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Meet the dog walking LISD hallways

By Brian Besch

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Officer Kendall Benfer probably gets more attention than she wants when entering Livingston ISD schools. However, that will happen when you are with a star.

One of the most popular figures on campus is an athlete of sorts who loves to play ball. He also has four legs and attracts kids from elementary to high school.

Hinu (pronounced he-new) is the ninth and latest addition to Livingston ISD's school-based officers. The K-9 officer is a German shepherd and two and a half years of age.

Hinu's handler did not know law enforcement would be her path when nearing graduation from Sam Houston State University. But Benfer, a Livingston grad, had majored in criminal justice.

"I wasn't set on what I wanted to do, and then it was time to graduate," she said. "My entire family is in law enforcement, so it seemed like an easy pick."

Benfer became a school-based officer in LISD's elementaries but put in a letter of intent for the Livingston Police Department's K-9 unit that would soon

"We all had short interviews and then they made their decision," Benfer said. "Myself and another K-9 officer with the PD went down to Houston and they

showed us four or five dogs. We watched them run through some detection scenarios and we got to pick.

"Hinu was kind of the best pick for me. In all honesty, I had never done this before, so I did not know. I just watched him and all I could do was compare him to the other dogs they were showing us. He was working at a speed that I could keep up with. Some dogs move really slow when they are working and some move really fast. He was well-mannered and did well on the run-through they did. He came up to me and I was able to love on him right away, which being in a school, we needed."

Benfer enjoys teaming with Hinu, saying it has been different transitioning from elementary to high school. The two took part in extensive scenario-based training in abandoned jails, as well as active and abandoned schools. There was what she calls "real-life training" toward the end, going into a rehab facility in Houston to search rooms, ensuring the patients were not using narcotics.

"With the beginning of school, we are still figuring out what all we're doing. We've done several K-9 searches so far. But there is not a typical day, I would say. It kind of varies every day, but we do random searches at LISD campuses, especially DAEP, the junior high and high school. We change it up every day. One day we might not do any (narcotics)

searches and one day we do."

When school is out, the two assist with patrol for the Livingston PD, where Benfer has now been employed for three

"After I selected Hinu, I had him for about three or four weeks, kind of just bonding at my house. He lives at my house and we are together 24/7. It is good. We live on a good bit of land, so we are able to play ball. I have another dog at the house, and we get along really well. I have a Malinois. Hinu loves playing ball and we go on walks. He is still young. German shepherds don't fully mature until four or five years old as far as behavior, so sometimes he can still act like a little toddler. We are getting to know each other, learning how we work, and how things are going to get done."

Livingston superintendent Dr. Brent Hawkins is pleased with the results of the program to this point.

"We could not be happier with the K-9 program," Hawkins said. "We feel that every district would benefit from one. Obviously with the abdication of the state's responsibility to adequately fund schools, we are forced to rely on grants or other ways to try to expand the program. Nonetheless, we are very proud of our relationship with the city, as we feel this allows us to maximize our efforts to protect students and staff."



Hinu is an expert in sniffing out vapes and narcotics. Livingston ISD Superintendent Dr. Brent E. Hawkins said the district wanted Hinu because they felt it added an additional level of school security. He said it is using man's best friend to be innovative in solving modern-day **problems.** COURTESY PHOTO





The first Goodrich First Baptist 1947 groundbreaking for current church



The current Goodrich First Baptist Church

Goodrich First Baptist Church celebrates 121st anniversary

By Brenda Gokey Hambrick **Goodrich Gadabout**

Goodrich First Baptist Church will host its 121st anniversary this Sunday with services at 11 a.m. and dinner on the grounds following at noon. Sunday will not only be the homecoming celebration, but it will also be the beginning of a revival featuring Paul and Vanessa Cherry. The revival is slated for Sunday through Wednesday, with the Sunday service at 11 a.m. and the other services at 5:30 p.m.

It is truly a "God thing" that this little country church has managed to keep its doors open through all these decades. Think back 121 years ago and then in your mind work your way through the decades from the year 1903 to this current year of 2024. The wars, the Great Depression, more wars, hurricanes, highway rerouting, and most currently the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been years of plenty and there have been some pretty slim times, but here this church still stands with its doors open to welcome everybody. This could only have been accomplished through God's Grace. There have been times of sadness when members who were the backbones of this church passed on to Glory, and there have also been many

happy times ... new births, weddings, homecoming services, "burning the note" years ago, and most importantly, many souls have found Christ in this little county church. The good times far outnumber the sad times.

One hundred twenty-one years ago, a small group of individuals living in this community gathered together and after many prayers ... they decided to step out on their faith and take on the job of building a church. They had the love of Christ, their love of this community and they had the faith that God had sanctioned their efforts and they believed. They not only built the physical church, but they also became the church.

Every generation, since the original members, has accepted the responsibility of continuing to build this church in God's name. This job will never be finished ... it is an endless job only to cease when our Lord comes again. Today's generation and all the generations to come after us share that same responsibility ... not to grow weary, not to grow weak, not to become faint of heart, but instead to hold strong and to believe that God's strength will enable them to move this church forward no matter

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Rockin' and a rollin' on a Livingston Saturday night ... or a Wednesday at noon

By Emily Banks Wooten editor@polkenterprise.com

The Livingston Lions Club received an unexpected surprise Wednesday when they were treated to a live performance by Musical Artist Wade Tanner. Tanner was the guest of Thom Bruning, owner of Across the Tracks, a live music venue located at 309 N. Jackson Ave. in downtown Livingston.

A variety of musical artists regularly play at Across the Tracks, but Tanner is one of the most popular and sought-after. For the Lions Club, he performed a cover of Jason Isbell's "Cover Me Up."

Bruning provided the program, sharing his passion for music and the story behind his ven-

"Across the Tracks is a live music venue located downtown across the tracks from the courthouse. To give a little history, the building was built around 1925-26 and started out as a grocery store with a dentist office upstairs. At some point, the grocery store closed down and when I was growing up here in the 70s, it was NAPA or Jimmy's auto parts," Bruning said.

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Musical Artist Wade Tanner during a performance at Across the Tracks, a live music venue located at 309 N. Jackson in downtown Livingston.

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"I bought the building in 2004 because I wanted to use the second story for an art studio/man cave. My wife at the time and I loved live music, always going into Houston or over to Austin to catch shows, so we decided to create a live music venue right here in Livingston. In 2005 we had plans drawn up and then life happened, and our son was born, so that put the music thing and pretty much everything else on ĥold," Bruning said.

"Fast forward to 2014 and my ex and her sister decided to open a retail shop in the front half of the downstairs. For the grand opening we had Laci Kaye Booth standing in the corner singing and playing guitar. Well that reminded us about the music venue and not long after that, we cleared out the back room of the downstairs, bought a bunch of tables and chairs and Across the Tracks off," Bruning said.

"We didn't know any local musicians so we asked Laci about others, and she gave us a short list of folks she knew and when they came in to play, they would tell us about other musicians and so on. Most, if not all, of the musicians I have play at Across the Tracks come from word of mouth from some of my regular musicians and



Music was born. The first show Thom Bruning, owner of Across the Tracks, a local live music venue, provided the program for a recent meeting was Laci, and she sold out the of the Livingston Lions Club. Bruning brought along Wade Tanner, a popular musical artist, who surprised the room with about 50 or so folks. club with a live performance that nearly brought the house down. (I-r) Lion President Paula Harvey, Lion Crystal It was a great show, and we were Finegan, Wade Tanner, Thom Bruning and Lion Todd Summy. COURTESY PHOTO

customers," Bruning said.

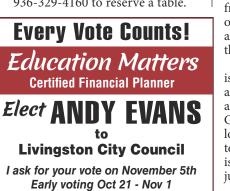
"I guarantee all my shows. If you don't like it, you get your money back. I've never had to give anyone their money back, however. I currently do one or two shows a month. I limit seating capacity to around 50, but occasionally bump that up to 60 or 65 when there's

Ticket prices are \$15, and the venue is BYOB and non-smoking/ non-vaping.

'The shows generally run an hour and a half, but if everyone is having a good time they can run longer. We have all genres of music from old school country to a full-on classic rock cover bands and everything in between. I don't bring in what they want. All I do is provide a great place for people to appreciate amazing musicians doing their thing," Bruning said.

Tanner is slated to play at Across the Tracks Saturday, along with Daniel Lynn. Doors open at 8 p.m. It is recommended to call ahead at 936-329-4160 to reserve a table.

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While this milestone is exciting, we must also take time to reflect on our past and our roots and we much be appreciative of all the hard work that the generations before us did in order for this church to survive. These generations struggled through some difficult times. The original ones were barely making it from day to day but still they managed to plant the roots of this church so deep in God that the church they dreamed of – the church they sacrificed so much for – is still standing strong this 121 years later. How happy those same Saints must be watching from their heavenly home.

Goodrich First Baptist Church has always been a very important part of this community's past. Many times it has been said (mostly by me) that this church is a living history book on the Goodrich community.

But stepping out of the past, Goodrich First Baptist is still a very important part of this community. The church doors are open to everyone. The church has served as a shelter during storms and hurricanes, it has served as a place for town meetings, weddings and funerals but mostly it stands as a refuge from a sometimes cold and often uncaring world for anyone seeking the solace that only God can give.

Goodrich First Baptist is not a social club, it's not a church of one family or a church of a select few ... Goodrich First Baptist belongs first to God and then to this community. Everyone is welcome here without any judgement.

Now I will end this with the very same statement that has echoed through the years before and will hopefully continue on ... "Now as been prayed by each generation before us ... we now 121 years later offer this same prayer ... that this church will be as true to God in the next 121 years as in the past or until our Lord cometh."

I never get tired of reading that wonderful statement that someone so many years ago wrote. All I do is change the number of years.

Pastor Tom Owen and the Goodrich First Baptist Church congregation extend a heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you to join with them not only today but for any or all church services.







LIFE TRIBUTES

William "Bill" Wells Randolph Jr.

Heaven gained another boisterous angel when William "Bill" Wells Randolph Jr. floated away on August 10, 2024, after a short illness. Bill Jr. was born to Bill and Rose Trainer Randolph in London, England on October 30, 1944, one day shy of Halloween, their first wedding anniversary. Bill married Becky Meler in Houston on July 22, 1977. Bill attended Stephen F. Austin (even though by heart he is really an Aggie) before joining the U.S. Army and serving in Vietnam as part of the Big Red One in a tank battalion. Bill spent most of his adult life in construction sales of some sort.

Bill was an avid hunter and fisherman until age and illness took their toll. He spent many years at Surfside Beach or the San Luis Pass and later at Chinquapin. Fall was always spent in either South Texas, the Hill Country or Central Texas. Bill mentored his nephews and Richie Jenkins, his almost son, on the art of outdoor recreation.

Bill was preceded into heaven by his parents, and only son, William "Randy" Wells Randolph III.

Bill is survived by his wife of 47 years, Becky Meler; grandson; Cory Payne; sisters Sharron (Jerry) Shockley and Becky Yerkes; sisters-in-law Arla Mitchell and Beth (Danny) O'Neal; nieces, Christi (Adam) Stout, Hannah O'Neal, Naomi (Clyde) Hewitt; nephews, Chris (Courtney) Yerkes, Luke O'Neal, Jake (Laura) O'Neal, Jarad (Nicole) Mitchell, Aaron (Chelsea) O'Neal, Caleb



William "Bill" Wells Randolph Jr. Celebration of life Saturday

(Ashley) O'Neal and Chase (Carie) Yerkes; as well as 18 great nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held Saturday, September 14 at 1 p.m. at the Onalaska Senior Citizens Center. George Floyd will

Dalton Eugene Zeigler

Dalton Eugene Zeigler, 56, of Twin Falls, Idaho entered the Kingdom of Heaven on July 21, 2024.

Born September 6, 1967, to Edward and Syble Zeigler, Dalton lived a meaningful life full of adventure and service to others. Growing up in Charlotte, North Carolina, Dalton enjoyed waterskiing, sports, and had a passion for dirt bikes. Following in his father's footsteps, Dalton proudly served his country as a U.S. Naval Petty Officer First Class where he trained to be an Electrician's Mate - Nuclear, taught at the Naval Nuclear Academy, and served as a nuclear reactor operator on the USS Providence.

After achieving his Chemical Engineering degree from Texas A&M, Dalton worked in Energy Sustainability, Pharmaceutical, Aircraft, Gas & Oil and Food industries. With his recent retirement, Dalton focused his talents on both functional and artistic weld-

Dalton's adventurous side enjoyed both dirt and street motorcycling, long range rifle marksmanship competitions, and sleeping under the stars. As a private pilot, Dalton enjoyed time spent flying, working on his plane, and yes, sitting out back on the patio "porch flying" with the Swainsons hawks during their regular visits in the sky above. The quieter side of Dalton enjoyed welding, designing and creating things for othspending time with friends and family, cooking (especially on his Big Green Egg) and engaging in lifelong learning. He is remembered for being an amazing teacher and mentor who found no greater joy than helping others. He had an infectious laugh, a guilty "I didn't do it" grin, and an ability to debate any topic! Oh, and don't forget his love for his mother's banana pudding!

Dalton was a dedicated husband and partner to his wife Julie and provided for every possible need or want imaginable. He was a fierce protector of his family while simultaneously infusing laughter, joy and adventure into daily life. In 2018, Dalton and Julie moved to Twin Falls, Idaho where they established their forever home and started planning for retirement.

Dalton touched and inspired many throughout his lifetime leaving his own beautiful mark on this world. His memory will be cherished by many, and he will be



Dalton Eugene Zeigler Celebration of life Saturday

deeply missed.

Dalton is survived by his wife, Julie Zeigler; parents, Edward and Syble Zeigler; sister, Shelly Zeigler; stepson, Andrew (Karina) Jenke; stepdaughter, Kayleen (Payton) Whitaker; granddaughters, Kendal, Emma and Tessa; brother-in-law Gary (Jeanette) Miller; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephew and friends; and the true love of his life, his 4-year-old Labrador, Bella.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 1-3:30 p.m., at the Livingston VFW: 4951 US-190 W. Livingston, Texas 77351.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Fisher House Foundation (Fisherhouse.org) serving veterans, service members and their families.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at www.cochranfh.com.

Sherry Lynn Wheeler

Funeral services for Sherry Lynn Wheeler, 77, of Livingston, Texas will be held on September 14, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas with Bro. Billy Bracken officiating. Interment will follow at Holly Grove Cemetery in Livingston, Texas. Visitation will be held on the day of service, from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral

Sherry was born November 24, 1946 in Houston, Texas and passed away August 30, 2024 in Tyler, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, Sam Randolph and LaVerne (Roberts) Randolph and brother, Johnny Randolph.

Sherry was a Goodrich High School graduate and a member of the Magnolia Hill Baptist Church. She was a member of the Victory Singers and if you knew her well, you knew she always wanted to be in charge and tell people what to do, which made her an effective leader of the group. They enjoyed ministering through music, singing weekly at various nursing homes and enjoying lunch together. Eager to serve those in need, Nana expressed her love for others with meals, gifts and frequent texts/phone calls. During her lifetime, she sold real estate and was often called "The Wheeler Dealer," as she could sell a freezer to an Eskimo. She was the top seller in the nation three years in a row for House of Lloyd Toys. She was also owner/operator of two locations of Sherry's Shirt Shop.

Of all of her roles and accomplishments, it was answering to the name of Nana that gave her the most joy. You would never see her anything less than all put together ... adorned with her jewelry, nails professionally polished, perfectly shaped eyebrows, and naturally curly hair properly put in place. She made it an aim to train her granddaughters to follow suit, so they would be sure to be well manicured when going to visit. No one ever went hungry at Nana's house, where you would be served full plates, then seconds, and then thirds ... whether hungry or not.

She is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband of 59 years, Charles Wheeler of Livingston, Texas; son, Duke Wheeler and wife Kim of Goodrich, Texas;



Sherry Lynn Wheeler Funeral services Saturday

daughter, Angela Witte and husband Tom of Palestine, Texas; grandchildren, Justin Wheeler and wife Caitlin, Kandace Gaspard and husband Cody, Derek Hulsey and wife Kadi, Megan Gauthier and husband Corey, Lynlee King, Bethanie Andrews and husband Travis, Brooke Witte, and Lexie Nye and husband Alex; great grandchildren, Cooper, Daxyn, Hudson, Cora, Charlie Faye, Hunter, Townes, Axel, Wyatt and Franklin; along with numerous other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers: Justin Wheeler, Derek Hulsey, Cody Gaspard, Corey Gauthier, Travis Andrews and Alex Nye. Honorary Pallbearers: Randy Randolph, Billy Lambeth, Bobby Henderson, Kelton Taylor, Forrest Bracken, Red Allen and Bowen Cain.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at www.cochranfh.com.

Charles Etta Jackson

Funeral services for Charles Etta Jackson, 92, of Corrigan, will be held at noon on Friday, September 13, 2024, in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church in Corrigan. Interment will follow in the Shiloh Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon, prior to the services.

Ms. Jackson was born October 16, 1931 in Moscow, Texas, and died Tuesday, September 3, 2024 in her residence.

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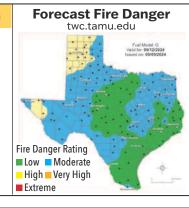
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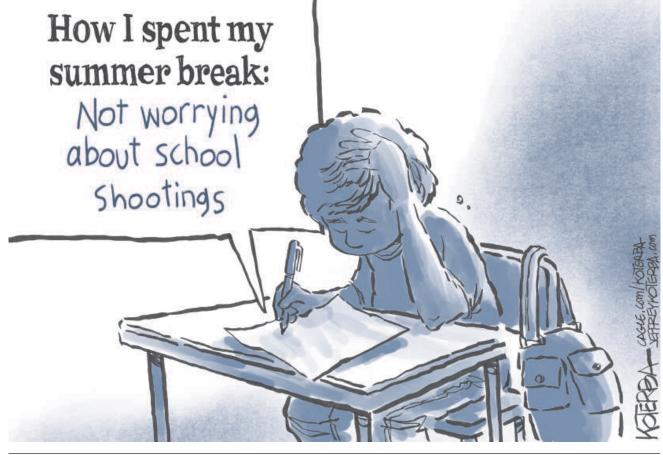
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- CORRIGAN CITY COUNCIL: 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Corrigan City Hall, 101 West Ben Franklin.
- GOODRICH CITY COUNCIL: 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Goodrich City Hall, 1003 Loop 393.
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- · Crude language.
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The Piney Wood Lakes Chapter Texas Master Naturalists will host an East Texas Conservation Expo from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Polk County Commerce Center located at 1015 Hwy. 59 Loop North in Livingston. The event is free to the public and will include inside and outside exhibits, booths, speakers, workshops, demonstrations and vendors. There will be planned programs on forestry and timber management, pond management and water quality, wildlife management, pasture restoration, prescribed fire, integrated pest management, cost share programs, conservation agencies, fish habitat, pollinator protection, land management planning, native planning and youth activities. For more information, email etconservationexpo@ gmail.com.life management, pasture restoration, prescribed fire, integrated pest management, cost share programs, conservation agencies, fish habitat, pollinator protection, land management planning, native planning and youth activities. For more information, email etconservationexpo@gmail.com.

ingston from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 21. •Sam Houston Electric Cooperative located at 1157 E. Church St. in Livingston from 12:30-5 p.m.

Saddle, Buckle Playday Series

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

Livingston Lions Club

Where there's a need, there's a Lion. Livingston Lions Club is committed to serving and supporting the community and charitable organizations. Its weekly meetings are noon Wednesdays at Camp Cho-Yeh at 2200 South Washington. For additional information, contact President Paula Harvey at 832-401-1594 or at paula202a@yahoo.com.

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

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

Al-Anon Groups

Al-Anon meets from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays in the family center at St. Joseph's Catholic Church located at 2590 U.S. Hwy. 190 West in Livingston. For more information contact Ed at 713-443-3140 or Denise at 936-933-2603.

Al-Anon also meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at the First United Methodist Church of Onalaska located at Hwy. 356 South in Onalaska. For more information contact Lottie at 713-291-3388.

Reading Encourages Advanced Development Fundraising

Fundraising efforts are always underway for R.E.A.D. (Reading Encourages Advanced Development), the Polk County sponsor for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. To make a contribution, send a check to R.E.A.D., 2810 U.S. Hwy. 190 West, Ste. 100, PMB 167, Livingston Texas 77351 or donate online at www.readpolkcounty.com. Since its inception, R.E.A.D. has provided over 100,000 books for children in Polk County.

Open Mic Singing

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

Onalaska Cookie Exchange

The Onalaska Library Auxiliary will host a Cookie Exchange on Sept. 17. To participate, please RSVP to librarian@cityofonalaska.us. Each participant will bring two dozen cookies, or other small treats such as brownies, and a container to be used to bring cookies home. Each participant will also need to bring recipe cards with their cookie recipe on them for each guest. Be sure and bring extra containers so you can take home all the cookies you'll be re-

Walk For Recovery

In recognition of September being National Recovery Month, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas will host a Walk For Recovery at 9 a.m. Sept. 26. The starting point will be at the Alabama-Coushatta Cultural Center located at 571 State Park Rd. 56. The walk will be approximately one mile, beginning at the cultural center and going to the lake circle and back. All participants are encouraged to wear purple.

The History of Livingston

Discover the cultural history of the area by listening to two local experts talk about the history of Livingston at 5 p.m. Sept. 25 at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall located at 910 N. Washington Ave. in Livingston. Clarke Evans and Gary Davis will provide the program. Evans is a fourth-generation Polk Countian. His grandparents moved

to the area via wagon train soon after the Civil War. He has been in local real estate since 1978. Davis' family has been here for three generations. He is now retired and spends his time investing in real estate and writing about the rich history of Livingston and Polk County. The event is free and open to the public.

Gospel Concert

Great Beginnings Preschool presents a gospel concert featuring Christian recording artist and ICMA award-winning artist Bruce Hedrick at 6 p.m. Sept. 28 at First Methodist Church of Livingston. The concert is free and the public and all denominations are welcome. First Methodist Church is located at 2801 US Hwy. 190 West.

Multiple blood drives available

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

•Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce loLowe's located at 120 U.S. 59 Loop South in Livingston from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 14.

•Onalaska Volunteer Fire Department located at 181 Old Groveton Rd. in Onalaska from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept.

•Pedigo Furniture located at 3785 Hwy. 190 W in Liv-

Deer hunting then and now



The boy, about 10 years old, occupied the front seat of the school bus, wide eyed and wishing the driver would put the petal to the metal so he could make it home quicker, he had big plans for the evening. But the driver, also owner of the local country grocery, knew the roads well in very rural Red River County in northeast Texas. This was way back in 1960 and pot holes and occasional deep sand drifts was the norm and he had many years of safely transporting kids to and from school under his belt; slow and steady was his mantra.

After a bumpy fifteen minute ride that seemed an eternity to the youngster, the bus came to a stop at the boy's front gate and he hopped off and made a mad dash up the gravel drive and grabbed a cold sweet potato his mother left on the stove for a quick snack, the boy loved sweet potatoes and he could eat one on the run while he rushed to water his little flock of laying hens and feed his horse a coffee can full of Horse and Mule feed. He was on a mission, it was Nov 16 and the opener of deer season! A few days before the boy and his Dad loaded up in the old '50 International pickup and drove into town to the court house where he purchased his deer 'permit' as the license was called

back in the day.

The youngster didn't own a deer rifle but for the past couple years; he had been shooting squirrel, rabbit and quail when he caught one on the ground with the bolt action .410 shotgun his uncle had given him. He had recently purchased five rifled slugs for his little shotgun and 'sighted it in' by shooting center of a 5 gallon bucket placed in front of the dam of the half acre pond on the small farm. He was only about 25 yards from the bucket for his sight in session but he figured that was far enough, he would be hunting a thick patch of woods behind the house and surely the big buck he hoped for would offer a good close shot. The boy's optimism and confidence was soaring on that day long ago but his experience hunting deer was sorely lacking. He had only seen a few wild deer in his short lifetime but he had a burning desire to learn more about them. Spirits were very high on that crisp fall afternoon 65 years ago.

Deer were precious few back in those days. Oh, there were some experienced deer hunters in the county, mostly WWII veterans that set up a tent camp each year and always managed to put a buck or two on the meat pole. The boy remembers their camp well and the day his brother in law took him there for a mid day visit. As they pulled up in their 'hunting car', a '26 Crown Victoria Ford sedan, the boy saw two giant bucks field dressed and hanging from the meat pole. The hunters were preparing lunch at camp and invited their guest to join them. The boy still remembers dining on that meal of chicken fried venison backstrap and boiled potatoes with plenty of butter!

To this day, this visit to a sure nuff deer camp is engrained in the

now 75 year old hunter's brain. He remembers every detail with minute focus, everything from the smell of the cook fire to the red and black Woolrich jackets worn by all the hunters. In the boy's eyes, these guys held the keys of knowledge to something that he just had to learn about and become proficient doing. The boy wanted desperately to learn everything there is to know about

deer and deer hunting. Those early 'back forty' hunts were the training ground for a lifetime of pursuing whitetail deer. Nary a deer was spotted on those hunts but that did little to diminish the boy's desire to hunt. It was several years before the young hunter had the opportunity to harvest a deer on his Uncle's 80 acres not far from home. He remembers vividly hearing that young spike buck snort back in the brush. The boy didn't know it at the time, but the inquisitive little buck that walked into the sights of his Marlin 30-30 had winded him and in the thick cover, came in close in efforts to locate the origin of the foreign odor his sensitive nostrils had detected. At about 40 yards, the broadside shot was easy even for the young hunter that had become pretty proficient with iron sights but this was his first time to ever draw a bead on a big game animal. Luckily the shot happened fast and he didn't have time to get nervous, that happened after he walked up to his harvested buck. To him the little buck was a monster and as he began the field dressing chore, he had to stop to let his nerves and his knife hand settle down. The buck was young and tasty and supplied many meals for the boy and his family. This is some of the first venison the family had eaten and he remembers his mother being surprised at how tender the backstrap steaks were!

This occurred way back in '65 and was the first of many, many deer put on the meat pole through the years.

About this time the boy began spending a week each fall with Poppa Dinkins, actually no blood kin but a dear family friend that owned a big ranch and woodland in south east Texas. The boy's family would drop him off at the bus station in Dallas with his rifle in a case and he would make the long bus ride down to south Texas. Looking back the boy, now a veteran of many years in the deer woods, could only imagine what might happen if someone entering a public place with a rifle these days. Back then it seemed as natural as carrying a suitcase and only prompted questions from other hunters as to where the boy was heading to hunt.

Poppa was 86 years old back in 1965 when the boy first began visiting and hunting with him. The boy did the math and learned that Poppa was born back in 1879 when things were really wild in south Texas. He had 37 whitetail buck mounts adorning the walls of his old ranch house and the boy spent a great deal of time in the evenings studying them closely. In retrospect, none of the bucks were giants, most probably scored about 130 BC inches but at that stage of the boy's deer hunting career, they were giants. Poppa had shot most of them with the old 10 gauge double Damascus barrel shotgun that hunt over the fireplace. Poppa was a slightly built man but tough as nails. Just before he turned 90, he was gored by a buck in a chute as his ranch foreman was attempting to doctor a wound. The buck had become entangled in a wire fence and had some bad cuts to which they were applying antibiotic. Poppa survived the wound to the

stomach and lived another 6 years.



The boy came to spend his week each fall with the veteran outdoorsman and rancher for the remainder of his long life.

The boy is now a very veteran hunter with about 65 opening days under his belt. His love for hunting has fueled his career as an outdoors writer. Filling his freezer with prime venison is no longer the challenge it was back in the old days. Deer are more than plentiful in his home state of Texas and across the majority of their range. With several hunts in the plans beginning with the opener of bow season and through the end of February on managed ranches, meat for the freezer and possibly antlers for the wall is almost a given. May the tradition and lifestyle go on forever! Luke Clay-

Get ready to tap your feet to the sounds of Motown

From Enterprise Staff

The Livingston Community Concert Association is excited to host "Legacy," its first performance for the 2024-2025 concert season at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 19 at the Polk County Commerce Center located at

1017 U.S. Hwy. 59 Loop North in Livingston. "Legacy" is a New York City-based male vocal group that showcases members from the Broadway production of "Motown The Musical."

'These remarkable entertainers deliver showstopping performances featuring iconic concert hits spanning from the Beatles to Bruno Mars and everything in between. With dynamic performances witnessed all over the world in theaters, luxury cruise lines, performing arts centers and corporate events, Legacy's shows are filled with powerhouse vocals, smooth dance moves and genuine charm."

The performance will feature music from The Jackson 5, Beatles, Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind and

Fire and the Temptations. There will be more contemporary music from Bruno Mars and Poison, as well as a "doo-wop" style medley performed a ca-

Featuring their signature show, Motown and More, the audience is invited to join "a high-energy musical journey through the decades, offering something for everyone."

Membership in the Livingston Community Concert Association is available at varying levels: Adult \$50, Family \$110 (two adults and children), Patron \$150, Sponsor \$300, Benefactor \$500 and Endowment \$1,000-



plus. Checks may be mailed to Livingston Community Concert Association at P.O. Box 960, Livingston, Texas 77351. All concerts are held at the Polk County Commerce

Center located at 1017 Hwy. 59 Loop North in Livingston. For additional information, contact Sally Frasier at 936-967-0219 or visit www.livingstoncommunityconcert.org.



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US 59 Livingston Upgrade (Future I-69)

From 0.39 miles south of FM 1988 to 1.90 miles south of SL 116 on US 59, and 0.10 miles west of FM 350 North to 0.10 miles east of Briar Way on US 190

Aviso de Reunión Virtual Pública con Opción Presencial

Mejora de la US 59 Livingston (Próximamente I-69)

Desde 0.39 millas al sur de la FM 1988 hasta 1.90 millas al sur de la SL 116 en la US 59 y 0.10 millas al oeste de la FM 350 Norte a 0.10 millas al este de Briar Way en la US 190.

TxDOT is proposing the following improvements in Polk County, Texas: improve US 59 from 0.39 miles south of FM 1988 to US 190, including an interchange at US 59/ FM 1988; improve US 59 from US 190 to 1.90 miles south of SL 116, including an interchange at US 59/BUS 59; and improve US 190 from 0.10 miles west of FM 350 North to 0.10 miles east of Briar Way, including an interchange at US 190/US 59.

Join us for a virtual public meeting with an in-person option to learn more about these proposed improvements.

In-person

Polk County Commerce

Center

1017 Hwy 59 Loop North Livingston, TX 77351

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Virtual

www.txdot.gov, keyword search "US 59 Livingston"

Posted online by Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 5 p.m. If you do not have internet access, you may call 936-633-4383 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions

and access project materials during the project development process. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to

TxDOT propone las siguientes mejoras en el Condado de Polk, Texas: mejorar la US 59 desde 0.39 millas al sur de la FM 1988 hasta la US 190, incluyendo un cruce de autopistas en la US 59/FM 1988; mejorar la US 59 desde la US 19 a 1.90 millas al sur de la SL 116, incluyendo un cruce de autopistas en la US 59/BUS 59; y mejorar la US 190 desde 0.10 millas al oeste de la FM 350 Norte a 0.10 millas al este de Briar Way, incluyendo un cruce de autopistas en la US 190/US 59.

aprender más sobre estas mejoras propuestas.

Meeting Details

from 5-7 p.m.

accommodate most needs.

Project Overview

Proposed Project Features:

- · Anticipated to enhance safety, improve mobility and connectivity, provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route, and provide system connectivity to I-69.
- · Involves the reconstruction of US 59 mainlanes, ramps and frontage roads to meet interstate standards for potential future designation as I-69.
- Revises the configuration of the US 190, BUS 59 North, and BUS 59 South/FM 1988 interchanges, in addition to new frontage road connections crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad just north of BUS 59/FM 1988 and just south of BUS 59
- · Includes the construction of cable barrier-divided mainlanes along US 59 that consist of four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two in each direction, 6-foot-wide inside shoulders, and 12-foot-wide outside shoulders. Northbound and southbound US 59 frontage road construction would include two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with a 4-foot inside shoulder and a 10-foot outside shoulder. A 10-foot shared-use path would also be constructed along the proposed US 59 frontage roads.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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Presencial

Polk County Commerce Center

1017 Hwy 59 Loop North Livingston, TX 77351

Jueves 3 de octubre, 2024 de 5-7 p.m.

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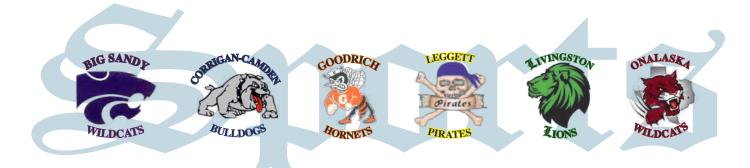
Información General del Proyecto

Características Propuestas del Proyecto:

- Se anticipa mejorar la seguridad, mejorar la movilidad y conectividad y proporcionar una ruta de evacuación de huracanes más eficiente y proporcionar conectividad del sistema a la I-69
- Involucra la reconstrucción de los carriles principales, rampas y carriles laterales de la US 59 para cumplir con los estándares interestatales para una posible designación futura como I-69.
- Revisa la configuración de los cruces US 190, BUS 59 Norte y BUS 59 Sur/FM 1988, además de nuevas conexiones de carriles laterales que cruzan sobre la Union Pacific Road justo al norte de la BUS 59/FM 1988 y justo al sur de la BUS 59 Norte.
- Incluye la construcción de carriles principales divididos por barreras de cable a lo largo de la US 59 que consiste de cuatro carriles de viaje de 12 pies de ancho, dos en cada dirección, dos arcenes interiores de 6 pies de ancho y arcenes exteriores de 12 pies de ancho. La construcción del carril lateral en dirección norte y sur incluiría dos carriles de viaje de 12 pies de ancho y un arcén interior de 4 pies de ancho y un arcén exterior de 10 pies de ancho. También se construiría un camino de uso compartido de 10 pies a lo largo de los carriles laterales propuestos de la US 59.

La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leves ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto, están siendo o han sido realizadas por TxDOT de conform con la Reglamentación 23, Sección 327 del Código de Estados Unidos y un Memorando de Entendimiento con fecha del 9 de diciembre de 2019, ejecutado por la FHWA (Administración Federal de Carreteras) y TXDOT.





Come out breathing fire

By Brian Besch pcenewsroom@gmail.com

Coaches in DeWalt Field House are hoping the final non-district game of 2024 will be a re-birth, after the team lacked effort in a 42-8 loss to Needville.

"They recovered pretty well (after film session), considering how much we got after them and how much they saw the other team got after them. They saw the point where we just shut down and it got out of hand. It was pointed out very bluntly and very straightforward to them. It was easy to see, so they weren't real happy with themselves. We will see how resilient they are."

The task this week is a larger school in Class 5A Nacogdoches. The Dragons are 1-1 after a 34-17 win over Palestine and 56-0 loss to Lufkin.

"They are really explosive and they have a wild, scrambling quarterback that is athletic as heck. He will just launch it, and it doesn't matter. He will throw it anywhere to anybody.

'They run the basic plays out of the spread offense, and they are in that Michael Vick mode. They let him (quarterback) make plays to see what they can do. They have big, giant offensive linemen, that reminds you of Legacy Sports Science from last year."

Nacogdoches has turned in an uneven performance to this point, defeating a perennial playoff team in Palestine, but suffering the large shutout loss to Lufkin.

"They've also got a little back that can go. They will throw plenty of deep routes to the receivers, who are athletic kids. They are real spiders, that can jump up and climb in the air."

Livingston has seen similar offenses through part of the first scrimmage with Coldspring,

LION VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 31	at Fort Bend Austin	L 24-14
Sept. 6	Needville	L 42-8
Sept. 13	at Nacogdoches	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	open	
Sept. 27	at Hardin-Jefferson	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Liberty	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	LC-M	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Bridge City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Huffman Hargrave	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Lumberton	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Vidor	7:30 p.m.

then more through the Woodville scrimmage and versus Fort Bend Austin in week one.

Look for Nacogdoches to run a 50-front that packs plenty of size along the line of scrimmage.

"They will have a big, heavy nose tackle, and two big defensive tackles. It will be big-on-big there. The linebackers are active and athletic.

"(The defense) is very similar to what we saw in Woodville, almost identical. They have the same kind of athletes with lots of basketball- and track-type ath-

With the final tune up before league games begin, the Lions will look more similar to what will be shown during district play. Many have rotated in multiple spots on both sides of the ball, and Vanover said he wants a bit more specialization this week.

"We've got to narrow it down this week and not go with such hunt, pick and try. We are going

to go with the best folks and establish a strong running game. We are going to keep throwing the ball like we have the past two weeks. We need to spread it around and get it to multiple receivers at different positions and get things settled down and back to normal. Even though it was a disappointment the way we gave stuff up the other night, we still averaged over six yards per carry running the ball. We also still averaged about a first down every time we caught the ball."

Big plays have occurred on offense and the defense, though few times in the home game, have shown they can make stops. What the Lions will need is for those to happen regularly, playing complementary football.

'We want to get consistent, and I think slowing down the personnel substitutions is going to be the big key. We know the top two now at every spot, and that's who we are going with."



Livingston Lions at Nacogdoches Dragons at Dragon Stadium 7:30 p.m.



District 10-4A Div. I	W-L	PF	PA
Bridge City	2-0	104	6
Huffman Hargrave	2-0	83	22
Hardin-Jefferson	1-1	28	33
Vidor	1-1	42	42
Livingston	0-2	22	66
Liberty	0-2	33	36
Lumberton	0-2	16	56
LC-M	0-2	21	40

Last Week

Bridge City 50, Kirbyville 0 East Cambers 26, Hardin-Jefferson 7 Huffman Hargrave 34, Houston Furr 6 Splendora 28, Liberty 27 Silsbee 27, LC-M 14 West Brook 19, Lumberton 16 Vidor 28, Santa Fe 14 Needville 42, Livingston 8

This Week **Orangefield at Bridge City** 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Hardin-Jefferson at Buna **Splendora at Huffman Hargrave** 7 p.m. **Liberty at East Chambers** 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Iowa (La.) at LC-M 7:30 p.m. **Lumberton at Jasper** 7:30 p.m. **Vidor at Hamshire-Fannett Livingston at Nacogdoches** 7:30 p.m.

By Albert Trevino

The (1-1) Corrigan-Camden Bulldogs are looking to comeback with a victory this Friday against the (1-1) Kirbyville Wildcats.

Corrigan suffered a 26-6 road loss to the Hardin Hornets last week, struggling to limit Hardin's physical ground attack or advance the ball on offense with their own unforced errors.

Despite this, Bulldog head coach Brett Ratliff is still confident in his offense's ability to bounce back this Friday at Kirbyville. This performance will play a role in shaping the rest of the schedule.

"Those mistakes will happen early on in the season. We fought hard last game, but we are a much better football team than what we have shown," said Ratliff. "How you respond is always the ultimate indicator of how well the season will

The Bulldogs reportedly had a strong practice set early this week, as Ratliff is optimistic about the team's direction if they can maintain that momentum.

spond the right way. I felt we had chart a 42-28 loss against manage the pace for better possess-"We are definitely going to reour best practice day so far this year on Monday. I was excited about their immediate reaction," Ratliff said. "If we can continue that, I feel really good moving forward."

Kirbyville is coming off a 50-0 shutout loss at home to the Bridge City Cardinals last week. The Wildcats won their season opener 34-14 visiting the Shepherd Pirates.

Last year, Corrigan suffered a

BULLDOG VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug 30	Tarkington	W 27-24
Sept. 6	at Hardin	L 26-6
Sept. 13	at Kirbyville	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Elkhart	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Joaquin	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	open	
Oct. 11	Groveton	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Hearne	7 p.m.
Oct. 25	Normandy	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Leon	7 p.m.
Nov. 8	Centerville	7 p.m.

size and physicality in the match.

ished 3-1 in non-district play and Ratliff. 5-1 in district. However, Kirbyville was bounced from the first playoff efficiency on first down will help Shepherd.

The Wildcats have a new coachpreviously the offensive coordinator for the Daingerfield Tigers.

ed its transition from a ground and so we can relax and not press so pound offense to currently utilizing much." the entire field from the shotgun

"Kirbyville is now going to be a senior tight end Ethan Rawls.

tough 56-0 defeat to the Wildcats. pure spread team from the gun That young Bulldog team, still de- 100%, doubles and trips, based on veloping with inexperienced play- what we have seen. They will likely ers, struggled against Kirbyville's throw it around 65% of the time. Although, they could try some-That season, the Wildcats fin- thing different against us," said

> Ratliff stated his team's offensive sions versus the Wildcats on Friday.

"Our offense depends on moving ing staff this year. Head coach and the ball on first down. If we get that athletic director Seth Hubbard was positive gain, it opens up the playbook for second and third down," said Ratliff. "We will have to do a Based on film, Kirbyville has start- better job with that [this week]

> The Wildcat offense features senior quarterback Jace Huffman and



Corrigan-Camden Bulldogs at Kirbyville Wildcats at Wildcat Stadium 7:30 p.m.



District 12-2A Div. I	W-L	PF	PA
Jewett Leon	2-0	60	16
Centerville	2-0	94	36
Corrigan-Camden	1-1	33	50
Hearne	0-2	6	19
Normangee	0-2	6	67
Groveton	0-2	44	61

Last Week Jewett Leon 26, Dawson 16 Centerville 27, Crawford 21 Hardin 26, Corrigan-Camden 6 **Burton 6, Hearne 0**

Trinity 33, Groveton 32 Iola 46, Normangee 6

This Week 7:30 p.m. **Centerville at Groesbeck** Corrigan-Camden at Kirbyville 7:30 p.m. **Groveton at Lovelady** 7:30 p.m. **Brazos Christian at Hearne** 7 p.m. Jewett Leon at Wortham 7 p.m. 7 p.m. Normangee at Snook

"(Senior quarterback Jace) Huff- Ratliff said. man is a great player and runs a Kickoff for Friday's district matchcrisp offense and (Ethan) Rawls is a up is set for 7:30 p.m. at Wildcat big, strong kid as outside receiver," Stadium (Kirbyville High School.)

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Sweeping out a losing streak

By Brian Besch

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Livingston volleyball started district the right way, sweeping Shepherd 25-23, 25-8 had bad practices. Today, we had our startand 25-15 Tuesday in San Jacinto County.

No team led by more than three until Livingston scored six straight to go from down one to up 20-15 in the opening set. Corrinne Henderson provided good serves during the but that goes to show how good that kid is." run. The Lady Lions were able to preserve the lead after a rally attempt from Shepherd.

Livingston started well in the second set, jumping out to an 11-3 lead. It would remain one-sided, as the visitors continued to win by

"We had impact plays tonight from N'Ziya Washington, who is a senior," Livingston coach Heather Mosser said. "Every time she touched the ball tonight, there was something special. I was yelling at them to get her the ball more, because she was just on fire. I have seen a lot of consistent play from Carly Pipes and Corinne Henderson, but I have a lot of leadership as well from my back row. When we play the way that I know we can, we ers' return could help solidify the offense that play really well. We've just been struggling to find that. I'm hoping we are close."

Shepherd looked to have turned momen- sparingly on Tuesday. tum with a 5-1 start to the third set. However, Livingston quickly recovered, tying the game ferson and Tarkington are all expected to be at six. Scoring eight of the next nine points, competitors for playoff spots. Livingston is the Lady Lions produced a more comfortable hopeful of being lumped into that group by 14-7 advantage that would lead to the sweep. the end of the season.

"I'm going to be really honest, we have been said. "We have struggled the past few games students.

just trying to find a way to make it work. I knew they were capable of finding a way to make it work, but we just couldn't get there.

"We have had good practices and we have ing setter (sophomore Madelyn Akers) back on the court. She is not 100%, but we played with just knowing that she is there. It is crazy how one player like that can impact a team,

Mosser said the Lady Lions snapped a four-game losing streak Tuesday, dropping games that were winnable over the previous

"We lost to Dayton, who we already beat this year. We lost to Huntington, who we played in a scrimmage and beat. We were just really defeated, and I've really been trying to get them to work through adversity. This was us tonight working through it and I am proud for the win, because we needed the win."

Though the coach believes her team still isn't performing up to their capability, but she is glad to be out of the recent slump. Akwill be needed for district. Mosser is working her back slowly from the injury, playing her

Huffman Hargrave, Liberty, Hardin-Jef-

The Lady Lions want all to attend their struggling immensely to get on this court and Friday home match versus Onalaska for Best perform without our starting setter," Mosser Buddies night to honor some of their fellow



Bracee Hicks measures the serve during a Livingston sweep. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Corrinne Henderson gets the dig on the back row.

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Kenzi Parrish was helpful across the Lady Lion front line in Tuesday's win. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Carly Pipes had several kills, including this one in the second set.



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8/31 Fort Bend Austin 24	Livingston 14
9/6 Needville	Livingston 8
9/13 Nacogdoches	
9/20 OPEN	
9/27 Hardin-Jefferson*	7:30pm
10/4 Liberty* ^	7:30pm
10/11 Cypress-Mauriceville* **	7:30pm
10/18 Bridge City*	7:30pm
10/25 Huffman*	7:30pm
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Tracy Henderson Allen, evading arrest/detention.

Tracy Henderson Allen, deadly conduct. Ancel Pierre Andrews, terroristic threat of family/house-

Denise Rose Kolojaco, assault causing bodily injury/family \$2,500.

member. Shawn Austin Pillow, minor possesses alcoholic beverage. Brian Armando Soza, minot possesses alcoholic beverage.

James Daniel Higgins, state park violations. Melissa Ann T. Cupps, assault by threat/contact.

Charlotte Y. Walker, assault by threat/contact.

Renee Elizabeth Carrillo, possession of drug paraphernasion of controlled substance, no bond. **Brandon D. Hozifield**, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ernest Shane McGaha, driving while license invalid. Manuel Chivira, no driver's license (when unlicensed). **J. Valeriano-Andino**, no driver's license (when unlicensed). Yoli A. Diaz-Reyes, no driver's license (when unlicensed). Steven Torres, driving while license invalid.

Lester R. Gomez, no driver's license (when unlicensed). Angela Marie Moffett, violate Texas Health and Safety

Stephanie M. Kennedy, no driver's license (when unlicensed).

Carlos Lopez-Corcios, no driver's license (when unlicensed) Daniel P. Bonilla, no driver's license (when unlicensed).

Adam Brandon Rocha, no driver's license (when unli-

Robert Paul Thompson, minor possesses alcoholic beverintent to deliver, \$20,000.

Carlos Enrique Tohom, public display alcohol. Carlton B. Sanders, state park violations. Tonya Lynn Heath, permit animal to run at large. Stanley Keith Meyers, driving while license invalid. J. Hernandez Colunga, violate TRA restricted area, John J. Way, display fictitious license.

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Bonds set Eugene Marvin Odom, DWI, \$1,000.

James Arthur Akins, possession of controlled substance,

Jon Paul Glass, possession of controlled substance, \$30,000. Tivon Barnett, assault causing bodily injury/family member, \$2,500.

Tivon Barnett, assault family/house member, \$30,000. Stephanie Hernandez, assault causing bodily injury,

Candido Perez Jr., possession of marijuana < 2 oz., \$1,000. Joseph Wayne Dorsey, terroristic threat of family/house-

hold, \$2,500. Rashad Danjelio King, assault causing bodily injury,

Amber Lee Jacobs, motion to revoke probation - posses-

Ashlie R. Harrington, motion to revoke probation - prohibited substance/item in correctional facility, no bond.

Ashlie R. Harrington, motion to revoke probation - possession of controlled substance, no bond.

Ashlie R. Harrington, theft of property, \$10,000. Ashlie R. Harrington, theft of property, \$10,000.

Bryan Adam Scott, motion to revoke probation - possession of controlled substance, no bond.

Brian Keith Lafferty, bond forfeiture - possession of con-

trolled substance, no bond. Brian Keith Lafferty, failure to appear/violate promise to appear/no driver's license, bond not determined.

Julian A. Galvan, possession of controlled substance,

Tania Diaz, possession of controlled substance, \$10,000. Lisa Marie Boess, DWI, \$1,000.

Debra Olla Davis, possession of controlled substance with

Debra Olla Davis, possession of marijuana < 2 oz., \$1,000. Bobby Jason Cedars, terroristic threat of family/household, \$2,500.

Joseph Wayne Dorsey, parole violation – DWI, no bond. Ricky D. Fitzgerald, theft by check, no bond.

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Renada S. Petties, injury to child/elderly/disabled, \$5,000. Summer M. Lewallen, possession of controlled substance

with intent to deliver, \$700. Summer M. Lewallen, parent contributing to non-atten-

dance, bond not determined. Barbara E. Mizell, motion to revoke probation - theft of

property, \$4,000. Barbara E. Mizell, motion to revoke probation - theft of property, \$4,000.

Kyle James White, resist arrest, search or transport, \$2,500. Kyle James White, disorderly conduct, bond not deter-

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cate physical evidence, no bond. Tiffany C. Martinez, probation violation - possession of

controlled substance, no bond. Wesley Stewart, probation violation - evading arrest, no

Jonathan B. Pursley, public intoxication, bond not deter-

Donna M. Isaaks, bail jumping - failure to appear theft,

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Justin Damond Wyatt, bond forfeiture - possession of controlled substance, \$15,000.

Michael Junurs Scott, bond forfeiture - aggravated assault with deadly weapon, no bond.

Michael Junurs Scott, bond forfeiture – possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver, no bond.

Michael Junurs Scott, bond forfeiture - unlawful possession of firearm by felon, no bond.

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trolled substance, no bond. Preston B. Troxell, possession of controlled substance,

Preston B. Troxell, reckless damage, bond not determined.

Jason Brian Murray, hinder apprehension known felon,

Tom Edward Hodge, sex offender's duty to register,

Allen Neher, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, \$5,000.

Allen Neher, unlawfully carrying weapon, \$2,500.

Aspen Adele Wells, abandon/endanger child, no bond. Aspen Adele Wells, assault peace officer, \$30,000.

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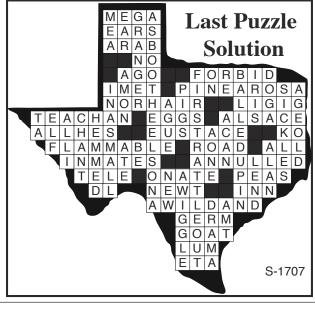
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