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# County's maintenance of roads in Onalaska city limits to cease

By Emily Banks Wooten  
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It was standing room only for Tuesday's regular meeting of the Polk County Commissioners Court. The Court convened to a packed house in Suite A of the Polk County Regional Health Building, with the majority of the crowd there for a public hearing to discuss and consider abandoning the maintenance of county roads within the city limits of Onalaska.

"The wording abandoning is a legal term. The purpose of this meeting is to correct the map. The commissioner (Precinct 2) thinks these roads should revert to the city and that the county should not infringe on the city's authority. The city limits are where the authorization of the city begins and where the authorization of the county ends and the map needs to reflect that," Murphy said.

"It doesn't mean we're not going to enter into interlocal agreements or MOUs (memorandums of understanding).

The map also does not reconcile with TxDOT. Who has jurisdiction? Who has ownership? We're trying to clarify the map, and we have to delineate where one begins and where one stops. We're out of compliance with the state and out of compliance with TxDOT," Murphy said.

Nina McAfee, president of the Yaupon Cove Property Owners Association, addressed the Court regarding "the deplorable road conditions in Precinct 2," adding that she is submitting a petition "to have the roads repaired immediately." She touched on street signs that need repair and drainage ditches that no longer drain. She expressed her displeasure with the Court's "pet projects," specifically the museum and the historic renovation of the county courthouse. "Yaupon Cove has 500 homes and residents, and we vote and will be voting strongly in the next election."

Angela Stutts, Onalaska's city administrator, addressed the Court as well. "We were aware when Commissioner Dubose took office this was going to be a priority. He's made it very clear that it's not his responsibility to take care

of city streets."

"We're more than happy to be part of the process but right now, we have to correct the map. We will work with you," Murphy said.

Others addressing the Court regarding the matter included Gracie from Bridgeview Landing, Kay Ford, Michael Loftin, Carl Cruse, John Dannon, Rhoan from Impala Woods.

"It will not be instantaneous. This is going to be a long period. We are going to transition it over and it's going to be a long process," Murphy said.

Attorney Michael Matthews, a consultant for the county, agreed. "All it means is the county's maintenance of it will cease. There will still be interlocal agreements and MOUs."

The Court approved "abandoning" maintenance of the roads within the city limits.

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People on the Indian Hills peninsula recently enjoyed another exquisite sunset over Lake Livingston.  
PHOTO BY EMILY BANKS WOOTEN

# Goodrich considers TDA grant

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The Goodrich City Council heard a presentation for grants and discussed the post office water bill last week in their regular meeting for August.

Raymond K. Vann has worked with the city on several grants in the past and was in attendance to discuss the latest from the Texas Department of Agriculture. The grant occurs every couple of years, and this year is the deadline for applying in 2025 and 2026. It is for \$750,000, meaning strong competition is likely, according to Vann. "The good thing is, the match is only 2%," Vann told the council. "It depends on the size of your community, but with your population, it is only 2%. If it is Livingston, for example, I think it is around 15%. The local match for Goodrich on a \$750,000 grant would be \$15,000."

Vann said the typical projects are improvements for water, sewer, streets or drainage. Future steps would include soliciting proposals from grant administrators, selecting a grant administrator, holding a public hearing, a resolution to apply, pre-application and final project application. The final project application would be due in June of 2025 if the council elects to do so. However, its first step of soliciting proposals needs to occur by Aug. 22.

Goodrich Postmaster Rochelle Zeno attended the meeting to ask for the council's assistance on high water bills. She said contractor mowers who cover an area where the post office meter sits have hit the line, causing leaks. The post office received a bill in excess of \$1,900 for three months of service.

"I guess this really started in December or January, at the first of it," Zeno said. "It has been three times now. Our water line is out in a pasture on the left side of the post office along (Highway) 59. From what I am told, TxDOT said it is on the state side. A couple of things have happened where the water line has burst. The first time, I didn't even know. The water was running down and ended up on Sam Loggins Road. That is where a man called and said the water was running down there. It was around two weeks that it had been running. I got a bill, and it was maybe \$800."

Zeno said fiber optic cables run throughout the city have also added to the leaking issues. Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Wright wants a marker near the meter to let mowers or anyone digging know what area to avoid. Goodrich Mayor Kelly Nelson said the item would be placed on the agenda for next month to find a solution.

Council approved the purchase of a building at the city sewer plant. City contractors said the size needed was 8 feet by 10 feet but would also need power for cooling and heat. The building is mainly to be used for housing chlorine, meters and solution. Currently, those items are stored near city hall. The building will be purchased from Lowe's for \$2,799, which includes delivery and setup.



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Normal level.....131.00 ft	Condition.....No Flooding
Discharge.....2,802 cfs	Discharge.....N/A
Weekly rainfall total.....0.00 in	Gauge height.....6.79 ft

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In budget-related activity, the Court approved the proposed lease rate quotes to be included in the fiscal year 2025 budget and also approved the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025.

During the Court's July 23 meeting, County Judge Sydney Murphy proposed salary increases for all countywide elected officials with the exception of herself, the sheriff and the county court at law judge. She commented that four positions (district clerk, county clerk, treasurer and tax assessor-collector) are the lowest paid in the area for their respective positions, adding that these four positions have countywide responsibilities, unlike the four JPs who only have precinct-wide responsibilities, and that the salaries should reflect that.

Murphy proposed increasing the salaries of those positions from \$56,994.59 to \$65,000 and increasing the salaries of the JPs from \$56,994.59, with a travel allowance of \$5,000, to \$59,000, with a travel allowance of \$5,000.

In keeping with the timelines in which the Court is statutorily bound, the Court is required to publish the proposed increases in salaries, allowances and other expenses of elected county and precinct officers in its newspaper of record which is the Polk County Enterprise. While the item was originally on the agenda for the July 30 court meeting, the item had to be tabled following receipt of a grievance lodged by the four justices of the peace. As a result, a grievance committee was appointed, and a hearing was held on Aug. 5.

Murphy reviewed the recommendations of the grievance committee in which eight members attended the hearing. As for the JPs' salaries, two committee members thought it should be increased to \$65,000, one thought it should be increased but didn't specify an amount, and five thought there should be no increase. As for the JPs' travel, one thought it should be increased to \$7,500, one thought it should be increased to \$10,000, two thought it should be increased but didn't specify an amount, and four thought there should be no increase.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Cassity made a motion that the JPs' salaries be increased to \$65,000 and Precinct 2 Commissioner Mark Dubose seconded it. The vote failed, however, with Cassity and Dubose voting "for," and Precinct 1 Commissioner Guylene Robertson, Precinct 3 Commissioner Milt Purvis and Murphy voting "against."

Cassity then moved to increase the JPs' travel to \$7,500, with Dubose seconding the motion. In a mirror image of the salary vote, the travel vote failed as well, with Cassity and Dubose voting "for" and Robert-

son, Purvis and Murphy voting "against."

A memorandum of agreement with The Burke Center for a mental health deputy program was approved. Through the program, four deputies – one for each shift – will undergo training to become certified mental health officers. The county's match for the program is 25%, which will be funded through the sheriff's office's asset forfeiture funds.

The Court approved advertising a request for bids for the restoration of the creek bank on Kimball Creek at County Line Road in Precinct 4, to be funded from the Precinct 4 operation budget.

A request for the purchase of audio/video equipment and software for the Emergency Operations Center, as included on the fiscal year 2024 capital purchase projections, was approved. Although \$150,000 was allotted, the total will be \$134,260.29, which includes a three-year maintenance agreement and a little extra for contingencies.

The Court approved the sheriff's and constables' fees effective Jan. 1, 2025, and direct notification to state comptroller, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 118.131.

The Court entered into an executive session to consult with an attorney on a matter subject to attorney-client confidentiality relating to the volunteer fire department funding. Upon return to open session, the Court approved moving forward with the contract and adjusting the coverage territories, specifically, part of the coverage area previously served by Goodrich Volunteer Fire Department will now be moved to other departments.

In personnel matters, the Court reviewed and approved personnel action form requests submitted since the last meeting and reviewed three emergency hires – one in human resources, one in emergency management and one in maintenance. Additionally, the Court approved the appointment of Jay Diehl, the candidate recommended by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, to the vacant position of Polk County Extension Agent/Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Fiscal year 2024 budget revisions and amendments, as presented by the county auditor's office, were approved.

In old business, the Court approved the minutes of the July 11 regular meeting that was rescheduled from July 9.

**Items on the consent agenda included:**

- Approval of the minutes of the July 23 regular meeting and July 30 special called meeting;
- Approval of the corrected minutes of the June 11 regular session;
- Approval of the schedules of bills;
- Approval of an order designating surplus property;
- Receipt and recording of personnel action forms submitted by elected officials



**A large number of Onalaska residents attended the Polk County Commissioners Court meeting Tuesday to provide input during a public hearing in which the Court was taking comments regarding abandoning the maintenance of county roads within the city limits of Onalaska.** PHOTO BY EMILY BANKS WOOTEN

since the last meeting;

- Approval of the adoption of the Texas Health & Human Service Commission indigent health care eligibility standards, documentation and verification procedures according to the act with the addition of the following provision of optional services as allowed under V.T.C.A. Health & Safety Code, Section 61.0285;
- Approval of the sheriff's request for application to Texas Association of Property and Evidence Inventory Technician grant;
- Approval of a "no change" in county road and bridge fee (\$10) and child safety fee (\$1.50) authorized by the Texas Transportation Code, Sec. 502.401-502.403;
- Acceptance of payments in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$63,838;
- Acceptance of fiscal year 2024 indigent defense formula grant No. 212-24-187;
- Receipt and recording of district judges' orders setting fiscal year 2025 compensation for the county auditor, assistant auditors and 258th and 411th district court reporters, court coordinators and bailiffs pursuant to Local Government Code;
- Approval of joint contracts for election services with Livingston ISD and Big Sandy ISD for the county's provision of election equipment and services for the Nov. 5 general election, as recommended by the county clerk;
- Receipt and recording of an agreement between the district attorney's office and the Texas Department of Public Safety, state administrator of the Texas Enforcement Telecommunications System;
- Receipt and recording of non-twenty-four hour terminal agency agreement be-

tween the Polk County Sheriff's Office and Polk County District Attorney's Office;

- Ratifying a memorandum of understanding between Polk County and Deep East Texas Council of Governments for participation in the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Method of Distribution for Regional Interoperable Radio Communications Project;
- Receipt of the third quarter hotel occupancy tax funds reports from the Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce and the Polk County Higher Education and Technology Foundation;
- Approval of the 2024 hotel/motel occupancy tax contribution tourism budget from the Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce;
- Receipt of the treasurer's monthly report for June 2024;
- Receipt of the treasurer's fiscal year 2024 third quarter report for April through June of 2024;
- Approval of an addendum to agreement with Network Communications International Corporation for inmate tablet services at the Polk County Jail; and
- Authorizing the foremen of each road and bridge precinct to be an "authorized designee" to assist the Office of Emergency Management as needed with evaluating identified trees, limbs or stumps to determine if they are hazardous and should be removed according to State/FEMA debris removal guidance and debris removal contracts.

Lindell Mitchell of the Livingston Church of Christ opened the meeting with prayer.

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**Frank Bozner Jr.**

A memorial service for Frank Bozner Jr. of Cleveland, Texas will be held at noon on Aug. 24 at Forest Branch Baptist Church in Livingston, Texas. Frank left this world too soon as a victim of Hurricane Beryl on July 8, 2024 in Cleveland.

Frank was born on December 14, 1961 in Evanston, Wyo. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Bozner Sr. of Green River, Wyo., his mother, Charlene Cook Bozner of Rock Springs, Wyo. and his sister, Pamela Bozner Albrecht of Paige, Texas. He was the third child of nine children.

Frank was an industrial and commercial electrician most of his life and loved his work. He loved to fish and hunt and do anything else involving the outdoors. He moved to Texas from Rock Springs, Wyo. and went to work for Hargraves Electric in Houston.

He left behind his wife, Tracey Bozner of Paige, Texas and step son, Donnie Herrera of Wyo., sister, Mickey



**Frank Bozner Jr.**  
Memorial Service Aug. 24

Stafford and husband David of Livingston, Melanie Johnson of Green River, Wyo., Tony Bozner of Rock Springs, Wyo., Karen Nipper and husband Ryan of Lander, Wyo., Michael Bozner of Paige, Texas, Michelle Currier of Green River, Wyo. and Ivanka Ray and husband Mervin of College Station, Texas and many nieces and nephews.



Christi Sullivan, Communications Director for the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, was the guest speaker at the Livingston Rotary Club's meeting on Aug. 8. She updated the club about the tribe's future projects, including the family-oriented casino resort facility with hotel accommodations and the expansion of the One-Stop. Plans also include an education center and judicial center as well as infrastructure improvements. The Alabama-Coushattas will have their second chief election in September. They will also be featured on the television program "The Texas Bucket List" in mid-fall. Pictured are Sullivan and Rotary President Mark Waters. COURTESY PHOTO



Board members from the Kids Free Clothing Exchange (KFCE) gather following a recent luncheon at First Presbyterian Church of Livingston, which has been supporting KFCE for many years with its August luncheon with new shoes, socks, underwear and cash that is donated so that they can continue their work of providing free items to children in the Greater Onalaska area. KFCE is located at 13791 Hwy. 190 West in Onalaska which is the corner of Hwy. 190 West and FM 3186. (l-r) Bonnie Laverty, Dorothy Kay, Betty Butler, Althea Elliott, Nita Uptegraph and Sharon Daugherty. COURTESY PHOTO



Regent Nancy Hawkins and Honorary Regent Phyllis Harrell, both from the Robert Rankin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, recently attended the Region IV Dogwood Regents Council meeting and luncheon at the Huntsville Municipal Library. The program "America 250" was presented by Honorary President General Lynne Forney Young. Dogwood Regents Council President Diane Hill presided over the meeting. (l-r) Hawkins, Young and Harrell. COURTESY PHOTO

Recently, while looking through our wedding memory book, and seeing mine and Donald Wayne's engagement announcement from 25 years ago in the Polk County Enterprise, Madison and Jewel decided they would go old-school and have their wedding announcement posted in the local paper also. While social media can be great at times, this is a little keepsake they can have forever and share with their kids one day. Thank you Polk County Enterprise for keeping these classic traditions alive.

-Teresa Milner

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**OFFICIAL RECORDS**

**JUSTICE COURT Precinct 1**

Judge Terri L. Mayer presiding.  
Criminal Docket

**Tom Edward Hodge**, fail to comply with sex offender duty to register.  
**Brandon M. Norris**, fail to comply with sex offender duty to register.  
**Londell Austin**, fail to comply with sex offender duty to register.  
**Londell Austin**, fail to comply with sex offender duty to register.  
**Kenneth Edward Ringo**, fail to comply with sex offender duty to register.  
**Travis Cole Brubaker**, no driver's license (when unlicensed).  
**Matthew Lyle Addison**, public intoxication.  
**S. Serrano-Navarete**, no driver's license (when unlicensed).  
**Brandon Ray Griswold**, possession of drug paraphernalia.  
**Dirinda Jo Kelly**, driving while license invalid.  
**Michael Patrick Foley**, violate TRA ordinance.  
**Andrew Scott Jordan**, driving while license invalid.  
**Daniel Antonio Ruiz**, state park violations.  
**D. Gutierrez-Chicedo**, state park violations.  
**Gustavo Alonso Mahe**, no driver's license (when unlicensed).  
**Jesus Rodriguez**, no driver's license (when unlicensed).  
**Francisa Chavez**, no driver's license (when unlicensed).  
**Bonds set**  
**Terry Wayne Parker**, assault causing bodily injury, \$2,500.  
**Ricardo J. Harrison**, bond forfeiture – possession of controlled substance, no bond.

**Ricardo J. Harrison**, bond forfeiture – driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, \$1,000.  
**Clara West-Shamblin**, assault causing bodily injury, \$2,500.  
**Toshya Rene Daniel**, indecent assault, \$2,500.  
**Patrick Clint Dillon**, possession of controlled substance, \$10,000.  
**Patrick Clint Dillon**, bond forfeiture – manufacture/deliver controlled substance, \$30,000.  
**Patrick Clint Dillon**, bond forfeiture – possession of controlled substance, \$15,000.  
**Trae Randall Hinson**, motion to revoke probation – tamper/fabricate physical evidence, no bond.  
**Trae Randall Hinson**, motion to revoke probation – burglary of habitation, no bond.  
**Terra Elizabeth Stevens**, motion to revoke probation – credit/debit card abuse, no bond.  
**Sabinette Stephens**, hinder apprehension or prosecution, \$15,000.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

**Christopher John Orozco**, 37, Livingston and **Caroline Judith Riley**, 36, Livingston.  
**James Anthony Dawley**, 72, Livingston and **Ronald Hal Piercy**, 77, Livingston.  
**Isaac Devon Alvarez**, 20, Corrigan and **Johana Coral Resendiz Garcia**, 20, Corrigan.  
**Gunner Colt Blankinship**, 20, Livingston and **Hannah Jolee Hiser**, 19, Livingston.  
**Isaac Charles Rosales**, 23, Onalaska and **Madison Page Bryan**, 25, Onalaska.  
**Dennis Leon Stephens**, 71, Livingston and **Sheri Dawn Stephens**, 66, Livingston.  
**Ashley Stellane Hard**, 32, Livingston and **Scott Melton**, 34, Livingston.

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# OPINION

## MEETINGS

All government agencies hold regular meetings that are open to the public. Many agencies post agendas and minutes on their websites.

- **POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT:** 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the third floor Commissioners Courtroom at the County Courthouse at Washington and Church.

- **LIVINGSTON CITY COUNCIL:** 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at Livingston City Hall, 200 West Church (at the corner of Church and Jackson).

- **ONALASKA CITY COUNCIL:** 5 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Onalaska City Hall on FM 356 South.

- **CORRIGAN CITY COUNCIL:** 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Corrigan City Hall, 101 West Ben Franklin.

- **GOODRICH CITY COUNCIL:** 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Goodrich City Hall, 1003 Loop 393.

- **SEVEN OAKS CITY COUNCIL:** 7 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Seven Oaks City Hall.

- **LIVINGSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6 p.m. third or fourth Monday of the month at Livingston High School Campus, 400 FM 350 South.

- **ONALASKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6 p.m. third Monday of the month at the OISD Administration Building, 134 North FM 356.

- **CORRIGAN-CAMDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at Corrigan-Camden High School Library.

- **GOODRICH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month in the Goodrich ISD Administration, 234 Katie Simpson Street.

- **BIG SANDY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6:30 p.m. second or third Monday of the month in the Big Sandy ISD Board Room, 9180 FM 1276.

- **LEGGETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 7 p.m. third Monday of the month, Leggett ISD Board Room.



## A short moment to pause and reflect

There are times, so many times, that I get so completely overwhelmed with the rampant insanity that passes for politics that I have to take what Berke Breathed calls “a dandelion break,” or step off to clear the channels of thought.

See, we’re ramping up the clown cars and circus acts toward the November election, and I’m a little overwhelmed with things that I can’t believe actually happened, and I want to decompress.

So, given that all the children are now back in school, I will inundate myself with movies about school.

Of course, at the top of my, and hopefully everyone’s, list is “Grease.” I even hear that song “Back to School” every August when the ducklings head back to the halls of learning.

The lead male, played by John Travolta, was well-cast, since he got his start in the classroom in the wonderful “Welcome Back, Kotter” sitcom. Yes, he was the lead Sweathog, and once done, gravitated to singing, so he was a lock. No one else can hold a candle to Olivia Newton-John’s Sandy, especially in those final numbers. Still not sure why they cast then-33-year-old Stockard Channing as a high school student, but, hey, the movie was good enough to suspend that disbelief.

Heath Ledger had an amazing turn in a lot of movies, but the first time I saw



**My Two Common Sense**  
By Tony Farkas  
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him act was in “10 Things I Hate About You.” The longer that movie went on, the more it seemed familiar; eventually, I pieced together that the whole thing was inspired by Shakespeare’s “The Taming of the Shrew,” with Julia Stiles as in the Katharina role and Ledger as Petruchio.

Two movies off the beaten path but extremely good Saturday afternoon popcorn fare are “My Science Project” and “Real Genius” (not to be confused with “Weird Science,” which was its own version of strange).

For the first movie, a kid finds some alien artifact while looking for a slam dunk science grade, which warps the entire school into an alien/post-apocalyptic nightmare scenario, and the kids have to battle their way through ever-increasing bad times to win the day. Fisher Stevens does a remarkable turn as that kid — the one you know

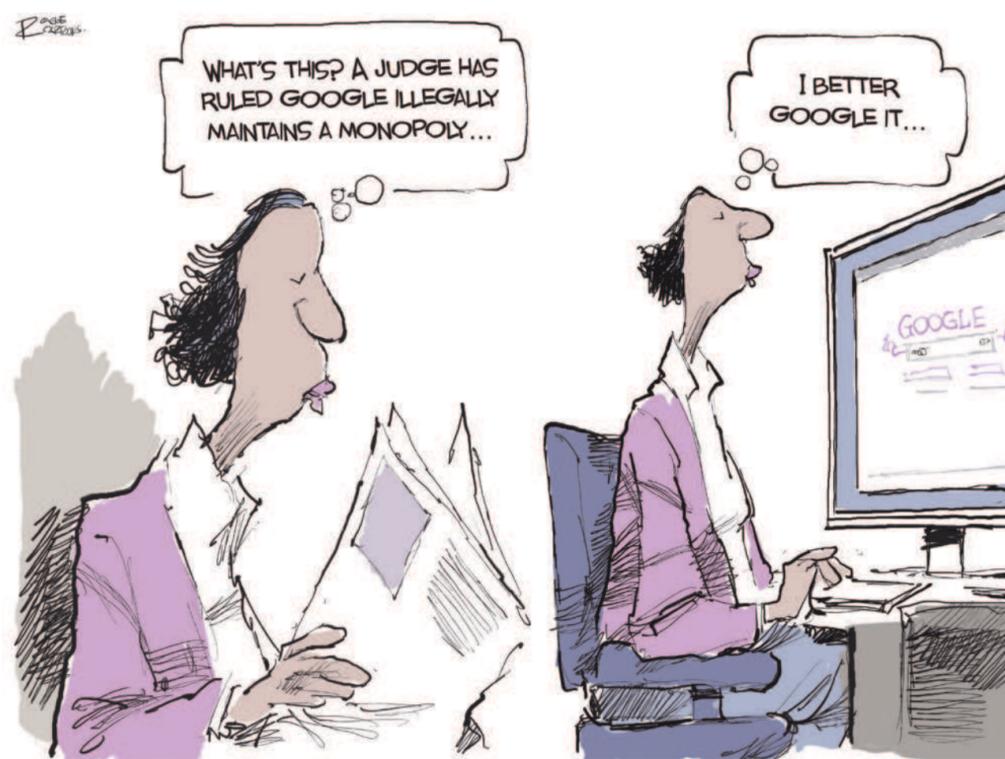
was born to handle weird. For the second, Val Kilmer does what he does best — chew the scenery while inventing a laser, which was eventually used to fill a house with popcorn.

I can never choose between “Lean on Me” with Morgan Freeman and “Stand and Deliver” with Edward James Olmos. The scene when Freeman first hears the re-worked Alma Mater was transportive, and the compassion and empathy, as well as tough love, exhibited by Olmos with the students he worked with was inspirational. We’ll just watch them both, I’m thinking.

Honorable mentions would go to “Rock ‘n’ Roll High School” with the Ramones; “Conrack” with Jon Voight; “Fast Times at Ridgemont High” with the nostalgic mimeograph scene; “Carrie” for some representation in the horror genre; “Bill & Ted’s Excellent Adventure” with George Carlin; and “Kindergarten Cop” because Ahnold.

Later in the evening, we’ll switch gears and go with “Animal House,” because that is one super funny movie.

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# Want to become a fishing guide? You sure?



Through my career of almost forty years as an outdoors writer, I have fished with and written about countless fishing guides. How many? Well, I can only guess but I'd estimate in excess of one hundred. I've fished with veterans with decades of guiding under their belts and I've fished with great fishermen that were just beginning their guiding career. Most were very experienced fishermen but new to the art of putting paying clients on their boat with the express intent of not only catching fish but enjoying the company of what is hoped to become a new friend and repeat fishing companion.

I believe I have learned what it takes to be a successful fishing guide. As with any career, personality and people skills play a big part but when someone hires a fishing guide, catching fish is usually at the top of the list. Learning new fish catching skills is often important as well. I've fished with guides that were natural entertainers, some could have been stand up comedians but others were introspective thinkers that let their skills do their talking.

Veteran guides learn to 'read' their clients quickly. When guiding experienced fishermen, it's important for a guide not to over instruct with too much emphasis put on basic fishing skills. A seasoned guide can quickly appraise a clients skill level. On the other hand a novice fisherman can benefit greatly by learning the basics from a veteran guide with the patience to teach.

I've learned to 'read' the guides personality quickly through the years and enjoy spending time on the water with someone that is a funny 'showboater' just as much as the quiet but proficient guy or gal.

Getting started as a guide is a challenging endeavor that should only be undertaken by someone with a true passion for both catching fish and the skills to do so on a very regular basis but also enjoy meeting new people and bonding quickly with new clients they are about to spend a few hours with making memories and hopefully, catching fish.

This past week, I spend a morning catching catfish with a young man that I began writing about several years ago when he first began his guiding career on Lake Ray Hubbard, Brandon Sargent. Brandon cut his fishing roots in Florida fishing saltwater but he took to freshwater fishing quickly, and learned the patterns of the white bass and hybrid stripers on Ray Hubbard.

"A good understanding of the bottom structure on a lake is key to consistently catching open water schooling species such as the white bass", says Brandon, "Triangulation with structures on land was the only way to 'get close' to a known piece of fish holding structure back in the day. Anglers would get close to humps, ridges or submerged trees by lining up water towers and other structures on land and then turning on their flasher (old sonar units) or paper graph to get pin point the structure. Today's navionics maps with GPS makes finding topography below the surface easy. With today's technology, an entire lake is mapped out for you and finding a particular piece of bottom structure is as simple as the touch of a button."

For the past few months Brandon has spent time learning about catching catfish on Ray Hubbard. Many of his clients are only interested in catching crappie, white bass and hybrids but he began getting requests for catfish trips. In true Brandon fashion, the guide began quizzing experienced catfish anglers, and spending a great deal of his 'off time' experimenting with the different techniques. When he called early last week and informed me he was on a couple of very dependable channel catfish patterns, I was all in and joined him early the next morning on the dock of Sapphire Bay Marina, where he headquarters. We had the option of fishing deeper water and catching bigger catfish or go for the non-stop action of a shallow water bite he had discovered. I love catching and eating catfish in the one to two pound range, especially when they

are in shallow water and I can catch them under a cork.

Brandon had baited an area with cattle range cubes a few yards out from a shoreline lined with rocks placed there as protection from erosion. The water was 4 feet deep with several dead trees along the shoreline; a perfect spot for catching channel catfish. With the boat positioned about 25 yards from the rock lined shoreline. We baited #6 treble hooks with the guides homemade bait that had no rank smell like most cheese based baits. I'm not sure what secret ingredients Brandon uses but the bait looked more like dense bread dough with a pleasant smell than catfish bait. When I first baited the treble hook, I noted it formed a dense ball and looked like it would stay on the hook well but I was a bit dubious, this didn't smell at all like the dough type or "punch baits" I am accustomed to using.

We were using spinning rigs, with the baits set about 3 feet below the cork floaters which kept them just above bottom. Our trip occurred last Thursday and there was an approaching front with scattered thunderstorms approaching from our north. The cloud cover and gentle breeze made it feel almost like fall. Catching was just as predicted. Toss the bait out and watch the cork closely the instant it hit the water, within a few seconds one of the aggressive little catfish would make the cork disappear. Keeping a close eye on the sky and radar on the cell phone, we enjoyed about 1.5 hours of nonstop action and limits of what I consider to be some of the tastiest of fish in fresh water. Just in the nick of time ahead of the approaching squall, we made it back to the marina where we filleted our catch. Brandon's dock is well appointed with cleaning table, couch, freezer, cooking equipment, etc. We were both hungry so we fired up an electric hot plate, heated some cooking oil in a skillet and soon had a big skillet of very fresh catfish fillets sizzling.

Brandon has not added catfish to the species he guides for. He's not studying the patterns of the lakes plentiful big blue catfish and I expect him to have these fish patterned by fall and cooler weather when the big blue bite gets really good.

*If you are interested in a fishing trip with Brandon, he can be reached at 469-989-1010 or at [www.texasleadslingers.com](http://www.texasleadslingers.com).*



Guide Brandon Sargent and Luke heading back to dock after a successful catfishing trip on Lake Ray Hubbard. Becoming established as a fishing guide can be a challenging endeavor. Brandon began his career a few years ago and Luke's now rates him at the top of his craft. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

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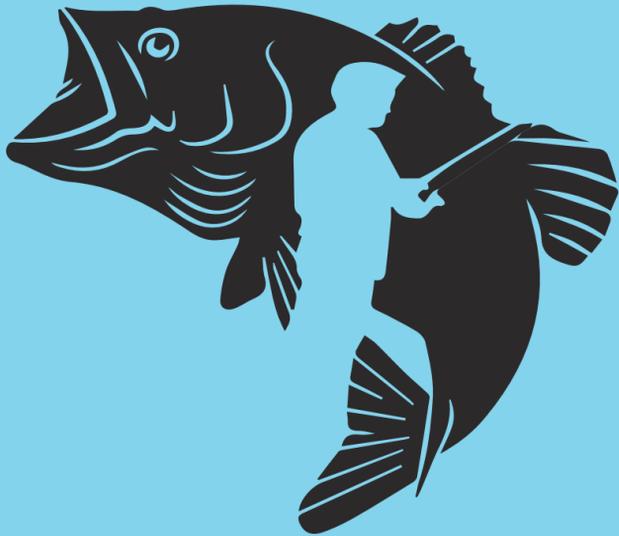
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Larry will discuss the depth of services offered by "The Lake Livingston Concierge," which was just formed in May, providing boat rentals, jet ski rentals and other services to make your day or weekend the most enjoyable that it can be on the lake. He will also discuss future services that they intend to provide. They are located just beside TRA's Blanchard boat launch.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring along a fishing friend. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church. The mission of the club is to enhance the enjoyment of fishing and the outdoors. The group is free and open to all. For more information, email mbischoff1089@outlook.com

**Multiple blood drives available**

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center has multiple nearby blood drives scheduled. You may schedule your donation by going to [commitforlife.org](http://commitforlife.org). Mobile drives will be held at the following places:

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- Onalaska Volunteer Fire Department located at 181 Old Groveton Rd. in Onalaska from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on July 26.
- Walmart located at 1620 W. Church St. in Livingston from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on July 27.
- Pedigo Furniture located at 3785 Hwy. 190 W in Livingston from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on July 27. All donors will receive a free Olympics T-shirt. Go to [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) to make an appointment.
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**Saddle, Buckle Playday Series**

The Polk County Youth Rodeo Saddle and Buckle Playday Series for 2024 has begun. The series will be held Sept. 21, Oct. 12 and Nov. 16. The events start at 9 a.m. and are held at Barney Wiggins Memorial Arena at 101 Fair St. in Livingston. Events featured are mutton bustin', dummy roping, lead-line, cloverleaf barrels, straight away barrels, spur, poles and goat slappin' flippin' and tying. Admission is free. Come on out and watch the youth have some fun. Follow the Polk County Youth Rodeo Association Inc. on Facebook.

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AA meets from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursdays in the family center at St. Joseph's Catholic Church located at 2590 U.S. Hwy. 190 West in Livingston. For more information contact Carlos at 936-566-5765.

AA also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at the Holiday Lake Estates Community Center in Goodrich. For more information contact Chuck at 936-433-0763.

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Indian Springs Chapel hosts an open mic singing at 5 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month at its location at 11386 U.S. Hwy. 190 East in Livingston. Following the singing, there is fellowship and then supper. Music Director Troy Riddle invites everyone to attend.

**You Can Ministries**

You Can Ministries has a new project for at risk youth in the county in which the ministry will serve supper for ages 6-18 from 5-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Youth may come as early as 3 p.m. as there will be arts,

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Are you caring for a loved one? Would you like to discuss common issues caregivers have with others in the same situation? Have you cared for someone in the past and would like to share your experiences in order to help others?

Then you are invited to attend a Caregivers Support Group hosted by the First Baptist Church of Providence. The group meets from 6-7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at First Baptist Church of Providence located at 898 Providence Rd. off of Hwy. 146 South. For more information, contact Debbie at 423-416-2971 or Connie at 903-452-1361.

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**Food Pantry available**

Fellowship in the Pines Church offers a monthly food pantry to Polk County residents from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Thursday of each month at the church which is located at 1936 FM 2610.

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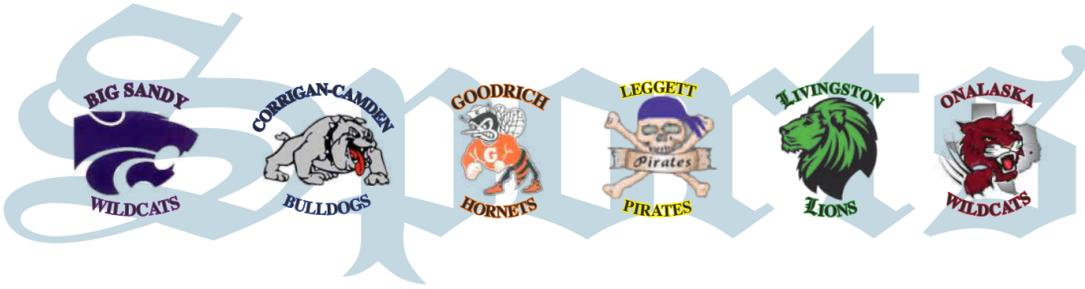


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Faith Tyerman was excellent both setting and serving for Onalaska.



Taylor Hudson sends it over for a point.



Ryllee Wilson-Martin leaps for the spike.

# Strong serves boost Onalaska

By Brian Besch  
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The Onalaska Lady Cats got a road win in the season opener and new coach Megan Nichols is 1-0, as they swept Leggett 25-12, 25-12 and 25-13 Tuesday.

Onalaska got out to a quick 8-0 start in the opening set on their way to an easy victory. Faith Tyerman served during the start, and also set well for her teammates. Leggett had trouble with serve-return and serves of their own. Onalaska got another good start, taking a 5-0 lead again behind the serves of Tyerman in the second set. Camryn Thompson also served well, expanding the lead to 13-3. Cheyanne Simon kept volleys alive and produced a kill at the net for the Lady Pirates to secure a couple of points, but Onalaska would roll to a duplicate 25-12 win. Tyerman saved her best for the last set, serving the Lady Cats with a 13-0 cushion. Again, Leggett made a run to make it 16-7, but Onalaska would be too much, sweeping in three.

"We are still growing," Nichols said of her bunch. "Our main focus right now is being mentally tough and playing our game, no matter who we play. We set very high

standards and (we) rise a lot. We are working on staying up, and to keep working. We are putting a lot of emphasis on the weightroom and conditioning. That is what we do during the athletic period every single day, and we practice volleyball after school. I think the weightroom and the conditioning has really been a difference maker for them. It is hard, and they learn how to work through the hard."

The coach is trying to push her team through some growing pains that could show further into the season.

"I think I have two seniors and two people who were returning from last year," Nichols said. "The rest are so young that this was their first ever varsity game tonight. They'll have to lift their performance for sure. Faith was actually the setter last year in a 6-2 rotation, so she is learning the 5-1 and getting used to being the one and only and what we emphasize. What she wants to do is also be an offensive threat. She has been doing that, so she wants to hit it. It is nice, because she is left-handed, so she can jump up and turn and hit it with her left hand, which is what we are really working on."

The coach said she is enjoying her first weeks on the job, as she also teaches five classes of eighth-grade English.

After not having volleyball just four years ago, Class 1A Leggett High School has a junior varsity and varsity team.

"I have enough girls. I have four freshmen, four sophomores, four seniors and two juniors," Lady Pirate coach Terri Barlow said. "I definitely have the numbers out this year. I have seen some improvement from last year. We are doing more talking and moving, instead of watching the ball and pointing fingers, thinking someone else was going to get it. We had a couple of them, but there has been an improvement there."

The coach said she will emphasize getting off to a better start in upcoming matches.

"I called timeouts, saying to them when we get in a hole, it is tough to battle all the way back. We have to break that serve and we will be alright."

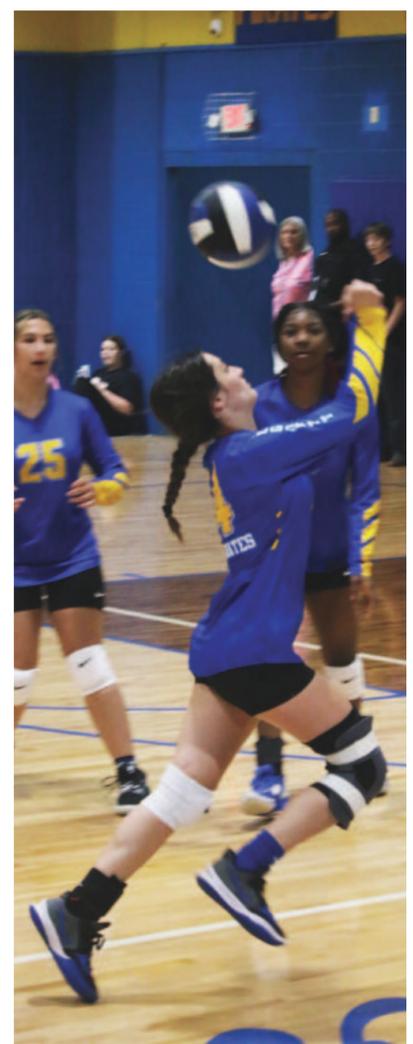
The Lady Pirates are next off to the Groveton tournament. They are not shying away from challenges, taking on varsity squads from Hudson, Crockett and Groveton in the brackets. It is a tough task that Barlow said will prepare her girls for district. One of four teams in District 26-1A with Goodrich, Chester and Richards, Leggett needs only to avoid last place to reach the postseason.



The Lady Pirates prepare for their first home game.



Tamara Henderson gets the dig.



Hannah Hodge tracks down the ball.

# Soccer star receives Real Madrid invite

By Brian Besch

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At just nine years of age, Neymar Davalos has accomplished plenty on the soccer pitch. He competes on one of the state's best youth teams, and was recently selected to display his talent in Europe with other children from around the world.

"Neymar started playing soccer whenever he was four in Livingston," his father, Rey, said. "His skill and I.Q. level was way up there. We went south and he has been playing the clubs since in Houston. He is playing competitive all the time."

"There is a camp called Real Madrid based out of Spain. They had a camp, and you pay for the camp. The thing about it is, if they like your skills and see that you have potential, they select you to go and compete in a world challenge. They get kids from all over the world to compete in that tournament. They will have 480 kids, and Neymar was selected in that camp in Houston, and he is going to be representing USA."

Rey explained that there are similar camps from many different countries in which children are selected. Neymar got the call for competing in the elite tournament, versus other fourth and fifth graders.

The Polk County Sheriff's Officer said his son also competed in a national tournament that took place in Las Vegas. His team from the Houston area reached the quarterfinals. It is the top-ranked squad in the Houston area and No. 7 in the state.

"You go and try out, and they liked how Neymar played. Basically, Neymar is going to be playing middle defense, and sometimes he goes all the way up to score. He is going to be the one giving passes to kids who can score. There's a lot of competition in that team. They gave him a scholarship, which the max scholarship they give you is 50%. I had to come up with the other. Right now, this coming up weekend, we are going to go to Dallas. At the end of this month, we're going to Dallas again to compete."

There is plenty of travel involved with the league. Neymar's mother, Claudia, shuttles him to Baytown three days a week and will also travel to Katy or Nacogdoches regularly. The Cedar Grove fourth grader is only nine, but soccer programs begin scouting and recruiting kids around 12 and 13. Neymar is also a minor social media star, with 1,300 followers on his Instagram page. You can follow him at neymardavalos\_2015 or on TikTok at neymar\_davalos to see him in action.



Neymar Davalos has been invited to participate in a tournament hosted by Real Madrid, where he will compete with children selected from 16 different countries.



Coaches look over the Corrigan-Camden offense. The Bulldogs begin competition Thursday versus Buffalo at home, with kickoff set for 6:30 p.m.

<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>VARSITY</b>  <i>Livingston Lions</i>  <b>FOOTBALL 2024</b> </div>					
Week	Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Scrimmage	Thurs.	Aug. 15	COLDSPRING	Trojan Stadium	6:00 PM
Scrimmage	Thurs.	Aug. 22	Woodville	Eagle Stadium	TBD
1	Saturday	Aug. 31	FT. Bend Austin	Mercer Stadium	6:00 PM
2	Friday	Sep. 06	Needville <small>(Youth FB/Mini Cheer Night)</small>	Lion Stadium	7:30
3	Friday	Sep. 13	Nacogdoches	Dragon Stadium	7:30
4	<b>OPEN WEEK</b>				
5	Friday	Sep. 27	Hardin-Jefferson*	Hawk Stadium	7:30
6	Friday	Oct. 04	♦ Liberty* ♦	Lion Stadium	7:30
7	Friday	Oct. 11	Δ Little Cypress-Mauriceville* Δ	Lion Stadium	7:30
8	Friday	Oct. 18	Bridge City*	Larry Ward Stadium	7:30
9	Friday	Oct. 25	♫ Huffman* ♫	Lion Stadium	7:30
10	Friday	Nov. 01	Lumberton*	Raider Stadium	7:30
11	Friday	Nov. 08	Ω Vidor* Ω	Lion Stadium	7:30

\* District 10-4A Game  
 ♦ Homecoming  
 ♫ Senior Night (Band, Drill Team, NNDCC)  
 Ω Senior Night (Football, Cheer, Trainers)  
 Δ Pink Out-Cancer Awareness

Athletic Director/Head Football Coach: Finis N. Vanover  
 Superintendent: Dr. Brent Hawkins  
 LHS Principal: Dr. Derrick James  
 Athletic Office: 936-328-2425



Coach Brett Ratliff speaks to his Corrigan-Camden Bulldogs.



Senior Lion Bradley Livingston wraps up the donut during tackling drills. Livingston football begins their first scrimmage Thursday at 6 p.m. in Coldspring.

<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>CORRIGAN-CAMDEN</b>  <b>VARSITY BULLDOG FOOTBALL</b>  <b>2024-2025</b> </div>				
8/15	Buffalo	Home	6:30pm	
8/22	Lovelady	Away	TBA	
8/30	Tarkington	Home	7:30pm	
9/6	Hardin	Away	7:30pm	
9/13	Kirbyville	Away	7:30pm	
9/20	Elkhart	Home	7:30pm	
9/27	Joaquin	Away	7:30pm	
10/4	OPEN			
10/11	Groveton*	Home	7:00pm	
10/18	Hearne*	Away	7:00pm	
10/25	Normangee*+	Home	7:00pm	
11/1	Leon*	Away	7:00pm	
11/8	Centerville*	Home	7:00pm	

Athletic Director & Head Coach: Brett Ratliff  
 Assistant Head Coach: Kevin Purvis  
 Defensive Coordinator: Amaro Villarreal  
 Assistant Coaches: Jeremy Durham, Tye Jackson, Jeremy Moody, Will Moore, Josh Robertson, Avante Smith, Garrison Smith, Rayford Sweats  
 Superintendent: Mr. Brian Aiken  
 \*District Games  
 +Homecoming & Senior Night

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## Legal Notices

### Trinity River Authority seeks bids for dam embankment earthen repairs

**LEGAL NOTICE** As authorized by V.T.C.A. 8280-188, the Trinity River Authority of Texas (TRA) hereby gives notice of its intention to receive bids for the following: The Trinity River Authority (AUTHORITY) Lake Livingston Project (LLP) is soliciting bids for slide repair on the earthen embankment of Lake Livingston dam. Bid Packets and project specifics can be obtained through contact of Rick Davis at Lake Livingston Dam Office. A pre-bid walk through will be held Thursday, August 29 at 10:00 am. Sealed bids will be received by the Assistant Project Manager of Operations, Lake Livingston Project, until 2:00 P.M., on Thursday, September 19, 2023, at the Trinity River Authority of Texas, Lake Livingston Project Office, P.O. Box 360, Livingston, TX 77351, such office located at 5170 South FM 1988, at the dam site, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read. Any bids received after 2:00 P.M. that date will remain unopened. Bids which do not present the fair market value of the work to be accomplished may be rejected. All bids must comply with all applicable laws and regulations. The Authority welcomes bids from Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. Contractors and suppliers submitting bids shall encourage Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to participate in the performance of the Contract. To obtain specifications, a bidding form or any additional information, please write or call Mr. Rick Davis, Assistant Project Manager of Operations, Lake Livingston Project, P.O. Box 360, Livingston, Texas 77351, (936) 365-2292. Any changes in the specifications will be in the form of a written addendum issued to all holders of the specifications. No addenda will be issued later than three days prior to the bid opening date. The Trinity River Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.

### City of Corrigan seeking applicants for City Secretary position

City of Corrigan is seeking a qualified candidate to fill the city secretary position. **SUMMARY OF POSITION:** Ensures accurate posting, recording, and documentation of official city actions and ensures city election procedures comply with state and local regulations. Duties include responsibility for preparing documentation for and recording official city council minutes, ordinances, resolutions, and other related business; maintaining official city records; conducting city elections; and performing various administrative functions. **EXAMPLES OF WORK:** Essential Duties \* Serves as secretary to the city council and city manager and performs such clerical duties as may be required by the city council to include preparing the agenda and information packets for Council meetings in coordination with the city manager, attending city council meetings, and maintaining meeting minutes; Prepares and posts notices of official meetings, public hearings, etc. as required by law; Preserves and keeps in order all books, papers, documents, and records of the city, and keep a record of such book, papers and documents; Serves as Records Management Officer for all departments of the city - maintains records, system, including creation, receipt, storage, retrieval and disposition of records; Maintains custody of all laws and ordinances of the city; Maintains custody of the seal of the city and affixes the same to obligations of the city only by order of the city council or city manager; Prepares ordinances and resolutions and signs and seals documents as approved; Attests to all commissions and licenses issued by the city; Performs such services and complies with such regulations as may be prescribed by any ordinance or resolution; Conducts municipal elections as prescribed by state law; Serves as personnel officer for the city and maintains related files and records; Prepares and handles all paperwork associated with administration of grant, if outside grant consultant is not employed, such as status reports, requests for payment, etc.; Serves as pur-

chasing agent for the city and maintains all related files and records; Serves as city comptroller, maintains related files and records and prepares and presents financial reports as prescribed by law; Responsible for utility billing, collections and account maintenance; Countersigns all checks, official documents, and licenses; and Subject to emergency call-in and weekend duty, at the discretion of supervisor. Other Important Duties \* May serve as a Notary Public; and Performs such other duties as may be assigned. Working knowledge of QuickBooks **DESIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:** Knowledge of: various codes; applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions, and functions; activities of all city departments; and state federal, and local laws and regulations related to the conduct of municipal elections and to records maintenance and retention. Ability to: maintain accurate records of official city business; establish and maintain effective working relationships with city officials, other city employees, representatives of other government agencies, the media, and the general public; apply correct business English and spelling; operate a variety of modern office machines; type accurately at a speed of at least 45 words per minute; and maintain records and files with precision and accuracy. **EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:** Bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration, or a related field, plus at least four years of progressively responsible experience in providing broad-based municipal administrative services; or high school graduation or its equivalent plus at least nine years of progressively responsible experience in providing broad-based municipal administrative services; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities. Send resume to City of Corrigan 101 W. Ben Franklin St., Corrigan, Texas 75939 or email to [citymanager@cityofcorrigan.com](mailto:citymanager@cityofcorrigan.com).

### Polk County public hearing August 27 for proposed budget

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE BY THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT** In accordance with Local Government Code §111.0075, the Polk County Commissioners Court hereby gives notice of a public hearing relating to the budget proposed for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom in Suite A of the Polk County Regional Health Building, 410 E.

Church, Livingston, Texas. The proposed budget has been filed with the County Clerk for public inspection and posted on the County's website at [www.co.polk.tx.us](http://www.co.polk.tx.us). This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$2,064,826 or 8.17 percent, and of that amount, \$713,540 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

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NOTICE BY THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT of increases in Elected Officials Salaries, Expenses and Allowances for FY2025				
Pursuant to Local Gov't Code, Sec. 152.013(b)(1)(2), notice is hereby given of proposed increases in elected county/precinct officials' salaries, expenses and allowances for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024. These changes represent the annual increase in Longevity Pay and any other changes proposed. The Polk County Commissioners Court will set the FY2025 compensation for elected county/precinct officials in a regular session to be held August 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located at 410 E. Church Street, Livingston, Texas.				
OFFICIAL/TITLE	DESCRIPTION	FY2024	FY2025 (Proposed)	DIFFERENCE
Sydney Murphy County Judge	Salary	65,711.47	73,000.00	7,288.53
	Vehicle Allowance	20,048.25	16,000.00	-4,048.25
	Longevity	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Tom Brown Judge, County Court at Law	Salary	173,000.00	173,000.00	0.00
	Longevity	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Guylene Robertson Commissioner, Pct. 1	Salary	56,994.59	65,000.00	8,005.41
	Vehicle Allowance	20,048.25	16,000.00	-4,048.25
	Longevity	500.00	500.00	0.00
Mark DuBose Commissioner, Pct. 2	Salary	56,994.59	65,000.00	8,005.41
	Vehicle Allowance	20,048.25	16,000.00	-4,048.25
	Longevity	0.00	500.00	500.00
Milton Purvis Commissioner, Pct. 3	Salary	56,994.59	65,000.00	8,005.41
	Vehicle Allowance	20,048.25	16,000.00	-4,048.25
	Longevity	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Jerry Cassity Commissioner, Pct. 4	Salary	56,994.59	65,000.00	8,005.41
	Vehicle Allowance	20,048.25	16,000.00	-4,048.25
	Longevity	0.00	500.00	500.00
Bobbie Christopher District Clerk	Salary	56,994.59	65,000.00	8,005.41
	Longevity	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Schelana Hoek County Clerk	Salary	56,994.59	65,000.00	8,005.41
	Longevity	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Terri Williams County Treasurer	Salary	56,994.59	65,000.00	8,005.41
	Longevity	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Tatum White Tax Assessor-Collector	Salary	56,994.59	65,000.00	8,005.41
	Longevity	2,000.00	2,500.00	500.00
Byron Lyons Sheriff	Salary	77,042.84	80,000.00	2,957.16
	Longevity	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Terri Mayer Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1	Salary	56,994.59	59,000.00	2,005.41
	Vehicle Allowance	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
	Longevity	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Sarah Rasberry Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2	Salary	56,994.59	59,000.00	2,005.41
	Vehicle Allowance	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
	Longevity	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Robert Johnson Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3	Salary	56,994.59	59,000.00	2,005.41
	Vehicle Allowance	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
	Longevity	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Jamie Richardson Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4	Salary	56,994.59	59,000.00	2,005.41
	Vehicle Allowance	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
	Longevity	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Scott Hughes Constable, Pct. 1	County Salary	28,755.15	33,750.00	4,994.85
	Grant Funded Salary (if eligible)	0.00	11,250.00	11,250.00
	Longevity	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Bill Cunningham Constable, Pct. 2	County Salary	28,755.15	33,750.00	4,994.85
	Grant Funded Salary (if eligible)	0.00	11,250.00	11,250.00
	Longevity	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Ray Myers Constable, Pct. 3	County Salary	28,755.15	33,750.00	4,994.85
	Grant Funded Salary (if eligible)	0.00	11,250.00	11,250.00
	Longevity	4,000.00	4,500.00	500.00
Darwon Evans Constable, Pct. 4	County Salary	28,755.15	33,750.00	4,994.85
	Grant Funded Salary (if eligible)	0.00	11,250.00	11,250.00
	Longevity	500.00	1,000.00	500.00

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### Legal Notices

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The LIVINGSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M., 08/26/2024 in LIVINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY LIVINGSTON, TEXAS. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Maintenance Tax** \$ .7552 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)  
**School Debt Service Tax**  
**Approved by Local Voters** \$ .1660 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	4.8	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	4.4	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 3,656,368,472	\$ 3,905,161,296
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 87,109,039	\$ 77,306,915
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 2,609,891,267	\$ 2,787,858,036
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 75,244,298	\$ 71,899,599

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 46,635,000

\* Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ .75750	\$ .16110 *	\$ .91860	\$ 5,805	\$ 6,373
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ .78683	\$ .16787 *	\$ .95470	\$ 6,164	\$ 6,087
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ .75520	\$ .16600 *	\$ .92120	\$ 5,949	\$ 6,092

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 225,796	\$ 230,526
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 108,498	\$ 125,709
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ .91860	\$ .92120
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 996.66	\$ 1,158.03
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 161.37

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is .92120. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of .92120.**

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 27,440,894
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,232,754

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](http://Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

### Announcements

POLK COUNTY SPCA urges everyone to do their part to control the pet population in Polk County. Have your pets spayed and neutered to avoid dealing with unwanted puppies and kittens. To adopt a pet, come by SPCA at 802 South Houston, corner of Mary St. and Hwy. 146 or call (936) 755-3020. (1-tfn-nc-PCE)

Kids Free Clothing Exchange is a non-profit organization providing free, gently used clothing for children ages 0-18 years of age living in Polk and the other 6 surrounding counties of Lake Livingston. Donations of new and gently used clothing are appreciated. We are in Onalaska, Hwy 190 at 3186. Open Friday and Saturday, 10-3. Kfceilonalaskatx.com (49-tfn-nc-PCE)

DEER HUNTERS WANTED, have camp with power and water, Tyler County, privately owned camp. Call 409-356-5767, leave message. (33-4t-cc-TCB)

CHRISTINE'S PLACE Resale Shop accepts donations and is open M-F, 501 W. Bluff in Woodville. 409-331-9939. www.westrengthenthefamilies.org. (1-tfn-nc-TCB)

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### Auctions & Sales

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 Weekdays  
 Open during noon hour  
 Come by for bargains anytime  
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### Free

FREE - Coats for Kids is no longer open on a regular schedule, but if you are in need of a coat for your child, you can contact FBC Office at 409-283-2588 and leave a phone number where you can be reached. Someone will then contact you and arrange to meet you at the House of Hope to help you get a coat. (4-3t-nc-TCB)

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## Employment

**LOOKING FOR A MANAGER** for a world-famous restaurant, the Pickett House Restaurant, a mainstay of the Woodville community and a hot spot for tourists since 1965. The right person must have prior experience in restaurant management, current food manager certification within the state of Texas and the ability to supervise a staff of kitchen workers and

waitstaff. Ideally, the candidate will also be a great "people" person with enthusiasm about the restaurant and with new ideas to help market our brand further. For a list of job requirements and an application, please email [president@heritagevillage.org](mailto:president@heritagevillage.org). (33-4t-b-TCB)

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**ACROSS**

1 national gemstone of Australia

5 TXism: "busy as \_\_\_ -armed fry cook"

6 children

7 TX Matson who won gold in shot put in 1968 Olympics (init.)

8 last name of Dallas City Hall designer

9 TXism: "changes his \_\_\_ often as he does socks"

15 "Foard County \_\_\_" (newspaper)

16 TX Michael Johnson won gold here in 1992 (4 x 100 relay)

19 James Bond's code number

21 bye in Mexico

22 TXism: "couldn't hit the side \_\_\_ -" (poor shot)

27 depend on

28 in Lubbock County on U.S. 62 & 82

29 most mature fruit

30 performers

32 first two initials of 8-across designer

33 27th governor, familiarly (2 wds.)

36 irritate or annoy

37 this Jeff of Houston Oilers committed suicide in 1993

38 delighted

39 state north of the Red River

41 TXism for "your"

42 48-across is a \_\_\_ city

45 decline, decrease

46 star Paul of Texas-based 1963 film "Hud" (init.)

47 members-only warehouse store: "\_\_\_ Club"

48 Yemen port city

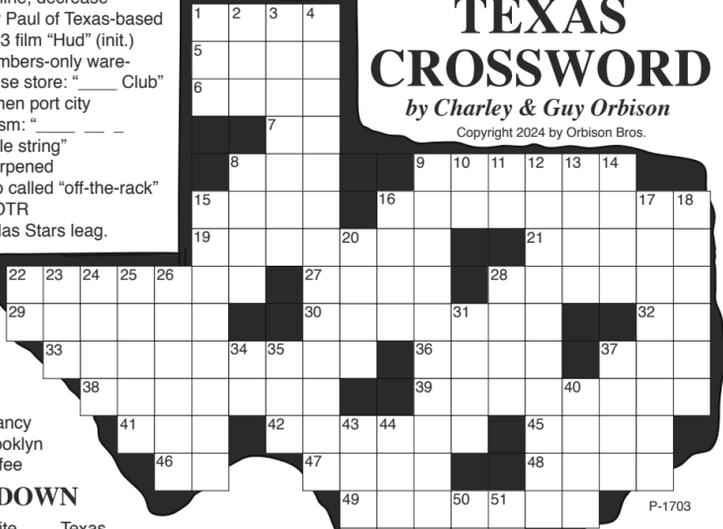
49 TXism: "\_\_\_ fiddle string"

52 sharpened

53 also called "off-the-rack" or OTR

54 Dallas Stars leag.

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**DOWN**

1 White \_\_\_, Texas

2 Hawaiian taro dish

3 county that is north of Ector and south of Gaines

4 French-based musical (2 wds.)

8 unskilled laborer

9 TXism: "got too \_\_\_ fire" (spread too thin)

10 first two letters of U.S. tax agcy.

11 she was wife of Gov. Connally (init.)

12 TXism: "was around when the \_\_\_ only sick" (old)

13 Alan of "The Aviator" about TX Hughes dirt

14 Perryton is a city in \_\_\_ Texas

16 cowboys wear big \_\_\_ buckles

17 TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't \_\_\_ in Texas"

18 highest academic honors go to \_\_\_ cum laude graduate

20 extremely

22 TXism: "don't give a hoot \_\_\_ a holler"

23 small lie

31 J.V. "\_\_\_" Sikes was an A&M star in the 1920s

34 TXism: "mighty fond \_\_\_"

35 "\_\_\_ low, sell high"

37 TXism: "busy as \_\_\_ -armed paper hanger"

40 TX Trini's "If I \_\_\_ Hammer"

43 arithmetic

44 "Hook ' \_\_\_!"

50 TXism: "fresh married" (\_\_\_ wed)

51 "in the year of our Lord" abbr.

## Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.233000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Onalaska.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.233000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.214718 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.233320 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Onalaska from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Onalaska may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Onalaska is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 27, 2024 AT 5:15 PM AT Onalaska City Hall 372 S FM 356, Onalaska, TX 77360.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Onalaska is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City of Onalaska of City of Onalaska at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above. YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

**FOR the proposal:** Kevin Arnett, Zachary Davies, Shirley Gilmore, T. D. Jennings, Kathy Black Lott  
**AGAINST the proposal:** None  
**PRESENT** and not voting: Kevin Arnett, Zachary Davies, Shirley Gilmore, T. D. Jennings, Kathy Black Lott  
**ABSENT:** None

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](http://Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Onalaska last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Onalaska this year.

	2023	2024	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.214000	\$0.233000	increase of 0.019000 per \$100, or 8.88%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$111,768	\$123,503	increase of 10.50%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$239.18	\$287.76	increase of 48.58, or 20.31%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$462,505	\$506,277	increase of 43,772, or 9.46%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Onalaska at 936-646-5000 or [cityadministrator@cityofonalaska.us](mailto:cityadministrator@cityofonalaska.us).

## Employment/Medical

**TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL**  
**OPEN POSITIONS**

**Dietary Cook-FT**  
**LVN-Med Surg. Nights-FT**  
**Pharmacy Technician-FT**  
**RN ED Nights-FT**  
**Vocational Nursing School Instructor @ Woodville-PRN**  
**Clinic Receptionist-Coder-FT**

Equal Opportunity Employer. To inquire about positions at the hospital, check the employment section of our website at: [www.tchospital.us](http://www.tchospital.us)  
Human Resources Department: (409) 283-6590 • 1100 West Bluff • Woodville

## Legal Notices

APPLICATION NOTICE  
HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The City of Corrigan HOME Program provides home reconstruction assistance to eligible homeowners who live within the city limits of the City of Corrigan. A detailed program information sheet is available at the City of Corrigan City Hall, 101 W Ben Franklin Corrigan TX 75939. Applications will be available to pick up at the City Hall during regular business hours on Thursday August 22nd, 2024, and accepted through Friday, October 31, 2024. Applications will be accepted by U.S. Mail, FAX, and email. Applications may also be taken by phone. For information and assistance on how to apply, contact Sandy Garcia at 512-420-0303 Ext 325 or email: [Sandy@graniteworks.net](mailto:Sandy@graniteworks.net)

Initial basic application requirements are:

- 1) Proof of 4 months income or SS/SSI letter and/or any other benefits received

**INCOME LIMITS BY FAMILY SIZE**

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
\$42,000	\$48,000	\$54,000	\$60,000	\$64,800	\$69,600	\$74,400	\$79,200

- 2) Homeownership: Warranty deed or other proof. Statement of Location for Manufactured House - NO CONTRACT FOR DEED.
- 3) Tax receipts verifying ALL property taxes paid.
- 4) Proof of Occupancy: driver's license or photo I.D. for all in house and voter's registration or utility bill showing address of house
- 5) Social Security Card for all household members.

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**Employment**

DAVID NORTON TIRE CENTER, Woodville, TX is accepting applications for a mechanic. Apply in person, 1116 S. Magnolia. (46-tfn-b-TCB)

INDIVIDUAL NEEDED for general yard work and maintenance, no mowing, part-time. Call (936)327-5109. (33-1t-cc-PCE)

Actively seeking a dynamic individual from the Trinity area to fill a part-time sales position. The position offers a base pay plus commission, and bonuses. The ideal candidate should be enthusiastic, highly motivated, and well acquainted with the local community. If you're interested in joining our team, please email your resume to ashley@polkcountypublishing.com. (5-tfn-nc-TCNS)

Notice of Position Opening

SCHOOL-BASED  
POLICE OFFICER  
August 1, 2024

The CITY OF LIVINGSTON is accepting applications for (1) SCHOOL-BASED POLICE OFFICER for the Livingston Police Department. Experience preferred, but not required. This is a full-time position with benefits. Subject to emergency call-in and weekend duty. Must be Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) certified. Applications will be accepted at the Police Department, 208 W. Church Street, Livingston, Texas from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday. The deadline for accepting applications will be through Friday, Aug. 16, 2024, at 5:00 pm. For more information, a copy of the job description and summary of benefits, please contact Trisha Patton, Administrative Assistant to the Police Chief, at 936.327.3117. The City of Livingston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. (31-3t-b-PCE)

**Now Hiring!**

Looking for honest, hard working, outgoing, self motivated individuals with a good attitude looking to build a career in the fast food industry. Looking for a Team Leader with one year experience and an assistant with 2-3 years experience. Must have good references, Livingston, TX.

Apply at [www.burgerworkshr.com](http://www.burgerworkshr.com)  
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NOW HIRING: Local cleaning company looking for new hires, must have your own transport and be reliable. Call or text (936) 714-6226. (33-4-pd-PCE)

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**Homemaker for Hospice needed, full or part-time**

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**For Sale**

FOR SALE Set of 4 20" rims and low profile tires. Fits 2016 Buick Regal or comparable. \$300 for all. 409-594-7408. (2-tfn-nc-TCB)

1987 INVADER MERC Cruiser, 120 Alpha HP, 16' ski and fish boat w/trailer. Mint condition. Contact Mike at (480)747-5944. (32-2t-cc-SJNT)

SQUARE BALES of sprayed, fertilized Jiggs hay in a barn, Livingston, (281)830-2810. (30-6t-cc-PCE)

FOR SALE 17 ft boat with trailer. 85 HP Yamaha motor. 936-967-2373 (32-2t-cc-PCE)

**Rentals**

1-BEDROOM HOME available for rent in Leggett, DIRECTV/water/trash pick-up included \$600/month plus deposit Call (832)277-3737. (49-tfn-cc-PCE)

2-BEDROOM home with lake view in Indian Hills, Livingston, large yard, \$810/month. For info call (409)256-8365 (31-6t-cc-PCE)

MOBILE HOMES For Rent in Colmesneil. Contact 409-200-1970 for more information. (27-8t-pp-TCB)

BRICK HOUSE in quiet neighborhood. 3/2/2, central AC, fireplace, office, big garage, 148 Cardinal, Livingston. No pets. No smoking. \$1,400/month (936)329-2213. (28-tfn-cc-PCE)

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HOUSE FOR rent in Woodville area, good references and deposit required. Call 409-283-8286. (43-tfn-b-TCB)

**Pets & Supplies**

THREE MONTH old kittens, vaccinated and dewormed. Free to good home(s). (936)327-0014. (32-tfn-nc-PCE)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Corrigan-Camden ISD will hold a public meeting at 6pm August 26, 2024 in CCISD High School Boardroom

504 S Home St Corrigan, Texas 75939. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$ <u>.6669</u> /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	\$ <u>.2632</u> /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
<b>Approved by Local Voters</b>	\$ <u>.2632</u> /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

**Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget**

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>.048</u> % increase	or	<u>          </u> % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>.0</u> % increase	or	<u>.0</u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>.048</u> % increase	or	<u>          </u> % (decrease)

**Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)**

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>944,384,065</u>	\$ <u>1,076,621,921</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>16,881,510</u>	\$ <u>8,200,211</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>532,507,153</u>	\$ <u>554,931,221</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>13,619,185</u>	\$ <u>7,339,007</u>

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 16,770,000

\* Outstanding principal.

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ <u>.6731</u>	\$ <u>.26320 *</u>	\$ <u>.93630</u>	\$ <u>6,895</u>	\$ <u>8,351</u>
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ <u>.68053</u>	\$ <u>.17111 *</u>	\$ <u>.85164</u>	\$ <u>6,663</u>	\$ <u>8,057</u>
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ <u>.6669</u>	\$ <u>.2632 *</u>	\$ <u>.93010</u>	\$ <u>7,168</u>	\$ <u>8,213</u>

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ <u>169,888</u>	\$ <u>171,514</u>
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ <u>33,558</u>	\$ <u>42,692</u>
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ <u>.93630</u>	\$ <u>.93010</u>
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ <u>314.20</u>	\$ <u>397.07</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ <u>82.87</u>

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is .93010. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of .93010.**

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>6,605,137</u>
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>1,163,994</u>

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

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