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Dr. Brian McCall, chancellor and chief executive officer of the Texas State University System, Executive Director Kristin Tow-Walker and Dr. Tom Johnson, president of Lamar State College Orange, cut the ribbon officially marking the opening of the Texas State University System Polk County Center. An array of skills, crafts and trades, and academics will be offered. For additional information, go to pcc.tsus.edu. PHOTO BY EMILY BANKS WOOTEN

By Emily Banks Wooten editor@polkenterprise.com

An idea conceived by one of Livingston's own - followed by the efforts of many - resulted in an event on Wednesday that could potentially transform lives for generations to come.

The Texas State University System (TSUS) held a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony to inaugurate the Polk County Center, a joint educational venture in Livingston between Lamar State College Orange, Lamar State College Port Arthur, and Lamar Institute of Technology - known collectively as the Lamar State Colleges.

Dr. Tom Johnson, a 1981 graduate of Livingston High School, is beginning his seventh year as president of Lamar State College Orange, and when he heard that the college that formerly served Polk County was pulling out, he knew immediately that he wanted to pick it up.

Dr. Brian McCall, who serves as the chancellor and chief executive officer of the Texas State University System, flew

in from Austin for Wednesday's event.

"Tom will call me and say, 'Brian, I've got this idea.' And it's always a good one. He had the insight and drive to include the other two and make it a partnership. Together, they're much stronger than they are individually. The board saw the value as well - the lives that will be changed here," McCall said.

"The Texas State University System is the third largest and oldest university system in Texas and in three years, will have in excess of 100,000 students ... in no small part due to what is going on in this center. I encourage everyone to visit the website for a complete list of what will be offered here. Congratulations to all of us. Big things will happen here," McCall said.

"As an educator, I'm like a kid in a candy store. I couldn't be more excited about the education buffet and array of things offered. This is taking Polk County to the next step of achieving an increased quality of life. Everybody is going to benefit," Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy said.

"What a great day. We are so excited about this oppor-

tunity," Andy Evans, president of the Polk County Higher Education & Technology Foundation, said. "Thank you, Dr. Brian McCall, and your regents for sharing our vision. Dr. Tom Johnson, thank you for your love of Livingston and Polk County. Dr. Wendy Elmore, thank you for your attention to detail and leadership throughout this process," Evans said.

"Dr. Ben Stafford is a leader in securing federal grants and has already kicked off our career in trade schools. We're in the middle of our second CDL class with major plans to expand. And Ms. Kristin, welcome to Livingston. We're delighted to have you, not only for the benefit to our community, but more importantly, the lives of our students."

Dr. Betty Reynard, president of Lamar State College Port Arthur, addressed the crowd.

"It is truly an honor to stand before you today as we celebrate this significant milestone. I'm reminded of the importance of access to education. The Texas State University

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City denies sign variance request, enters new lease for golf course

By Emily Banks Wooten editor@polkenterprise.com

The Livingston City Council denied a request for a variance for off-premise signage on FM 350 North from Henry O. Ager III during its regular meeting Aug. 13. The item had been rescheduled several times due to a variety of reasons.

City Attorney Scott Ferguson provided some background on the matter.

"We do have a sign ordinance that prohibits signs that are off-premise. The city sent a certified letter on Dec. 19, 2023 stating this was an off-premise sign that didn't have a permit and needed to be taken down. A permit was requested and the permit was denied. It allows for appeals. A letter was sent. A request for a variance was made,"

Ferguson said, adding that the ordinance is to prevent the infiltration of signage throughout the city.

"We can't let personal feelings interfere. This is the business of the city," Mayor Judy B. Cochran said.

"Scott's recommendation is to follow the law. I think it's our responsibility to maintain that ordinance," Councilman Dr. Ray Luna said.

Two bids were received for downtown drainage improvements, specifically, the sinkhole next to Life Vine Church.

Dubbed "the Life Vine Church/Highline project" due to the fact that the sinkhole occurred on private property owned by those two entities, the city awarded the bid to 5-t Utilities out of Huntsville, based on the recommendation of Dalton

Brown, an engineer and project manager with Brannon Corporation.

"The problem showed up sort of late last year and then the flooding on May 2 put us where we are now," Brown said.

"We had no right to go in there to fix it," City Manager Bill S. Wiggins said, explaining that it is on private property. "However, three streets are involved if it is not repaired properly - Milam, Calhoun and Polk."

As for a timeline, Brown said 5-t Utilities estimated they could start "in three to four weeks" and will be completed in 90 days.

Brown designed the improvement project in which a five-foot by four-foot box culvert will be

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OPD seeking grants for equipment, training, body armor, body cameras

From Enterprise Staff

The Onalaska City Council approved several resolutions authorizing the submission of grant applications to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division during its regular meeting Aug. 13. One is for equipment and training; one is for rifle-resistant body armor and one is for body-worn cameras.

Council also approved a resolution for the Texas Department of Public Safety Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the Failure to Appear Program.

Police Department Policy 8.1 regarding medical and psychological examination of a licensee was reviewed and approved.

In personnel matters, Council approved Megan Henry as a labor pool telecommunications operator.

Reviewing Onalaska Police Department activity for the month of July, it was reported that the department drove 2,377 miles over the course of the month, made 10 misdemeanor arrests and 13 felony arrests. During traffic stops, the department issued 99 warnings and 56 citations. They conducted 145 building checks and provided extra patrol 136 times.

The Onalaska Volunteer Fire Department responded to 49 calls in the city and 41 calls in the county, clocking a total of 243 man-hours. The department responded to one mutual aid call, 54 medical calls, two structure fires, eight grass fires, six motor vehicle accidents, two hazmat calls, three lake rescues, nine assistance calls and five landing zones.

During the month of July, the Onalaska Fire Marshal conducted eight fireworks stand inspections. Fire prevention for

Onalaska ISD is set for Oct. 10 and for homeschoolers on Oct. 11.

The building inspector/code enforcement officer issued seven permits during the month of July. These included two residential electricals, a building, two new homes, an animal license and a porch/patio/deck.

During the 21 days that the Onalaska Public Library was open in July, there were 1,015 patron visits, with 86 of them using computers and a circulation per day of 37. A total of \$308 was received for faxes/copies/prints, fines, membership fees, regular donations and auxiliary. Twenty-four and a half volunteer hours were clocked during the month of July.

Other business included approval of the minutes, vouchers and financial reports.



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# New exhibition educates visitors about human trafficking

From Enterprise Staff

An original exhibition produced by the Bullock Texas State History Museum is now on view at the Polk County Memorial Museum. “Not Alone: Working Together in the Fight Against Human Trafficking” provides visitors with the tools to identify human trafficking and the resources to find help and support survivors.

Although underreported, recent statistics suggest there are hundreds of thousands of

people being trafficked in Texas at any given time. Geared toward teens and adults and presented in both English and Spanish, the exhibition seeks to prevent further exploitation of vulnerable individuals in the state.

Not Alone centers on a series of questions that guide visitors to understand what human trafficking is, who can be a target, the tools and techniques traffickers use to target individuals and keep them captive, and the roles healthy relationships and social media play in tracking. In each exhibition section, a

QR code allows visitors to view original videos featuring survivors and advocates who answer the exhibition’s guiding questions.

“Inspired by the governor’s initiative against human trafficking, we recognized an opportunity to use our platform as an educational institution,” Bullock Museum Director Margaret Koch said. “We hope this exhibition inspires everyone to understand that as individuals we are not powerless to assist in the prevention of human trafficking. One person can make a difference.”

“Not Alone: Working Together in the Fight Against Human Trafficking” is on view at the Polk County Memorial Museum through Sept. 20.

The Polk County Memorial Museum is located at 514 W. Mill St. in Livingston. It is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and the second and fourth Saturdays. There is no admission fee to visit the museum.



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**LIFE TRIBUTES**

**Joe Lynn Johnson Jr**

Joe was born February 22, 1959 and passed away June 21, 2024. My beloved Joe lost his courageous battle with cancer Friday, June 21, 2024. Joe passed away peacefully surrounded by love at home in Houston, Texas. Joe had a passion for piddling with leather, working on cars and collecting various things that brought him great joy. Joe was a fierce warrior for our Lord, Jesus Christ. Joe is preceded in death by his beloved brother, Jerry Johnson, his mother, Laura Bell Johnson, and his sister, Jo Hodge Johnson. Joe is survived by his wife, Margaret Dear Johnson, his beloved brother, Bo Johnson, sister-in-law, Becky Johnson, nephew, Lucas Johnson and niece, Allison Johnson. Special thanks to Livingston First As-

sembly of God, Joe's best friends, Warren, Jason and Ken, our Celebrate Recovery family in Livingston, Beth Thompson for wrapping Joe and Margaret in love and support through our most difficult time, Vantage Hospice and Claire Brothers for their special care and compassion taking care of Joe and Mary Fox Stilwell and our AA family in Houston, Texas.



Joe Lynn Johnson Jr

**Betty Rich**

Funeral services for Betty Carolyn Rich, 84, of Point Blank, Texas were held Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Onalaska, Texas. Interment followed at Magnolia Cemetery. Visitation was held on the day of service from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Betty was born February 27, 1940 in Parkersburg, West Virginia and passed away August 9, 2024 in Conroe, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Rogers; parents, Lloyd and Jewel Fern (Small) Houser; sister, Wilma Kelbaugh; and sons, Ronnie King, William King and Jeff King. She is survived by her daughters, Bonnie Williams and husband Jimmy, Tracy Bauld and husband Michael and Addison King; grandsons, Benjamin Bauld, Michael Bauld and Kevin King and wife Alicia; granddaugh-

ters, Sunni Wiggins, Krystal King and husband Blake, Stevie Salazar and husband Raul and Christina King; and brother, Rodney Houser; along with numerous other relatives and friends. Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at www.cochranfh.com.



Betty Rich Service held Saturday

**Estela McPike**

Funeral services for Estela Garcia McPike, 62, of Livingston, Texas were held Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas. Interment followed at Bold Springs Cemetery in Livingston, Texas. Visitation was held Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home. Estela was born June 23, 1962 in Mathis, Texas and passed away August 12, 2024 in Houston, Texas. She was preceded in death by her father, Jose Garcia, Jr.; sister, Josefina Harper; father and mother-in-law, Leo Daniel "Buddy" McPike and Pauline (Brown) McPike; and sister-in-law, Catherine Garcia. She is survived by her mother, Paula Garcia of Livingston, Texas; husband, Daniel "Danny" McPike of Livingston, Texas; son, Anthony McPike and Patricia O'Neal of Livingston, Texas; sister, Catarina Williams and Rex of Nederland, Texas; brother, Dionisio Garcia of Shepherd, Texas; sisters, Eliamar Phelps and Ike of Dayton, Texas and Elena Casey and Steve Stephenson of Meadow

Lakes, Texas; brother, Jose Garcia III and Sonja of Ft. Worth, Texas; sister, Elba Palma and Florencio of Ft. Morgan, Colorado; brother-in-law, Gary Lloyd McPike and Sharon of Groveton, Texas; along with numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Pallbearers: Dionisio Garcia, John Paul Sanders, Adam Hall, Jesus Garcia, Luke Phelps, Jeremy Garcia, Josh Sanders and Zachary Schanmier. Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at www.cochranfh.com.



Estela McPike Service held Saturday

**Patsy Sicinski**

Funeral services for Patsy Beatrice Sicinski, 79, of Livingston, Texas were held Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas. Visitation was held on the day of service from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment followed at 1:30 p.m. at Rosewood Cemetery in Humble, Texas. Patsy was born July 17, 1945 in Poyner, Texas and passed away August 12, 2024 in Livingston, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents, Randell and Erna Ivy (Rhodes) Little; brothers, Larry Little and Lester Little; sisters, Carolyn Lawson and Imogene Bradley; and granddaughter, Julia Hammock. She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Gail Carnline and husband Glen of Huntsville, Texas; son, Stacy Sicinski of Votaw, Texas; daughter, Rhonda Spates and husband Howard of Austin, Texas; grandchildren, Joshua Hammock and wife Roxy, Misty Allen and husband Lee, Michael Carnline and wife Kelly, Tyler Spates, Cole Wales, Kaylee Cancino, and Ashley Sandlin; great grand-

children, Camilla, Gabriel, Maddy, Marlee, Mabel, Maven, Tripp, July, Oakley and Zane; and sisters, Betty Vick and husband Jim of League City, Texas and Erna Louis Wynn of La Marque, Texas; as well as numerous other relatives and friends. Pallbearers: Lee Allen, Michael Carnline, Stacy Sicinski, Kevin Jones, Frank Patterson, and Randy Little. Honorary pallbearer: Andrew Sebaugh. Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at www.cochranfh.com.



Patsy Sicinski Service held Saturday

**Eddie Oleather Marsh**

A memorial service for Eddie Oleather Marsh, 68, of Houston, Texas will be held Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 3 p.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas. Eddie was born December 28, 1955 in Livingston, Texas and passed away August 13, 2024 in The Woodlands, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, Manton Eddie Marsh Jr. and Alma Oleatha (Hickman) Marsh; grandparents, Noll and Rreather; sister, Nollene Marsh; and nephews, Ryan Roberts, Daniel Thagard and Matthew Thagard. She is survived by her daughter, Shannon Patricia Marsh Cain and husband Joshua; son, Charles Patrick Gibbons; grandchildren, Megan Rose Rybacki and husband Ryan, Amanda Lynn Cain, Abigail Elizabeth Cain

and Markis Jayden Gibbons; two great grandchildren; and sisters, Peggy Mooring, Virginia Thagard and Martha Roberts; as well as numerous other relatives and friends. Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at www.cochranfh.com.



Eddie Oleather Marsh Service Aug. 24

**Monra Ann Harrop**

Monra Ann Harrop, 46, of Onalaska, Texas was born July 18, 1978 in Bryan, Texas and passed away August 11, 2024 in Onalaska, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Joseph Harrop; and father, Dennis Earl Steelhammer. Monra is survived by her mother, Susan Steelhammer of Onalaska, Texas; sons, Joseph Frank Harrop of Riverside, Texas, Dallas Earl Harrop of Austin, Texas, and

Walker Ronald Harrop of Carthage, Texas; grandson, Jackson Steelhammer Harrop; brothers, William Earl Steelhammer of Houston, Texas and James Steelhammer of Onalaska, Texas; sister, Catherine Steelhammer of Carthage, Texas; along with numerous cousins, other relatives and friends. Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at www.cochranfh.com.

**William Kay Ruslink**

William Kay Ruslink died June 1, 2024, in Conroe, Texas after a brief illness. Bill was born April 29, 1944, in Jamestown, NY to Donald R. and Myrtle (Scott) Ruslink. He is survived by his sons Scott (Christine) Ruslink Ward of Reistertown, Md. and Corey (Cynthia) Ruslink of Lewisville, TX. Bill was "Dad 2" to Shelly (late BJ) Haffly of Jacksonville, Texas, Warren Head of Jacksonville, Texas, and Lisa (Jesse) Chavez of Freeport, Texas. He is also survived by sisters, Marjorie (Jack) Skinner of Grand Island, NY and Carol (Robert) Glasier of Madison Ala., grandchildren, Devon Head and Music Ruslink, and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Sherry, the nuclear-powered hummingbird, and sisters Donna (late Jack) Deck of Erie, Pa., and Nancy (late William) of Oneonta, NY. Bill graduated from Clymer, NY Central School where he enjoyed shop classes and was a member of Future Farmers of America. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Texas and Taiwan and learned skills that prepared him for his work at SUNY Brockport and Carrier Air Conditioning, among other endeavors. Bill retired from the U.S. Government as an HVAC specialist, receiving honors for his expertise and work ethic. He was

an avid photographer and had great interest in astronomy and genealogy. After retirement, he purchased a motor home and roamed the country as "De oude nomadische Nederlander." He was especially drawn to Alaska where he was planning another trip at the time of his death. He may have been born in New York, but he was meant to be a Texan, where he always returned after his travels. The family is honoring Bill's wishes to have no formal services. His arrangements were handled by Smart Creations. Memorials may be designated to the Abbe Reformed Church, Clymer, NY, Lake Fork Baptist Church of Alba, Texas, or Escapees CARE retirement community of Livingston, Texas. Bill was greatly loved and will be forever missed.



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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.

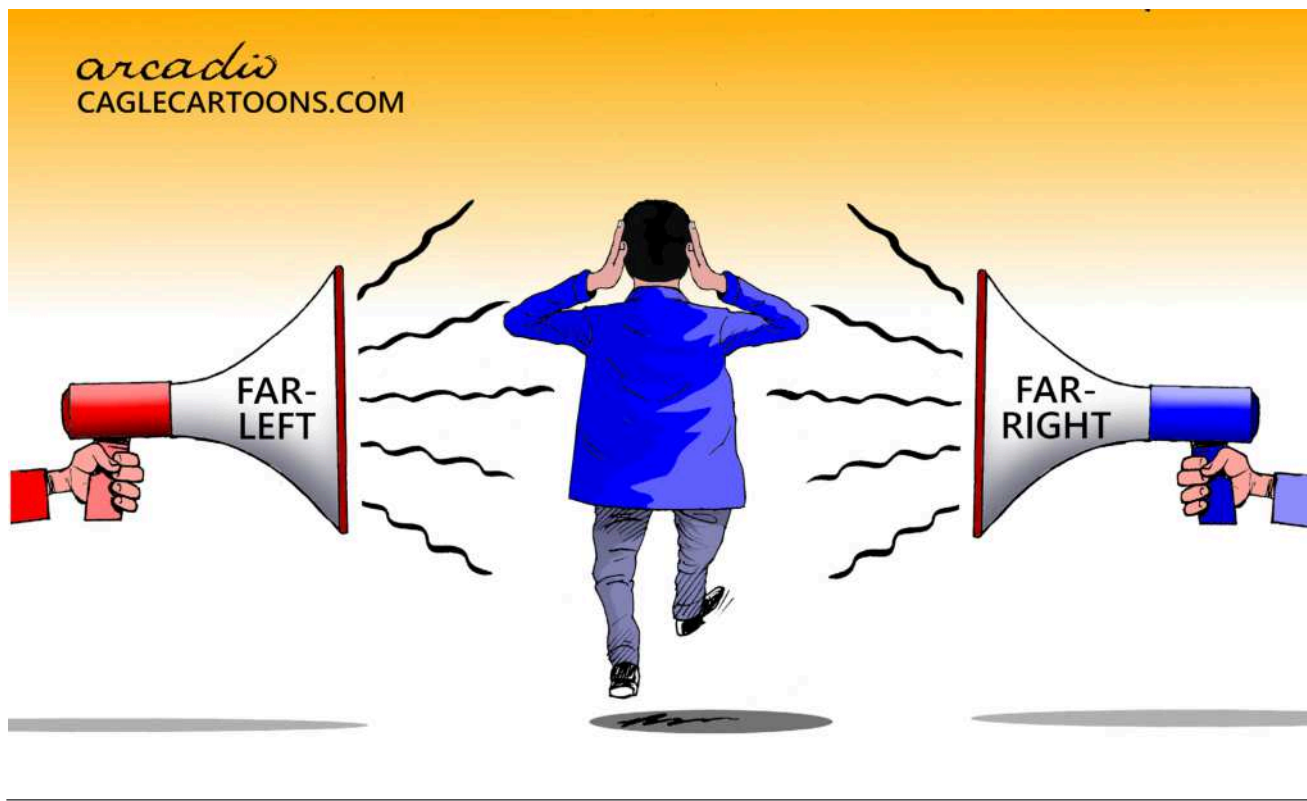
• **ONALASKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6 p.m. third Monday of the month at the OISD Administration Building, 134 North FM 356.

• **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.

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



## State representative thanks teachers, administrators



### Capitol Update

By Trent Ashby  
State Representative, District 9

With the start of the new school year, I want to wish our students continued success as they embark on another year of learning, opportunity and lifelong memories. As students pour into the hallways and classrooms of schools across the state, I also want to acknowledge and sincerely thank the teachers, faculty and administrators who have worked tirelessly to prepare for the new school year. These men and women play such a critical role in shaping our children's future, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their dedicated service.

With that, we'll dive back into our examination of House interim charges ...

#### House Interim Charge: Public Education

The House Committee on Public Education has jurisdiction over bills regarding public school systems, state programming of elementary and secondary education, and proposals to create or change school districts. The committee also oversees state agencies such as the Texas Education Agency, the Texas representatives to the Education Commission of the

States, the State Board for Educator Certification, and others.

Over the interim, the committee will monitor the implementation of House Bill 1605, Senate Bill 2124, and House Bill 2209. HB 1605 completely reformed how the Texas Education Agency and public schools acquire educational materials to ensure our schoolchildren have access to high-quality, appropriate materials in the classroom. SB 2124 requires middle schools to develop an advanced mathematics program for their students to prepare students to enroll in Algebra I in 8th grade so that a larger number of students can complete advanced math courses in high school.

HB 2209 established the Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership (R-PEP) program, which allows rural school districts to form collaborative partnerships with colleges, universities, or businesses to expand opportunities for students to access college and career pathways.

Additionally, the committee will evaluate if Texas can increase educational opportunities in Texas to ensure that students and families have increased options to attend a high-quality school, regardless of circumstance. The committee will also examine the impact on student outcomes as a result of the increasing number of newly hired Texas teachers who are not certified by the State Board for Educator Certification and will make

recommendations to enhance opportunities for uncertified teachers to become certified, as well as strengthen parental rights and notifications.

Finally, the committee will evaluate opportunities to improve students' early literacy and numeracy outcomes in Pre-Kindergarten through the 3rd grade. It will study best practices for identifying students requiring reading and math intervention and providing evidence-based intervention strategies. The committee will recommend changes and evaluate investments to increase the number of students achieving reading and math proficiency by the end of 3rd grade.

The mobile office is still on the road this month, and our district director looks forward to seeing you on Aug. 21 at the Houston County Courthouse Annex in Crockett from 9-11 a.m. and the Trinity County Courthouse in Groveton from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can help you in any way. My district office may be reached at 936-634-2762 and my Capitol office may be reached at 512-463-0508. Additionally, I welcome you to follow along on my official Facebook page, where I will be posting regular updates on what's happening in your State Capitol and sharing information that could be useful to you and your family: <https://www.facebook.com/RepTrentAshby/>.



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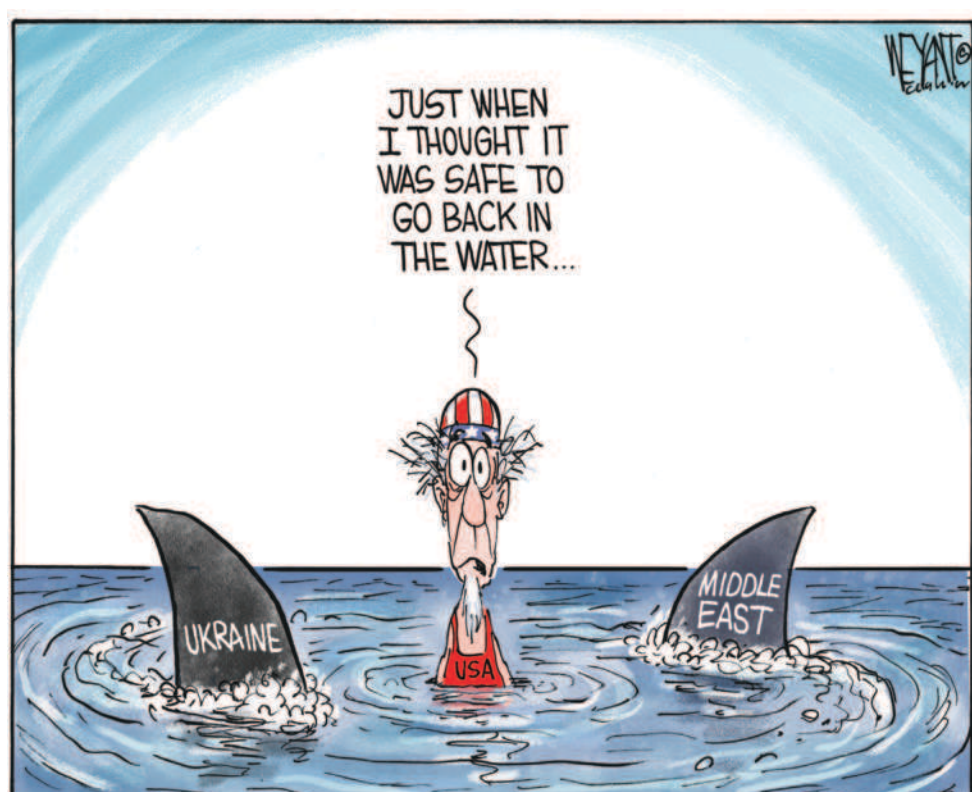
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Dr. William Wall (l) and Dr. Kenneth Dominguez (r) provided the program for the Aug. 15 meeting of the Rotary Club of Livingston. With a combined 20 years of chiropractic care experience, the two Rotarians shared their expertise in helping patients live healthier lives. They emphasized that when you care for your spine, you are also caring for your central nervous system. Wall began serving the Livingston community in 2010 and Dominguez has been practicing since 2020. Both doctors studied at Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena where they developed their skills and passion for spinal health. COURTESY PHOTO



Matt Anderson, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce, presented a certificate on behalf of the chamber to the Texas State University System Polk County Center. (l-r) Anderson; Dr. Brian McCall, chancellor and chief executive officer of the Texas State University System; Kristin Tow-Walker, executive director of the TSUS Polk County Center; Dr. Tom Johnson, president of Lamar State College; Dr. Sid Valentine, president of Lamar Institute of Technology; and Dr. Betty Reynard, president of Lamar State College Port Arthur. PHOTO BY EMILY BANKS WOOTEN

## CITY

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installed. What was previously there was corrugated tin that has rotted, he said, resulting in soil intrusion.

The city sent out a request for proposals to contractors to give bids for storm-related debris removal, site management, reduction and disposal. Four bids were received for five-year proposals.

Council approved a five-year lease with Dustin Lowrie for operation of the Livingston Municipal Golf Course.

"The May 2 flood did a lot of damage, totally destroying Matthews Street Park and the golf course," Wiggins said. The lease the city had with Bobby Brame was set to end in December 2024 and was not going to be renewed. Because Brame lost so much equipment during the flooding, the parties mutually agreed to terminate

the lease immediately.

"We sent out RFPs and had a really good turnout," Wiggins said. Council had previously approved the formation of a committee to score the proposals and make a recommendation. Those serving on the committee were Wiggins, Councilman Alan Cook, former Municipal Judge Gene Bush and Michael Hill, a representative of the Livingston Golf Association.

Wiggins presented and reviewed the preliminary budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2024 and ending Sept. 30, 2025. A public hearing on the budget is slated for 5 p.m. Sept. 10.

"Looks like we've spent about \$500,000 on storm-related items," Luna said. "When it's all said and done, I'm projecting it will be closer to \$2.6 million," Wiggins said.

Wiggins reported that City Secretary/Assistant City Manager Ellie Monteaux will conduct the drawing for the order of

names on the ballot for the city's Nov. 5 General Election at 2 p.m. on Aug. 26 at the city hall.

He also reported that the city launched its official Facebook page on Aug. 7 and it will be administered by Monteaux.

As for ongoing development, Wiggins said there are presently 13 commercial and 21 residential projects underway.

In what came as some bittersweet news, Wiggins reported on the impending retirements of two long-time city employees - City Attorney Jim Wright and Livingston Police Department Lieutenant Marty Drake.

Council entered into an executive session to consult with its attorney and discuss personnel, specifically, the annual performance evaluation of the city manager. However, no action was taken upon return to open session.

Other business included approval of the minutes of the July 9 regular meeting and accounts over \$500.

## TSUS

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System Polk County Center will be a beacon, a place where your aspirations will be honored, and your dreams realized," Reynard said.

Dr. Sid Valentine, president of Lamar Institute of Technology, also spoke.

"The last time I was in this room was for purse bingo. They all showed up to support the vision, to support the cause. I have no doubt they will support this too. With the Texas State University System, your possibilities are endless. We are honored to be here," Valentine said.

Dr. Tom Johnson, president of Lamar State College-Orange, spoke next.

"This is my home. Many of y'all have known me my entire life. My sister is here today. I was a hick from the sticks

and didn't know what to do, but Ruth Bass literally changed my life and thousands of others. She said, 'Yes, you are going to college. I will never stop doing what I can for my hometown. We're a small school, but we fight above our weight class. I was happy to bring in the other two. We came to purse bingo and on the way home, they said, 'We're coming to Livingston. That's where it's at.' We will offer an array of skills, crafts and trades, as well as academics.

"This is the greatest honor of my life and I'm going to do all I can, but I'm going to need your help. Send your kids, your nieces and nephews. I also want to just say thank you for all you did for little Tommy Johnson. Y'all changed my life, and I am forever grateful," Johnson said.

Starting this fall, the center will offer a diverse range of courses and training programs offered jointly by the state colleges, including: adult education;

nurse aide certificate program; teaching programs; business programs including cosmetology operator, business administration and management, real estate management, construction management, and entrepreneurship; workforce and continuing education courses, including CPR, ESL, insurance training, medication aide, Quickbooks, and phlebotomy; and CDL/truck driving.

"The TSUS Polk County Center looks forward to offering education and technical training for in-demand jobs that lead to high wages and a well-prepared workforce," Kristin Tow-Walker, executive director of the center, said. "The Polk County Center will be an agent of change, transforming lives through student-centered resources, small class sizes, and affordable tuition."

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**Fifth grade Timber Creek Elementary math teacher Judy Burkes begins her 24th year in education. She is celebrated with one hundred percent of her students achieving success on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR).**

### LION COUNTRY CALENDAR

- Monday, August 19, 2024**  
Meet the Lions-7:30 pm-Lion Stadium
- Tuesday, August 20, 2024**  
4:30 pm- LHS- F/JV/V Volleyball @ Woodville
- Wednesday, August 21, 2024**  
**Thursday, August 22, 2024**  
LHS- Varsity Football @ Woodville (Scrimmage)  
LHS- Freshman/JV Football @ Woodville (Scrimmage)  
LHS- Varsity Volleyball- Tarkington Tournament
- Friday, August 23, 2024**  
LHS- Varsity Volleyball- Tarkington Tournament  
4:00 pm- LJH 7th/8th Green vs White  
5:00 pm- LHS- F/JV Volleyball vs Corrigan-Camden
- Saturday, August 24, 2024**  
LHS- Varsity Volleyball- Tarkington Tournament

Two years ago, Judy Burkes, a fifth-grade teacher at Timber Creek Elementary, was designated as a master teacher by the Texas Education Agency's Teacher Incentive program. LISD Superintendent Dr. Brent Hawkins shares, "She knocks the top out of student success. When we talk about what our kids go through in a high socioeconomic disadvantaged district, where some live in extreme poverty and feel no one believes in them. The students don't realize there is a path to success in our classrooms that prepares them for a greater life by

breaking the poverty cycle. The students in Judy Burke's class realize their success. High achievement on standardized testing is important in allowing our students to break the cycle of poverty by allowing access to many other opportunities." In Mrs. Burkes's class, her students know she believes in them as one hundred percent of her students have achieved success as measured on the STAAR assessment. Hawkins continues, "She transforms lives and she is rewarded through the Teacher Incentive Allotment with an additional \$25,000 each year for five years because

of the success she has achieved. LISD has 40 teachers who receive designations from the Texas Education Agency and receive monetary rewards of up to \$27,294 in stipends. Burkes shares the elite status of Master Teacher with Alicia Donahue, Kelly Stephens, and Cynthia Gunter. When asked what one thing a teacher should focus on to help transform lives, Burkes' says, "You should love each and every student and meet the needs of them individually. You should have very, very, very high expectations of each student and don't settle for anything less, they can do

it." Hawkins shares, "Our world and our profession need more Judy Burkes. She continues to set a high standard and lives the vision of the district of 'Empowering and Inspiring Excellence'."



## Lone Star Leadership Academy Summer Camp Programs



**Carson Champagne**  
LHS 9th-grader

Carson Champagne, Livingston High School 9th-grader, was one of six hundred seventy outstanding students who participated in Education in Action's 2024 Lone Star Leadership Academy camps over the summer. Carson experienced the activities in the Houston-Galveston program. Fifty-four student alumni returned to serve in a leadership role as youth facilitators. An educator nominated each of these young leaders attending fourth through eighth grade to participate based on demonstrated leadership ability, academic success, and involvement in school or community activities. The students, representing communities across Texas,

traveling to Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin-San Antonio, and Houston-Galveston to take part in the camps. During the weeklong, overnight camps, these distinguished students developed leadership skills while learning about the great state of Texas. Participants experienced what they are learning in school through visits to notable and historically significant Texas sites. Venues included places such as the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District, Perot Museum, and the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza on the Dallas-Fort Worth program; the offices of participants' state legislators at the Texas State Capitol, the Supreme Court of Texas, bat watching

on the Lone Star Riverboat, and The Alamo on the Austin-San Antonio program; and NASA, a boat tour of Galveston Bay with a marine biologist, the San Jacinto Battleground Monument, and Moody Gardens on the Houston-Galveston program. The Lone Star Leadership Academy experience provides a unique opportunity for outstanding students to learn about Texas leaders and what it means to be from the Lone Star State. Participants discuss what they learn, complete problem solving and decision-making simulations, exercise creativity, and practice presentation skills in Leadership Groups. In addition, participants have fun meeting other outstanding

students and making new friends while adding to their resume of academic achievements, developing leadership skills, and bringing home a wealth of information to supplement what they are learning in school. Education in Action is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering young people to be informed and active leaders in their communities. Educators are invited to nominate their outstanding 4th-8th graders for the Lone Star Leader Award online. This nomination fulfills the educator recommendation required for students to take part in Lone Star Leadership Academy summer camp experiences.

## Lions Varsity Football Season Tickets

Tickets will be available for current season ticket holders at the Meet the Lions pep rally on Monday, August 19 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$45 per seat, for the season. Current season ticket holders can pick up their tickets Tuesday, August 20, through Friday, August 23, from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Livingston High School Commons. Please enter through the Alumni Walkway entrance, across from the Fieldhouse. Remaining season tickets will be sold to the public on Monday, August 26th, through Wednesday, August 28th, from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Livingston High School Commons. The remaining season tickets will be available at the 9th/JV Football Game on Thursday, August 29th, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

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# Relaxing with family in a beautiful setting

Known for its trout and bass, beautiful Broken Bow Lake is filled with cool clear water from the Mountain Fork River.

Earlier this summer, we marked off the first full week of August on our calendars for a family vacation. Unlike most of our trips where we have numerous things planned to see and do, this one was different. We didn't plan a thing. We simply wanted to get away, rest, relax and spend quality time with our daughter who is about to head off for college.

Having discussed multiple options, we ultimately chose to rent a cabin in Broken Bow, Okla. We didn't realize until we got there that the cabin was actually located in Hochatown. Hochatown and Broken Bow are both charming little towns located in McCurtain County in the southeastern corner of Oklahoma, in the foothills of the Ouachita Mountains. The area is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts with its nearby Broken Bow Lake.

Hochatown is the second to hold the name after the first was flooded by the damming of the Mountain Fork River to create Broken Bow Lake. The lake was constructed in 1968 and filled and opened in 1970. Located along the Mountain Fork River, the lake is about eight miles north of the town of Broken Bow.

The land that would become Hochatown was owned by the Choctaw tribe, with 12 families moving into the area in the 1880s. Like Broken Bow, Hochatown grew around the Choctaw Lumber and Coal Company, gaining a post office in 1894 and becoming a bustling little town by 1900.

During the 1920s and 1930s, prime lumber supply dwindled and the lumber company moved to other

local areas. Meanwhile, the community became noted for its moonshine production. The town's heyday soon passed, however. The post office shut down in 1963 and the last family left the site in 1966. The cemetery and town church were moved to higher ground while all the other buildings were destroyed and the area is now underwater. Today, the local economy is primarily supported by the influx of tourism around the lake and numerous parks.

Our cabin was comfortable and charming and located near Beavers Bend State Park. We spent several days exploring the park, as well as Broken Bow Lake and the Mountain Fork River. The entire area was absolutely beautiful.

Construction of the park began in 1935 by enrollees of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) through FDR's "New Deal" program. Donations from local citizens were instrumental in the purchase of 1,200 acres of land for the park. Beavers Bend State Park is one of seven state parks in Oklahoma that were constructed by CCC enrollees.

Located within Beavers Bend State Park is the Forest Heritage Center, a museum and learning center "designed to explore humanity's continuing relationship with the forest." The center welcomes visitors to the heart of the Ouachita National Forest. The center was educational and fascinating with its various displays showcasing the integral impact of the timber industry throughout the area.

An unexpected surprise for us was the center's temporary exhibit of the famous Smokey Bear paintings in celebration of Smokey's 80th birthday. The historic paintings, created by Artist Rudy Wendelin between 1977 and 1995, depict Smokey's iconic image and message, "Only YOU can prevent wildfires."

In addition to sightseeing and relaxing, we also enjoyed some good food at Buffalo Grill, Hochatown Saloon, Hochatown Swamp Booger Mercantile and one of our favorites, Grateful Head Pizza Oven & Tap Room.

Inspired by the love and fellowship of DeadHeads – fans and followers of the band the Grateful Dead – two brothers wanted to share the experience of all the joy and fun of a live Dead show. Their dream was found in the bones of an old abandoned school house in the Ouachita Mountains where they sell "hippie-inspired pizza pies and cold draws of draft beer" and their slogan is "Make pizza not war."

We wouldn't have even known about Grateful Head had it not been for our friend Gary Davis who was there earlier this year with some of his BMX racing friends and enjoyed it and recommended it.

Our week relaxing went by all too quickly, but we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and saw some beautiful country we'd never seen before. In fact, now that we're familiar with the area, Hubby and I are already talking about returning, perhaps later this fall after we get Daughter settled in at college. It's not a bad drive either – just a short four and half hours from Livingston. ■

“What’s your favorite place?” “I don’t have a favorite place, I have my favorite people. and, whenever I’m with my favorite people, it becomes my favorite place.”

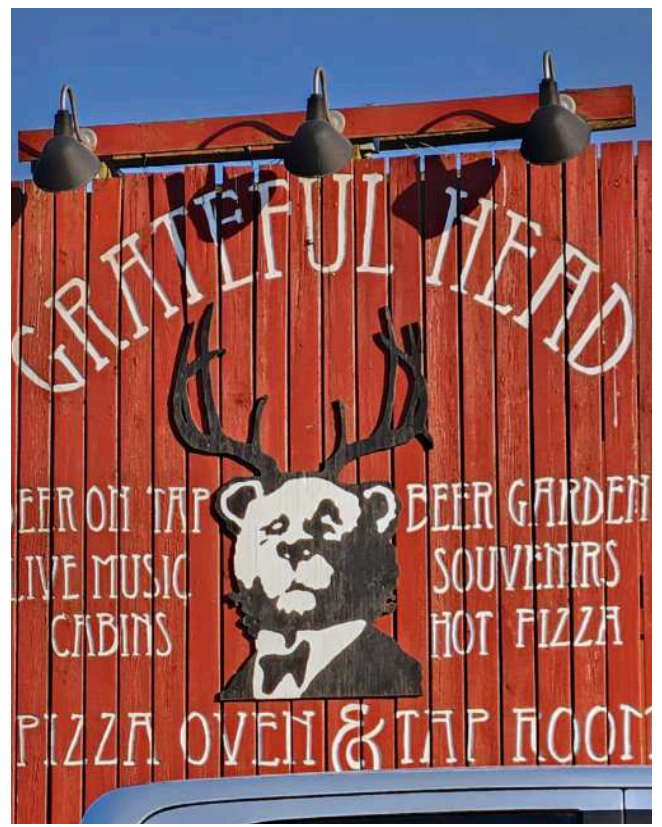
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– Rick Steves



This year marks the 80th birthday of Smokey Bear.



Grateful Head Pizza Oven & Tap Room is the perfect place for pizza and cold beer.



Brisket nachos at Buffalo Grill.



Hubby prepared “surf and turf” at the cabin one evening.

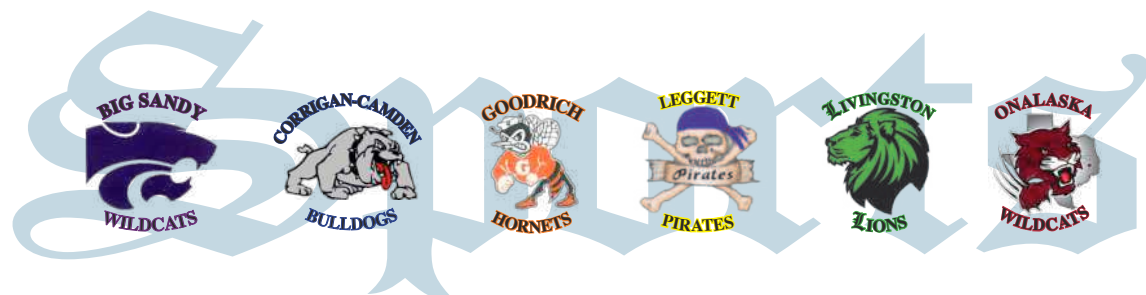


The classic burger and fries at Hochatown Saloon.



We selected the “Dire Wolf” (Old World Italian sausage, pepperoni, bacon, hamburger, Canadian bacon & Genoa salami) with jalapenos.





# Lion football shows promise after slow start

By Brian Besch  
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Livingston Lion football saw its first action of the season versus a team in different colors, traveling to Coldspring-Oakhurst High School for a Thursday scrimmage.

Each team was able to run offensive and defensive plays, then played two quarters with a running clock. Livingston scored three touchdowns to Coldspring's one during the two periods. The Lion offense had a slow start, but picked up momentum as the hot and humid evening wore on.

Livingston utilized a strong rushing attack and short passing game when effectively moving the ball. Tight end Deondre Johnson caught a pass and broke a tackle, running in for a score, while tailback Jatarius Randolph made a man miss running for a touchdown. The Lion quarterbacks also carried for multiple long gains.

"We had a good practice and we needed it," Livingston coach Finis Vanover said.

"Sometimes it was ugly, but we are about five or six ugly mistakes away from having a huge blowout with some big plays that we made. We had busted assignments, and those are easy to clean up. We had three or four real good plays that we got called back on penalties."

The Lion defense was gashed on the first series of live quarters, but like the offense, looked impressive over the remainder of the day. A long run produced the Trojan score, while the extra-point attempt was blocked.

"The defense played good except that first series," Vanover said. "That back, he's their guy and he's good. He slides, and he's not juking. He's big and powerful, but fast. Coldspring will do really well. All we talked about all week was that we're not playing for the Super Bowl, we just want to have an intense, good practice against somebody else for a change besides ourselves. They realized what mistakes we have got to stop doing, and we cleaned it up."



The passing game had success on short and intermediate routes. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH



The Lion offensive line and receivers cleared large holes for the ground game. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



The Livingston offense was able to break many tackles during the two live quarters. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Jatarius Randolph makes one Trojan miss on his way for six points. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH



The Livingston defense snags an interception. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH



Tight end, Deondre Johnson, runs through the defense into the end zone. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH

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# Celebrating with brooms

By Brian Besch  
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The Corrigan-Camden Lady Bulldogs made quick work of Trinity Friday, sweeping the Lady Tigers 25-7, 25-12 and 25-7 in the high school gymnasium.

Corrigan started the first set strong, producing an 11-1 lead with the help of serves from Cammy Parrish, Briley Hughes and Brissia Pablo.

After a close 7-6 start to the second set, Corrigan-Camden began to pull away, winning a few long volleys in the process. They

scored 13 of the next 15 points to take a 20-8 advantage and easily grab a 2-0 game lead.

Trinity again started strong in the third set. Yet, just as in the second, the Lady Bulldogs began a run to put the contest out of reach. They held a 14-point lead at 19-5 behind the serves of Pablo, and contributions from Jenna Robbins, Addison Garcia, Lacy Lawrence, Kaylee Garcia and Audrie Caballero.

"I have seen a lot of hard work. Our freshmen have really come in and stepped up," Corrigan-Camden coach Grace Beckmeyer

said. "We have three upperclassmen, with two seniors and one junior, so the rest of them have had to come up and work."

The coach feels like there is room for her team to grow. In Tuesday's win versus Shepherd, she said the Lady Dogs battled harder, but still plays down when facing another team.

"Everyone the next day on Wednesday was telling us how exciting it was to watch. We have good team chemistry and they know how to work with each other. It's like they've been playing together for years and most

of them, it's the first time playing together. We've got some sisters on the team. They're really easy going and drama free, and keep their spirits up."

The team also participated in three games Thursday at the Fairfield tournament, where they went 2-1. The youth has not been a disadvantage to this point.

"It's good right now, because I can ask them anything and they will exceed my expectations," Beckmeyer said.

The coach said she is ready to open the new competition gymnasium that is receiving fi-

nal touches from construction. The 4:30 p.m. games have been moved back 30 minutes to accommodate the school schedule at the high school gym. Aug. 26 is the expected and hopeful opening.

"I think it will give some more confidence to our team having a new space to play with higher ceilings, where we don't have to worry about hitting it."

Saturday is a return to the Fairfield tournament, and next week the team travels to take on Tarkington Tuesday and Livingston Friday.



Cammy Parrish had several spikes in Friday's win over Trinity. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH



Kaylee Garcia leaps to spike the ball at the net. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH

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Brissia Pablo saves the ball, passing to a teammate early in the first set. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH



Corrigan-Camden coach, Grace Beckmeyer, picked up her second home win of the season, as she congratulates Lacy Lawrence. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH

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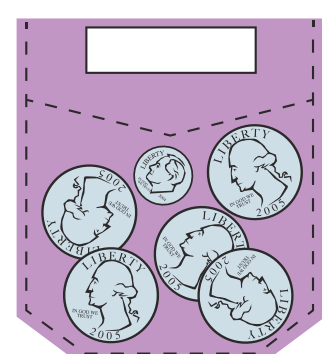
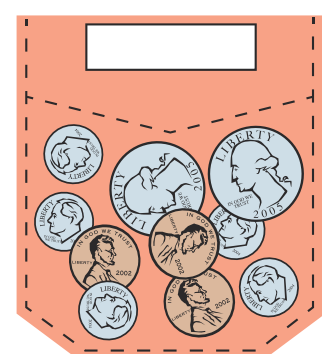
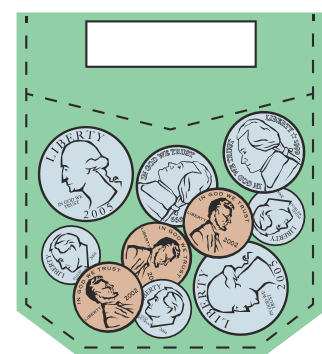
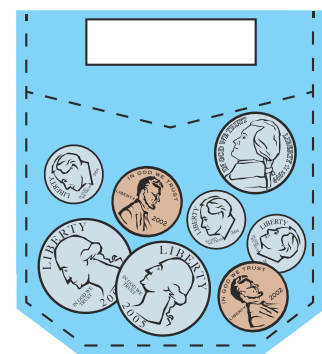
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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word: OPPORTUNITY**  
The noun **opportunity** means a chance, especially one that offers some kind of reward.

Taylor got the **opportunity** to see his name in print when his essay was published in the newspaper.

Try to use **opportunity** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

# SUMMER JOBS FOR KIDS

Are you looking to earn some money this summer? You can become an entrepreneur! That's a person who starts a business.

Fill in the missing vowels to discover some ideas for types of businesses YOU can start this summer!

H LP ELDERLY  
P OPL WITH  
EL CTR NICS

CL N  
W ND WS

P LL  
W DS

12  
+ 6  
18

TUTOR  
AY NG  
K D

R N  
RR NDS

H LP  
C CH  
A SP RT

SALE  
HAVE A  
Y RD S LE

P T ON A  
P PP T SH W

P NT  
F NGERN LS

M KE  
SM TH ES

S LL  
Y R OLD  
T YS OR B KES

S LL  
P PC RN

## What's an entrepreneur?

An **entrepreneur** (on-trah-preh-nyur) is a person who sees a way to earn some money by solving a particular problem.

For example, lots of kids have learned that thirsty people on hot days will pay for a cold glass of lemonade.

## Entrepreneurial Thinking

Can you see the job opportunity in each of these pictures? Look at each picture. What problems do you see here? What kind of help might they be willing to pay for?



you see here? What kind of help might they be willing to pay for?



**Standards Link:** Economics: Students know that entrepreneurs are people who use resources to produce innovative goods and services they hope people will buy.

## Who wants to make money?

One way to make money is to get a job. But that is not possible for everyone. Often times kids can't get jobs because they are too young.

But that hasn't stopped kids around the world from finding clever ways of earning some cash. Some kids, like Jason, turn doing something they love into a way of earning money.

Look at each of the following pictures. Write down ways a business you could start might be able to help.

**PROBLEM:** Litter around the neighborhood.

**SOLUTION:**

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**PROBLEM:** Neighbor who works all day has new kitten.

**SOLUTION:**

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**PROBLEM:** Weather heat wave.

98°	101°	104°	106°	103°	99°	95°
SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

**SOLUTION:**

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**Extra! Extra!**

### Business Search

Look through the newspaper and make a list of all the businesses mentioned. Group these businesses into groups such as restaurants, stores, manufacturers, etc. Put each list into alphabetical order.

**Standards Link:** Research: Organize information from research into categories.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to reveal the answer to this riddle.

**What has a mouth but doesn't eat, a bank with no money and a bed but never sleeps?**

22    26    5    27    9    26

13 + 9 = A    33 + 6 = G    15 + 11 = R  
24 - 6 = D    28 + 4 = H    18 + 7 = S  
17 - 8 = E    16 - 11 = I    34 - 7 = V



**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Addition and subtraction to 40.

## Double Double Word Search

PARTICULAR  
LEMONADE  
SOLUTION  
BUSINESS  
THINKING  
PROBLEM  
IDEAS  
START  
OFTEN  
JOBS  
CASH  
HELP  
MAKE  
BANK

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

R A L U C I T R A P  
G B E M E L B O R P  
N U N T D H E L P R  
I S T R A T S E P M  
K I I M N B R A A O  
N N D E O N A K C F  
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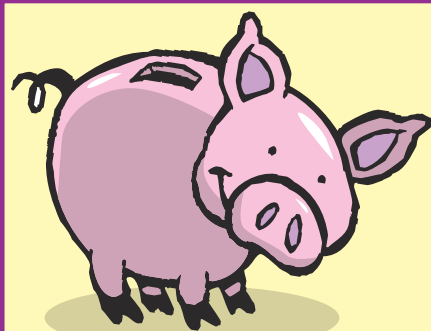
**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Round It

Look through the newspaper for five prices under \$100. Round each one to the nearest dollar. Then look for five prices over \$100 and round them to the nearest dollar. Have a parent or friend check your work.

**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Round to the nearest dollar.



**Why is an empty piggy bank always the same?**

**ANSWER:** There's never any change in it.

## Write On!

### What's the Difference?

What is the difference between a "want" and a "need"? Give an example of each.

# E

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# OFFICIAL RECORDS

JUSTICE COURT  
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Criminal Docket

Lynessa Square, possession of identifying information.  
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Ericka M. Woodruff, possession of controlled substance.  
Ericka M. Woodruff, unlawful possession of firearm.  
Stephen Ray Ritch, possession of controlled substance.  
Stephen Ray Ritch, theft of property.  
Lindsay Ann M. Short, theft of property.  
Jessica S. Lester, unauthorized use of vehicle.  
Roger A. Whitworth, abandon/endanger child.  
Melanie K. McKinney, abandon/endanger child.  
Trevor Isaiah Moye, aggravated assault date/family.  
Jennifer Lynn Ward, hindering apprehension or prosecution.  
Stephen Ray Ritch, evading arrest or detention.  
Adam Dalton Powell, bond surrender.  
Silvia B. Zuniga, illegal outdoor burning.  
Wanda Quivedo-Arias, no driver's license (when unlicensed).  
J. Jimenez Barrera, no driver's license (when unlicensed).  
Antonio Medel, no driver's license (when unlicensed).  
Carlos Gomez Ramos, no driver's license (when unlicensed).  
Tylor Daniel Babbs, driving under the influence.  
Kim M. Derousselle, failure to appear.  
Charlene Rayna Hill, violate promise to appear.  
Luis David Mendez, failure to appear.  
V. Monreal Martinez, no driver's license (when unlicensed).  
J. Moreno Rodriguez, no driver's license (when unlicensed).  
Juan F. Hernandez, driving while license invalid.  
Tonya Lynn Heath, driving while license invalid.  
Keith R. Adams, failure to appear.  
Jaden Kaine Bell, failure to appear.  
Austin Michael Drury, failure to appear.  
Juan Angel Reyes, public intoxication.  
Mark Wayne Philpott, driving while license invalid.  
Evelyn V. Arredondo, no driver's license (when unlicensed).  
J. Gonzalez Medina, no driver's license (when unlicensed).

**Bonds set**  
Ashley Chris Rogers, bond surrender – possession of controlled substance, \$3,000.  
Ashley Chris Rogers, bond forfeiture – burglary of vehicle, \$1,000.  
Alisha Kay Chron, possession of controlled substance, \$5,000.  
Alisha Kay Chron, theft of property, \$3,000.  
Rhanda M. Binnion, possession of controlled substance, \$3,000.  
Frank Glen Tucker, sex offender's duty to register, \$5,000.  
Carmelius P. Sanders, fail to identify fugitive, \$3,000.  
Stephen Ray Ritch, theft of property, \$5,000.  
Isaias Hernandez, public intoxication, bond not determined.  
Isaias Hernandez, assault causing bodily injury, \$3,000.  
Kory Edwards Burton, parole violation, no bond.  
Ruben Aguirre, possession of controlled

substance, \$10,000.  
Ruben Aguirre, resist arrest, search or transport, \$3,000.  
Ruben Aguirre, tamper/fabricate physical evidence, \$10,000.  
Ruben Ray Ramos Jr., manufacture/deliver controlled substance, \$100,000.  
Ruben Ray Ramos Jr., prohibited substance in correctional facility, \$25,000.  
Ruben Ray Ramos Jr., prohibited substance in correctional facility, \$25,000.  
Ruben Ray Ramos Jr., prohibited substance in correctional facility, \$25,000.  
Terry Eugene Burch, criminal mischief, \$500.  
Lynessa Square, fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, \$15,000.  
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Alexis Daniel Silva, manufacture/deliver controlled substance, \$100,000.  
Alexis Daniel Silva, prohibited substance/item in correctional facility, \$25,000.  
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Joshua Darrin Denson, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, \$500.  
Joshua Darrin Denson, bond forfeiture – possession of controlled substance, \$7,500.  
Joshua Darrin Denson, criminal trespass, \$1,000.  
Joshua Darrin Denson, failure to appear – criminal trespass, \$1,000.  
Laura Leigh Hollis, bond violation – possession of controlled substance, no bond.  
Tabatha R. Gregory, burglary of coin operated machine, \$5,000.  
Stephen M. Coleman, bond violation, \$2,500.  
Kimberly Wilkerson, possession of controlled substance, \$10,000.  
Kimberly Wilkerson, hindering apprehension, no bond.  
Daniel A. Cubbison, assault causing bodily injury/family member, \$3,000.  
Leslie V. McMaster, motion to revoke probation – possession of controlled substance, no bond.  
Kenneth Earl Carter, assault causing bodily injury/family member, \$3,000.  
Kenneth Earl Carter, bond forfeiture – assault causing bodily injury, \$1,000.  
Kenneth Earl Carter, parole violation, no bond.  
Lawson Lynn Lewis, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, \$500.  
Christopher Zipperer, DWI-2nd, \$3,500.  
Elmer Wayne Green Jr., bond forfeiture – possession of controlled substance, no bond.  
Elmer Wayne Green Jr., fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, no bond.  
Joseph Brad Milburn, motion to revoke probation – possession of controlled substance, no bond.  
Kristi Jean Yates, parole violation, no bond.  
Kandyc L. Vancamp, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, \$500.  
Keith Allen Kelley, exploitation of child/elderly/disabled, \$5,000.  
David Clyde Carter, assault causing bodily injury/family member, \$3,000.  
David Clyde Carter, DWI-2nd, \$3,000.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
Peyton Layne Myles Stewart, 26, Onalaska and Kelsey Lynn Betts, 24, Onalaska.  
Albert John McNett, 32, Livingston and Janice Marie Johnson, 49, Livingston.  
Brandon Tyler Sarten, 28, Livingston and Artie Lee Doyle, 33, Livingston.  
Montana Breh Long, 35, Livingston and Nicholas Wayne Tenney, 36, Livingston.

# JAIL REPORT

JAIL REPORT  
Week of Aug. 9-15  
August 9

Alfaro, Ruben Antonio, 45 of Baytown, bond forfeiture/possession of marijuana.  
Carter, David Clyde, 54 of Trinity, assault causing bodily injury to family member, driving while intoxicated 2nd.  
Isaacs, Donna Michelle, 43 of Corrigan, probation violation/possession of a controlled substance.  
Johnson Rocky Dale, 49 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, probation violation/possession of a controlled substance x 2.  
Martinez, Enrique, 48 of Livingston, driving while intoxicated.  
McFairen, Larry Dewayne, 32 of Shepherd, driving while license suspended with two previous convictions.  
Davis, Bobby Wayne, 32 of Devers, possession of a controlled substance, driving while intoxicated/open alcohol container.  
Wood, Justin Vincent, 34 of Livingston, resisting arrest search or transport, criminal trespass.

August 10

Barnett, Tivon, 18 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury to family member, assault family or house member by impeding breath or circulation.  
Johnson, Jasean Dwayne, 30 of Livingston, resisting arrest search or transport, possession of a controlled substance, driving while license invalid with previous conviction.  
Want, Ted Lance, 62 of Romayor, warrant/assault causing bodily injury.  
Weatherford, Lukas J., 40 of Rye, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, fail to maintain financial responsibility, fail to display driver's license, operation of vehicle with expired registration.  
Akins, James Arthur, 52 of Livingston, warrant/possession of a controlled substance.  
Odom, Eugene Marvin, 57 of Nome, driving while intoxicated.

August 11

Galvan, Julian Alejandro Cano, 18 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance, no driver's license.  
Glass, Jon Paul, 58 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance.  
Hernandez, Stephanie Gabriel, 34 of Conroe, assault causing bodily injury.  
King, Rashad D-Angelo, 26 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury.  
Perez, Candido Jr., 39 of Pasadena, possession of marijuana.  
Diaz, Tania, 18 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance.

August 12

Angel-Reyes, Yoatzin, 23 of Woodville, driving while intoxicated.  
Davis, Katarina Renee, 30 of Livingston, motion to revoke probation/assault causing bodily injury to family member, motion to revoke probation/assault causing bodily injury.  
Dorsey, Joseph Wayne, 38 of Livingston, terroristic threat of family or household.  
Hendrix, Donald Raymond, 53 of Livingston, bench warrant.  
Jacobs, Amber Lee, 42 of Cleveland, motion to revoke probation/possession of a controlled substance.  
Lafferty, Bryan Keith, 56 of Livingston, bond forfeiture, failure to appear, violate promise to appear, no driver's license, display expired registration, fail to maintain financial responsibility.  
Scott, Bryan Adam, 36 of Coldspring, motion to revoke probation/possession

of a controlled substance.  
Boess, Lisa Marie, 54 of Onalaska, driving while intoxicated.  
Cedars, Bobby Jason, 43 of Onalaska, terroristic threat of family or household, fail to maintain financial responsibility.

August 13

Davis, Debra Ola, 66 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, possession of marijuana, no driver's license, fail to maintain financial responsibility, disregard stop sign, failure to appear.  
Harrington-Simmons, Ashlie Renaye, 30 of Livingston, motion to revoke probation/prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility, motion to revoke probation/possession of a controlled substance, theft of property with two or more previous convictions x 3, theft, failure to appear.  
Lewallen, Summer Marie, 40 of Livingston, warrant/motion to revoke probation.  
Mizell, Barbara Elaine, 41 of Onalaska, motion to revoke probation/theft of property.  
Munson, Billy Wayne, 47 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance, driving while license invalid with previous conviction.

Betts, Marcus DiAngelo, 40 of Livingston, violation of a conditional bond x 4.  
Fitzgerald, Ricky Dale, 42 of Livingston, warrant/theft by check.  
Petties, Renada Shenee, 40 of Leggett, injury to child elderly disabled reckless bodily injury.

August 14

Martinez, Tiffany Che, 41 of Coldspring, probation violation/tamper or fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair, probation violation/possession of a controlled substance.  
White, Kyle James, 33 of Onalaska, resisting arrest search or transport, disorderly conduct, driving while license invalid, assault causing bodily injury to family member.  
Andrews, Ancel Pierre, 62 of Moscow, terroristic threat of family or household.  
Fiesel, James Anthony Jr., 64 of Livingston, theft of property with two or more previous convictions, criminal trespass.  
Pursley, Jonathan Brian, 23 of Livingston, public intoxication.  
Wyatt, Justin Daymond, 26 of Point Blank, bond forfeiture/possession of a controlled substance.

August 15

Hodge, Tom Edward, 71 of Onalaska, sex offenders duty to register.  
Muirhead, Will Frank Pete, 29 of Onalaska, motion to revoke probation/possession of a controlled substance.  
Murray, Jason Brian Jr., 21 of Livingston, warrant/hindering apprehension of known felon.  
Neher, Allen, 60 of Livingston, unauthorized use of vehicle, unlawful carrying weapon.  
Scott, Michael Junrus, 63 of Moscow, bond forfeiture/aggravated assault with deadly weapon, bond forfeiture/possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, Montgomery County warrant/bond forfeiture/unlawful possession of firearm by a felon, Montgomery County warrant/bond forfeiture/possession of a controlled substance.  
Troxell, Preston Blake, 18 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance, reckless damage.  
Wells, Aspen Adele, 23 of Livingston, warrant/abandon endanger child criminal negligence, assault peace officer, resisting arrest search or transport.

## Crossword solution found on page 8B



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ACROSS

1 ooze  
5 in Hays County on I-35  
6 Cowboys' Tom Landry was 1966 "Coach of the \_\_\_\_"  
7 TX Forrest of "North Dallas Forty" (init.)  
8 early name for TAMUCT (abbr.)  
9 in Canton: "\_\_\_\_ Kingdom Paradise Island" (waterpark)  
15 TXism: "there are two chances, \_\_\_\_ and none" (unlikely)  
16 business of the Johnson Space Center in Houston  
19 Astros former spring training site: "\_\_\_\_ County Stadium" in Florida  
21 Caesar or taco, e.g.  
22 across the river from Rio Grande City  
27 Washington bills  
28 Longhorn Band drum: "Big \_\_\_\_"  
29 kids start with \_\_\_\_ (IPV) shot at two months  
30 Cage of 2017 "Mom and Dad" with TX Anne Winters  
32 17th governor: \_\_\_\_ Roberts  
33 TX Chesnut's "\_\_\_\_ Home"  
36 "Azle \_\_\_\_" paper  
37 female deer  
38 1977 film of UT grad Eli Wallach (2 wds.)

DOWN

1 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ pilot" (preacher)  
2 \_\_\_\_ of the storm  
3 stretchable  
4 TXism: "useless as \_\_\_\_"  
5 \_\_\_\_ night  
53 "you don't have to \_\_\_\_ it in"  
54 OJ's judge, Lance  
55 biblical donkey

12 first "A" in "STAAR"  
13 how TX George Foreman would train  
14 Texas wants to \_\_\_\_ massive immigration at the its border  
15 after traveling, it's \_\_\_\_ be back in Texas  
16 Baldwin of "Pearl Harbor" with TX-born Jennifer Garner  
17 TXism: "in \_\_\_\_ with" (associated)  
18 he was "Mingo" when TX Fess was "Daniel Boone" (2 wds.)  
20 TXism: "chew \_\_\_\_ awhile" (ponder)

34 Chris \_\_\_\_Doux both competed and sang at Houston Rodeo  
35 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ chaser" (early riser)  
37 Cowboy Hall of Fame WR, Pearson  
40 "the \_\_\_\_ have it" (passed)  
43 Sam Houston's last wife, Margaret \_\_\_\_  
44 a Spanish wine  
50 mascot of Sul Ross State University  
51 Harris of "The Right Stuff" with TX Dennis Quaid

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 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:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

**FOR the proposal:** Kevin Arnett, Zachary Davies, Shirley Gilmore, T. D. Jennings, Kathy Black Lott

**AGAINST the proposal:** None

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:** None

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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).

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.6092 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of POLK COUNTY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.6092 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.571903 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.609239 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 POLK COUNTY 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 POLK COUNTY 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 POLK COUNTY 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 10:00 AM at the Polk County Commissioners Courtroom, located at 410 E. Church St, Livingston, TX 77351.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, POLK COUNTY is not required to hold an election at which the 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 COMMISSIONERS COURT of POLK COUNTY at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

Your taxes owed under any of the above rates can be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = \text{tax rate} \times \text{taxable value of your property} / 100$$

**FOR the proposal:** Sydney Murphy, Guylene Robertson, Mark DuBose, Milton Purvis, Jerry Cassity

**AGAINST the proposal:** None

**PRESENT** and not voting: None

**ABSENT:** None

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://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 POLK COUNTY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by POLK COUNTY this year.

	2023	2024	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.5830	\$0.6092	Increase of \$0.0262, or 4.49%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$141,919	\$157,892	Increase of \$15,973, or 11.26%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$827.39	\$961.88	Increase of \$134.49, or 16.25%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties*</b>	\$25,273,348	\$27,338,174	Increase of \$2,064,826, or 8.17%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for POLK COUNTY at 936-327-6801 or [Tatum.White@co.polk.tx.us](mailto:Tatum.White@co.polk.tx.us), or visit [co.polk.tx.us/page/polk.County.Assessor.Collector](https://co.polk.tx.us/page/polk.County.Assessor.Collector) for more information.

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**B.A. Steinhagen**

**FAIR.** Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.08 feet below pool. Water is being released into the lake from Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Mayflies are hatching, so expect some topwater bass action. Bass are fair on soft plastics in the cuts, or with frogs over grass. Crappie are fair with jigs in flooded timber. Catfish are fair on jugs.

**Bob Sandlin**

**GOOD.** Water slightly stained; 93 degrees; 0.04 feet above pool. Summer fishing patterns are holding steady. Big blue catfish 15 feet or less. Channel catfish are fair in 15-20 feet of water on baited holes with stink bait. Crappie are good in 30 feet of water, or suspended in 15 feet of water with minnows. White bass are good at night in the lights with a white spinnerbaits. A few catches of white bass while targeting crappie with a crappie jig and white curly tailed jig. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service. Black bass are feeding early on shad patterns around grass and retaining walls. Main lake points are good for bass using clouser type patterns. Bream are plentiful with wooly buggers and small worm patterns. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. Bass are good on points in 18-22 feet of water using deep water baits like deep diving crankbaits, dropshots and Texas rigs. Night fishing has the best bite and is an escape from the heat and recreational boaters. Sand bass and black bass schooling together near the dam, and bridges. Report by Mike Stroman, R & R Marine.

**Caddo**

**GOOD.** Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.23 feet above pool. While it is hot on the water the lake bass fishing is also hot! Lots of schooling action all over the lake so have a top water handy. A fluke or light Texas rig worm will work good when fish transition deeper. The river is setting up well, so have a spoon, light Texas rig, dropshot or shaky head covering a lot of water targeting the turns, cuts and the grass or pad lines. Caddo Lake is beautiful this time of year and the bass are cooperating, so come enjoy this majestic lake that God spoke into existence. Report provided by Vince Richards, Caddo Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

**Conroe**

**GOOD.** Water stained; 92 degrees; 0.16 feet below pool. Catfish are fair at best. Spawn is over, the water is hot, and the fish are scattered. There are a lot of tiny fish mixed with the good eaters and a few trophy fish roaming baited holes as well. Report by Brad Doyle with Bradley's Guide Service

**Fork**

**GOOD.** Water Stained; 81 degrees; 0.67 feet below pool. Bass are good early morning in shallow water 2-4 feet around flooded grass and weeds on chatterbaits, and flukes. Offshore bite is fair in and around points, humps, road beds and old house foundations in 18-25 feet. Deep crankbaits are fair over deep points and humps in 22-26 feet. Report by Marc Mitchell, Lake Fork Guide Service. August brings in hot temperatures. Bass are feeding in 10-12 feet where the thermocline is not present. Look for schooling bass in the open water and creeks as shad hatch is in full swing. Also, check out the brush piles as big bass are using them to feed on crappie. Bream are excellent in the shallows, wooly buggers and small poppers should bring a strike. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. The crappie fishing on Lake Fork continues to be excellent as we get deeper into the summer pattern. Fish are still stacked up on brush, trees and some lay downs. Best depths are 14-28 feet with a few fish a little shallower and a little

deeper. The bite has been somewhat finicky lately. Minnows are a good choice to help overcome the slower bite. You can still catch fish on smaller hand tied baits or soft plastics. I've also noticed that rotating spots or finding new spots with less pressured fish has been important. The catfishing on Lake Fork is excellent like it seems to always be for eater sized channel cats. There are still tons of fish under roosting trees in 14-22 feet of water on the north ends of the lake. Bait a hole with cattle cubes or sour grains to get those fish concentrated. Then use any catfish bait of choice to load the boat. Report by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky Wiggins Guide Service.

**Lake O' the Pines**

**GOOD.** Water stained; 90 degrees; 0.01 feet above pool. Solid summer pattern is holding steady for the bass. Bass are good with schooling activity starting to pick up. Follow the shad to find the bass. There is still some bass in the bushes along the banks pitching Texas rigged worms and jigs, or wacky rigs. Bass are good on brush piles on points on the south end of the lake in 15-25 feet of water with deep running crankbaits, jigs, wacky worms and Texas rigs. The north end of the lake is producing catches in the grass and bushes. Report by Mike Stroman, R & R Marine.

**Livingston**

**GOOD.** slightly stained; 89 degrees; 0.08 feet above pool. Catching a lot of white bass in 8-12 feet of water with white and chartreuse slabs. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

**Nacogdoches**

**EXCELLENT.** Water stained; 92 degrees; 0.57 feet below pool. Large-mouth bass are excellent for numbers of 2-4 fish on big soft plastic worms Carolina rigged on 5/0. Schoolies are biting jigging spoons and blade baits, six sense poppers. Crappie are excellent for numbers 9-14 inch fish over brush piles in 12-15 feet of water natural and chartreuse crappie jigs. Double drop rig with 1/2 ounce on bottom and 1/16 ounce above. Catfish are slow on cut bait and live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

**Sam Rayburn**

**GOOD.** Water stained; 89 degrees; 3.74 feet above pool. No water is being released, stoned in the creeks. Bass are slow in shallow water with many smaller fish being caught on frogs, and spinnerbaits. Deeper bass bite is fair with Carolina rigs. Crappie are slow in the morning, but improve midday. Catfish are all over the lake in 20 feet of water and in 12 feet of water in the creek channels. White bass are on points in the south end of the lake near the dam. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. Bass are feeling the heat as well. Lake level is fluctuating due to recent rains. Bass are biting on finesse baits, dropshot or jighead minnow or Carolina rig. Mid lake to north lake is the most productive areas. Lots of fish schooling on main lake flats and ledges. Falling water creates current so fish congregate and now that the lake is risen again the fish are scattered. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Fishing.

**Toledo Bend**

**GOOD.** Water slightly stained; 91 degrees; 2.93 feet below pool. Water temperature has returned to the low 90s and the bite is tough, which is normal mid August. The best bite is at night and with the full moon coming the night bite will only improve. Bass are biting Texas rigged big worms and big thumper spinnerbait. Most of the night bass are coming in 8-14 feet, with a few being caught around lighted docks, but with water temp being so hot, the deeper bite is best. There are few bass schooling in mid lake area, but most are small, few 2 pounder being caught under them on Texas rigs, shallow running crankbaits, and 1/2 ounce jigging spoons. Be safe on water and remember to keep those running lights on all night while ur fishing! Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

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

The Onalaska Ind School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00pm, August 29, 2024 in OISD Administration Bldg., 134 N FM 356 Onalaska, 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** \$ 0.6769 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)  
**School Debt Service Tax**  
**Approved by Local Voters** \$ 0.3793 /\$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>5</u>	% increase	or	<u></u>	% (decrease)
Debt service	<u>114</u>	% increase	or	<u></u>	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>4.7</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>1,374,513,694</u>	\$ <u>1,424,816,579</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>52,967,587</u>	\$ <u>23,701,084</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>925,813,626</u>	\$ <u>964,013,987</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>48,934,884</u>	\$ <u>22,633,067</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\* \$ 8,991,180

\* 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>	\$ 0.6792	\$ 0.1753 *	\$ 0.8545	\$ 6,111	\$ 7,021
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ 0.73310	\$ 0.17060 *	\$ 0.90370	\$ 6,315	\$ 6,835
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ 0.6769	\$ 0.3793 *	\$ 1.0562	\$ 7,804	\$ 6,895

\* 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	\$ 228,522	\$ 227,641
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 115,870	\$ 128,389
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 0.8545	\$ 1.0562
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 990	\$ 1,356
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 366

**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 1.0562. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.0562.**

**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)	\$ 0
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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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Legal Notices

Citation by publication, divorce with children

CITATION BY PUBLICATION Divorce with Children TRC 109 & 114, FC 6 409 & 102.010, THE STATE OF TEXAS: Cause No.CIV24-0477 TO: BRENTON JAMES ZAMORA and to all whom it may concern, Respondent(s): GREETING NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 day after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexaslawHelp.org" The petition of GRACE ZAMORA Petitioner, was filed in the County Court of Law Of Polk County, Texas on the 7th day of August, 2024, against BRENTON JAMES ZAMORA. Respondent, numbered CIV24-0477, and entitled "In the Matter of the Marriage of GRACE ZAMORA AND BRENTON JAMES ZAMORA And In the

Interest of H.G.Z. AND A.R.Z. , a child (or children). The suit requests: Original Petition for Divorce as is more fully shown by the Petition on filed in this suit as is more fully shown by the Petition on file in this suit. The date and place of birth of the child/ children who is/are the subject of the suit is/are: APRIL 21, 2014 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS July 6, 2015 ST FRANCIS COUNTY, ARKANSAS The Court has authority in this suit.to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property that will be binding on you. The court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's/ children's interest that will be binding on you. including the term of the Parent-child Relationship, the term of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's/children's adoption. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Livingston, Polk County, Texas this the 12th day of August 2024. Attorney for Petitioner Seth Evans 507 North Washington Avenue Livingston, Texas 77351 Clerk of the Court: Bobbye J. Christopher District Clerk Polk County, Texas

ACIHA accepting construction bids

Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Indian Housing Authority 657 State Park Rd. 56 Livingston, TX 77351 The Alabama-Coushatta Indian Housing Authority (ACIHA) will be accepting sealed bids for the construction of one (1) 4-bedroom home until 10:00am August 19, 2024, at the Housing Authority Office, located at 657 State Park Rd. 56 on the

Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation, 17 miles east of Livingston, on U.S. Hwy. 190 East. Bid Package information may be obtained at the Housing Authority Office between the hours of 8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm, Monday through Thursday and Friday 8am-12pm. For more information, call (936)563-1130 or (936) 328-0465.

City of Livingston public hearing set for Sept. 10

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND BUDGET Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 West Church Street, Livingston, Texas on Sep-

tember 10, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. for consideration of Budget for said City for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025. SIGNED: /s/ Judy B. Cochran, Mayor CITY OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS

Sealed bids requested for erosion restoration

NOTICE OF BID #2024-22 The Polk County Commissioners Court is requesting sealed Bids "Erosion Restoration of a section of Kimball Creek located in Precinct 4". Eligible bids must be sealed, identified on the exterior of the envelope as "BID #2024-22" and submitted to Nacole Reeks, Purchasing / Procurement Coordinator - 602 E. Church St. Suite 120, Livingston, Texas 77351 prior to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. No facsimile transmittal of Bids will be accepted. Bids will be opened and publicly read in the Polk County Purchasing Office at 2:00 p.m. on the deadline date. A copy of the Bid Packet may be obtained by contact-

ing the Polk County Purchasing Office at (936)327-6849, option 2, or from the "Bid Notices & Proposals" tab of the County's website - www.co.polk.tx.us. Proposals will be reviewed by the Polk County Commissioners Court and considered in a regular session to be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at 410 East Church Street, Livingston, TX 77351. The Polk County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject in whole or in part any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal deemed to serve the best interest of the County and reserves the right to negotiate any final contract which may result from a successful proposal.

Estate of Larry Lee Carraway

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Larry Lee Carraway, Deceased, were issued on August 13, 2024, in Cause No. 23-CC-PB-0117, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Polk County, Texas, to: Candis Scallan. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within

the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Seth Evans Attorney at Law 507 North Washington Avenue Livingston, Texas 77351 DATED the 14 th day of August, 2024 Seth Evans Seth Evans Attorney for Candis Scallan State Bar No.: 24045852 507 North Washington Avenue Livingston, Texas 77351 Telephone: (936) 327-0232 Facsimile: (936) 327-0233 E-mail: evanslawyers@gmail.com

Sealed bids requested

NOTICE OF BID #2024-23 The Polk County Commissioners Court is requesting sealed Bids "Building Leveling and Adjustment Project at 1102 Martin Luther King Drive in Livingston". Eligible bids must be sealed, identified on the exterior of the envelope as "BID #2024-23" and submitted to Nacole Reeks, Purchasing / Procurement Coordinator - 602 E. Church St. Suite 120, Livingston, Texas 77351 prior to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. No facsimile transmittal of Bids will be accepted. Bids will be opened and publicly read in the Polk County Purchasing Office at 3:00 p.m. on the deadline date. A copy of the Bid Packet may be obtained by contact-

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Legal Notices

Atlas Tower 1, LLC proposes tower construction

Public Notice - Hwy 190 Atlas Tower 1, LLC proposes the construction of a 200 ft. lattice telecommunications tower (204 ft with appurtenances) located on Parcel Number 24508, in Livingston TX 77351, in the Polk County Census area, at latitude 30° 43' 3.687"N (NAD83) and longitude -94° 54' 57.2256"W (NAD83). The proposed tower will not require lighting for FAA aviation safety. The proposed tower can be identified by FCC Form 854 File Number A1284497. Interested persons may review the application by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the FCC Form 854 File Number A1284497. Interested persons may

raise environmental concerns about the proposed structure by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission. The Federal Communications Commission strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online; instructions for making such filings can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. The mailing address for interested parties that would prefer to file a Request for Environmental Review by paper copy: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

Estate of William H. Romine

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William H. Romine, Deceased, were issued on August 13, 2024, in Cause No. 24-CC-PB-0116, pending in the County Court at Law of POLK County, Texas, to: Independent Executor, Lillian E Romine. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the under-

signed within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o:Lillian E Romine 159 Hensley Dr. Livingston, TX 77351 DATED the 14th day of August, 2024. /s/ Leonor Shukan Shukan Law Firm, PLLC Attorney for Independent Executor, Lillian E Romine State Bar No.: 24090386 109 West Abbey St. Ste. 100 LIVINGSTON, TX 77351 Telephone: (936) 327-3273 Facsimile: (936) 327-0006 E-mail: shukan@leolawattorney.com

City of Onalaska to hold public hearing Aug. 27

LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the City of Onalaska will hold a Public Hearing in Council Chambers at City Hall, 372 S FM 356, Onalaska, Texas on August 27th, 2024, at 5:00 P.M., for consideration of the City of Onalaska Annual Budget fiscal year beginning October 1st, 2024, and ending September 30th, 2025.

Signed /s/ James W. Arnett, Mayor Notice is hereby given that the City of Onalaska will hold a Public Hearing in Council Chambers at City Hall, 372 S FM 356, Onalaska, Texas on August 27, 2024, at 5:15 P.M., for consideration of the City of Onalaska Tax Rate. Signed /s/ James W. Arnett, Mayor

Citation by publication, Joy Sims vs. D. Cleon Burrow

CITATION BY PUBLICATION TRC 109 & 114 Cause No. CIV24-0464 JOY SIMS VS. D. CLEON BURROW (aka DALTON CLEON BURROW), ET AL., pending in the 411TH DISTRICT COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS TO: D. CLEON BURROW (AKA DALTON CLEON BURROW), JUDITH F. BURROW, ANITA GAY, EARL DUNGAN & GILDA M. DUNGAN, & THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES, UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS IN TITLE, UNKNOWN DEVISEES, & UNKNOWN LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, the same being Monday, September 30, 2024, a default judgment may be taken against you. Said Petition was filed on July 25, 2024. In addition to filing

a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30-days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org. The nature of the demands of plaintiff is as follows to wit: Wherefore, premises considered, plaintiff respectfully requests that on the final trial, the court grant Plaintiff judgment quieting title to the property located at 131 Timberline dr., Onalaska, Texas 77360, more particularly described as lots five hundred seventy-five (575) and five hundred seventy-six (576), section seven (7) of Sportman's Retreat, a subdivision in Polk County, Texas and removing cloud on plaintiff's title; declaratory judgment, award of attorney's fees and costs, and any other relief at law or in equity to which plaintiff is entitled. Attorney for Plaintiff: Christie L. Hancock-Jones PO Box 2131 Livingston, TX 77351 936-239-2696

Estate of Randall L. Green

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given by Christie L. Hancock-Jones that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Randall L. Green, Deceased, were issued on June 4, 2024, in Cause No. 24-CC-PB-0013, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Polk County, Texas, to:

Sandra Green. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Sandra Green 217 W. George Jones Rd Livingston, Texas 77351

Hazel Mills Vick Stringer Estate

NOTICE CONCERNING HAZEL MILLS VICK STRINGER ESTATE Karen Jean Bayless McIntyre, Karla Jean Bayless, and Linda Sue Bayless (1) Tract 14B of ABST Peter Cauble Surv and Tract 32 ABST 179 Peter Cauble Surv (2a) Tract 14B of ABST 180, Legal Descrpt: Beginning at the SW corner of a 123 acre survey in Book I, Page 210 of PCDC, at the intersection of the Livingston and Moscow Public Road; Thence E488

vrs. to corner in said road; Thence S25W 120vrs to Corner; thence S31W 280 vrs to corner; thence S50W 390 vrs to beginning. (2b) Tract 32 of ABST 179, Legal Descrpt: 1.5 acres of land, conveyed by Mrs. O.A. Gas-siot et al to J.C. Mills record in V125 P59 of the Polk County RPRs (3) Located in Polk County Texas (4) Undivided Interest in Real Property; and (5) Rocking E Services, LLC 2719 Bay Laurel Ln Conroe, TX 77304

Indigent health care standards

NOTICE OF POLK COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE STANDARDS THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, IN A REGULARLY SCHEDULED AND PROPERLY CALLED MEETING HELD AUGUST 13, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M., APPROVED THE ADOPTION OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 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 61.0825; ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER, HOME OXYGEN EQUIPMENT, PHYSICAL THERAPY, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AND OTHER MEDICALLY NECESSARY SERVICES OR SUPPLIES DETERMINED TO BE COST EFFECTIVE BY THE ENTITY, FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS FISCAL YEAR, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 - AUGUST 31, 2025.

Estate of Herchell Donald Valentine

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given by Christie L. Hancock-Jones, Attorney at Law that original Letters of Administration with Will Annexed for the Estate of Herchell Donald Valentine, Deceased, were issued on 08/14/2024, in Cause No. 24-CC-PB-0069, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Polk County,

Texas, to: Michael Jacob Valentine. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Michael Jacob Valentine 509 Baywood Dr Seabrook, Texas 77586-1805

