate farmers, ranchers, landowners and other businesses under this final Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule," County President John Ross Copeland said. "It's troubling for County agriculture and local businesses."

An initial review of the 88-page rule shows that EPA, under broad interpretations, can regulate most anything—farm ponds, ditches and fields—as waters of the U.S. This could allow the agency to dictate land-use decisions and farming practices.

Farmers and ranchers could be required to obtain a permit for many farming practices. Fertilizer and pesticide applications might also be affected.

"We do have hope that Congress will send EPA back to



Basketball Camp! These four Robert Lee youngsters attended the Texas Tech Basketball Camp, hosted by the Lady Red Raiders recently.

the drawing board and tell them to ditch the rule," said. "The U.S. House and the Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee recently passed legislation telling the agency to start over. We have high hopes the full Senate will pass that legislation, too."

The measure—the Federal Water Quality Protection Act, S 1140—would force EPA to drop its interpretation of the Clean Water Act and craft a new rule that would meet congressional intent, taking into account the concerns of farmers, ranchers and others affected by the rule.

Additional information on Ditch the Rule can be found at <http://ditchtherule.fb.org>.

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