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This year's Heritage edition features ghost towns and sawmill camps in Polk County and surrounding areas.

# I-69 DEVELOPMENT

## Alliance: Several I-69 projects to be completed by 2022

In a report to members, the Alliance for I-69 Texas said the effort to upgrade the Hwy. 59 corridor to interstate standards is gaining momentum, with several large projects going to contract for completion by 2022. Currently 207 miles of I-69 already part of the interstate system.

Among the Tier 1 projects approved in the 2020 Unified Transportation Plan approved by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in August.

The US 59 relief route around Corrigan is leading the list of those projects.

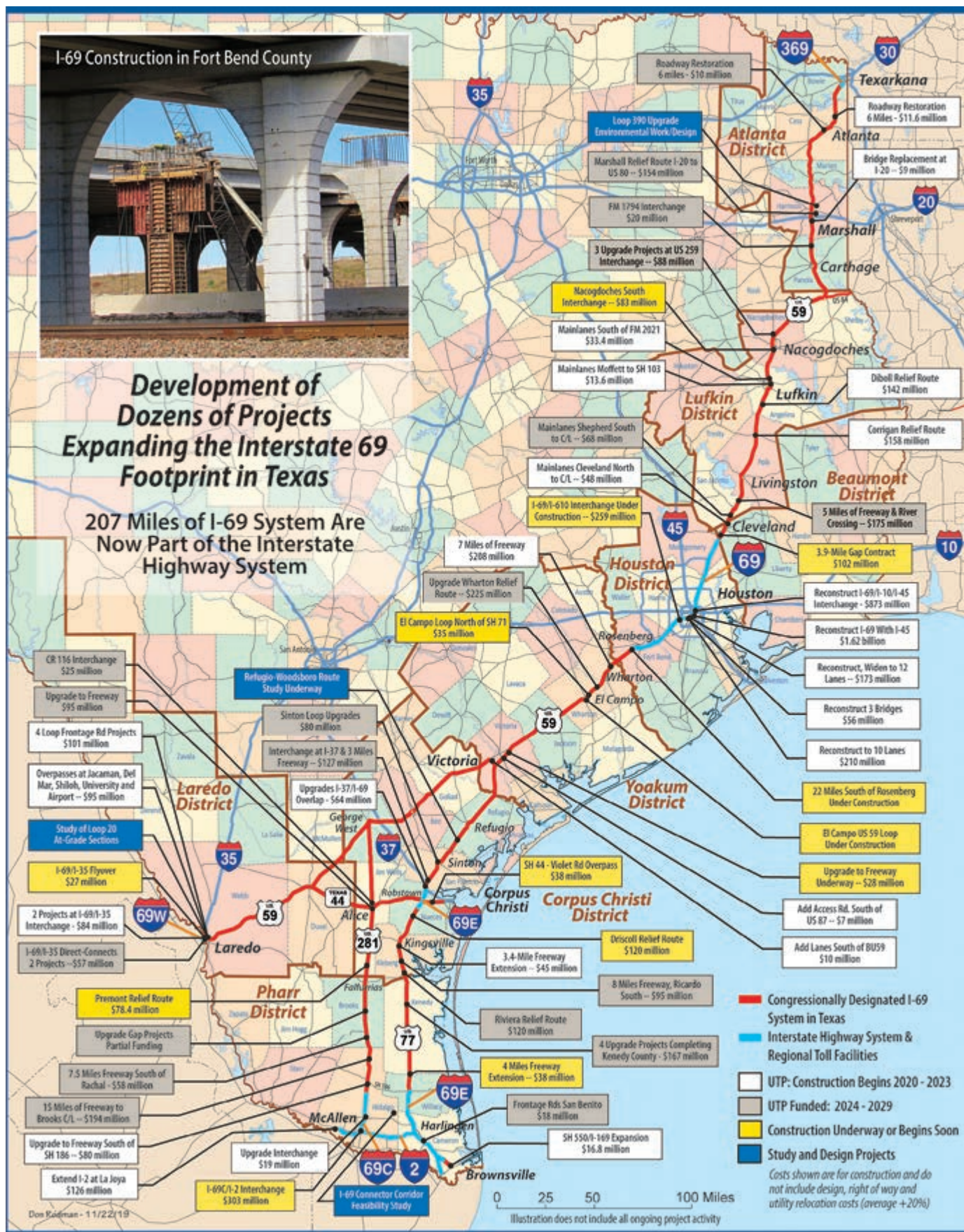
The Corrigan bypass will reroute traffic from the current Hwy. 59 path 3.4 miles south of U.S. 287 and rejoin U.S. 59 north three miles north of U.S. 287.

The effort is divided into two projects with a budget of \$88.6 million for the northern portion and \$69.6 million for the southern end.

Construction also is set to begin in the 2020-2023 window for a Diboll relief route budgeted at \$142 million.

Over the next four years, TxDOT also plans the following key projects to improve regional connectivity:

- US 59/SL 224 South Nacogdoches interchange in Nacoches County.
  - US 59 upgrade in Angelina County between Moffett Road and SH 103.
  - US 59 upgrade between FM 2021 and SL 287
  - US 69 trunk system widening in Angelina County.
- TxDOT has a \$48 million



budget for the main lanes of Hwy. 59 from Cleveland north to the Liberty/San Jacinto County line. Construction is set for 2020-23.

For 2020, the Alliance will focus on emphasizing the completion of I-69 projects along the entire 1,142 I-69

system. The 2020 UTP dovetails much needed safety and traffic concerns into the I-69 upgrades.

Construction is underway for a 3.9 mile segment just south of Cleveland.

Several of the projects planned for the next two to three years will fill in gaps

that allow several complete segments to be added to the interstate system.

The 2020 UTP includes 60 projects along I-69, which adds 175 miles to I-69, with a construction price tag of \$6 billion.

Inside Loop 610 in Houston, I-60 will be widened to 12 lanes,

rebuilding three bridges in the process.

Contractors are also currently at work on 22 miles south of Rosenberg and a Loop 59 in El Campo.

The Alliance is also working to prioritize other state projects to ensure subsequent projects are ready when funding is available.

## Two charged for robbery at Walmart

By Valerie Reddell editor@polkenterprise.com

LIVINGSTON — Two suspects were charged with robbery following an incident in the 1600 block of West Church St. Wednesday.

A man pushing a basket containing a TV and other merchandise through Walmart's exit doors refused to comply with an employee's request to produce a receipt. "He refused to stop and

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### BASKETBALL

Big Sandy, Livingston, Goodrich converge on Dallardsville tournament.



## Stolen vehicle recovered in San Jac County

By Valerie Reddell editor@polkenterprise.com

A Livingston man is in jail and a truck reported stolen from Livingston High School was recovered from a densely wooded area in San Jacinto County on Thursday, according to a statement from Det. Leon Middleton with the Livingston Police Department.

Blake David Galloway, 30, of Livingston was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a felony, and remained at the Polk County Jail as of Friday.

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# Rhone convicted of theft of more than \$200,000 from Courier

By Alton Porter reporter@hccourier.com

It's been more than five years coming, but the owner and staff members of the Houston County Courier are finally able to breathe a sigh of relief that one of the members of the family who bilked the newspaper business, its parent company and owner out of hundreds of thousands of dollars during a five-year scheme will soon begin paying for the crime. Jerry Wayne Rhone, a former

employee of the paper was found guilty of stealing more than \$200,000, a first-degree felony, from the Courier, its parent company and owner Alvin Holley during the period of Sept. 30, 2009, through March 31, 2014, by a jury of Rhone's peers in Houston County district court during a trial spanning two days Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 3-5.

The case, State of Texas v. Jerry Wayne Rhone, Cause No. 16CR103, was tried in the court of Judge Mark Calhoun in the 349th Judicial District of Houston County

in Crockett.

The jury certificate states, "We the jury find the defendant Jerry Wayne Rhone guilty of the felony offense of theft of property the value of more than \$200,000 as charged in the indictment...."

Rhone and his late wife, Jeannine Rhone, a former manager of the Courier, who lived in Grapeland, were indicted for the alleged theft of more than \$200,000 each from Holley, owner of Polk County Publishing Company (PCPC) July 8, 2016. The Courier is part of PCPC.

Jeannine Rhone died Jan. 11, 2018, while awaiting trial.

The trial jury arrived at the guilty verdict Thursday, Dec. 5, after little more than 30 minutes of deliberation. Rhone requested that Calhoun, instead of the jury, determine the sentence for his punishment for the offense and the judge scheduled a hearing for Feb. 14, 2020, beginning at 1:30 p.m., to do so.

"I am glad to put this ordeal behind us," said Holley. "I'm thankful to the devoted staff members who uncovered the theft,

and assisted law enforcement with the investigation."

"Our accounting director Debbie McCluskey and general manager Kelli Barnes have worked incredibly hard over the almost six years this case has been pending," Holley said. "We also deeply appreciate Houston County District Attorney Donna Kaspar and her staff for sticking with this complicated case. "Now my family and employees can move forward."

For our complete story on this matter, see the Thursday, Dec. 12, issue of the Courier.

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SUN 12/8

67/60 Partly cloudy skies. High 67F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 10%. Humidity 75%

MON 12/9

80/50 Cloudy skies early, followed by partial clearing. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20%. Humidity 76%

TUE 12/10

52/35 Cloudy with some showers. Colder. High 52F. Winds N at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 60%. Humidity 72%

WED 12/11

59/37 A few clouds from time to time. High 59F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 10%. Humidity 52%

THU 12/12

59/38 Partly to mostly cloudy. High 59F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 20%. Humidity 56%

FRI 12/13

61/43 Partly cloudy. High 61F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 20%. Humidity 64%

LAKE DATA

CURRENT LEVEL ..... 131.22  
NORMAL LEVEL ..... 131.00  
DISCHARGE ..... 2,000 cfs  
RAINFALL  
Last 7 days (Inches) ..... 0.04  
Last 30 days (Inches) ..... 0.87  
All weather data measured at Lake Livingston Dam

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## Puppy needing surgery

### SPCA looking for funds to fix missing foot

One of three puppies found abandoned in a wooded area the Wednesday before Thanksgiving is in

need of medical care and the SPCA of Polk County is asking the public for their financial help.

These 3 puppies, believed to be about five months old of black mouth cur mixes, were brought to the SPCA's Livingston animal shelter. While the two females appear to be in good condition, the little male, Kye, has lost one of his back feet under unknown circumstances.

"It was an old injury and even though the wound was seeping blood it was not life threatening," said SPCA Executive Director Carl Feren. "Kye was administered antibiotics by the SPCA kennel staff who also made him as comfortable as possible."

When he was taken to the vet it was determined that Kye would need his leg amputated. Although he seems to be scared and confused, Kye appears to be in good health otherwise.

Feren noted the actual amputation surgery is only \$350 but from previous



**HELP NEEDED** — The SPCA of Polk County is seeking donations to help pay for needed surgery for a puppy found abandoned in a wooded area the day before Thanksgiving. Named Kye, one of the puppy's rear feet was missing and he is in need of a leg amputation.

experience there will be a significant amount of aftercare which could total another \$350.

"The SPCA does not budget for medical needs such as Kye's and is asking for donations totaling \$700 to cover Kye's surgery and aftercare," he added

Those who are able to help Kye are asked to go to the SPCA website, [www.spcapolkcounty.org](http://www.spcapolkcounty.org), select the "Donate" button and type "For Kye" in the comments. For more information call 936-327-7722 or send an email to [spcaofpolkcounty@spcaofpolkcounty.org](mailto:spcaofpolkcounty@spcaofpolkcounty.org).

The SPCA of Polk County maintains a no-kill animal shelter operated primarily by volunteers. It receives no federal, state or local government support, United Way funding nor any support from HSUS or ASPCA. It is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization that relies on donations and volunteers to continue its life-saving work.

## CRIME STOPPERS

### Information sought about home burglary

The Polk County Sheriff's Office is requesting help from the public in obtaining information about a burglary of a habitation that occurred on Dec. 1, at a residence off of May Drive in Onalaska.

Several items were taken from the residence.

Anyone with any information concerning this case that will help with the investigation is asked to submit a tip at [p3tips.com](http://p3tips.com), (the P3 App), or by calling Polk County Crime Stoppers at 936-327-STOP. Tips given through Crime Stoppers can earn cash rewards if the information results in an arrest.

## Escapees Club offers Naskila Gaming support

**LIVINGSTON** — The Escapees RV Club has issued a Resolution of Support of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas' efforts to protect Naskila Gaming's electronic bingo operation, which supports more than 650 quality jobs and injects \$150 million annually into the Deep East Texas economy.

The resolution was presented to the Tribe on Nov. 21.

With their headquarter located off U.S. 146 south of Livingston, the Escapees RV Club is one of the oldest, largest and most loved RV membership organizations in the world and includes more than 20,000 registered voters in Polk County.

"We are proud to back the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas with this Resolution of Support for the Senate passage of H.R. 759," said Escapees CEO Shawn Loring. "We are neighbors, and we stand together. The Tribe has our full support in their efforts to protect Naskila and ensure equal treatment for all Texas tribes. The jobs and economic impact Naskila provides is critical to our community."

H.R. 759, a 19-word bill sponsored by East Texas Congressman Brian Babin (R-Woodville), affirms the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe's ability to offer electronic bingo on tribal land and requires all three of Texas' American Indian tribes be treated equally under the law. The bill was passed unanimously by the U.S. House of Representatives and



is now awaiting passage by the Senate.

"The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe is proud to accept this Resolution of Support from our Escapees RV Club friends. The Escapees know that passing of H.R. 759 is not only critical to the livelihoods of hundreds of East Texas families, it is critical to ensuring all Texas tribes are treated fairly and equitably under the law — principles the Escapees members understand very well," said Tribal Chairwoman Cecilia Flores.

The Escapees RV Club is the most recent of more than 50 organizations across East Texas that have offered Resolutions of Support for the Tribe's efforts, including county commissions, chambers of commerce, city councils, churches and businesses. These organizations all recognize the importance of H.R. 759 to equality for the Tribe, as well as the critical economic impact of Naskila's electronic bingo operation.

For additional information on HR 759 and its potential impact, visit [www.supportatribe.com](http://www.supportatribe.com). For more information on Escapees RV Club, visit [www.escapees.com](http://www.escapees.com).

## POLITICAL CALENDAR

Names within this calendar will appear in this column until election date. Candidates wishing to have their names appear in the calendar must contact the Polk County Enterprise office in person. Names are listed under each office according to the order in which candidates apply with the newspaper.

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**POLK COUNTY SHERIFF**  
Byron Lyons

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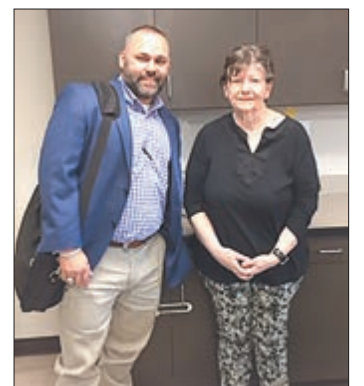
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**NOVEMBER SPEAKER** — Livingston City Manager Bill Wiggins (right) was the November speaker for the Polk County Retired Teachers Association. Also pictured is Curtis Kimbro.



**SEPTEMBER SPEAKER** — Texas Farm Bureau Agent Dustin Jehnzen (left) was the September speaker for the Polk County Retired Teachers Association. Also pictured is PCTRA President Becky Atkinson.

## Retired teachers host three guest speakers

**LIVINGSTON** — Three informative meetings were presented to the Polk County Retired Teachers Association's thus far during their 2019-2020 year featuring insurance needs, legislative issues and city projects.

Dustin Jehnzen, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance agent, was the guest speaker in September. He reviewed examples of home and auto policies and encouraged those in attendance to check their current policies to be sure that they are adequately covered.

October's guest was State Rep. James White (R-Hillister), who discussed issues of concern to both active and retired teachers and the accomplishments of the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative



**OCTOBER SPEAKER** — State Rep. James White was the October speaker for the Polk County Retired Teachers Association.

Session.

Livingston City Manager Bill Wiggins was the guest speaker in November. He discussed projects that are currently in progress in Livingston.

PCRTA is open to membership for all retired school personnel

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LOCAL NEWS

# Program provides free books to young children

**LIVINGSTON** — Children enrolled in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library are able to discover the world of literature beginning at a very young age and are being invited to join through the Polk County R.E.A.D. Inc. program during the Saturday, Dec. 14, Hometown Christmas festival.

R.E.A.D. (Reading Encourages Advanced Development) will have a festival booth from noon to 8 p.m. on Jackson Street where children ranging in age from birth to five years may be signed up to receive free, age appropriate books through the Imagination Library.

The enrichment program is designed to allow the young participants to hear, and eventually read, stories they would not otherwise have the opportunity to know. It opens up the world to the children and inspires them to want to read and learn more.

Presently, 2,098 children are enrolled in the program

which delivers one book a month by mail to their home.

Inspired by her father's inability to read and write, famed country music star Dolly Parton initially started her Imagination Library in 1995 for the children within her home county in Tennessee. Today, her program spans four countries and mails over 1 million free books each month to children around the world.

Area residents and businesses are encouraged to support this literacy program through donations. A \$25 donation will provide one year of books to one child and a \$125 give will provide a full five-year scholarship of books to a child.

Donations may be made at R.E.A.D.'s Hometown Christmas booth located on Jackson Street, online at READPolkCounty.com or by mailing a check to: R.E.A.D. Polk County, 2010 U.S. Highway 190 West, PMB 167, Livingston, Texas 77351.

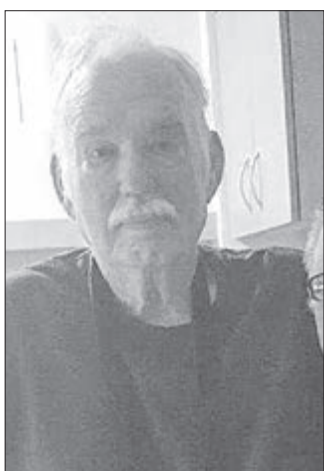
## LIFE TRIBUTES

### Larry Kimball

**LIVINGSTON** — Graveside services for Larry Kimball, 75, of Corrigan, Texas will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019, in Pine Grove Cemetery in Corrigan, with Bro. Terrill Williams officiating.

Mr. Kimball was born July 16, 1944 in Livingston, Texas, to Carroll W. Kimball and Anderene (Richards) Kimball, and passed away Dec. 1, 2019 in Corrigan, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Kimball of Corrigan; son, Carroll L. Kimball of Baytown, Texas; daughter, Dawn Amora and husband Carols of Sabastopol, Calif.; stepdaughters, Lyn Herman of Pine Grove, Texas, Sheryl Greer and husband Phillip of Milam, Texas, and Susan Brown and husband Gary of Colorado Springs, Colo.; stepson, John Bevans and Belinda Marrs of Milam, Texas; sisters, Carol Ann Pixley of Goodrich, and Martha Davis and husband Don of Deer Park, Texas; brother, Bill Kimball and wife Lynn of Spring, Texas; grandchildren, Matthew Kimball, Thomas Kimball



**LARRY KIMBALL**  
... graveside services Dec. 17

and Vision Amora; 11 additional grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Larry's name to the ALS Association, [alstexas.org/donate](http://alstexas.org/donate).

Honorary pallbearers are Lester Oliver, Jimmy Fuller, David Freeman and Bill Reeves.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. To sign the online guest-book, go to [www.cochranfh.com](http://www.cochranfh.com).

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### Vivian "Bunny" Frances Orr

**LIVINGSTON** — Memorial services for Vivian "Bunny" Frances Orr, 86, of Livingston, Texas were held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, with the Rev. Steve Woody officiating.

Mrs. Orr was born Jan. 18, 1933 in Houston, Texas, to William Clyde Rembert and Mary Lee (Stubblefield) Rembert, and passed away Dec. 3, 2019 in Livingston, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Thomas "Red" E. Orr; daughter, Rachael Melton; and sisters, Marry Ellen Barclay and Carolyn Schlosser.

She is survived by her son, Billy Hillin and wife Cris of Burnett; daughters, Jo Beth Mathis of Shenandoah, and Sherry Burks and husband Terry of Livingston; grandchildren, Ray, Trinna, Molly,



**VIVIAN "BUNNY" FRANCES ORR**  
... services on Saturday

Vickie, Michelle, Tanner, Tyler, Kendra, Maci and Mason; and sister, Joyce Senior; along with numerous other relatives and friends.

To sign the online guest-book, go to [www.cochranfh.com](http://www.cochranfh.com).

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### Jasper Paige Shipper

**LIVINGSTON** — Funeral services for Jasper Paige Shipper, 2 months, of Livingston, Texas were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston. Interment followed

in Mt. Rose Cemetery. Visitation was held from 10 a.m. until the service began at 11 a.m.

To sign the online guest-book, go to [www.cochranfh.com](http://www.cochranfh.com).

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### THRU DECEMBER Native American Heritage Month

November is National Native American Heritage Month. The Polk County Memorial Museum presents a new temporary exhibit with artifacts and informational displays honoring our Alabama-Coushatta neighbors and friends. The exhibit will be up through December. Special thanks to Nita Battise, Secretary of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribal Council and member of the Polk County Historical Commission; Patricia Snook, Chair of the Polk County Historical Commission; and Ruth Peebles, local historian for assisting with this exhibit.

### NOV. 26 - DEC. 31 Christmas in the Park

Come experience the wonder of Christmas. Take a drive through Pedigo Park and enjoy the holiday figures and thousands of Christmas lights on display.

### NOV. 29 - DEC. 28 Christmas Train Village

Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. and on Dec. 18 from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. 406 N. Washington Ave., Livingston.

### DEC. 1-24 Come Home for Christmas

Beginning the first Sunday of December and continuing through Christmas Eve, the First United Methodist Church of Livingston will be preaching a very special Christmas Sermon series in all worship services about Christmas Carols; talking about their origin, their meaning, how they are tied to the scriptures and what message they have for our life today. Then every Sunday night in December the church will experience a very special event that is meant to bring us closer to each other, while celebrating the season. For details see the listings under the individual dates.

### DEC. 6-8 A Walk Through Bethlehem

Make the journey to Bethlehem, a realistic depiction of what the small Judean town may have looked like 2,000 years ago. Take an old fashioned hayride through the park with thousands of Christmas lights on Display. Pedigo Park, Livingston.

### Onalaska Market Days

Onalaska Market Days will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6; from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7; and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. at the Onalaska City Park's Garland Pavilion, 600 Onalaska Loop in Onalaska. Vendors selling clothing, furniture, antiques, arts, crafts, collectibles and other items will be on hand. Admission is free and food and concessions will be available. For booth rentals or information, contact Onalaska City Hall at 936-646-5000.

### DEC. 8 Advent Event

The First United Methodist Church of Livingston will host a "Come Home for Christmas" worship service at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. This is a family friendly event hosted by the youth. The congregation will gather in the Sanctuary where they will start a journey led by shepherds that takes them to three stations. In one station families will get to make their very own Advent wreath to take home and hear about the meaning of the wreath. In a second station they will get to make Chrismons [Christian symbols] to take home and place on their Christmas tree. On a third station they will experience a fun "game show" where you will learn about the meaning of the different Chrismons. Following this event there will be a chili cook off in the fellowship hall which the public will judge.

### Gospel concert

The Southern Plainsmen will present a gospel music

concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Onalaska First Baptist Church, 463 S. FM 356 in Onalaska.

### DEC. 9 DMA Christmas Party

The DMA (Don't Mention Age) group will host its annual Christmas party at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9 beginning at Camp Cho Yeh, 2200 South Washington in Livingston. Entertainment will be provided by Glenn Lenderman, a one man band and comedian. The gourmet plated luncheon will include prime rib and turkey breast with all the trimmings, soup, salad, sides and choice of dessert and beverages. Santa will be available for photos and door prizes in addition to the party will be offered. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased from Leanna Harrison at the First United Methodist Church office from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. DMA is open to all attaining age 55+ regardless of church affiliation or denomination. Regular meetings are held the second Monday of each month (except July and August) in the fellowship hall at the First United Methodist Church in Livingston.

### Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec 9, in the Community Conference Center at CHI St. Luke Health Memorial hospital, 1717 U.S. 58 Loop N. in Livingston. To make an appointment call Connie at 936-553-4403 or email [cweaver@giveblood.org](mailto:cweaver@giveblood.org). Donors will receive a Free Holiday T-Shirt. The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will collect the donations.

### DEC. 11-13 Jewelry Sale

The First National Bank of Livingston will host a holiday jewelry sale Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11-13. All proceeds will go to the Polk County Relay for Life for the benefit of the American Cancer Society. The sale will be at the bank's Onalaska location on Wednesday, the West Side location on Thursday and the Downtown location on Friday.

### DEC. 12 Diabetes support group

CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial-Livingston will host a diabetes support group from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12, in the community conference center. The group is free to attend and a light lunch and drink will be provided. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, Dec. 11. To RSVP or for information call 936-639-7585.

### DEC. 13 Santa at Miss Effie's Cottage

Includes Historical Home tour, refreshments, and photo opportunities. 204 W Mill St., Livingston.

### Basic Life Support Class



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A Basic Life Support (BLS) Health Care Provider class will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, Dec 13, at CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial Livingston 5th Floor Skills Room. There is a \$45 registration fee and space is limited. To register call 936-329-8620 or email [fpalmeri@memorialhealth.org](mailto:fpalmeri@memorialhealth.org).

### DEC. 14 Livingston Hometown Christmas

Jingle Bell Fun Run, Food rucks, Quilt Show, over 160 vendors, and horse drawn wagon rides from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a lighted Christmas parade at 6 p.m. and Santa appearing at Livingston City Hall at 7 p.m.

### 12 Days of Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Look for participating merchants in the Livingston Area.

### DEC. 13 - 15 Christmas Musical

The Point Blank Community Church Choir will present a Christmas Musical, "Only A Silent Night" on Friday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. and again Sunday, Dec. 15 at 9 a.m. We wish to invite everyone in the surrounding area to attend one of these performances. You will be truly blessed. The church is at 432 Robinson Way, Point Blank, Texas just down the road from the Post Office. See you there!

### DEC. 15 Christmas County Spelling Bee

The First United Methodist Church of Livingston will host a "Come Home for Christmas" service at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. This is their annual Children's Christmas Musical that always delights and amazes. Because of the growth of the Wednesday Children's Program and the addition of a new and talented music director, this year's program should be amazing.

### Christmas in the Courtyard

The First United Methodist Church of Livingston will host a "Come Home for Christmas" event at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, following the Children's Christmas Musical. The public is invited to grab lawn chairs out of their car and head to the church courtyard and

experience the Christmas lights, the fire pits and the cookout grills as they eat and fellowship while listening to the FUMC Praise Band present a concert that is sure to get everyone in the mood for Christmas.

### DEC. 16 Ambassador Meeting

Member or employee of a member is welcome to apply for membership with the Ambassador group. It is a great networking opportunity for your business. Meeting will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Chamber office. 1001 US 59 Loop N. Livingston.

### DEC. 17 Children's Planning Committee Meeting

We need your help to plan upcoming children's activities throughout the year. Members of this Auxiliary group are encouraged to also help with raising funds to be used to support the Onalaska Public Library. Volunteer opportunities are available; please check with the Librarian. Meetings are regularly held on the Third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. inside Extreme Fitness Gym.

### DEC. 18 Better Breathers Club

Those who have lung disease and experience difficulty breathing as well as their loved ones are invited to the Better Breather Club at CHI St. Luke's Health-Memorial hospital in Livingston. The free meeting will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, in the hospital's community conference center. For information contact Frances Palmeri at 936-329-8620.

### Smoking Cessation Class

A smoking cessation class will be offered free of charge by CHI St. Luke's Health-Memorial hospital from The free meeting will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, in the hospital's community conference center. For information contact Frances Palmeri at 936-329-8620.

### DEC. 19 Christmas Cookies at the library

Kids, teens and families are invited to the Livingston Municipal Library from 3

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## Read any good books by dogs recently?

If you're tired of running around in circles to find a Christmas gift for the dog lovers on your list, I know just the thing for you to fetch.

The charming softcover book "It's A Dog's Life: Tales from A Dog Named Max," by Max, with help from Nina Hershberger, is now available from Amazon.

For the sake of full disclosure, besides working at a farmers cooperative and writing this syndicated column, I have had a freelance business relationship with Hershberger (founder of MegaBucks Marketing) for the past decade.

For most of that time, Hershberger's adorable pet Schnauzer Max has written a widely circulated monthly blog showcasing his hopes, dreams, opinions ("Why is Big Pharma dragging its feet with that CHOCOLATE vaccine?") and (sometimes wildly exaggerated) misadventures. One of my assignments has been to act as a sounding board/coach/muse/editor for the precocious pooch. I've tried my best to translate his lofty canine thoughts into something comprehensible by mere homo sapiens.

Max is quick with a one-liner, but I have labored mightily to clean up his grammar. He's far less concerned with split INFINITIVES than with "Here, let me split that ROADKILL with you."

I also enforce deadlines and shield Max from distractions. I'm proud to have had a small role in helping him keep his nose to the GRINDSTONE instead of to a Chihuahua's hindquarters.

Hershberger recently asked me to help select 52 of the best essays that she and Max have collaborated on, so she could self-publish them in book form to satisfy requests from his legion of fans.

So, there is now a convenient way to read dozens of punchy 500-word essays about Max at the North Pole, Max at Dollywood, Max at the Olympics, Max's love for Notre Dame's Fighting Irish, Max's status as the Indianapolis area's most eligible bachelor, Max's presidential aspirations ("Ask not what your country can do for you - ask

### TYRADES!

By Danny Tyree



what kind of MONSTER is impersonating a tree limb rubbing against the window. Woof! Woof! Woof!") and more.

To be sure, Max sometimes bumps up against the Recommended Daily Allowance of jokes about pooper-scoopers, kibble, toilet water and chasing cars; but he's so sincere with his desire to please. Even Mark Twain could get in a rut, although not necessarily one he wallowed out in the sofa.

Max hopes to make the New York Times "Best Smellers" list. Seeing fans line up for his first autograph session had him wagging his tail and PURRING - until the cultural appropriation activists picketed him. He got no credit for being an honor roll CSL (Cat as a Second Language) student

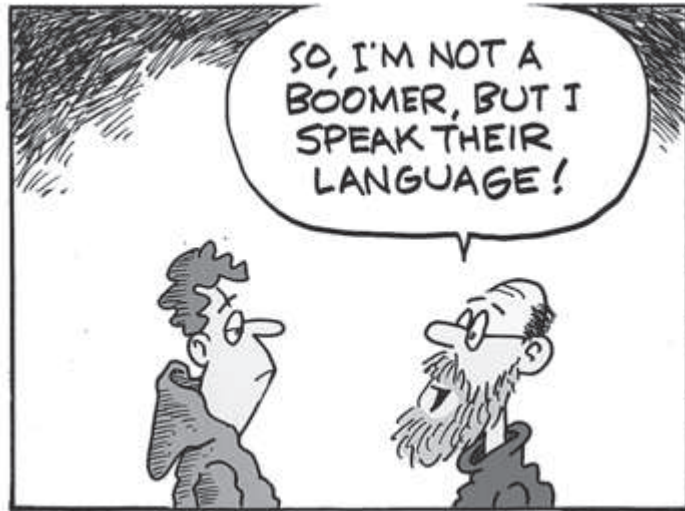
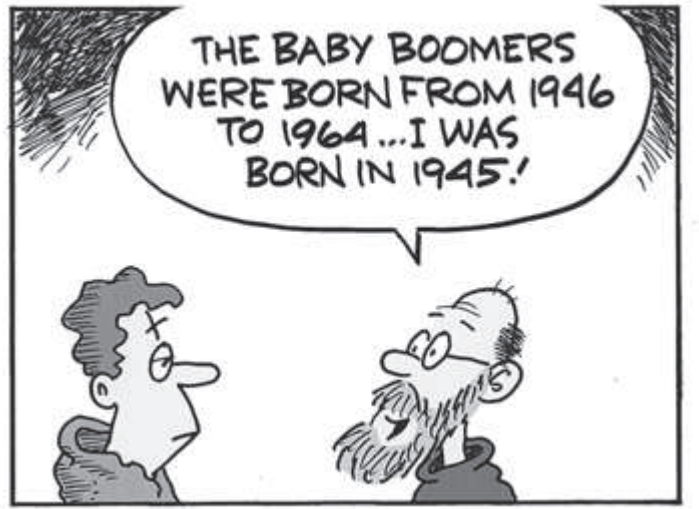
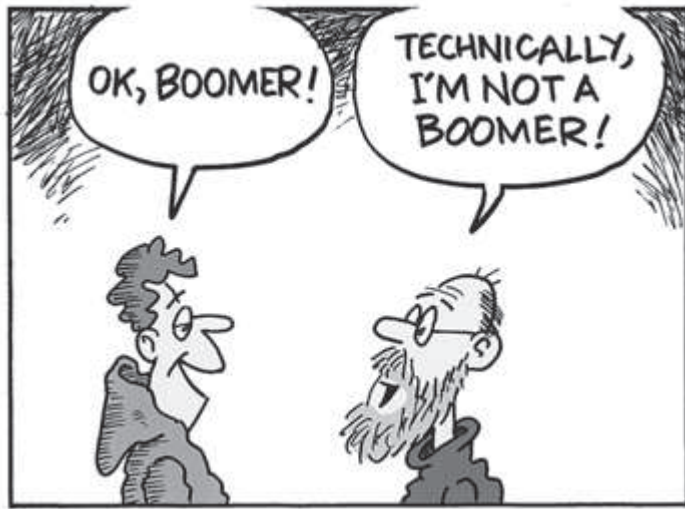
He is excited to have this shot at immortality, although his excitement was muted by the sudden realization that it would be IMMORTALITY IN DOG YEARS.

Acquaintances have asked me, "When are you going to write a book?" -- so I must admit I'm envious of Max for beating me to the bookshelves. But at least Max's book is something you can SINK YOUR TEETH INTO, whereas one by me would probably be something to BURY IN THE BACK YARD.

I've presented my case for Max's family-friendly volume. I won't beg (unless there's a Scooby Snack involved).

But I truly feel "It's A Dog's Life: Tales from A Dog Named Max," available from Amazon, deserves a "forever home" with you, a loved one or your local library.

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## 'Tis the season for made up controversies

Thanks in large part to social media, and in equally large part to the mean-spirited discourse of the day, virtually anything can be turned into a national controversy.

For Exhibit A, I go to Melania Trump or, more specifically, to the first lady's coat.

If you remember last holiday season, Mrs. Trump was lambasted by the media and Hollywood types for her red Christmas trees.

This year, because there are no red Christmas trees or otherwise scandalous decorations in the White House, Washington Post fashion critic Robin Givhan went wardrobe on Melania.

"Melania Trump's Christmas decorations are lovely, but that coat looks ridiculous," Givhan wrote. She also called it "a disconcerting affectation taken to a ludicrous extreme."

Based on Givhan's criticism, you'd think the first lady was wearing a fresh bear carcass with the head still on.

I'm no expert in women's fashion, as any woman I know will attest. But I like the coat. I would encourage you to see for yourself, but in the photo released by the White House, the coat is draped over her shoulders. I'm not sure of the color. Looks like an off-white or beige to me, but I think it looks nice. But, as I say, I'm no expert.

Was it Sigmund Freud or



Rich Manieri

Calvin Klein who said, "Sometimes a coat is just a coat.?"

For Exhibit B - and I could keep going down the alphabet but there's only

so much time - I take you to Twitter, currently abuzz with criticisms and parody videos of a holiday Peloton commercial made by angry people with incredible amounts of downtime.

CNN ran a story under the headline, "Peloton's perplexing new holiday ad has incensed the internet."

The internet is always incensed about something, so that's not exactly breaking news. But the ad itself, which you've probably seen by now, features a woman receiving a Peloton indoor bike as a gift from her husband and then chronicling her fitness journey on video.

The ad has been called sexist, among other things.

In its report, CNN asks the question, "So what, then, makes this ad so offensive?"

The question, of course, asumes that everyone finds the ad offensive.

I don't see what's offensive about it. It seems to me that Peloton has actually exercised (See, what I did there?) significant restraint, under the

circumstances.

Peloton bikes feature an interactive screen with live and on-demand fitness classes led by a professional. Imagine the possibilities for offending.

"Pick up the pace, pork chop!"

"Why is your house so dark? You must be blocking out the sun. Pedal faster!"

"Come on! Imagine there's a pizza at the finish line! Now, that's offensive."

As it stands, I don't see what's objectionable about a well-to-do, professional woman getting an exercise bike as a gift. But I'd clearly be in the minority in any survey of the frequently outraged and easily offended, a growing group which now includes Vice writer Katie Way.

"Her grim motivation that pushes her to drag herself out of bed combined with exclaiming at the camera how blatantly, inexplicably nervous the Peloton makes her paint a bleak portrait of a woman in the thrall of a machine designed to erode her spirit as it sculpts her quads," Way wrote. "Titled 'The Gift That Gives Back,' the 30-second commercial is a mere glimpse into the barrage of horror its protagonist, a young wife and mother, slogs through daily."

"Barrage of horror" might be just a bit strong. The woman is pedaling a bike, not

landing on Omaha Beach.

These bikes aren't cheap - about \$2,500 - and given the woman's luxurious surroundings, some have said the commercial smacks of "privilege," which I suppose means a privileged person can be defined thus: Someone who has something I want but can't afford so she shouldn't have it either.

There is one thing a little odd about the ad. The woman featured appears just as fit at the beginning of the commercial as she does at the end. This is not a "before and after" scenario. The benefits of her fitness journey seem a little ambiguous.

But why should I care? My workout often includes hitting tractor tires with a sledge hammer. Whatever gets you through the day.

Was it Freud of Jack LaLanne who said, "Sometimes a bike is just a bike.?"

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# Onalaska celebration kicked off 1994 holiday season

There were a number of holiday events planned for December of 1994, but Onalaska got a jump on the rest of the festivities by holding their Christmas Town USA celebration on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Lighting of a huge cedar tree donated by Champion International kicked off the event at 5 p.m. The tree was adorned with decorations made by area children. J.R. Chance and Bob Stutts, both workers with Onalaska's Water Department, took charge of getting the tree decorated.

The celebration was held in the Boles Center parking lot off U.S. 190.

Several musical groups were on hand to help set the mood, including choirs from Lakeway Baptist Church and Onalaska School's second grade class, and the Onalaska Junior High School Band.

Art Hoover took on the role of engineer, giving children free train rides, with his dog, Little Tex, riding shotgun.

The City of Onalaska also sponsored a decorating contest open for competition in three categories: residential, business and civic/charity/church.

It was just the beginning of a month of celebration.

## Also in December of 1994:

— Also in Onalaska, Sherrie Winkle and Michael Smith were appointed to the OISD Board of Trustees on Dec., 13, 1994. There had been quite a bit of turnover on the board in recent weeks in part due to fallout from a failed bond election. Winkle, an Onalaska Middle School volunteer, replaced former Board President Earl Richardson and Smith, a program administrator for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, filled the seat vacated by John Ackerman. If they wanted to keep their board seats, they would have to win



**LOOKING BACK 25 YEARS...**

By Barbara White

election in May.

— Onalaska also had a new school superintendent. A reception to formally welcome Janet Morris, a former assistant superintendent in Livingston, was held on Dec. 13, 1994.

— Congressman Charles Wilson appointed Molly Locke of Corrigan to represent the Second Congressional District as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging that would be held May 2-5 in Washington, D.C.

— Polk Countians helped elect a new state senator from District 3 the previous month, Republican Drew Nixon. Lieutenant Gov. Bob Bullock announced in December that he had picked Nixon to serve on four key committees: Health and Human Services, Natural Resources, the Natural Resource Subcommittee on Agriculture and State Affairs. Bullock, a die-hard Democrat, hoped he was laying the groundwork for a bipartisan 74th Legislative Session, set to begin on Jan. 10, 1995.

— A consecration service for the new First United Methodist Church was held on Dec. 11, 1994. Bishop J. Woodrow Hearn led the service, assisted by the local church's pastor, Dr. T. Mac Hood. The first service at the new church had been held Oct. 16, less than a year after construction started.

— It wasn't hogwash... Actually, it was. Sheriff Billy Ray Nelson and volunteer Daniel Attaway spent part of December supervising jail inmates in building a new hog wash at Barney Wiggins Memorial Park. The new rack expanded stall space from



ALL ABOARD — Engineer Art Hoover and his sidekick Little Tex take children on a train ride during Onalaska's Christmas Town USA celebration on Saturday, Dec. 3, 1994.

— **SPIRIT OF THE SEASON** — (RIGHT) City of Livingston employees Bill Haecker, Auther Renfro, Willie Meadows and Jerry Cowen Sr. unload toys and food at the Polk County Mission Center in December of 1994. The items were donated by city employees.

four to 11. It was funded by a hog show that had been held the previous August.

— A portion of Old Woodville Road between Jefferson and Second streets was closed so that a bridge, damaged during the October flood, could be replaced. City of Livingston Street Superintendent Sherrard Headley said complete closure was expected to last only a week.

But the rain wasn't through with us yet. Additional heavy rainfall fell on the day the street was to reopen, Dec. 16, postponing completion of the project until after Christmas.



## Entries sought for children's art contest

AUSTIN — The 2020 Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest is now open for entries for artwork based on the theme "Treasures of the Texas Coast" depicting why the Texas coast is important or special to the participating student.

The top 40 winners will receive a ticket to the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, two tickets to the Houston Zoo, a ticket to the Texas State Aquarium, two all day passes to Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Galveston, prizes, a certificate of recognition from the Texas General Land Office and a calendar displaying the winning artwork.

In addition, one Grand Prize Winner will be selected to receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines to any destination in the 48 contiguous United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, one 7-night Caribbean cruise from Royal Caribbean International and a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Galveston.

The grand prize winner's teacher will also receive a two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines and one 7-night Caribbean cruise courtesy of Royal Caribbean International.

The winning artwork will be on display in the South Central Gallery at the state capitol May 20th through 27th. Special thanks to State Representative Dennis Paul for sponsoring the exhibit this year.

All entries must be post-marked by Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Guidelines and Entry Form for the art contest can be found on the Adopt-A-Beach website.



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# Holidays increase home fire dangers

**COLLEGE STATION** — Although the holidays are supposed to be a time of joy, the season also brings increased potential fire dangers to the home and its inhabitants, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"Fires are among the most common home-related dangers to be aware of during the holidays," said Joyce Cavanagh, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension family and community health specialist, College Station.

Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day have been identified by the National Fire Protection Association as the three days of the year during which most candle fires occur.

"In addition to candle fires, electrical fires and Christmas tree fires are also possible," Cavanagh said. "And Christmas tree fires, in particular, have the potential to do serious damage to the home or cause injury to its occupants."

**She said some tips to help avoid candle and electrical fires are:**

- **Keep candles** at least one foot away from flammable items or surfaces.
- **Do not** put candles directly on surfaces. Use a sturdy candle holder with a drip plate for wax.
- **Blow out** candles when you leave the home or go to



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo  
**FIRE SAFETY — Battery-operated LED lights are a safer holiday alternative to lighted candles. Fires are the most common home-related danger during the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.**

bed and avoid using candles in the bedroom or other areas where people may fall asleep.

— **Replace candles** before they burn all the way down or before the flame gets too close to the holder or container.

— **Keep any lit candles** in sight and away from areas where they may be knocked over.

— **In the event of a power outage**, use flashlights or other battery-powered lighting instead of candles.

— **Use electric lights** tested by an independent testing laboratory and place them only where appropriate.

**Cavanagh's tips for avoiding Christmas tree fires include:**

— **If using** a real tree, select one with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched, and add water two to three times daily to the tree-stand reservoir.

— **Locate the Christmas tree** at least 3 feet away from any heat source and make sure it isn't blocking a door or exit.

— **If purchasing** an artificial tree, choose one labeled "fire-resistant."

— **Replace old** or worn-out Christmas tree lights and turn lights off when leaving home or going to bed.

— **Never use** lit candles as Christmas tree decorations.

"Being vigilant of possible fire hazards around the house can help ensure a safer and happier holiday season," Cavanagh said.

# It's beginning to look like Christmas in Goodrich

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around our community. Downtown Goodrich is shining pretty bright at night and then of course at the south end of Loop 393 in Goodrich is the large light display that you can walk thru or drive thru.

Also on the Loop is my little shop and every corner of the shop is filled with festive decorations including paper chains like we used to make for our Christmas trees many years ago.

Then if you happen to be out on FM 2665 there is lots of decorations to be seen. Can it really be only 17 more days until Christmas? What happened to this year? I guess since I have spent most of the last three months having surgeries, recovering from surgeries and just not being able to do much, I feel sort of like Christmas has passed me by this year.

But hey, I still have 17 more days to enjoy the season and you still have time to decorate if you have not! Don't forget to let me know about your decorations so I can let everybody else know. In my next column I will try to list all the lights/decorations in our community so you can go see them.

If you are reading this paper on Saturday, then head on down to Goodrich and enjoy our Christmas market and lighted parade. The market goes all day and the parade begins around dears.

## GOODRICH GADABOUT

By Brenda Hambrick



### Goodrich School News

- Dec. 10 - Progress Reports
- Dec. 17 & 18 - PTO Santa Store 12:30-3 p.m.
- Dec. 19 - Polar Express/PJ Day - PK thru 5th grades
- Dec. 20 - Staff Development - No classes for students

Christmas holiday - Dec. 23 - Jan. 7, 2020

### Area Church News

**Please Read** - If your church is hosting an upcoming event then please get your information to me at least two weeks before the event. Just email it to me at goodricharenews@yahoo.com (the sooner the better) or drop your event info. off to me at my shop on the weekends.

**Goodrich First Baptist Church:** Worship Services and Activities: Sunday School 9:45, Worship Service 11 a.m., Worship Service 6 p.m., Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.

Every Tuesday is SAWC - Lunch, games and fellowship for anyone over 50.

Every 4th Saturday is Saturday Morning Breakfast beginning at 8 am.

Every Thursday afternoon The Free Clothes Closet is

open for anyone needing clothing.

**Hickory Grove Church:** The Senior's Ministry hosts their Senior's Night every Friday beginning at 6 p.m. They have music for a while then they serve everyone a free meal then they provide more music and entertainment until around 9 p.m.

**Goodrich First United Methodist Church:** The "Golden Ages" group would like to invite everyone 50 years of age and older to attend their group for prayer and play time with lunch provided. This group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Goodrich First United Methodist Church located at 1229 State Highway Loop 393 in downtown Goodrich. For more information please contact Edith Stell at 713-823-0469.

The Prayer Garden located in front of the church is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and open to everyone.

Sundays: Sunday School 9 a.m., Worship Service 10:25 a.m.

Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays

**Beacon Bay Baptist Church:** Men's Breakfast (with the ladies) every second Saturday.

My column is short this week but I will catch up next time meanwhile have a great week and spread some of that magical Christmas spirit around, no one can ever have too much of it.

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to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 for a special milk and cookies storytime, where you will get to decorate your own Christmas cookies. 707 N. Tyler Ave., Livingston.

### HeartCode BLS Class

A HeartCode Basic Life Support class will be held by appointment only from 2-5

p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at the CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial Livingston 5th Floor Skills Room. There is a \$25 registration fee and space is limited. To register call (936) 329-8620 or email fpalmeri@memorialhealth.org.

### DEC. 20 Pediatric Life Support Class

An Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) renewal class will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at the CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial Livingston 5th Floor Skills Room. There is a \$175 registration fee and space is limited. To register or for more information, contact 936-329-8620 or email fpalmeri@memorialhealth.org.

### Chamber membership social

A Christmas social featuring a visit by Santa Claus will be held during the Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Membership event from 1-4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20.

The social will be held at the chamber office at 1001 Hwy. 59 Loop N. in Livingston.

### DEC. 22 Winter's Grace

The First United Methodist Church of Livingston will host a "Come Home for Christmas" worship service at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. The public is invited to take part in an evening of grand choral singing highlighting the FUMC Chancel Choir, the Jacobs Ringers, the Ding-A-lings, and the SFA University Orchestra led by the newest edition to the church staff, new Music Director Jonathan Kupper. This event will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

### DEC. 24 Christmas Eve Worship

The First United Methodist Church of Livingston will host two Christmas Eve Candlelight worship services at 5 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24. Communion will be served at both. The traditional service will be in the

Sanctuary at 5 p.m. and the contemporary will be upstairs in Holy Ground worship space at 7 p.m.

### JAN. 30

**Annual awards banquet**  
The 84th Annual Awards Banquet hosted by the Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce will be held starting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Polk County Commerce Center, 1015 Hwy. 59 Loop N. in Livingston. The chamber will honor the recipients of the Community Service, Polk Countian of the Year, Business of the Year, Director and Ambassador of the Year Awards. The banquet begins with a wine and cheese reception with live entertainment provided by S.L.E.D. Quartet; followed by an evening of socializing, raffle drawing, dinner and more entertainment provided by S.L.E.D. Quartet. Tickets are \$30 per person and are available at the chamber office, 1001 Hwy. 59 Loop N. in Livingston. For information call 936-327-4929.

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## WALMART

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rammed the employee with the shopping cart," said Lt. Matt Parrish of the Livingston Police Department.

Review of security video shows the suspect did not pay for the items in the basket.

Two bystanders in the parking lot witnessed the incident and one attempted to block his exit. The suspect struck the bystander with the cart as well.

A second bystander continued to observe the man and a female companion as they unloaded the merchandise into the van. The male suspect noticed he was being watched and approached the witness and kicked her door, Parrish said.

When the couple left the parking lot the witness followed them as she

contacted police. Officers caught up with the vehicle near the Trinity River Bridge on U.S. 59.

"The officers conducted a felony take-down and took both occupants of the vehicle into custody," Parrish said.

The female suspect was later identified as Alain Alexis Valdes, 34, of Houston. He was charged with robbery, unauthorized use of a vehicle and theft.

The male suspect, 29-year-old Eduardo Beltran-Lara of Houston, was charged with robbery and criminal mischief \$750-\$2,500.

Parrish explained that the charges were enhanced from theft since the suspects are charged with intentionally or recklessly causing bodily injury or pain or placing others in fear of imminent injury or death.

Robbery is a second degree felony, punishable by 2 to 20 years in prison.

## VEHICLE

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Lt. David Hernandez of the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office said Friday that his department expects to file additional felony charges by Monday.

After the truck was taken from the high school parking lot, investigators believe it was used in a theft in San Jacinto County. Investigators reviewed security video from a Coldspring business and LISD and recognized the suspect from prior encounters.

LPD was contacted about a possible domestic disturbance at Galloway's residence on Dec. 5.

LPD officers and Polk County sheriff's deputies went to the home off Texas 146 South where Galloway was found hiding in the attic.

Once he was in custody, he provided investigators with information about the location of the LISD vehicle.

# New group fights war on nurdles

**PORT ARANSAS** – Plastic pollution has contaminated every continent on Earth. It kills wildlife from whales to sea turtles. Some of the smallest plastic particles, called nurdles, are among the most insidious. It's difficult to even catalog the scope of the problem. But one group of citizen scientists is going to try. And a recent lawsuit against a plastics manufacturer is about to give them a major boost.



**Small plastic particles called nurdles are shipped all over the world where they are melted down and molded into a variety of products and can pollute the oceans.**

When petrochemical company Formosa Plastics agreed in October to pay \$50 million in the largest-ever settlement of a lawsuit linked to the federal Clean Water Act, one of the terms involved \$1 million for the Nurdle Patrol, a new worldwide citizen science initiative spearheaded by The University of Texas at Austin's Marine Science Institute and its Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve.

In a case brought by residents of nearby Port Lavaca and environmental groups, the corporation had been found to have illegally polluted waterways with billions of nurdles, the base material from which most plastic items are manufactured.

"Plastics makers ship nurdles all over the world, where they are melted down and molded into everything from toys to packaging, and many have wound up in the ocean and on beaches," says Jace Tunnell, director of the Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Tunnell recently amassed an army of more than a thousand citizen scientists, the Nurdle Patrol, that counts and tracks the plastic pellets on beaches along the Gulf of Mexico and elsewhere. On Dec. 3, U.S. District Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt approved the settlement terms that dictated Formosa Plastics will provide \$1 million to support the Nurdle Patrol.

"This is a tool to give regulatory agencies the information they need to do further investigations to see where nurdles are coming from," Tunnell said.

The Nurdle Patrol started as a Facebook group where Tunnell recruited residents along the Gulf Coast to do short beach surveys and report the number of nurdles they found. What started small with a handful of volunteers rapidly grew to thousands in a matter of months. In September, the website NurdlePatrol.org launched. Anyone anywhere in the world can learn how to do a nurdle

survey and report findings. So far, reports have come from as far as Xcalak, Mexico, and Truro, Nova Scotia.

The collected data is provided to state environmental agencies such as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on a monthly basis. With the influx of settlement funds spread out over five years, Tunnell hopes to train more citizen scientists, offer workshops and create Nurdle Patrol citizen scientists in areas that don't have them.

Nurdles are not just an eyesore on beaches. They are microplastics, meaning plastics less than 5 millimeters in size. Often, wildlife such as sea turtles, fish and birds mistake nurdles and other microplastics for food and ingest them. Nurdles are also known to absorb harmful chemicals such as DDT, an insecticide, that has been linked to problems in animals including humans.

Zhanfei Liu, an associate professor at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute, is a research partner to the Nurdle Patrol. He works to combat the microplastic scourge by examining how nurdles absorb chemicals such as PBCs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and PAHs (polyaromatic hydrocarbons), which can be harmful to people. Liu has detected both in nurdles.

"Plastic lasts a very long time in the environment," Liu said. "Our preliminary data shows higher concentrations of PCBs and PAHs in nurdles. It's concerning."



Contributed photos

## Peace Poster Contest

(ABOVE) Students from the Leggett Independent School District took part in the Livingston Lions Club's Peace Poster Contest this year. Lions International has sponsored the Peace Poster Contest around the world for the past three decades as a way to give children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. Pictured above Lion Director Sheila Neal, Lion President Jim Mayland, Mr. Sales and Leggett ISD participants.



(ABOVE) The Lions Club's Peace Poster Contest winners include: (L-R) first place, Destiny Bass; second place, Kendra Franks; and third place Jayce Johnson.



Photo by Jan Anderson-Paxson

## Holiday, Hope and Honor

Students from the Hudson school district (above foreground) joined the Angelina College Chorale, the East Texas Praise Symphony and others to perform Tuesday, Dec. 3, during the 2019 Holiday, Hope and Honor program at Temple Theater on the Angelina College campus in Lufkin. The program served as a salute to veterans and a kickoff to the holiday season. Students from the Central school district also took part in the concert.

# Armstead inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

**BATON ROUGE, La.** — Denise Armstead of Corrigan was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

She was initiated at The University of Texas at Arlington.

Armstead is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent

of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley.

Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards nearly \$1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives.

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## Dual credit opportunities at Livingston High School

Livingston High School students take core courses in classes of English, Government, History, and Math from Angelina College while earning high school credit at the same time through the dual credit program. This is the fifth year that the courses are offered at no charge to the students at LHS. In 2018, the LISD School board approved an expanded program allowing the opportunity to all LHS students from 9th-12th grade. After passing a TSI exam required by Angelina College, students may enroll in pre-approved core courses potentially earning anywhere from twelve hours to sixty hours of college credit while attending LHS. Last fall, incoming ninth graders were given the opportunity to start a sixty-hour college track at no expense to their parents. There are currently twenty-six Sophomores that are on track to earn their Associate of Arts degree from Angelina College before they graduate from Livingston High School. These students are taking advantage of an opportunity for a \$40,000 investment/scholarship in college education while attending LHS. During the past five years, the district implemented an approach built off an "Early College High School Model". The district picks up the cost of tuition, fees, and books for students taking courses at Angelina College-Polk County Campus giving an opportunity to any student passing the TSI exam and gaining acceptance to Angelina College. There are 139 LHS students currently enrolled in 214 college courses.

In the Fall of 2020, an expansion of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses will allow the busing of students to the Lufkin campus each day. Students attending 11th & 12th grade at Livingston High School will be able to earn Credit Program Certificates in many different trade areas.



**FREE COLLEGE FOR LHS STUDENTS** Livingston High School students have the opportunity to earn up to sixty college hours through the dual credit program by earning high school and college credit at the same time at no cost to their families.



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- NCCR Heavy Equipment Operator
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- Jailer/911 Dispatch
- Microsoft Certification
- Google Support Technician
- Cosmetology

These courses will be added to the Livingston High School Course Description Guide and students will have the opportunity to attend Angelina College-Lufkin Campus during the Fall semester of 2020 at no cost to their families.



**FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR LHS STUDENTS** Buses are waiting at Livingston High School each morning to transport the dual credit students to the Angelina College-Polk County Campus. Next fall, 11th and 12th graders will have the opportunity to attend the Lufkin campus to earn trade certifications in many different career and technical pathways including HVAC, Computer Network and Programming, Diesel Technology, Drafting, and Design.

## Lion Country CALENDAR

- Monday, December 9, 2019**  
 TCE- Candy Cane Day- Wear red and white  
 CSE- Grinch Day-Wear Grinch Attire or Green  
 LJH- Christmas Meal Box Collection  
 6:00 pm - LHS- Fall Athletic Banquet
- Tuesday, December 10, 2019**  
 TCE-Festive Sock Day  
 CSE- Wear Favorite Holiday Socks  
 LJH- Christmas Meal Box Collection  
 LHS- English I EOC Re-Test  
 PRP- G&W Christmas Store  
 4:30 pm- LHS Boys JV/V Basketball vs Kountze  
 5:00 pm- LHS- Girls Varsity Basketball vs Douglass  
 6:00 pm- LJH- 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert @ Central Baptist Church  
 6:30 pm- LHS- Mr. Snow Queen Pageant @ Auditorium
- Wednesday, December 11, 2019**  
 TCE- Celebrate Frosty- Dress in white to celebrate snowmen  
 CSE- Elf Day- Wear Red & Green  
 PRP- G&W Christmas Store  
 LJH- Christmas Meal Box Collection  
 LHS- English II EOC Re-Test
- Thursday, December 12, 2019**  
 TCE- Ugly Sweater Day  
 CSE- Gingerbread Day- Dress as a Gingerbread Cookie  
 PRP- G&W Christmas Store  
 LJH- Christmas Meal Box Collection  
 LJH- PTO Fundraiser Delivery  
 LJH- TSI Testing  
 LHS- Boys Freshman Basketball-Nacogdoches Tournament  
 LHS- Boys Varsity Basketball- Livingston Tournament  
 LHS- Girls Varsity Basketball- Central Heights Tournament  
 4:30 pm- LJH- Girls Basketball @ Shepherd  
 5:00 pm- LJH- Boys Basketball vs Shepherd  
 6:00 pm- CSE 1st - 5th Grade Christmas Music Program  
 6:00 pm- LJH- 6th Grade Band Concert @ Central Baptist Church  
 7:00 pm- LHS/LJH- Choir Concert @ FBC
- Friday, December 13, 2019**  
 TCE- Dress like your Favorite Holiday Book Character  
 CSE/PRP- Polar Express Day- Wear School Appropriate PJ's  
 PRP- Santa Pictures  
 PRP- Kindergarten Christmas Concert- During Specials  
 LJH- Christmas Meal Box Collection  
 LJH- Picture Retakes  
 LHS- Biology EOC Re-Test  
 LHS- Boys Varsity Basketball- Livingston Tournament  
 5:00 pm- LHS Boys Soccer @ Stafford (Scrimmage)
- Saturday, December 14, 2019**  
 LHS- Boys Freshman Basketball-Nacogdoches Tournament  
 LHS- Girls Varsity Basketball- Central Heights Tournament

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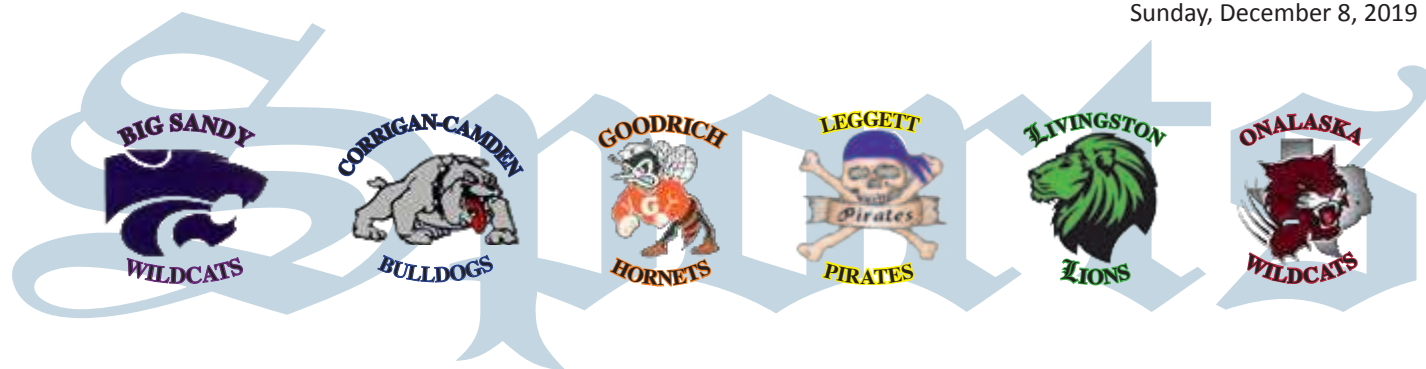
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# Polk County hoop battle

By Brian Besch  
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The Big Sandy basketball tournament kicked off Thursday and its prime time matchup featured the host school defeating the Livingston Lions 51-28.

The game started well for the Wildcats, gaining a 16-2 advantage, prompting the Lions to begin pressing on defense in an effort to create easier baskets.

"We executed well when we set up offensively," Big Sandy coach Kevin Foster said. "We didn't shoot the ball quite as well as I wanted and I thought we had a lot of open looks. We had stretches of the game where we shot well. I would like to see more consistency there. I thought our rebounding was very good in the first half. We really tried to limit them to one shot because of their length and their athleticism. We really just wanted to pack the lane on them and make it as difficult as we could. They have a good ball club and that was a good win for us."

By halftime, the Lion deficit had grown to 24-8. DeBrian Raines and Johnny DeWalt were able to score six points apiece for Livingston, but the team struggled to find good shots throughout the contest.

"When you hold a team to 51 points, you should win a game," Livingston coach Kohl Neel said. "We have just got to find a way to score. Our offense is just not very good right now. I don't have an answer right now for it, but defensively, if we hold a team like that, we should win every game we hold to 50 points."

Wildcat Cole Foster led all scorers on the night with 14 points and Case Sutherland had 11, while Eli Bullock added eight.

The Lion head coach said the coaching staff is working on plans to create more offense for his team.

"We try to force the first option always," Neel said. "We will run the ball screen and the dump will be wide open on the backside, but instead of hitting it, we try to force it to a guy that is guarded off the roll. It is starting to get very irritating. We rep it over and over and say it 7,000 times to them, and it is like you have to say at 7,000 more to sink in. We just have to execute better and I have to get them playing better."

"We are missing layup after layup and turning the ball over. We are a pressing team and forcing 30 turnovers, but also having 30 turnovers ourselves. That is not good and that is where we are at right now. The coaching staff has to get it fixed."

Foster said Livingston can be a dangerous group to face and devised a plan to offset some of the advantages they hold in size and athleticism.

"Our biggest points to win were not turning the ball over and to rebound the ball," Foster explained. "We felt like if we could do those two things first more than anything else — because when you turn it over against them, they transition so well. We wanted to force them to take contested shots, which honestly, isn't much different than our scheme against everybody we play."

"I told them if (Livingston



Jacob Byrd (1) floats an attempt versus Big Sandy Thursday night.



Cole Foster shoots and scores from behind the arc.



Seth Beene-Williams scored a dozen points in the win over Huntington.



Case Sutherland (13) contests a shot from Livingston's DeBrian Rains.

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Goodrich Lady Hornet coach Calobe Isaacs breaks the huddle with his girls. They would defeat Coldspring Friday morning.

## Lady Wildcats in championship round

Goodrich boys, girls show improvement in challenges with larger schools

By Brian Besch  
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The Big Sandy girls have advanced to the championship round of the tournament, where they will face Splendora for the bracket crown.

The Lady Wildcats reached the championship round

after defeating Silsbee 49-46 Friday night. In a tightly contested game, the Ladycats were able to defend well and rebound versus a larger and more athletic Silsbee group.

"Coming into the game, we knew that they were a lot more athletic than we were," Ladycat coach Ryan Alec said. "We knew that size was going to play a big factor.

One thing we emphasized before the game started was rebounding and we struggled a little bit in the first half and there are times in the second half where we struggled rebounding the basketball.

"I'll give credit to our girls, they hung tough inside and did the job that they were supposed to do. I think for us, defensively, that was probably

the biggest factor. We created some turnovers and that is surprising with their athleticism."

Charity Battise scored 21 points to lead Big Sandy and Savannah Hoffman was close behind with 18.

"Normally we try to come out on people past

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the 3-point line," Alec said. "We tried to back off away to make them pump it in, something to negate their size. We didn't shoot the ball really well, but in the second half, we executed our offense a lot better."

"I told our team today that this would be the toughest team up until this point that we have faced, and they took the challenge and came out on top. I was proud of our effort."

On Thursday, the Big Sandy girls took a 73-17 decision over Coldspring.

The Lady Trojans were limited to single-digit scoring in each quarter.

Alexis Thompson would lead scoring for the Ladycats in this game with 22, Battise had 20, Sabrena Thompson added 10 and Hoffman had eight.

In the early game Thursday, the Goodrich girls were victim to Big Sandy, as the Ladycats took a 78-14 victory over the Lady Hornets.

Battise had 26, Alexis Thompson had 17, Kalyssa Dickens had 12 and Baili Mitchell had 11. For the Lady Hornets, Shamanique Bookman and Brionna Passmore each had six points.

"Last night, we had a tough game against a good Big Sandy team, Lady Hornet coach Calobe Isaacs said.

"When I talked to the girls after the game, I said that we were going to bounce back and step up and take care of business. That is what they did and that is what I love coaching about this team and what I love about these girls."

"There are things we have to fix and things we have to get better on, but they are fighters. They give it all they've got and no matter what happens, they keep their heads up and just keep playing. That is a true sign of a champion. Right now, everything we are doing is getting ready for district.



Joacxi Garzon gets to the basket.



Brionna Passmore puts up a jumper.



Javorius Garrett drives through a swarm of Falcons.



Breyia Passmore lifts a shot over a Coldspring defender.



Alexis Thompson stops in the lane to attempt a jump shot.

It doesn't matter what the scoreboard says with a win or loss. We are looking to get better and get ready for district. Our goal is to win

the district championship."

The Goodrich girls also dropped a 59-19 game to 4A Splendora. Brionna Bookman would score 13 of the team's

19 points in that game.

However, it wasn't all bad news for the lady Hornets. On Friday morning, they would achieve victory versus Coldspring, 43-32.

The win is something the new coach believes his program can build upon and gives confidence to his girls. Isaacs is also the high school principal and even drives a bus route for the district. He has coaching experience that includes some time at Big Sandy. It is his first year coaching the team, something he said he loves.

"When you coach great kids that are willing to work hard, it is fun and I am enjoying every bit of it," Isaacs said. "They are having a great time and every practice they are in there and ready to work and want to get better. I will take that over a team that has all the skills in the world and doesn't want to reach their full potential. These girls want to win and want to be good."

Bookman would also lead

the scoring in this game, chalking up 29, as Brionna Passmore added six.

The Goodrich boys started the tournament with an 82-35 loss to Huntington. The game was a one-point difference until 3:20 remained in the first quarter. Joacxi Garzon had 13 points and Javorius Garrett scored 13.

The second game was another tough draw for the Hornets, taking on the Huffman Hargrave team that landed in the championship game versus Big Sandy on Saturday. The Hornets would drop a 73-40 game. Garzon and Garrett each had 13 in the loss.

Goodrich played a Trinity squad well that has a win over Livingston earlier in the year. The 65-42 game was kept within reason for the 1A school. Garrett led the Hornets with 16 points and Garzon would contribute 15.

"We've got to stop rushing on offense," Goodrich coach

Lester King said. "We need to work the ball until we get a good shot and make the defense really think they are playing defense. I have had good teams where we just passed the ball around for a minute and the defense will jump out of position or do something silly and you get a layup or a short jumper. We are just too impatient."

In the night game on Friday, Goodrich played its best game of the tournament, eventually falling to Buna 61-49.

The game was a five-point difference at the half and Buna needed a late surge in order to defeat Goodrich. The two familiar scorers in Garrett and Garzon were again tops for the Hornets, pouring in 24 and 11, respectively.

"We are getting better and we played a lot better in this game," King said. "In the whole tournament, that is the best game we've played. Buna is not a slouch."

King said his team improved overall throughout the tournament with each game.

"Every game we started out being patient, but became impatient. When you are playing against bigger schools and bigger boys, you can't be impatient. Defensively, we have started playing better there too. But we are making too many fouls. We aren't making hustle fouls; it's little tap and reaching fouls. We can't afford to foul out with six or seven kids."

King also said that he feels like his team is better at this point in time than at the same time last year.

His team, as well as the girls and both teams from Big Sandy will all meet next week, as Goodrich hosts its annual tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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# BATTLE

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is) controlling the tempo and getting up and down the floor, we are not going to beat them. We tried to make it more of a half-court game and I thought that was our best chance to win."

Before the Big Sandy game, the Lions were able to beat Buna, 65-53. Rains found the bucket early and often, going for 29 points. Willie Fagan was also in double digits, delivering 10 points.

On Friday, Livingston was part of a District 21-4A preview with Huffman Hargrave. While competitive for most of the game, the Falcons slowly pulled away in the second half, securing a 61-40 win. The margin was just seven points at halftime, but a one-bucket third quarter hindered the Lion chances.

Rains and Jeston Kowis each had seven points and Dustin Heflin had six.

The host Big Sandy boys carried a perfect record through Thursday and Friday.

On Friday, Buna was the first victim in a 49-44 decision. A four-point wildcat



Dustin Heflin had six points in the Friday match with Huffman Hargrave.

third quarter allowed the Cougars to tie the ball game, leading into the final period.

However, a 20-point outburst in the fourth gave the Wildcats the lead and the game. Dante Williams led the team with 16 points, shining in the fourth quarter under the basket. He had 15 of his points and numerous rebounds in the final eight minutes of action. Sutherland also added a dozen points in

the win.

On Friday night, the 'Cats played another tight first half, only to prevail in the second half with a 54-30 mark over Huntington. The Red Devils were held to single-digit outputs in three quarters. Sutherland was tops on the team with 14 points, Cole Foster and Seth Beene-Williams had 12, and Dante Williams had 10 points.

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## Thoughts of the Week: *IT'S NOT OVER 'TIL I WIN*



By Joe MacDonald,  
Pastor of First Presbyterian  
Church of Livingston

*"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him"*

*"who loved us" Romans 8:37*

Several years ago I heard a story told by a motivational speaker known as Les Brown. He recounted a time when he was playing a table game with his seven year old son. Les said that even though he tried to let his son win, the boy was so inept at the game that he kept losing over and over again. Feeling bad for his son but not wanting him to feel that

he was only a loser, Les sensitively said, "Why don't we stop for now and pick the game up again later?" His son's reply was amazing and became the title of a speech and later a book that Les wrote. The boy simply said "No, Dad, it is not over 'til I win." What an amazing statement. On first blush, we might say that the kid was so spoiled that life couldn't go on until he got his own way.

A deeper reading of the statement has amazing application to our lives as God's children. Before we knew Christ through faith we were all like Les' boy all we could do was lose. We were losers, not just because we were inept at the game of life, but because of the curse, it was impossible for us or anyone to even approach winning.

However, the work of Christ and our choice to receive Him by faith

changed everything. We don't have to wait 'til it is all over (meaning Christ's second coming). We are winners now because He won then (at the Cross). Oh there are times when we don't feel much like winners and we only feel defeated. Don't let that lie from the Enemy control your life. If you know Christ by faith you are not only a winner but a conqueror as Paul says in Romans. It also changes

the statement from "it's not over 'til I win" to "because Jesus won, it's all over"

Blessings, Pastor Joe



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~ James 4:6

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**- Assembly of God -**  
Beech Creek  
Pastors: Don & Lori Goodwin, Hwy 190 E. @ Beech Creek Road, 327-3441. Sun. School 9:45am; Morn. Worship 10:30am; Evening Worship, 6pm; Wed. Mid-Week Service & Family Night Weds. 7pm, Royal Rangers, Missionettes & Youth.

Indian Village  
Pastor: David Busby, Hwy 190 East of Livingston, 563-4385. Sun. School 8:45am, Morn. Worship 9:45am Evening Worship 6pm; Wed. 7pm  
Livingston First Assembly of God Church  
Chris & Tina Borden, Pastor; 2025 N. Houston; 327-4468; Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30am; Sunday Evening Worship 5:30pm; Wed. Family Night, 7 pm

Onalaska  
Pastor Cameron and Sarah Veazey; Old Trinity Road; 646-5675, Pastor's phone: 465-9000; Sun. School 9:45am; Morn. Worship 10:45am; Sun. Night Service 6pm; Wed. Night Service 6pm

**- Baptist -**  
Ace Baptist  
John A. Taylor, Pastor; FM 2610 P.O. Box 381 Ace, Tx. 77326. Ph: 936-327-7909. Morn. Worship 11am  
Anderson Chapel Baptist  
Rev. Donald Vance, Pastor; 108 E. West Street; Services held Sun. School 10am, Sun. Morning Worship Ser. 11am, Wed. Ser. 7pm Located 108 E. West St., Livingston.

Antioch Baptist Church  
Pastor Gregory Johnson; Sun. School 10am; Worship Service 11am. Wed Bible Study 6pm. Located on 350 South, past Florida's Kitchen. Take new right (on Antioch Rd). Church will be to right of of 350. 936-933-5565.  
Beacon Bay Baptist Church (Southern Baptist)  
Intersection 3126 & 350 South; 327-9027. Sun. School 9:45am; Sun. School, 9:40am; Sun. worship 10:40am; Evening Worship 5pm; Wed. 6:15pm; Ladies classes Thur. 6:00pm

Bethel Baptist  
Harold Isaacs, Pastor; Sunday School 10am, Sunday Services 11am Wednesday and Youth Services 6:45pm 936-646-3444. Located in the Bold Springs Community. From 190W take FM 350N and go 8 miles.

Big Sandy Baptist  
Pastor Chris Knox; 563-2304, Sunday School, 9:45am, Sunday worship 11am, Evening worship 5pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting 6pm  
Blanchard Baptist  
Rev. Fred Alford — located on FM 2457 @ 3126; 936-967-8794 or 566-4780. Sunday School 9:45am; Morning Worship 10:55am; Evening Worship 6pm; Wed. Evening Prayer Service 6pm RAs, GAs, Youth & Adult Bible Study W.M.U., Men's Ministry, Senior Adult "Sonshiners," Children worship choir K-4th grade 10:55 am each Sunday  
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church  
Pastor, Ernest Moyers; Highway 190 W. 5 miles from Livingston; Sun. School 10am; Morn. Worship 11am; Training Course 5pm; Evening Worship 6pm; American Baptist Assoc.

Central Baptist  
503 N. East Ave., Livingston, 327-5614; Pastor Mike Meadows; Sundays: 8:15am Adult Bible Study, 9:30am Worship, 11:00am Bible Study for all ages; 6:00pm Churchwide Prayer Meeting, Activities for Youth & Children Wednesdays: 6:00pm Worship Service, CRAVE Student Worship, Children Activities.

Chesswood  
Pastor Col. Howard Daniel; Hwy 59 S. 327-8870 Sunday School, 9:45am; Church Services: Sunday 11am & 6pm, Wednesday 7pm  
First Baptist Church Corriagan  
398-4177, 103 N. Collins, Bible Study 9:45am, Sun. Morning Worship 8:30 am & 11:00 am, Evening Worship 6pm, Wed. Services; Youth Night Live Youth House 6:30pm, Childrens Choir 7:00pm, RA's, GA's and Mission Friends 6pm, Bible Study & prayer meeting 7pm.  
East Tempe Baptist Church  
1340 FM 350 S (2 miles from 190 W.), Livingston, Brother Leo Davis; Sun. School 10am; Sun. Morning Worship 11am

First Baptist of Livingston  
Pastor Brett Lester, 106 Colting Rd., 327-4417. Sunday morning 9am, 10am & 10:30am, evening 6:00pm; Wed 6pm children thru senior adults.

First Baptist Church of Providence  
Bro Robert Murphy, Pastor; 898 Providence Rd (off Hwy 146 S); Sunday School 9:45am, Sun. School 10:45am, Sunday Bible Study 5pm, Wednesday Youth Disciple Class 6:30pm.

First Baptist Church Wild Country Mission  
Pastor Carol Williams; 16241 Hwy 146 S, Livingston (about 15 miles south of town); 936-581-9634; Sunday School 9:30am, worship 10:30am

First Community Missionary Baptist  
Rev. Curtis Hester, Hwy. 59 N., Seven Oaks; Sun. School 9:30am; Sun. Wors. 11am & 6pm; Wed. 6pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study.

First Texas Indian Baptist Church  
936-563-5288; 17 mi. E. of Livingston on Hwy. 190. Sun. School 10am; Morn. Service 11am; Evening Service 6pm; Wed. Service 7pm  
Forest Branch Baptist Church Southern Baptist  
Rev Clint Ferguson; Hwy. 59 N. Sun. School 9:45am; Morn. Worship 11am; Evening Worship 6pm; Wed. prayer meeting 7pm; 327-7410.

Garner Chapel Missionary Baptist  
FM 3126 between FM 350 & FM 1988, 967-8216; Sun. School 9:30am; Worship Service 11am; Pastor Eldridge Nickson  
Goodrich First Baptist  
Pastor Bro. Tom Owen; Sun. School, 9:45am; Sun. Worship 11am & 6:30pm; Wed. 6:30pm; 365-2415.

Holly Grove  
Denton Maze, 685-4838, Sun. School 9:45am; Sun. Morn. Worship 10:45am; Sun. Eve. Serv. 6pm  
Leggett Baptist  
Pastor Bro. Tim Thompson, 162 Freeman Road, Leggett; Sun. School, 9:45-11am; Worship hour 11am; Sun. night 5pm; www.leggett baptist.org

Magnolia Hill Baptist  
FM 943, Segno (936) 685-4212.  
Pastor Justin Hulin; Sunday School 10am, Sunday Service 11am  
Macedonia Baptist Church  
Colita St., 327-3212. Kenneth Darden, Pastor; Sun. School 9:30am; Sun. Worship 11am; Wed. Night 7pm; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Mayo Chapel Baptist Church  
Pastor Elder Johnny K. Johnson, Jr.; 308 S. West St, Corriagan; 936-398-4583; Wed Bible Study 6-7:30pm, Sun School 9:30-11am, Sunday Worship 11am.

Moscow Baptist  
1 Blk W. of 59 on FM 350 near park 398-5204. Sun. School 9:50am; Morning Worship 10:50am; Evening Worship 1:30pm; Wed. Night Bible Study, Youth activities at 7pm

New Hope Missionary Baptist  
FM 296, Goodrich, 936-365-2052; Pastor: Rev. Paul High; Sunday School 9:45am; Worship 11:30am; Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm; Bible Study 7:30pm; Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm

Onalaska First Baptist  
463 S. FM 356, 646-3378; Pastor Allen Bramlett; Sun. School 9:40am, Morning worship 11am; Sun. Eve. worship 6pm; Wed. GAs & RAs 6pm Youth & prayer meeting 7pm

Pine Forest Baptist  
Pastor Sean Ferry; 10537 US Hwy190W in Onalaska, 646-4803; Sun. School 9:00am, Worship 10am; Sun. Evening 6:00pm; Wed. evening 6:00pm

Primera Iglesia Bautista Central (Spanish)  
Pastor, Hector Marruto; Sun. School 9:45am, Worship 11:00am & 5:00pm, Weds. Prayer 7:00pm, Youth 516 DeLa Morton, Livingston; 327-3630.

Schwab City  
Pastor David Jones; 327-5989; Sun. School 9:45am; Morn. Worship 11am; Sun. evening 6pm; Wed. prayer meeting 6pm

Soda Baptist  
Pastor Wayne Bickley, (cell) 903-905-2034; (church) 936-563-2453; Sun. & Wed. services

Stryker Baptist  
Pastor William "Peanut" Glass, Stryker Rd 5 miles out of Corriagan, Sun. School 9:45, Sun. Service 11am.

Sunflower  
Pastor Mitchel Murphy 936-425-6069. Sun. Services 10am, 11am & 6pm; Wed. Night Youth 6pm.

Wakefield Baptist Church  
3253 FM257 Corriagan; 936-829-3988; Pastor Robert Lankford 936-676-0860. Services Sun. 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed 7 p.m.

Winnie Street Baptist  
327-5810. Sun. School 9:45am; Worship Service 10:45am; Evening Service 6pm; Wed. night Services, 7pm; 5th Sunday dinner after worship service

**- Catholic -**  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Livingston  
Father Tarsisius Puling, S.V.D.; 2590 Hwy. 190 W. Sun.-English Mass, 9am, Sun. Spanish Mass 11am Sat. English Mass 5:30pm; 967-8385

St. Martin's Catholic Church  
287 South & Gossett Road, Corriagan; Sun. Bilingual Mass 1pm; 398-2807 or 967-8385

**- Church of Christ -**  
Corriagan Church of Christ  
Preacher Robert Raif, 936-398-2269, Hwy 287 West at Eden St., Corriagan, TX 77539. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30am, Worship Service 10:30am, Evening Service 5:00pm, Wed. Bible Classes 7pm  
Livingston Church of Christ  
Lindell Mitchell, Minister; 1101 W. Church St., Sun. Bible classes 9am; Sun. morning Worship 10am; Sun. evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible classes 7:00pm

Northside Church of Christ  
1 mi. W. of 59 Bypass on US 190 West just beyond the traffic light at Hwy 350 South; 936-967-8521. Sun. Morning Bible Study 9:30am; Sun. Worship 10:30am & 4pm; Wed. Night Bible Study 6pm. Preacher Ardie P. Brown.

Oak Grove Church of Christ  
190 E. 7 mi. E. of Livingston, 9am Sun. School, 10am Church, 6pm Eve. Worship; Evangelist/Minister Mike Miller.

Onalaska Church of Christ  
13570 US Hwy. 190 West in Onalaska, 936-646-3517, Minister Gary Bodine, Sun. Worship Services 10am and 6pm, Bible Classes for all ages: Sun. 9am and Wed. 6:30pm

Pine Grove Church of Christ  
Minister Norman Turner, FM 62, 1/2 mile off of 287. Sunday School 10am, Worship Service 10:45am, Bible Study 5pm, Worship 6pm  
The West End Church of Christ  
1207 Colita Street, 327-2707. Sun. Morning Bible Class 10am; Sun. Worship 11am and 6pm; Wed. Bible Study 6pm

**- Church of God -**  
Lake Livingston Church of God  
3072 FM 350 S., 936-967-0191, Pastor Robert Chambers. Sun. School 9:30am, Sun. Worship 10:15am; Sun. evening 6pm Wed. eve. 6:30pm

Revival Center Church of God of Onalaska  
585 FM 3459, 936-646-2272. Sun. School 9:45-10:30am; Worship Service 10:30am; Evening Worship 5pm; Wed. Worship Service 6pm

**- Church of God in Christ -**  
Bibleway  
Church of God in Christ  
251 Loop 116 Livingston; Pastor Lawrence Brackens; 832-330-8802; Sunday School 9:45 am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 am; Bible Study Tues 7:00 pm

Creekwood  
Church of God in Christ  
Elder Robert Randolph, Pastor; Sunday School 9:45am, Worship Service 11am; Bible Study, Wednesday 7:45pm 936-365-3700, Goodrich.

Guiding Star Church of God in Christ  
Pastor Roosevelt Bogany; Goodrich 936-365-2381; Sun. School 9:30am, Sun. Ser. 10:30am, Wed. eve. 6:30pm Bible Study, Guiding Star Rd. off FM 1988.

Holy Ground International  
Pastor: Elder Manual Dunham Jr.; 203 East Calhoun St, Livingston; 936-327-2906; Sun. Morn. Worship 9 am; Bible Study 7:30 pm; Thurs. Smith Memorial

Church of God in Christ  
Pastor Broderick Gordon; Services Wed 7pm, Sun 10am; 3405 FM 3126, Livingston, 936-967-4854; Heather Smith 682-330-4566 for more info.

**- Cowboy Church -**  
Polk County Cowboy Church  
Pastor Mark Terry, Sun. Morning Worship 10 am, Wed. Night Bible Study 7pm, Wed. Night Youth Group 7 pm, Barney Wiggins Memorial Arena, Hwy 146, Livingston. For more information call 936-239-5703.  
Ridin' on Faith Cowboy Church  
4934 East FM 1988, Livingston, Steven Weaver, Pastor, 936-933-2403, Sunday School Services 9:15am, Worship Service 10:30am

**- Episcopal -**  
St. Luke's Episcopal  
N. Willis; Sun. School 9:15am; Church Serv. 10:30am, 327-8467

**- Latter-day Saints -**  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
2023 N. Houston Ave., Livingston; Sunday Ser. 10am; Bishop Steven Crockett (936) 327-5117.

Community of Christ  
259 FM 350 N., Sunday Ser. 9:45am Worship 11:00am; Pastor Tommy Bacon (713) 384-9338.

**- Lutheran -**  
Lake Livingston Lutheran ELCA  
FM 3152 at 190 W. Onalaska, Rev. Sharon Kapsch, 646-5681. Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 9:30am; Worship 11am

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Bus. 59 S. 327-3239, Pastor James Mayland, Sun. School & Bible Class, 9am; Worship Service, 10:30am

**- Methodist -**  
Bible Memorial Methodist, Moscow  
398-2438; Rev. Dr. Brett Graham, Sunday service 9:30 a.m.

Cade Memorial - Mt. Hope Methodist Church  
Hwy. 287, Chester, 976-252-7006. Sun. School 10am; Worship 11am

First Methodist  
Rev. Steve Woody, Pastor; 2801 Hwy. 190 W.; 327-7100; Contemporary Serv. 9am; Sunday School 10am; Traditional Serv. 11.

First United Methodist, Corriagan  
398-2438; Rev. Dr. Brett Graham, Sunday service 11 a.m., 101 N. Market; 936-398-2438.

First United Methodist, Onalaska  
Rev. Jimmy Calvert, Sun. School 9:00am; 10:00am Worship; Church Service with fellowship hour following.

Goodrich First United Methodist  
Pastor John A. Moye; Sun. School 9am; Sun. Service 10:25 am; Bible Study, Mon. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 6:30 p.m.; Loop 393, Goodrich, 936-365-2435.

Mt. Vernon Corriagan United Methodist  
Rev. Robert Twine; Sun. School, 10am; Morn. Worship, 11am 1st & 3rd Sun.

Pleasant Hill United Methodist  
Pastor Robert Alexander, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sun. 9:30am 5029 S. FM 1988, 936-365-4119

St. Luke's United Methodist  
Rev. Robert Alexander, Pastor, Services held at Pleasant Hill United Methodist 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sun. 11:15am

Sebastopol Congregational Methodist  
Pastor Max Wells, Hwy. 356 at 355; Sun. School 10am

**- Nazarene -**  
Livingston First Church of the Nazarene  
Fred Huff, Pastor; 3430 Hwy. 190 W., Worship 10:45am, Sun. School, 9:30am; Wed. Worship Services all ages 6pm 936-327-1937

**- Missions -**  
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**- Non Denominational -**  
Camp Ruby Community Church  
Hwy. 1276 off 190 E. approx. 1 1/2 miles. Sun. Service, Worship Service 11:00am, Bible Study Wed. 7pm

Centro de Vida  
Pastor Vincent Hernandez ; 2476 FM 3277, Scenic Loop, Livingston; Sunday service 10:30am; 903-733-4603

Church On The Lake  
Sun. Services 10 am; Wed. Service 7pm; Pastor Mike Hooper at new address: 8125 Hwy 190 W., Livingston, TX, 936-967-4240.

Corriagan Full Gospel Tabernacle  
James Stevenson, Pastor, Hwy. 287-6mi. W. of Corriagan; (Carmona Cemetery) Sun. School 10am; Morn. Worship 11am; Sun. 6pm; Wed. 7pm

Corriagan Jesus Name Apostolic  
Corner of Front & Market Street; Sun. School 10am; Sun. Service 6pm; Tues. Service 7pm; Brother Carl Stanle, pastor

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Fellowship in The Pines Church  
Pastor Roland Coyle, 1936 FM 2610 (across from the Ace Post office) 936-685-4777, Sun. Prayer Ser. 8:30 am, Sun. School 9:30 am, Worship 10:30 am, Evening 6:30 pm, Tues. Bible study 6:30 pm, Youth Ministry Wed. 6 pm, Evening Worship 6:30 pm, Nursery available, Dinner last Sun. of every month.

Good News Biker Church Ministry  
Pastor JC Cribbs, 936-355-8587, Asst. Pastor Debby Elledge, 936-433-5903, Services: Sun. 11am & Tues. 7pm, Thurs. night Bible study 7pm. 4678 N. FM 356 in Onalaska (backside Machine Shop 356).

Hickory Grove Church  
FM 1988; Sunday School 10am, Morning Worship 11am; Sunday Evening 5pm; Wednesday 7pm  
Pastor Wayne Landrum

Indian Springs Chapel  
Indian Springs Chapel; the Rev. and Pastor: Raymond Harrington, 11386 U.S. Hwy. 190 East Livingston, Texas 77351. Prayer Group: 9:00am, Sun. School 9:45am, Church 11:00am, Children Church 11:20am, Sun. Evening 6:00pm, Wed. Evening 7:00pm

Life Vine Church  
203 East Calhoun, Livingston, pastor Simon Geller, Sun. 10:10am. Nursery & Children's classes, 936-931-8212; www.lvctx.com

Lighthouse Revival Center  
1505 N. Washington, Livingston. Sunday Worship Service, 10:30am, Mid-week service, Wednesday 7pm; Pastors Ron and Gloria Richardson 936-327-7402.

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Hugh Klodzinski, Pastor; 6 miles east of Livingston on Hwy. 190; Sun. 10:30am Thursday Night 7:30pm; 563-4386

Living Word Church  
201 Pan American Dr., Livingston; 936-327-7466. Pastor Danny Moye; Sunday 10:30am; Wed. 7pm

Midway Community Church  
Bro. Robert W. Smith, Pastor; 20 miles E. of Livingston on Hwy. 190; Sunday School 10:00am; Morning Worship 11:00am

Moscow Full Gospel Church  
Hwy. 59 Moscow across from post office; Sunday School 10 a.m., Morning Worship 11am, Sunday evening 6pm

New Beginnings Church  
Reverend Elbert & Kathy Kinard, Sun. Morning Bible Study 9:45am, Sun. Morning Worship 10:45am, Sun. Evening Worship 6pm, Hwy 190W, Livingston (5 miles past Walmart on right), 936-933-2973. We also have Deaf Interpretation.

New Beginnings Outreach Church  
Pastor David Franklin Hwy. 146, Livingston; 328-1363. Sundays 11:00am, Wednesdays 7:00pm, www.facebook.com/NBO Livingston/

Old Time Gospel Church  
Pastor: James T. Hilton; 574 Oakdale Loop off Hwy 59 North, Livingston, TX 77331; Sunday School 9:45, Worship 10:45

Project Love Church  
3166 US 59 North, Livingston, 936-327-3747. Sundays 10:15 AM & 6:00 PM, Wednesday 6 PM.

Saved by Gods Grace Church  
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Wildwood Gospel Church  
Pastor: Dennis Hodge, FM 356 N. 2 miles W. of 190, Onalaska; Sun. day School 10am; Worship 11am & 6pm; Wed. 7pm.

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Mike Bryan, Services Wed. 7pm and Sunday 10am and 6pm 646-4514 Onalaska. 264 Onalaska East Rd. First Apostolic Church of Goodrich Pastor Trey Buxton; 936-365-3838; Sunday School 10am, Evening Service 6:30pm; Wednesday 6:30pm  
Charly Tabernacle (United Pentecostal Church)  
Pastor/Rev. Richard Gray; 1694 FM 2457 (Old Hwy 190) Blanchard; Sun. 10am; Sunday Worship, 10:45 am; Wednesday evening pray 6:30pm; Bible Study 7:00pm; Conquerors & Kids Korner 7:00pm (936) 967-0176.

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Pastor Josh Herridge 936-3290-1233, Highway 146 and 943, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Sunday morning worship 11 AM, Sun. night 6:00 PM, Wed. 7:00 PM

Sanctuary of Hope  
Pastor, Charles Harris; 931 S. Washington; Sun. 10am and 6pm worship, Wed. evening pray 7:00pm; 327-8196

Youngblood Memorial Fellowship Holiness Church  
1100 Colita; Livingston (Corner of Colita & Martin Luther King); Sun. School 9am; Morn. Worship 10:15am; Church Services Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30pm; Eric McCloud, Senior Pastor

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First Presbyterian  
Pastor Joe MacDonald, Washington at Feagin; Adult Sun. School 9am in the Fellowship Hall. Worship 10am in the Sanctuary, Child Celebration 10am, Nursery provided for all services. 327-8381

Indian Village  
Sunday School 9:30am; Morning Worship 11am Evening Worship 7 p.m., 563-4587, 563-4259.

**- Seventh Day Adventist -**  
Pleasant Hill Community Church  
Thomas Kyle, Pastor; Corriagan 2 miles east on 352; Sabbath School, 9:30am Worship 11am.

Livingston Seventh Day Adventist Church  
259 FM 350 N; Sabbath School 9:30-10:45am, Church 11am - 12:15 p.m.; Wed. night prayer 7 p.m.; Pastor Rick Bailey, 936-967-3515.

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## OFFICIAL RECORDS

### JUSTICE COURT Precinct 1

*Judge Darrell Longino presiding.*  
**Criminal Docket**

**Raymond Alvah Bobb**, public intoxication.

**George L. Hurts**, failure to appear.

**Micahel Cody Hill**, failure to appear.

**Louie Fred Harrison**, failure to appear.

**Blasido Hernandez Jr.**, failure to appear.

**Quinton X. Jackson**, violate promise to appear.

**Jerry Paul Johnson**, failure to appear.

**Adam Thomas Krauthaim**, failure to appear.

**Gustavo Lopez-Ortiz**, failure to appear.

**Gerson Manuel Rosas**, no driver's license (when unlicensed).

**Luong Nhung Hong**, violate TRA ordinance.

**John Daniel Turnage**, no driver's license (when unlicensed).

**Jose Martinez**, failure to appear.

**Shawn Lee Hogue**, no driver's license (when unlicensed).

**Omar Martinez Moreno**, failure to appear.

**C. Martinez-Deleon**, failure to appear.

**A. Martinez-Enriquez**, failure to appear.

**Christie Cain**, parent contributing to non-attendance.

**Jessica Love Navarro**, parent contributing to non-attendance.

**Clarence G. Colquitt**, driving while license invalid.

**Amy Michelle Brocken**, parent contributing to non-attendance.

**Marie Manning**, parent contributing to non-attendance.

**Melissa McNiel**, parent contributing to non-attendance.

**Chelsea N. Stallings**, violate promise to appear.

**Latonya Yvette Smith**, failure to appear.

**Bonnie Abbott**, parent contributing to non-attendance.

**Conner M. Williams**, failure to appear.

**Christian C. Knight**, no driver's license (when unlicensed).

**Mario Rios Jr.**, driving while license invalid.

**Chadrick K. Williams**, driving while license invalid.

**Adam Troy Mendesohn**, conditional bond violation.

**Monica C. Sanchez**, issuance of bad check.

### JAIL REPORT Dec. 3

**Ingrid Berczik**, 48, of Livingston — Assault by contact, no insurance.

**Michael Wayne Bolan**, 49, of New Caney — Possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Chelsi Denise Homniok**, 30, of Spring — Probation violation.

**Mary Louise Bryan**, 36, of Huntington — Bond forfeiture.

**Alain Alexis Valdes**, 34, of Houston — Robbery; Unauthorized use of vehicle; Theft of property \$100 to \$750.

**Dec. 4**

**Eduardo Beltran-Lara**, 29, of Houston — Robbery; Criminal mischief \$750-\$2,500.

**Mason Alexandra Blount**, 19, of Livingston — Possession of marijuana < 2 oz.

**Denise Louise Burdick**, 66, of Onalaska — Tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair; Interfere with public duties.

**Jason Russell Cantu**, 35, of Livingston — Probation violation x 2; Capias pro-fine x 2.

**Tony Chu**, 29, of Livingston — Public intoxication; motion to revoke probation.

**Shawn Joseph Deshayes**, 25, of Livingston — Public intoxication.

**Joshua Dee Dunbar**, 31, of Trinity — Out of county housing (Trinity County).

**San Juanita Hassler-Smith**, 38, of Goodrich — Burglary of a building.

**Eva Esquivel Goodman**, 63, of Livingston — Assault by contact x 2.

**Brad Wayne Keaton**, 42, of Onalaska — Burglary of a habitation.

**Terrance Lynn McNeill**, 61, of Dallas — Bond forfeiture.

**Shawn Robert Odell**, 47, of Livingston — Evading arrest or detention with a vehicle; Driving while intoxicated; Possession of marijuana < 2 oz.; Driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspect without financial responsibility.

**Jackie Elaine Smelley**, 23, of Vidor — Bond surrender.

**Christopher Lee Terry**, 35, of Livingston — Capias pro-fine x 2.

**Alexander Cory Whitworth**, 18, of Trinity — Organized retail theft \$100 to \$750.

**Daniel Lee Whitworth**, 41, of Trinity — Organized retail theft \$100-\$750.

**Dec. 5**

**Julie Diann Blum**, 46, of Onalaska — Capias pro-fine; illegal disposal of solid waste.

**Angela Harvey Galloway**, 51, of Livingston — Speeding-10 or more above posted limit.

**Kellie Nichole Galloway**, 26, of Livingston — Hindering apprehension or prosecution of a known felon.

**José Luis Hernandez**, 62, of Livingston — Out of county charge (Montgomery County).

**Aynda Jabbar Marshall**, 38, of Chester — TDCJ commitment.

**Matthew Leon Moore**, 23, of Leggett — Possession/use of paraphernalia to inhale/ingest volatile chemical.

**Nathaniel Zane Slater**, 21, of Livingston — No drivers license; No proof of financial responsibility.

**Colton Lee Beauchamp**,

22, of Corrigan — Burglary of habitation (Jasper County).

**Brady Austin Dover**, 17, of Livingston — Possession of marijuana < 2 oz.

**Adrian Christopher Garcia**, 36, of Livingston — Assault causes bodily injury of a family member.

**Johnny Bernard Miles**, 60, of Livingston — Assault by threat.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

**William Allen Farriell Sr.**, 63, Livingston and Brenda Gail Reed, 60, Livingston.

**Sandra Marie Day**, 25, Livingston and Kay Lynn Fox, 23, Livingston.

**Deangelo Marshahn Crawford**, 29, Corrigan and **Hillary Ann Bookman**, 28,

Corrigan.

**NickyJack McKinney**, 85, Livingston and **Elizabeth T. Sivley**, 77, Livingston.

**Duaine Allen Evans**, 32, Livingston and **Kasey Leigh Loos**, 30, Livingston.

**Kory Thomas Zipperer**, 30, Onalaska and **John Carter Magness**, 26, Onalaska.

**Zachary William Metcalf**, 25, Deer Park and **Jeanie Marie Cain**, 27, Livingston.

**Colman Neil Celestine**, 38, Livingston and **Janice Thompson**, 45, Livingston.

**Samuel Hernandez-Lopez**, 36, Goodrich and **Maria Guadalupe Torres Miranda**, 34, Goodrich.

**Jayson Daniel Davenport**, 23, Livingston and **Amanda Sue Noel**, 30, Livingston.

## PUBLIC RECORDS

### Ewing estate files notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Geraldine Ewing, Deceased, were issued on November 12, 2019, in Cause No. 10681, pending in the County Court at Law of Polk County, Texas, to: Mair Maddux. 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: Gene Bush, Attorney at Law 306 N. Washington Livingston, Texas 77351 DATED the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019. /s/ Gene Bush Attorney for Mary Maddux P.O. Drawer 1617 Livingston, Texas 77351 Telephone: (936) 327-7181 Facsimile: (936) 327-3798 State Bar No. 03496000 floydgush@livingston.net

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NOTICE OF BID #2020-12

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**LIVINGSTON ART LEAGUE** — Meets the 4th Monday of January, February, April, July, August and October; the 3rd Monday of May; the 4th Saturday of March, June, September; the 1st Saturday of November (fall art show); the second Saturday of December. During regular meeting dates, members work on their projects from 9 a.m.-noon, refreshments are served at noon and general meetings are at 12:30 p.m. Art demonstrations begin at 1 p.m. Meetings are in St. Luke's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 836 Jones Road. Visitors are welcome. For information, call Celeste Williamson at 936-967-2161 or email: livingstonartleague@gmail.com, or visit: www.livingstonartleague.weebly.com

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 312** — Meets the fourth Monday of each month. Potluck from 6 to 7 p.m. before meeting. Located at 816 U.S. Highway 59 Loop North. Call 936-327-7601.

**RED HAT CLASSY LASSIES CLUB OF LIVINGSTON** — This group of women 55+ meets at 11:15 a.m. the fourth Thursday for lunch and fun. Call for location. For information, call Leanna Harrison 936-566-4085.

**LIVINGSTON LIONS CLUB** — Meets at noon each Wednesday at Camp Cho Yeh. Call President Elfriede Zippran at 936-328-9377.

**LIGHTHOUSE HOSPICE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM** — Call Molly Flores for volunteer opportunities at 1-888-290-7727.

**SERENITY AA GROUP IN GOODRICH** — Meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Lake Estates community building. For information, call 936-425-5646 or 433-0763.

**TRINITY #14 MASONIC LODGE** — Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month with reception starting at 6 p.m. and Stated Meetings starting at 7 p.m. The lodge is at 1907 N Washington in Livingston (Business 59 North). Members, visiting Masons and those interested in Masonry are welcome.

**LET US HELP YOU NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — meets at 8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays and Sundays at 13667 Hwy. 190 in Onalaska. For information call 936-933-0467 or 936-215-3986.

**UNITY GROUP ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 1911 N. Houston in Livingston. Call 936-327-2204 or Earl at 713-823-1023.

**SPANISH ALCOHOL ANONYMOUS** — Spanish Alcohol Anonymous meets each Monday at 8 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church Family Center.

**EMBRACING HOSPICE** — Free bereavement support to individuals/families needing help dealing with the loss of a loved one is offered on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the meeting room, Livingston Municipal Library.

**LIVINGSTON ROTARY CLUB** — Every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Cho-Yeh Camp and Conference Center, 2200 S. Washington. Call President Kole Puckett at 936-327-7789.

**ONALASKA CITY LIBRARY BOARD** — Meets on the last Tuesday of every other month starting in September at 4:45 p.m. at City Hall. Public welcome. Call 936-646-2665.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (SEED)** — Free English classes from Central Baptist Church for all languages. Child care provided each week at the Wellmaker Building. Call 936-327-8753 or 936-327-5614 for details.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** — First Presbyterian Church of Livingston hosts a men's breakfast meeting at 8:30 a.m. on the last Saturday of the month. Bible study topics and guest speakers are featured. For information call Pastor Joe MacDonald at 936-327-8381.

**FREEDOM RINGS AA GROUP** — Nonsmoking meetings Monday through Saturday at noon; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. at 3731 Highway 190 West, by Pedigo Furniture. Women's meetings are at 5:45 p.m. Thursdays and Saturday night meetings at 8:30 p.m. Call 713-907-3033 for information.

**FREEDOM RINGS NA GROUP** — Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., at 3731 Highway 190 West, by Pedigo Furniture. Call 713-907-3033 for information.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN** — Meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month September through May at the First National Bank's Westside Branch, Hwy. 190 W. Those interested in the issues important to women, such as scholarships for girls and equality in the workplace, are invited. The local branch of this international organization participates in activities that fund scholarships and help Polk County women. For information, call 936-967-5065 or website AAUW.org or TexasAAUW.org.

**FREE GED CLASSES** — GED classes are offered at the Angelina College Polk County Center, 101 S. Loop 59 North in Livingston. Orientation is at 9 a.m. on Thursdays. For information call 936-633-4570.

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**STORYTIME** — The Livingston Municipal Library hosts Story Time at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays for children five years old and up. Program is held in the Children's Room and includes stories, activities and music

**GRACE PREGNANCY OUTREACH** — Provides free and confidential services including pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds, prenatal and parenting classes, referrals and material assistance. Located at 913 N. Washington in Livingston. Phone 936-327-8440; 24-hour Pregnancy Crisis Hotline 1-800-712-HELP.

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**KIDS FREE CLOTHING EXCHANGE** — A non-profit charity providing free clothing to children ages newborn through 18 years of age. Open Fridays and Saturdays, 10 am-3 pm at 13791 Hwy 190 W, Onalaska. Bring child, ID, birth certificate, utility bill, and report card (if applicable) to first visit.

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5 Port Arthur radio station before it became KDEI  
6 TX B.J. Thomas hit: "\_\_\_ Lonesome I Could Cry"  
7 Cowboy hope (abbr.)  
8 see ya later  
9 high school football players wear 'em  
15 Davy Crockett birth state (abbr.)  
16 "I guess you had \_\_\_"  
19 pre-owned vehicle (2 wds.)  
21 you have \_\_\_ a gun, or you won't hit nuthin'  
22 TXism: "hard as putting \_\_\_ in a windstorm"  
27 TX Mildred \_\_\_ "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias  
28 intuitive feeling (2 wds.)  
29 8-across (2 wds.)  
30 what TX Howard Hughes became  
32 a Santa word  
33 in Grayson County on FM 120  
36 hot tubs  
37 this Sam was long-time Speaker of the U.S. House (init.)  
38 Salinas de \_\_\_ was Mexico president during NAFTA  
39 last teenage year  
41 "\_\_\_ me in the middle"  
42 this TX Mark is a "Shark" on TV & Mavs owner  
45 this Fred coached UT from 1977 to 1986  
46 \_\_\_ brook, TX  
47 "Star Trek" captain  
48 TXism: "molar \_\_\_" (toothbrush)  
49 a Fort Worth businessman and philanthropist  
52 TXism: "brains in \_\_\_" (computer)  
53 this Darryl pitched for the Astros (1991-97)  
54 Colorado Indian  
55 TX Vikki's "With in Hand" (1969)

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1 TXns do this on water mostly  
2 "\_\_\_ and eggs"  
3 Van \_\_\_ TX  
4 in the TX oil boom this was used for drilling (2 wds.)  
8 TXism: "\_\_\_ I ever laid eyes on"  
9 this is worse than one from a rattlesnake (3 wds.)  
10 first two initials of 36th U.S. president, from TX  
11 boot width  
12 TXism: "coming apart \_\_\_" (losing control)  
13 King James' "you"  
14 this Elliott's #32 has been retired by the San Antonio Spurs  
15 metal used to make filaments in lights  
16 soft mineral found in TX  
17 this scale quantifies an earthquake size  
18 "Hook '\_\_\_'"  
20 actress Moore in "Rio Grande Patrol"  
22 Mineola is on \_\_\_ highways 69 and 80  
23 TXism: "dull as week-old soda \_\_\_"  
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26 chicken fried steak, e.g.  
28 TXism: "mean \_\_\_ old range cow"  
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35 TXism: "don't give a hoot \_\_\_ a holler"  
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STATE | AREA NEWS

**TxDOT busy with projects**

**LUFKIN** — TxDOT crews and contractors are busy on the roadways daily throughout the nine county Lufkin District beginning and completing construction and maintenance. Motorists are urged to stay alert, slow down and respect all traffic control set in place near and through a work zone. As the Christmas holidays approach, work will be suspended during peak travel hours and during the holiday.

**Project updates and plans for the week of Dec. 9-13 include:**

**POLK COUNTY**  
**Lake Livingston State Park:** Crews are scheduled to continue road, campsite and parking area rehabilitation. Pin Oak Loop in currently closed.

**Big Sandy Creek Tributary:** Crews continue to work to replace the bridges and approaches at Segno Fire Lane.

**ANGELINA COUNTY**  
**US 69 South:** Work continues from FM 844 to FM 1270 that will widen the roadway from two lanes to a four-lane divided highway.

Crews continue to place embankment material and cement treat the subgrade. Underground work including construction of wing-walls, safety end treatments and concrete rip rap is ongoing with bridge work at several locations. Motorists should expect delays and be alert for flaggers through the project.

**US 69 South:** Crews will work from FM 1270 to the Jasper County line to widen the existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided highway. Right-of-way clearing near CR 374 will continue and work will begin on drainage structure installations through the northern section of this project.

**US 59:** Crews are scheduled to seed the work areas to establish vegetation with work on headwalls scheduled to begin on this project designed to improve guard-rail to design standards from SL 287 to the Polk County line. Intermittent lane closures expected.

**SH 103 West/SL 287:** Work to establish vegetation continues near Spur 339 on this project designed to widen existing pavement for additional turn lanes from just south of SL 36 to just north of SP 339.

**SH 103 East:** Crews are scheduled to continue driving sheet pilings at the Lake Sam Rayburn/Angelina River Bridge to repair erosion damage. There is a temporary traffic signal in place and a lane closure across the bridge. Motorists are urged to stay alert and expect delays.

**SH 147:** Work continues at the Lake Sam Rayburn Bridge on this project designed to upgrade metal beam guardrail to design standards and safety treat fixed objects from just north of FM 3123 to FM 2109.

**FM 324:** Work is near completion on this project designed to improve guard-rail to design standard and safety treat fixed objects from just south of SH 94 to US 59. All lanes are open

for travel.  
**FM 326:** Work to cement treat the road base, seal coat operations and embankment work will result in lane closures with a pilot car in place on this project designed to reconstruct existing roadway and widen pavement. Motorists should expect delays.

**FM 1475:** Crews are scheduled to level up the roadway in various locations.

**FM 1818:** Work is planned to repair road base in various locations.

**FM 1669:** Crews will work to level the roadway in various locations.

**Various locations:** Crews will patch potholes, repair signs and clean ditches.

**HOUSTON COUNTY**  
**US 287 North:** Tree trimming is scheduled along the right-of-way and crews are scheduled to mill and inlay portions of the roadway from SL 304 to the Anderson County Line. Prepare for lane closures and delays.

**SH 21:** Work continues to widen the sub-grade and cross structures on this project designed to reconstruct and add passing lanes from the east end of the Trinity River Bridge to FM 1280. Motorists should expect intermittent and daily lane closures.

**SH 7 East:** Crews will mill and inlay portions of the roadway from FM 227 in Ratcliff to FM 357 in Kennard. Prepare for lane closures and delays.

**SH 21:** Grade work near the shoulders will continue from SL 304 to FM 227.

**FM 227 West:** Work is scheduled to place an overlay and repair base in various locations.

**FM 2781:** Seeding has been completed and crews are monitoring vegetation on this project designed to reconstruct and widen existing pavement from FM 1280 to US 287. All lanes are open for travel.

**FM 1272:** Work to install sidewalks between the two schools in Grapeland will continue with daily lane closures.

**SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY**

**SH 21:** Crews are scheduled to continue to replace panels on this project designed to replace the Attoyac River Bridge. Lane closures should be expected.

**SH 21:** Crews are monitoring vegetative establishment at Venado Creek and Perkins Creek where bridges and approaches have been replaced.

**FM 711:** Crews are monitoring vegetative establishment on this completed project designed to reconstruct and widen the pavement from the Shelby County line to US 96.

**FM 1277:** Crews are scheduled to repair road base in various locations.

County Road 205: Crews are scheduled to continue work on drill shafts at the bridge replacement project at Black Creek.

**SAN JACINTO COUNTY**

**SH 150:** Crews will continue to work on embankment and flexible base in the widened sections of this project designed to reconstruct the pavement and add passing lanes from the Walker County line to FM 945 North.

**SH 156:** Crews are scheduled to repair edges of the pavement in various locations.

**FM 224:** Crews are installing mow strips on this project designed to improve and upgrade metal beam guardrail to design standards from SH 156 North to SH 156 South.

**TRINITY COUNTY**

**FM 1280:** Crews are scheduled to level up the roadway in various locations.

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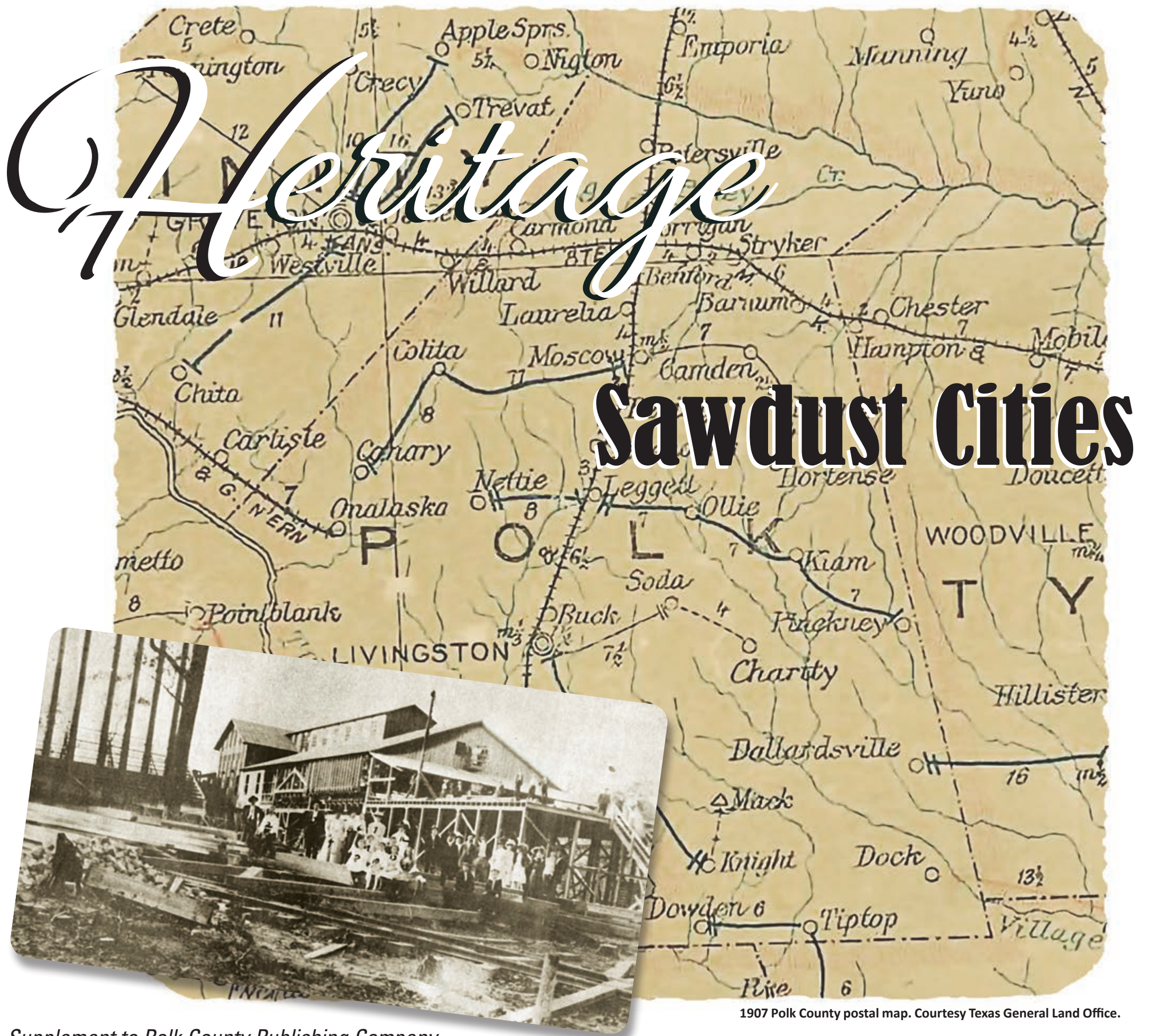
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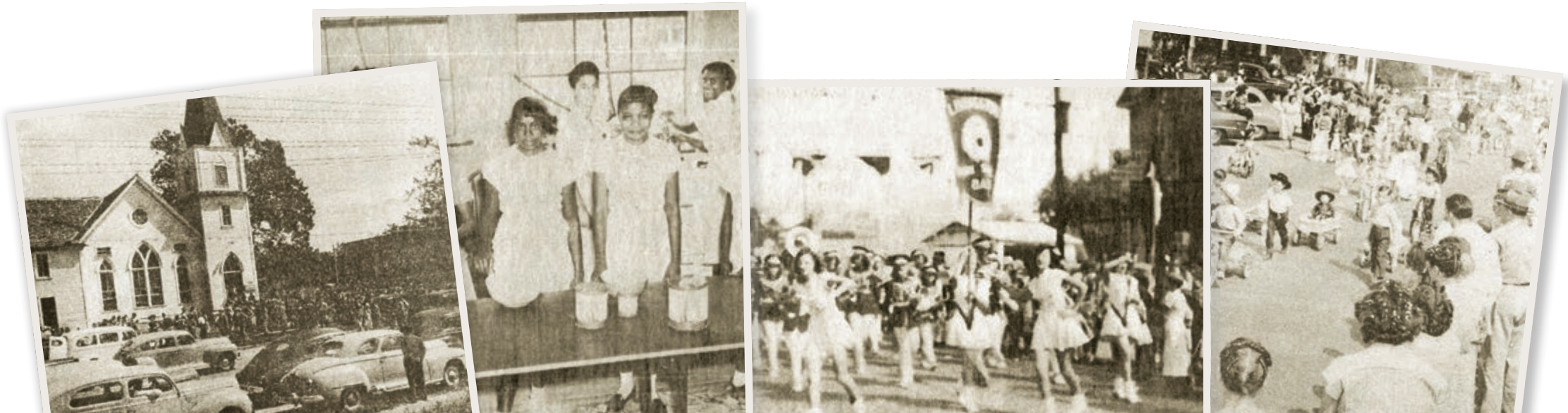

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# Names and Origins of Towns and Post Offices

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This list of towns and post offices in Polk County history was compiled in July, 1965 by the Polk County Historical Survey Committee. The committee is today called the Polk County Historical Commission. The list is printed here as it was written in 1965.

**Ace** — First called Smithfield, the community's name was changed to Ace in

1915. (See Smithfield).

**Acol** — An acronym for Angelina County Lumber Company, the "town" was a movable railroad post office for the company's logging crews. When timber was cut in an area, crews and the post office, moved to the next site.

**Alabama Creek Settlement** — named for the waterway that runs from Central Trinity County into the Neches River at the Polk County line.

**Andressville** — a farming community about 1880-1930. James and Jerusha Andrews of Alabama formed the settlement in 1845. Located on a hill formed by the frequent, heavy flooding of the Trinity River, residents build a one-room community church that was shared by Baptists, Church of Christ members and Methodists. Many settlers regarded Andressville and Tigerville, located a few miles south, as one place. In 1850 William Mills brought his family from North Carolina and established Mills Lake at Tlgerville. It was home

to a store, gin and grist mill. The two communities each built schools with the same children attending both schools in alternating sessions.

**Asia** — founded in about 1850 by James Standley, a blacksmith who built wagons and cannon carts during the Civil War. The community was about two miles west of Corrigan and became home to several family farms. Sam Allen Lumber Company built a sawmill in in Asian during the 1880s to provide lumber for the Waco, Beaumont, Trinity and Sabine Railroad (nicknamed the Wobbly,

Bobbly, Turnover and Stop.) Land sold for about \$3 an acre.

**Baldwin** — In 1881, Baldwin was a switch the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad for the Tackberry sawmill

**Bay Ridge** — a ridge near Boldsprings once covered with bay trees. Several families lived there in the 1880s and 1890s.

**Barnes** — settled in 1858 or 1859, but not named until a post office was applied for and the following names of pioneers were submitted: Handley, Havis, Beard, and Barnes. It was settled by

Dan Hamilton and his sons after he purchased 1,100 acres. The elder Hamilton died about the time the Civil War began and his daughter Margaret and her husband John S. Havis come from Georgia and took charge of the property. Havis operated the first gin and general store in the area.

Alex and Ellen Barnes were a respected elderly black couple who lived in the area and the community was named for them.

**Barnum** — a sawmill town in 1882, said to have been named for the P. T. Barnum Circus. W. T. Carter of Trinity County bought timber tracts near the Polk-Tyler County line. He built a sawmill near the WBT&S Railway in 1883.

Eventually W.T. Carter and Brother build a "pine pole railroad". Logs from distant timber tracts were pulled to the sawmill by mules over this "railroad", eliminated the dependence on moving felled timber by ox-wagons over dirt roads.

Continued growth helped the company by 1890 to allow them to move logs over tram roads with steam locomotives.

The lumber plant was destroyed by fire in 1897. An employee, W. T. Bates, bought the land and became a mill and store owner. W. T. Carter and Brother built a new sawmill at Camden, a few miles east of Barnum.

Only two families lived there in 1965.

**Battise Camp** — 1806, early Indian camp established by Coughatta and Kickapoo Indians on the east side of the Trinity River opposite Battise Village near Patrick's Ferry.

**Battise Village** — the upper village of the three principal communities established by the Coughatta Indians on the Trinity River in what is now Polk and San Jacinto counties. In western Polk County, near the site of present Onalaska, the Coughatta Trace crossed the Trinity River. Battise Village was at this strategic point on the west bank of the Trinity. Specifically, the location was opposite the mouth of Kickapoo Creek, and part of the site was included in land granted subsequently to James H. Duncan in the area that became San Jacinto County.

This major Coughatta village is mentioned in surveyors' field notes for 11 original land grants in this area, including a survey for Isham T. Patrick, which was described as being immediately above the upper Coughatta village, according to Howard N. Martin's entry in the Handbook of Texas Online.

Battise Village was a reference point in defining the boundaries of Liberty County, which during the years of the Republic of Texas included present day Polk and San Jacinto counties.

On April 25, 1837, Daniel P. Coit, chief justice of Liberty County, wrote a letter to James P. Henderson, Republic of Texas secretary of state, in which he described the boundaries of Liberty



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County and said that the northern boundary should extend northward to the "Battiste" village. George T. Wood, the second governor of the State of Texas, moved to Texas in 1839 and established a plantation on the Trinity River near Battise Village.

In 1840 the Republic of Texas Congress granted two leagues of land to the Coushatta Indians for permanent reservations; one league included Colita's Village and the other league included Battise Village. The land was surveyed and the field notes were filed, but the grants never became effective because white settlers had already claimed the land. Near the end of the 1830-40 decade ferry service was established at the Coushatta Trace crossing of the Trinity. The ferry was referred to first as Duncan's Ferry, and by 1844 it was known as Patrick's Ferry, which continued in use until the development of automobiles and a state system of roads and bridges.

The pressure of white settlement nearby resulted in a gradual decline of Battise Village population during the 1840s, but John R. Swanton quoted William Bollaert's estimate that in 1850 there were 500 warriors in Battise Village and Colita's Village.

A General Land Office map of Polk County dated 1856 does not show Battise Village, and it is assumed that the residents had left their homes in the Patrick's Ferry area and joined their Coushatta kinsmen in either Long King's Village or Colita's Village.

**Bay Ridge** — Several families lived on this ridge covered with bay tress near Bold Springs in the 1880s.

**Beech Creek** — A farming community established in about 1852 five miles east of Livingston. Where Beech Creek (a waterway named for the abundance of beech trees) joins Menard Creek just north of U.S. Hwy. 190. On March 27, 1902 John L. Henry of Dallas County sold two acres of land for the school and church. The price was \$1. Early settlers were Joseph Nettles (1844), John Turner (1846), Isaac White (1840s), Kerr B. DeWalt (1847), Isham Adams (1860), John W. Ballard (1870s) William H. Matthews (1870s), Mrs. Z. Hollis Price

(1860s), David Zimmerman (1871) and Leander Aldophus (Dock) Williams (1880s).

**Benford** — a sawmill town located a few miles east of Corrigan established in 1889.

The name is a mashup of the town's founders Bennett and Stanford. The lumber plant was later sold to other owners, including the West Lumber Company, Burkett and Barnes Company, the Mardez Lumber Company, the Glynn Lumber Company, the Ragley Lumber Company and the Lynch Davidson Company.

First called Silver Hill because the mill paid in silver dollars instead of cheques as did other mill companies, it was largely uninhabited by 1920.

**Benton Springs**— a school community established by J. A. Jones in 1892. O.H. Diggs, J.A. Saxton and D. M. Diggs were named school trustees. In 1897 the teachers were Rebecca Jones and W.C. Hanner.

**Bering** — a small sawmill town about six miles south of Moscow built by Conrad Bering about 1882, soon after the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad was built through Polk County. Bering thrived for about 40 years. A post office was operated from 1906-1928.

**Beulah** — A school community in Angelina County, 11 miles southwest of Lufkin on Farm Road 58. W. P. Mayo was a teacher there in 1897. In the 1930s, the community included a church, store and several homes. Most residents worked in the Ginter oilfield nearby. The population declined after World War II.

In the 1990s two churches and a few scattered houses remained.

**Big Sandy** — a farming community on Big Sandy Creek, founded prior to 1860.

**Big Springs** — A settlement in the 1840s located alongside some springs close to Dallardsville.

**Blanchard** — a farming community said to have been named for an official of a railroad extended through the community in 1905. Pierre Lorance Blanchette was an early settler in 1848, but the town name was misspelled. Jim Andrews built the first store in 1907. Andrews had been named the first postmaster in 1905. Formerly known as West Tempe until

## Acol lumber camp had roving post office



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Sprawled on either side of the Angelina Lumber Co. tram road, deep in the piney woods of Polk County, is one of the most unique lumber camps to be found anywhere. It is the sort of place that would make "Believe It Or Not" Ripley sit up and take notice. It is called Acol.

Acol's claim to fame is its globe-trotting post office, which has a persistent habit of moving from county to county in the wake of the logging camp. Since the camp was christened Acol, the post office has been located in Tyler, Angelina and Polk counties.

Postmaster T.W. McMullen takes a pardonable pride in this unusual feature of his establishment. He explains that moving the post office is really a very simple matter since the building is mounted on wheels such as are used on ordinary box

cars, with fancy alterations to make it suitable for use as a post office. It rests comfortably on a small section of track, ready to be hooked to a locomotive when moving day comes.

Home on wheels The post office is not by itself in this peculiar characteristic. Every building in Acol, with but two exceptions, is perched on railway wheels. This is not at first noticeable because the houses occupied by the loggers and their families do not resemble railroad cars, and therefore there is no reason to suspect they were built for travel over a tram road. Neither are the houses parked on a siding. They are spaced neatly among the pine trees. When the time comes to move them, a temporary track will have to be built to each house before it can be pulled away.

Acol has yet another claim to distinction. It is probably the last stronghold of the old wood-burning locomotives which were in common use in East Texas forests a half-century ago.

One of these wood-burners, complete with bulging smokestack, is today used by the Angelina Lumber Co. to haul loads of logs. The engine gorges itself on pine knots and seems to have a serious case of indigestion, but it gets the job done. The engine is known as a "shay" because it is gear driven in order to have extra power for steep grades. Ordinary locomotives are called "rod" engines.

Men ride to work Almost as strange as the "shay" are the conveyances used in taking the men to work. They resemble automobile truck bodies with regulation flanged wheels instead of pneumatic tires.

Acol was moved from Angelina County to its present location two years ago. Just how long it will remain in the north part of Polk County is not known. But when moving day does come, all Acol residents will have to do is pull in their door steps, hook their homes to the "shay" and roll away.

the WBTS Railroad was built between Livingston and Onalaska.

Nicklos Paul Whisenant was among the first 12 families to settle in the community from Mobile, Alabama, arriving in Livingston Dec. 24, 1872.

The journey took 13 weeks by wagon train. The new residents spent Christmas Eve night at the present location of the Forest Hill Cemetery in Livingston.

Mrs. Whisenant collected dimes to build the first church, constructed in 1874 or 1875 near the present West Tempe Cemetery.

The Whisenant school met in the church building and was taught by Dr. B.C. Marsh, A. S. Spring and Clarence Dunning.

The school closed for several years until Doyle Brock reopened for classes in 1909.

A stave mill operated in the area for many years manufacturing barrels.

**Bluewater** — farming community on Blue Branch,

so called because the water is so clear it looks blue. It was a bustling community about three miles from Menard Chapel in the 1890s and early 1900s.

When Daniel Rich Bush moved to Bluewater in 1892 there wasn't a store or a gin. The nearest post office was in Knight. In 1898 Bush and several others build a log church and school on E. Dowden's land.

The church and schoolhouse was later rebuilt using lumber from Perry Connally's sawmill. By 1908 there were enough students attending to require two teachers.

The Blue Branch school initially held classes for three months every summer. Around 1907 school officials lengthened the term to six months beginning the first of December. In 1908 they shifted the school year to begin in September to allow children to help on family farms. Children typically helped pick cotton, gather corn, make syrup and butcher

animals.

E. Dowden built a general store in the early 1900s, and a post office followed a few years later. Jim Geldard ran a blacksmith shop and Oliver Richardson built a cotton gin. Jim Fowler owned a gin, grist mill and sawmill in Bluewater.

**Bluff Creek** — Established in the 1850s near Soda, the community was named for the adjacent stream. On Jan. 21, 1884, John M. Singletary sold an acre of land for \$1 to be used for School No. 29.

**Bold Springs** — farming community settled by 1860. Several big springs furnished water for the church and school. Bethel Baptist Church was organized in January 1849. Baptist missionary J.W.D. Rev. Creath of Huntsville performed the first wedding ceremony in Polk County. Creath was called to lead the ethnically diverse congregation, earning a salary of \$35 for the first year and a half.

After the Civil War, African-American families built a separate church, Fairfield Baptist Church about a mile away. Nathan Dabbs served as Fairfield's first pastor. George Washington and William Johnson were deacons.

The two church also served as courtrooms, which several trials held in the buildings. Bethel Baptist organized the first Sunday school I 1867.

**Bowers** — A. W. Morris moved a sawmill from Morrisville near Montgomery, Texas, to the townsite near Barnum in 1885. The mill operated for 10 years before it was sold to W. T. Carter and Brother Lumber Company after the Carters' plant burned.

**Buck** — Named for H.D. "Buck" Reynolds, who built a sawmill two miles north of Livingston in 1903-1904. W. C. Bigby was the first postmaster when the post office was established in 1904. He remained at the post until 1925.

Reynolds was a lumberman from Dress City, Ark. He bought Livingston Lumber Manufacturing Company, which first began as a small sawmill about five miles east of Livingston in the 1880s. The name was later shortened to Livingston Lumber Company. David Zimmerman operated the sawmill until he sold it to John W. Cochran.

Cochran sold the mill to Waterman and Die. Waterman sold his interest to C. B. Kelly of Chicago.

After the mill was moved to a site near the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad, Reynolds built a town complete with store, hotel, church, school and homes for his workers.

The school closed have a few years and the students from Buck when to classes in Livingston.

Dr. Sol Bergman was among the first doctors at Buck. Later his brother, Dr. Harry Bergman, lived in Buck with his family.

Several Arkansas families moved to Texas to continue working with Reynolds.

Logs were brought to the mill by rail.

Reynolds son Bill bought a locomotive in Pittsburg, Penn. and brought home to Buck, serving as the engineer all the way. The locomotive was known as Old One Hundred. It pulled large loads

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of logs through Livingston to Buck and later to the New Willard mill.

The locomotive was sold to the Texas Long Leaf Lumber Company at New Willard in about 1920 and the mill was moved to Honey Island.

**Bugskuffle** — A school community near Old Hope in the 1850s.

**Butler's Mill** — A mill community built around a business owned by John K. Butler.

**Camden** — a large sawmill town built by W. T. Carter Lumber Company in 1898, still in operation. Was named Camden by Mrs. Carter.

The Carter family moved its operations to Camden from Barnum after the lumber plant burned in 1897. In 1898 the company built a railroad connecting Camden with the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad at Moscow.

The six mile line was chartered as the Moscow, Camden and Sabine Railroad.

In 1910 the Camden sawmill burned and the company built a steel and concrete facility — reportedly the first of its kind in Texas.

The picturesque community included a commissary, drug store, boarding house, homes, churches, hospital, school.

Train engines and tram roads carried logs to the mill.

The little train often carried tourists as well. In addition to the beautiful scenery, some visitors arrived to catch a nostalgic glimpse at the ox teams and big wheeled carts that the Carters maintained as a tribute to the early operations in the "Deep Pineys."

Camden joined the ranks of sawmill ghost towns when Carters was sold to U.S. Plywood Corporation in March 1968.

U.S. Plywood/Champion Paper relocated employees to better houses near Corrigan, according to East Texas Historian Bob Bowman.

Most of the buildings were sold, relocated or destroyed. Champion continued to use was the historic W. T. Carter and Bro. office building.

The new owners initially planned to abandon the short line railroad, but the MCSA continued to move lumber, plywood and chips to the Union Pacific line at Moscow.

The railroad depot became part of the Texas Forestry Museum in Lufkin. The Carter family gave 11 locomotives to various museums in Texas and Arkansas.

One of those donated locomotives is Old No. 5 displayed at the Polk County Memorial Museum. That steam engine was built in 1906

**Camp Ruby** — first called Old Hope, established by 1885. In 1924, W.T. Carter Lumber Company sent A. Cayton to lay out a sawmill there. Cayton said he would name it for the first girl he saw there. She was named Ruby, daughter of John Thomas Moore, who in 1965 was married to Carl Vinson of Camden, Texas. The mill camp was moved and the community is still called Camp Ruby.

The community is located on FM 1276, in south central Polk County.

In 1880, residents of the community called it Old Hope. It was renamed when Carter opened the logging camp. Camp Ruby was linked to Camden by a tram line, which gave the Carters access to the Moscow, Camden and San Augustine Railroad.

(Note: Mrs. Ruby Vinson is living in Livingston, Texas in 2001).

Once the timber around Camp Ruby was cut out, Carter shifted operations to other areas. The population shrank to about 25 by the early 1940s.

When U.S. Highway 190 was completed, many residents moved two miles west to New Camp Ruby.

In the mid-1960s oil was discovered in Camp Ruby. Oilfields produced moderate amounts of oil and natural gas until additional discoveries were made in the early 1980s.

In 2000, the population was 35.

**Canary** — Before

1888, the town included the Milliard Hilton store and a post office. Mrs. Allie Faircloth was the postmistress.

Canary was one of a cluster of small communities initially organized by settler from Louisiana.

The post office closed in 1914 and by 1984 did not appear on county highway maps.

**Caney Creek (community)** — A group of families settled near the Tyler County line, north of Wood's Creek. One of the county's earliest Baptist churches was located there.

It's not clear what, if any, relationship the community has with the waterway by the same name in western Polk County. The stream is actually two watercourses that begin three miles north of Onalaska and run southwest for 2.5 miles to Lake Livingston, 5.5 miles Southeast of Carlisle. The waterway is now only half its former length after the creation of Lake Livingston.

**Carmona** — a farming community by 1860, a sawmill town 1890-1920, located on land obtained from Coahuila and Texas in 1835 by Juan Carmona. Thirty years later the community became a sawmill town, home of the William Cameron Lumber Company.

In addition to the mill, Carmona had a commissary, office, post office, boarding house, churches and school.

The lumber mill burned in 1914.

A new lumber company, Saner-Ragley, opened a mile south of Carmona. The mill expanded in 1934, but ceased operations after 1943.

**Casteñeda** — formed on land granted to Francisco Casteñeda by the Republic of Texas in 1840, south of Big Sandy.

**Center Grove** — farming community established about 1875 east of Leggett. Later, a cemetery, church, and school were located in the center of a grove of pines, oaks, and other trees.

Early settlers included Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Laird.

Several of their children became schoolteachers.

Mr. Laird wrote that in the early pioneer days, deer hunting only required the hunter to step out into the yard and shoot one.

Wild turkeys were so plentiful they served as the community alarm clock. At night, owls hooted and panthers screamed.

Big bear would wander near settlers' homes in search of food.

Native American women harvested some of the dense cane that grew on Big Sandy and wove baskets. Men in the tribe sold the baskets for other necessities.

School terms were four to five months long and classes were not free. Ed Canon was a popular teacher in Center Grove. His brother and father both practiced medicine in Polk County.

Most families made their own dye, bluing and starch from items they found in the surrounding woods.

They got salt from ponds on the Neches River and Salt Creek by boiling the brackish water in wash kettles.

Candles and lighter pine splinters were used to start fires. Otherwise, settlers might resort to flint.

Matches were unobtainable. Luxury travel was by horse or oxcart. A trip to Houston took two weeks.

During the Civil War, families found it even harder to survive.

The Lairds hid 20 bales of cotton in the cane breaks to prevent soldiers from finding it. At the end of the war, cotton sold for 5 cents a pound.

**Chink** — a small sawmill built about 1880 by Dave Hackney, was sold to Abe Peebles about 1883. Peebles' son, Johnny, 89, said in 1965 he does not know why the mill and community were named Chink.

The community was located near Moscow, a few miles west of Valda.

Hackney Lumber Company operated a sawmill there.

**Cincinnati booms**

## on the Trinity

*Polk County Enterprise, Dec. 5, 2002*

By WANDA BOBINGER

The town of Cincinnati was founded by James C. DeWitt in 1837 on the west bank of the Trinity River. The town consisted of 39 blocks with 12 lots in each. There was a public square in the center. There were five blocks along the river front for warehouses and wharves where the steamboats tied up. Some of the street names were Trinity, Jackson, Main, Bowie, Milam and Pine.

DeWitt made his survey in 1835 and was granted 1,280 acres by the Mexican government, his headright as a colonist. He fought in the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836 and received a military land bounty certificate of 320 acres by the new Republic of Texas. Records show that he also purchased another 1,280 acres in 1837.

DeWitt died in 1839. His widow married Frederick Pomaroy, who owned a general store, the tanyard, the ferry and was the postmaster until his death in 1853.

Cincinnati was a prosperous river port with a hotel, a Masonic Lodge, blacksmith shop, saddle shop, a school and church, several saloons, a bowling alley and a wood yard for the steamboats to refuel. There were several doctors and numerous merchants.

There were a number of plantations. The owners had many slaves, raising large amounts of cotton to be shipped down the river.

Steamboats regularly went up the river as far as Magnolia. They brought barrels of whiskey, bolts of cloth, medicine, salt, flour and other staples.

In the fall of 1853, a yellow fever epidemic struck the town. An infected sailor was taken off a boat and mosquitoes soon spread the dreaded disease.

Some 250 people died out of approximately 600 inhabitants. Legend says that the rest fled from the town and left it deserted. Many of those that left returned to

live out their lives. Census records show J.C. Dunlap continued to run a saloon and the Hunter Hotel. That business could have, however, come from the continued steamboat traffic.

A post office was maintained until 1884, when the population had dwindled to 35.

**Cokerville** — Established in the 1860s near Lamont, the farming community was named for the George Coker family.

**Coleta, Colita, Kalita** — center of a number of ante-bellum plantations, settled by families from Louisiana in 1840s, was first called the Louisiana Settlement. In 1853, Samuel Rowe, agent for the Alabama Indians, and a resident, applied for, and obtained a post office, asking that it be named for the Indian chief, Kalita, who aided the pioneer white settlers in many ways. Polk County, location of the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation, was formed from Liberty County in 1846.

In 1874, the Colita Academy was established and soon was listed among the outstanding school in East Texas. It closed in 1894.

The two-story building was built of the finest lumber available. The campus included a large stage at the rear of the first floor. It was 65 feet long and 16 feet wide. It provided a venue for frequent "concerts" which were plays written by Professor Pearson, who was one of the principals that led the academy.

## Colita has colorful history

*Polk County Enterprise, April 10, 2003*

By WANDA BOBINGER

William S. Poindexter, the son of Robert Poindexter and Sarah Slaughter, was born in Franklin County, Ky. on Feb. 9, 1812. He was well-educated, receiving tutoring on his father's plantation, the advanced schooling at Lexington.

At a young age he moved to Tennessee, where he remained until about

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1835, when he migrated to Louisiana and settled near Cheneyville, in Rapides Parish. There he became a successful planter and an active member of the Baptist Church in a community which had been settled largely by a group of Baptists from South Carolina.

On Oct. 5, 1842, he married Mary Mathilda Mainer, the widow of Adam McCrory of St. Landry Parish and daughter of William Mainer and Sarah Ann Reams.

In 1844, William S. Poindexter, along with other settlers, journeyed westward along the Opelousas Trace to the area of Polk County. There, in the northwestern part of the county on a bluff above fertile bottomland, these families established a community which they called the Louisiana Settlement, or later Colita, in honor of the Coushatta Indian chief who had befriended the Texans in their struggle with Mexico. At Colita, William Poindexter established a plantation and built a temporary house with the help of slaves and Mainer, Marsh and Calliham relatives.

The families of Colita were prosperous and soon established the Colita Academy, one of the earliest educational institutions.

In January of 1849, William S. Poindexter was one of the founders of Bethel Baptist Church of Colita. The early records and constitutions of the church were composed and hand-written by him.

Records show that in 1847, Poindexter purchased from the estate of his deceased stepfather-in-law, Nicholas Calliham, two volumes of books, one large map and one slave boy named Daniel.

Commissioners Court records show that in February 1849, Poindexter was appointed by the court as

overseer of roads for Precinct 3. The court also appointed him captain of a militia company of patrol for the precinct. Such patrols served as law enforcement.

William Poindexter was a charter member of the Texas Baptist Convention and served as a delegate for many years. He was an early supporter of Baylor College.

Poindexter owned land in the Hiram Watts League and eventually had 850 acres and a grand house. The U.S. Census of 1860 lists eight slaves, personal property amounting to \$18,000, six horses worth \$450, 25 cattle worth \$125, 10 sheep, four oxen and a wagon.

The Poindexter home was a frame story-and-a-half structure, with a large gallery across the front and tall brick chimneys at each end. The house had paned windows with green shutters and stood in a lovely grove of live oak and pecan trees.

The records of Bethel Church state on Feb. 28, 1857, that a committee with William Poindexter as moderator was to build "a new meet-ing house on the opposite side of the public road from the old house - framed and weatherboarded and covered with two foot heart pine boards." It was to have "glass windows and shutters."

William S. Poindexter died on Sept. 14, 1865. He was buried in the Mainer family cemetery. Two slaves named Mainer and Poindexter were buried nearby. One old ex-slave named Noe Mainer tended the cemetery for many years until his death in 1953.

**Corrigan** — founded about 1860, was first called Gant, later, Kurth, under which name it had a post office. When a railroad was extended through the community in 1882, the name was changed to honor Pat Corrigan, the first official

of the railroad to come there.

The first business in town was a sawmill built in the 1880s by the Allen and Williams Company.

Other saloons and stores quickly followed. Then a creosote plant, an ice factory, a shoe shop, barber shop, wholesale meat products plant, a cotton gin, livery stable, bottling works and a photography studio opened their doors.

The town's first newspaper, the *Corrigan Index*, began publication in 1892.

The bottling plant produced soft drinks in strawberry, vanilla, banana, wintergreen and other flavors.

A favorite drink produced there was "Ho-Yan", allegedly similar to modern day cola drinks.

The bottling plant closed in 1914.

Corrigan residents could attend church and school at the Union Springs Missionary Baptist Church beginning in 1871.

The log building had one large room with a puncheon floor and a roof of hand-hewn boards and attached with wooden pegs.

The first teachers were J. B. Hendry and Alex Jernigan.

The First Methodist Church organized in Corrigan in 1889, but services began in 1887 in the home of Dr. E.P. Angell, a local physician.

A Catholic Church was built in Corrigan in 1895, but the property was sold in 190.

**Dallardsville** — farming community founded before 1880, named for a leading citizen, John J. Dallard, a doctor and a teacher. The Dallardsville Post Office opened in 1877. The family move away from Polk County by 1900, but the community continued to thrive.

In 1888 the Big Sandy school opened on land sold by M.J. Vickers for \$5.

**Darby** — A community

named for Augustus Darby, a settler from Alabama.

An early church/school building was used by Baptists two Sundays a month, Methodists another two Sundays and the Christian church on the fifth Sunday.

In 1878 the Polk County Judge's School record valued the Darby School at \$125. In 1881, the community school also had \$131.38 in the bank.

In the fall of 1886, the Darby Farmers Alliance offered memberships for 25 cents per quarter. Members cooperated to help fellow farmers, neighboring communities and made money through the Cooperative store in Corrigan.

To access the meetings, members had to know the password for the door and the meeting room.

No longer a community, it boasts the Holcombe Home, bearing an Official Texas Historical Medallion, occupied by R. L. Holcombe, a Darby descendant. The home was built in 1860, although Darby had an earlier home there.

**Darden** — A community near Barnes, east of Barnum with a primarily African-American population. The town was located east of the tram railroad that ran between Camden and the Carter Lumber Company.

By 1966, the 75 residents primarily worked in farming, ranching and lumbering. It was still home to a church, cemetery, school and a business.

**Drew's Landing** — a Trinity River port founded by 1840 located 204 miles from Galveston. In 1843, Monroe Drew and Joseph Baird bought a sawmill under construction, a ferry and a dwelling. Later, Drew bought out Baird, and the port became Drew's Landing.

Monroe Drew initially operated a store and traded

with Coushatta Indians near the Trinity River, later expanding into cabinet making, ferry operation, and a boat landing.

The Indians sold deer and bear skins, jerked venison, bear meat, saddle pads, beaded work and baskets. To barter, Drew kept bright-colored cloth, trinkets and coffee.

Drew purchase 640 acres and shipped timber to Smithfield where boats were being built during the Civil War.

Frank Samson settled at Drew's Landing in 1861 and operated a store. Reportedly, Samson risked his life supplying soldiers with food and provisions during the war. The store was eventually sold to Charles Davison.

Across the river, George and Miller Davison settled on the West Bank of the Trinity in 1859. They also operated a store and shipped cotton.

The Davisons purchased their land from Hamilton Washington, reportedly a relative of George Washington.

Hamilton Washington built his steamboat style house 50 feet from Chief Colita's home. The Washington home featured a double-rock chimney with rocks dug from the riverbed. A boiler provided hot water to Washington's two bathrooms. He eventually built a much-needed road to Lynchburg.

The houses at Drew's Landing were generally made of hand-cut logs and shingles, and chimneys were made of mud mixed with Spanish moss. Most food was preserved by drying, salting, smoking or pickling. Fruits, vegetables, fish, corn and meats were available. Coffee, tobacco and flour came on the boats.

An item from the log of the ship Mary Conley states: "A large steam-ship docked at Drew's Landing on April 20,

1870, carrying barrels of flour, sacks of salt, coffee and other staples. They were delivered to S. Bergman and J.D. Brown."

Turkeys, meat and fresh produce was sold when the boats stopped. People hauled cotton from all parts of Polk County by ox wagons to be shipped. Millard Hilton hauled from Canary, a distance of 35 miles. The trip sometimes required two weeks, if water was high at the creek cross-ings, for bridges had not yet been built.

The wartime population was 50 adults. The community included a school and church, four stores, a warehouse and shipping office.

Gus Fitze taught music to an estimated 100 students at Drews Landing.

The arrival of the railroad caused the town's population to dwindle. By 1887, most of the residents moved to Livingston or Goodrich.

In 1965, it was a large subdivision, with lakes attracting many retired couples to build there.

(Also known as Mariana)

**Ferry Landings: Steamers carry local exports**

*Polk County Enterprise, June 12, 2003*

By WANDA BOBINGER

When we think of the steamboat era in Polk County, we generally think of the Trinity River and port towns such as Swartwout and Drew's Landing, both very important to the bustling trade centers on the Gulf.

The Neches River, which defines the northern border of Polk County, was also a primary means for farmers in neighboring areas to transport their goods to market in Beaumont.

There was a settlement known as Mistletoe in 1850 and there were at least three Neches River landings used

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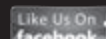
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by residents of the northern half of Polk County, and all three landings were ferry crossings.

One of them was Boone's Ferry, and according to historian Aline Rothe, the owner and operator of the ferry was a descendant of Daniel Boone.

Two other landings were Loving's Ferry and Dalehite Ferry.

These ferries served north Polk County citizens who could anticipate the arrival of such boats as the Neches Belle, Juanita, Angelina, Pearl Plant, Mary Falvey, Sunflower, Grand Bay, Flora, Bertha, Cora, Roebuck, Tub Kate and the Rough and Ready.

These steamers also plied the Angelina River. The two rivers fork and the river system is often referred to as the Neches-Angelina.

The most important river port on the Neches was Tevis Bluff, later to be called Beaumont.

Most of the cotton, hides and lumber that Polk Countians sent south on the Neches River went to Sabine Pass, where they were load-ered onto ocean going vessels.

An idea of the magnitude of the trade at Sabine Pass, as well as an idea of how early settlers were making a living, can be discerned from this list of exports on June 1, 1858, as prepared by the deputy customs collector:

15,176 bales of cotton  
6,120,500 shingles  
210,600 staves  
1,063,000 feet of lumber  
18 bales of wool  
3 bales of pelts

2 casks of horns  
11 mules  
5,531 beef cattle  
325 lbs. lime  
4,850 lbs. of leather  
1 box of deer skins  
20 barrels of potatoes  
7 barrels of beans  
115,800 lbs. tobacco  
125 lbs. dressed deer skins  
2 horses  
9 bear skins  
45 sacks of rice  
1 bundle otter skins  
The last entry was 135 barrels of Sour Lake water.

**Easom** — a small sawmill town in the early 1880's a post office 1883-1889. Changed to Fant by Napoleon Fant 1889-1892. (Petersville and Potomac are the same location.)

**East Tempe** — a farming community by 1860, perhaps not named until about 1880 when a sawmill was built there.

By 1909 it became a railway flag station on the WBT&S railroad. It was named for the creek that ran through the community. The creek was originally named by local Indians.

**Elwood** — (also known as **Elmwood**) a farming community, which had a small sawmill by 1880, which only lasted a few years.

Probably named for the many elm trees.

In 1849, Samuel Rowe petitioned for a road from Livingston to a road running east from Patrick's Ferry near a new school.

In 1909, the Elmwood School moved about a mile to a new site donated by William Carlisle & Company.

Also the site of Sloan's sawmill built in 1880. The Sloan's built a tram road to join the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad at Buck.

**Emporia** — home of S.F. and J.P. Carter sawmill north of Corrigan about 1893.

**Erie** — Established in 1893, farming community with a post office.

**Garner's Prairie** — Located along the Battise Trace, named for an early Polk County settler, Arthur Garner, in 1840.

**Garvey** — Established in 1850 and named for an early settler.

**Gaul** — Listed among early Polk County communities in the Pictorial History of Polk County, but no information about the community was included.

**Geneva** — Community located on a lake north of Swartwout and near the Trinity River. Massena Rankin Brown settled here on an 1834 land grant from Mexico. A widow with five children, she later married Samuel McCombs. McCombs owned many slaves and built a large plantation with a boat landing and ferry in the "bean-shaped" curve in the Trinity.

**Glade** — Community centered around a post office near Barnum established in 1880.

**Golden Springs** — A beautiful place in the forest located on the Old Ridge Route which ran from Livingston through Israel to Ollie. The Golden family settled on a hill above the springs just after the Civil War.

The site hosted big camp meetings for 50 years. Circuit riding ministers including Rev. Jerry Rice and a Methodist minister named Stovall held many of the meetings. Church services were typically held one weekend a month in log houses.

**Goodrich** — established by 1885 on land obtained by William Goodrich in early 1840's. A United Gas sub-station was located there in 1930. Once known for cotton farming, is largely ranch area in 1965.

William Goodrich was a land speculator from Poughkeepsie, NY. He owned 11 leagues of land east of the Trinity River.

**Grace Hill** — The town north of Swartwout built in the 1850s and named for Byrd M. Grace, who moved to the area about the time the community was being built.

**Guelph** — A postal community, the residents of Guelph were featured in a regular news column in the Enterprise from 1910 to 1912.

**Halifax** — A community of farms in central Polk County. John S. Neyland was postmaster when the post office was established in 1853, serving an area that extended through Midway to Old Hope.

A large racetrack operated at Halifax and featured horses brought from Kentucky. Businesses there included a two-story hotel, saloon, gambling house, grist mill, stables, and blacksmith shop. A stagecoach stop was just south of Halifax, along the Indian Trail that ran from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

The post office at Halifax began service Dec. 24, 1853, with John S. Neyland being the first post master, followed by William M. McCormick in 1855, Peter Enoch Clisby Jones in 1857 and, finally, Caraway Oates. Approximately 60 families received mail at Halifax, which extended through Midway and Old Hope.

In 1854, Halifax had a large two-story hotel, a mercantile, a grist mill, a saloon, a gambling house, board-ing stables and a blacksmith shop. There was a large race track where horses were brought from Kentucky. Weekend races brought people in from many surrounding counties. It is unclear why this thriving settle-ment was so short-lived. Just south of the town was a stagecoach stop on the old road from San Antonio to Nacogdoches. Earlier, the road was a part of the Indian Trail from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. There was an Indian burial mound near the site of the stage stop.

Because the settlement of

Old Hal-ifax couldn't have been more than a couple of miles from where I grew up, I, too, have had a keen interest in knowing the exact location. Some years ago, I visited with the late C.L. Moore and his wife, Clara. Bro. Moore told me that the old town had been in the back portion of his pasture. He said that for a number of years, he had found artifacts as he plowed the field, such things as large pieces of dinner plates and numerous horseshoes — I thought perhaps items from the old hotel and the blacksmith shop. This would place Halifax between the settlements of Jones Prairie and Shady Grove.

The Shady Grove community began in 1850. Henry Hutto built a store there which served the community for some 40 years, except several years during the Civil War. There was also a saloon and a small museum owned by James R. Doug-ty and contained mostly rocks and minerals.

Professor Marcus Winston came to the Shady Grove community in 1858 as a young man fresh out of Wake Forest College. He solicited students from Jones Prairie and Shady Grove communities. He taught for a few months at the Taylor home, then in a one-room log school built by Taylor and Adams slaves. In 1862, Winston joined the Confederate Army. After the war, Winston returned to Polk County where he taught in Moscow for 30 years.

Around 1900, a second school was built at Shady Grove. The old building was still there in the mid-1950s.

Other families who were early settlers were Hudson, Pruitt, Beatty, Oates, Thomas and Hanner.

It is difficult to define exactly where the communities of Jones Prairie, Halifax and Shady Grove begin and end, but the entire area received mail at Halifax.

**Harrison's Gin** — developed around the cotton gin northeast of Dallardsville.

**Hatton** — a postal community in 1882.

**Hightower** — (or possibly Hightown) was

located east of Corrigan.

**Holly Grove** — farming community, so named by 1845, supposedly from the abundance of native holly trees. The community was home to a blacksmith shop and several local men worked as carpenters. The main occupation there was farming.

Holly Grove Missionary Baptist Church was formed Sunday, Jan. 5, 1871. Membership rewards to 67 by 1903.

**Hortense** — first called Bear Creek, along which most of the settlement was located about 1875. Aaron Feagin and his family settled on Bear Creek in 1857.

They came from Alabama to Galveston by boat, then traveled the rest of the way by ox team. Feagin bought 2,820 acres for \$10,000 and built a home and a store.

In 1891, John A. Handley (Aaron Feagin's son-in-law) operated the store, after rebuilding the structure and making many improvements. He applied for a post office, and a "drummer" suggested that it be named for Handley's new baby girl. She was, in 1965, Mrs. Hortense Drew of Livingston, Texas.

**Indian Hill** — was located on high ground at Penwaugh Slough. Originally inhabited by Muscogee Indians, it was abandoned after malaria, typhoid and other illnesses diminished the tribal population to 250 by 1870. Also known as Red Hill.

**Indian Springs** — a post office in the 1870s, a school in 1892, is located near Leggett, Texas.

**Indian Village** — a reservation, established in 1853, now has about 400 Alabama and Coushatta tribe members living there. Opened a museum in 1965.

**Israel** — founded before 1860, the community northeast of Livingston was not named until several families of a religious sect, the Israelites, settled there in 1895, and named it Israel.

Members of the House of Israel came to East Texas from Michigan and believed they were one of the lost tribes of Israel. George Sutton, A.M. Turnbull and William W. Nelson believed God would tell them where to stop and build their new city. In Volume 4, Page 422, the land holdings were deeded to God.

The residents patterned their daily lives on Old Testament practices. They did not eat meat, shave or cut their hair. They believed they would never experience physical death because Christ's second coming was imminent.

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**Jack Camp** — A Native American campground in the 1840s.

**Jenkins Bend** — settled by Dove Jenkins in 1865, the community was located on a bend of the Trinity River.

**Johnson's Bluff** — A ferry landing on the Trinity River in 1830 owned by John R. Johnson, a surveyor. Most of the town was on the west side of the Trinity River and became part of San Jacinto County in 1870.

Johnson's Bluff is three miles north of Pine Island. Before the construction of Lake Livingston, Pine Island was a high hill covered with pine trees, which were largely absent in the surrounding area. **Johnson's Bluff was established by John R. Johnson, a surveyor who had been in the area since 1830. In 1840, according to the "Post Office Papers of the Republic of Texas," George Ewing was the postmaster for the Republic of Texas at Johnson's Bluff.**

The promoters of Sparta were William M. Rankin and Samuel McCombs. In November 1840, the two men signed an agreement to pool 400 combined acres of their land for the town. McCombs bought 3,700 acres from Rankin in 1844 and established a plantation nearby on Lake Geneva, now under Lake Livingston.

Tax records show that in 1846 George Ewing owned a town lot in Sparta. So did Ralph McGee, but later that same year, when our county government was formed, roads in the same area were referred to as in Johnson's Bluff.

In 1851, Sparta's developer, William Rankin, sold part of the 400-acre survey described as "at the top of the bluff."

Samuel McComb's plantation was by then known as Geneva, considered a town at the time.

Among the papers of Adolphus Stern of Nacogdoches was a diary of one James Ogilvy, who wrote in 1840 that he made a trip from Houston to visit Swartwout and Blanchard and then, at 7 a.m., called at Johnson's. Went on to Geneva, close by, situated on Spring Creek fronting on the Trinity River.

By 1861, county tax records show that Moses Davis was the only owner left of a lot in the town of Johnson's Bluff. (See entries for Sparta and Geneva)

**Jones Prairie** — established by relatives Jesse R. Jones, John R. Jones, and Enoch Jones, in 1850, where they were shortly joined by Dr. Erskine Virginia Jones, (not related), and a number of other families. It was a very fertile prairie, readily adaptable to large plantations. John and Lucinda Jones came to East Texas from Arkansas after hearing about the fertile land in East Texas. The couple had one horse and meager household possessions. On the way, Jones won another horse at a race track, allowing husband and wife to both ride into Texas.

He traded the horse for 1,280 acres of land.

Residents build a school in the 1850s. Marcellus Winston taught there until 1858 when he moved to Moscow. Rev. J.G. "Gip" Hardin also taught at the Jones Prairie school. Hardin's family — including his son John Wesley Hardin — moved to Livingston after Gip passed the bar.

In 1965, Jones Prairie was largely ranch and timber land.

**Kiam** — Kiam is on U.S. Highway 190 sixty-five miles northwest of Beaumont in extreme eastern Polk County. The small rural community was settled about 1850 and named by the early pioneer Joseph Young for Edward Kiam of Houston. A post office was established at Kiam in 1901 and was discontinued in 1927, when mail was routed to Ollie.

**Kickapoo** — a large farming community established a few miles from the mouth of Kickapoo Creek in the 1850s. A tiny town and ferry were established at the mouth of Kickapoo Creek by 1845 remained until the 1870's. In 1909, another farming community was established a mile from the mouth of the creek, a post office obtained in 1919. People came to designate it as Lower Kickapoo and the northern one as Upper Kickapoo. Upper Kickapoo was abandoned about 1940.

**Kirkpatrick** — A sawmill community established near Ollie in 1909 and named for a Methodist minister.

**Knight** — can be found north of FM 943 in south central Polk County just south of Big Sandy Creek near Menard's Chapel. The community was named after Charlie Knight, a local storekeeper in 1889. Knight had 50 residents in 1925, but most residents left by the early 1950s.

**Knox (Knoxville)** — A community near Soda established by the William Knox Lumber Company in 1906.

**Kurth Station** — A small sawmill on the Houston, East and West Texas railway operated by Joseph Hubert Kurth Sr. Established between 1878 and 1888.

Kurth Sr. Bought another larger mill at Kelly's and partnered with Corrigan merchants Simon W. Henderson. In 1890 Sam Wiener joined the enterprise and it was incorporated as Angelina County Lumber Company.

By 1912, their operation had grown into a million dollar corporation with 160,000 acres of timber reserves.

The company chartered a tram road in 1900, naming it Angelina and Neches River Railroad. The line extended to Chireno in Nacogdoches county.

**Lajarza** — small farming community and school in 1890's located on the LaJarza Survey.

**Lamont** — a small sawmill town three miles south of Livingston, built by Middleton Tackaberry about 1890, is said to have been named for Lamont, Ohio, the birthplace of Tackaberry's father. The sawmill community was on the Houston, East and West Texas Railway. The town had its own post office from 1902 to 1905, but as the lumber industry declines, residents moved away.

The town was abandoned about 1915.

**Laurelia** — a sawmill town from about 1880 until about 1910, was named for the laurel trees there. (There is also a Laurelia Creek.)

**Leggett** — named for Ralph Leggett, first settler there, about 1870. In 1882, when the railroad came through this community of three or four families,

railroad official boarded with the Leggetts and named the station Leggett. The place was also called "Red Horse" from a sign on Will Freeman's store. This name is still affectionately used.

**Liberty Hill** — located two miles from Magnolia Hill, was founded by a small group by 1880, who chose the hill located for its beauty. Located two miles from Magnolia Hill in the Big Thicket.

The abundance of wild animals there kept larders full and hides to trade.

J. D. Summerall petitioned for a school and a one-room facility opened in 1892.

**Lily Island** — is a Black community in 1870s. In 1880, the new church was named Lily Island and was first built on the edge of the Barnes community at the site of a predominantly African American cemetery that remains today.

The church was originally named in about 1780, as suggested by Delia Scott. The church moved in 1901 to the present site 1.5 miles northwest of Barnes just off the Camden Road. Heirs of J.S. Havis gave the two acres to the church in 1888.

**Lima** — Site of the Tackaberry sawmill on the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad.

**Lincoln** — Small community established in the 1850s.

**Lime Ridge** — appropriately named for the lime ridge upon which it was located in northeast Polk County. Established a community school in 1892.

**Livingston** — founded 1836, by Moses L Choate, a native of Tennessee, perhaps of Livingston, Tennessee, though there is controversy that it was Livingston, Alabama. Established as Springfield, because of the many springs. In March, 1846, a committee which had been asked to suggest a county seat suggested Springfield, Swarthwout, and Johnson's Bluff.

Choate offered 100 acres of land to Polk County if the site of Springfield were chosen, with the stipulation that the name be changed

to Livingston. There are conflicting stories about this, that his hometown was of the same name in Alabama or Tennessee, whether they were named for Robert Livingston or Edward. Anyway, the county seat was Springfield, and the named changed to Livingston.

**Lone Star** — was the site of a sawmill one mile south of Corrigan and was served by two railroads, the Houston, East and West Texas and the Trinity and Sabine Railroad. The mill owner Tom Hackney later moved his mill to Valva.

**Long King's Village** — near the mouth of Long King Creek, named for a Chief of the Couthatta Indians.

**Louisiana Settlement** — was located in west central Polk County on an area of seven to 10 square miles.

Settled in the 1840s, the community of former Cajuns grew into a group of towns including Bold Springs, Colita, Patonia, Canary and Pleasant Hill.

**Mack** — a postal community near Knight that opened in 1905 and operated for two years.

**Magnolia** — established about 1890, by several families who built a Methodist Church the same year, named the community for the numerous magnolia trees. The church was named the Free Will Methodist Church. The building was used for a school, but students did not have desks. They sat on long wooden benches.

Fifteen years later, the economic influence of the Onalaska sawmill influenced 20 families to settle there. The mill stopped operations in 1925 and in 1965, there were only three families and a cemetery at Magnolia.

**Magnolia Hill** — a farming community founded in the southern part of the county on a low hill, among magnolia trees, before 1860. Originally settled Elijah Cain and several Wiggins families in the 1850s. Bessie Kerch Knight was the first teacher at the Magnolia Hill School located on the east side of Big Sandy Creek.

**Marr** — was a postal destination in 1881.

**Marston** — first called

Norma, for a young lady, had its beginning in 1895 as a sawmill owned and operated by Jesse Leggett, who also served as postmaster.

The mill originally ran on water power and was later converted to steam. The mill was four to five miles north of Livingston on the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad.

When the sawmill closed, most of the community moved a short distance.

In 1901, a new post office was applied for under the name of Marston. Robert L. Collier built a store near the Jesse Leggett mill. The Marston post office closed in March 1906. (Also known as **Marstonville or Norma**)

**McGee** — In 1840 McGee was an early river landing and stop on the U.S. Mail route.

**Menard's Chapel** — a small farm community, settled by several families by 1860, is located by Menard's Creek, named for Pierre Menard, who settled at its lower course by 1834. A church and cemetery by the creek give the name "Menard's Chapel".

The original family was French Canadian. They originally called the small farming community Menard's Bayou.

An account published in the Pictorial History of Polk County states that John Van Williams obtained a land grant in the wilderness along Menard's Creek. There were no roads, public or private. They created a "hammock farm" in that wilderness with the help of a black family.

But the entry then notes that Menard's Chapel was near an old campground on Menard's Creek in the vicinity of a road established by area Indians that ran from Liberty to Nacogdoches. The road was referred to by various names, including

Indian Trace, the Mexican Road and other names.

Records are not clear whether the black family was with Williams voluntarily or because of enslavement.

This hammock farm provided the nucleus for additional families to join the community.

In 1838, the Republic of Texas granted permission for P. J. Menard to open the Menard's Mill Post Office.

A Missionary Baptist Church was organized in Menard's Chapel in 1854 near the east bank of Menard's Creek.

When Eli Rhoden bought the land, there were already gravesites on the property. Rhoden designated five acres to be used for community burials. A church/school building was constructed there.

V. A. Collins taught at Menard Chapel in 1887. Classes were held for a few months in the fall after crops were gathered. Students who could not afford to purchase their own books borrowed the books from others. Some parents refused to send their children to school.

In 1862, Commissioners Court designated Menard's Chapel as a voting place.

Local legends claim treasure is buried in a plum orchard on the old Collins farm.

Treasure hunters were scared off by unidentified sounds when they attempted to dig up the gold.

Other stories have caches of gold buried near the creek and some beech trees. The trees marking the site were supposed to be bearing marks made by a sharp instrument.

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**Midway** — a large agricultural community, established by 1850, but unnamed until about 1888. Two leading families conflicted about the schoolhouse, each wanting it located nearest them. When the dispute threatened to explode, an intermediate family suggested a compromise — locate it half-way. The school was so located, but since there was no spring available, (as had been at the two proposed sites), the children had to bring their own drinking water.

**Mistletoe** — The territory and its tax base belonged to Trinity County until March 11, 1875, when the Legislature annexed it to neighboring Polk County. The section of land would eventually see the founding of Corrigan when the Houston East and West Texas Railroad ran its tracks from Houston to Shreveport in the 1880s.

**Morgansville** — a small town, on Wood's Creek, was mapped out by James Morgan, and by 1840, bore his name. Because it became a farming community, the name was changed to Wood's Creek when a school was established, about 1888. James B. Woods obtained the land in 1836. Morgansville was a post office 1856-1870's.

### Pioneers follow the water

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By WANDA BOBINGER

Pioneer travelers had to be concerned about water supplies along their roads and trails.

Roads were blazed to pass a never failing spring or creek. Often times, pioneers followed trails already cut by the earliest explorers. One such trail was from Liberty (Orcoquisac) to Nacogdoches and was put into recorded history in an account written by Nicholas de Lafore in 1767. Lafore reported the journey of the Marquis de Rubi, an emissary of the King of Spain. The road was known to the pioneers as the Mexican Trace, the Spanish Trail or, to some, the Indian Trace or Coushatti Trace.

From the deed records of Polk County we know that James B. Wood, a signer of the Declaration of Independence for Texas, received a land grant in 1834. Wood described "the Big Spring" as in the road which leads from the Coushatta Village to Fort Teran. Wood sold the northern portion of his survey embracing what was known as "Big Spring" to James Morgan for the sum of \$1,000. Morgan laid off a

townsite of at least 14 blocks and named it Morgansville.

A few families settled near the spring in the 1840s. The Livingston-Woodville road crossed the old Indi-an Trail near the spring, making it an excellent location for settlement. The Polk County Commissioners Court designated Big Spring as a voting poll in 1854 and, in 1862, 11 eligible men voted for secession from the United States and one against secession.

Andrew Pickens Coker operated a store and cotton gin in the community prior to the War Between the States. Donnie Harrison raised a family near the big spring. Families washed their clothes at the spring and Methodists held camp meetings there, sometimes lasting two or three weeks during the summer. Families took their own food, bedding, Bibles and song books.

James Morgan established a post office there, also named Morgansville, in November 1858. Andrew Addison McKee served as postmaster until 1866.

By 1880, this was a fairly large community. The Big Spring School was abandoned when the Wood's Creek School was built. Some of the teachers were Mitchell Collins, Lee Galloway, reared at Jones Prairie; Ernest Hayes, Mrs. Jess Hubert and Tom Nowlin.

Around 1888, the name Morgansville and Big Spring were dropped and the community was referred to as Wood's Creek.

**Moscow** — founded in 1844, by David G. Green, from Moscow, Tennessee, was first called Green's Shop, Green's Post Office, then Greenville, for David Green. In 1853 the name was changed to Moscow, probably for Moscow, Tennessee.

### Moscow School memories shared

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By WANDA BOBINGER

One of the sisters of C.H. Davison wrote about her memories of Moscow. She did not sign her name, but wrote:

My brother C.H. Davison took me to Moscow in September, 1885 to enter me in school. I was fourteen years old. I boarded at Prof. Winston's home and stayed there for two years.

The Hobbys lived there then... Laura was my deskmate. Their family moved to Livingston that same year. Dr. Jobe Cannon moved into the Hobby house.

Mr. Winston had been

teaching there for many years. His word was law. I heard him say he was teaching his former pupils' grandchildren. He had children, Alice and Marsellus. Mrs. Winston was formerly Mrs. S.J. Thornton and had two Thornton children.

The older members of my family had also attended school at Moscow even before I was born. They were Sallie, Nannie and Miller Davison.

Moscow was the metropolis of the area. The school was the highest anywhere. Prof. Winston taught high mathematics and Latin. The school produced doctors, lawyers and politicians.

The Bergman family, Jake, Leo, Harry and Maude, were near my age.

The Tackaberrys lived up the hill.

Mrs. Powel and her sister Miss Sue Lyle and Mrs. Powel's daughter Sallie lived on the corner east of the school. The upstairs of the school was the lodge rooms of the Masons and Knights of Honor.

Sol Bergman and J.W. Leggett had large general merchandise stores.

I recall many families. The Meekins, Shockley Adams, the Post Master, the Dradie family, Hackneys and the Kennedys.

Dr. E. Parsons, just back from medical school, started a practice. They lived next door to the Winstons. The Leed Taylors lived close by. Miss Florence Taylor taught at the school.

The Allens owned the Asia saw mill. The Benders owned the Laurelia mill. Charlie and Lillie attended school with me.

School always ended June 24th and that was a big Masonic day with a barbecue and a ball that night. It was like a homecoming. Many former students came. At Christmas ending term, there was also a grand ball.

The school grounds were separated by a high board fence with girls on one side and boys on the other. We didn't talk to each other.

There were sometimes runaway marriages in spite of the tight rein.

Mrs. J.E. Goodwin ran the Goodwin Hotel. I had to ask permission to go there or to the post office.

Once I bought a can of salmon and some crackers to share with several girls. I got 10 demerits as I had failed to ask permission.

After a time, Moscow began to fade. Mrs. Winston died and Prof. Winston moved to Livingston to live with Alice. The young left

and the old died. Slowly Moscow became mostly memories of the past.

**Mount Rose** — a settlement largely agricultural, was established by 1870, but was not named until a Baptist church was organized by a Reverend Johnson, from Mississippi, where he had known a church named Mt. Rose. In 1965, there was a cemetery, but no church.

**Mulvey** — Mulvey was on the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas railroad between Barnum and Fleming seventy miles northwest of Beaumont in eastern Polk County. The sawmill community was the site of the Mulvey Mills, owned by Allen and Company. In 1889 the mill had a daily capacity of 20,000 board feet. Mulvey, which appears on an 1897 railroad map of Texas, does not appear on subsequent editions.

**New Hope** — an all black community, has a Baptist Church, called the New Hope Baptist Church, established in 1885, which probably antedates the settlement by many years. It is located southwest of Goodrich, Texas.

**New Willard** — Will Freeman built a sawmill near here in 1886 and called it Freeman. In 1909, a sawmill was moved in from Willard (in Trinity County) and the settlement became New Willard, which thrived from 1909 until 1954. In 1965, a few residents remain.

Very little remains now of the sawmill community of New Willard to remind us of how the area once looked. Some of the old blocks of roads are there, but most are over-grown. A few of the old houses remain, now painted white to gloss over the old grey weathered look. The "Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church," as it was called, is there and welcomes an annual New Willard Reunion, a Christmas Eve gathering and an occasional wed-ding.

The houses that once dotted the landscape were something short of elaborate, but were adequate for the time and sheltered families from the weather. The simplest were commonly referred to as "shotgun houses," small two or three rooms in a single row from front to rear. They had "running water," which meant the occupants took a bucket and ran up the road to the nearest community faucet.

The next step up was a four-room square house with a peaked roof and, possibly, a porch on the front and back. Some of these did have a

faucet on the back porch for water supply.

Next were larger, better equipped houses, perhaps five and six rooms with water in the kitchen and a few indoor bathrooms in a square room added onto the house. Heat was from the old wood-burning stoves and cooking from wood-burning as well. Hot water was sometimes provided by a coil of pipe running through the firebox of the cook stove and a tank behind the stove.

A number of the houses had electricity, but it was for lighting only and was, of course, provided by the mill. It was generated from the steam of the boilers at the mill, and was turned on only at dark and left on until 11 p.m., then turned on again between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. There were no light meters and no extra charge for electricity. House rent averaged about \$6 per month, up to \$15 for the largest, better houses. Workers who worked for the mills their whole lives never owned their homes.

The commissary housed most of the business in town, with general merchandise, a meat market and grocery store. The commissary also had a large hardware department and a drug store. To one side was the United States Post Office. There was the building that housed the barber shop, with Mr. Horace McCrorey the barber, and the offices of Dr. Blow. Next to that was the office where the time for the mill employees was kept, as well as the accounts of the entire plant operations and sales.

There was the "Club Room," a large building which at one time served as a motion picture house, but later become a place for parties and dances. It was the only community building in the town except the church and the school. Ed Gerlach, noted orchestra leader, played for his first dance in the old community hall at New Willard.

Every house had its "out house" and the sewer system was a large two-wheeled cart pulled by a mule and operated by an old man with the fitting name of Peter Pugh.

**Nubbinsville** — Located near Colita.

**Oakdale** — so named for the many large oak trees, was probably settled before 1860.

**Oakshade Old Palestine** — a black community in Polk County.

**Ollie** — established in 1870's, first called the "Rice Community" from the families named Rice. David A. Rice obtained a post office

in 1901 and named it for one of his daughters.

### Storm leads to settlement

*Polk County Enterprise, June 15, 2006*

By WANDA BOBINGER

Reverend Francis Wilson was born July 21, 1824 in Nicholas County, Va. He married Harriet Brown of San Augustine, Republic of Texas, on Aug. 26, 1843.

Frank Wilson enlisted into the Confederacy on Aug. 10, 1863 at Liberty, Texas. He was a private in Company C, 1st Texas Infantry, Texas State Troops. Toward the end of the war, he moved his family to Polk County. Wilson, Harriet and their children came with the Nelson Henry Rice family. The group, in separate wagons, arrived in Moscow on Christmas Eve, 1865, during a terrible snow storm. They took shelter in Hobby Adams' cotton gin. They became stranded there when their teams of horses broke loose and ran away.


The families were headed to look at land in Bosque County, but while searching for their horses, found 1,000 acres of good farm land near Ollie. They purchased the land and built one double pen log house. The Rice family lived on one side, the Wilsons on the other. Henry Rice set aside a portion of his land for a cemetery and Wilson gave from his land a portion for a church, Wilson's Chapel, where he preached for a number of years.

After some time, they sawed the house in half and the Wilsons moved their half about one mile, next to the chapel.

Frank and Harriet had eight children. Harriet Brown Wilson died in March 1886 and is buried at the Rice Cemetery in Ollie. After her death, Frank married the widow of Dr. John Alston in Newton County. They returned to Polk County to reside until Frank's death in 1893. He was buried beside Harriet and his second wife, Elizabeth Alston, returned to Newton County.

**Onalaska** — founded when a large sawmill was moved there from Onalaska, Arkansas, by William Carlisle in 1905-1906. The mill was "shut down" in 1925 and the community changed to prosperous farming and ranching use.

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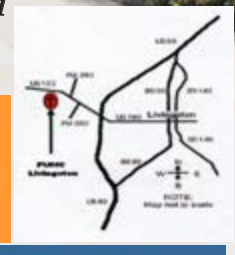
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# Heritage

## Sawdust Cities

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**Patonia** — a turpentine distillery camp, was built by B. M. Pate in 1912, discontinued in 1919. In 1921, Mrs. Gertie Hood asked that the post office be re-established in her home. She said that the settlement was never called Patonia, that it was just a post office at Colita.

**Patrick's Ferry** — a river port and ferry on the Trinity River, at the mouth of Kickapoo Creek, 262 miles from Galveston established by Isham T. Patrick in 1844, was operated until the 1870s.

**Petersville** — a sawmill town, built by Peter Josseran about 1902. In 1907, a post office was obtained and called Potomac. Note: Easom, Wakefield and Potomac in the same location.

**Pinckney** — the community was never called Pinckney, but when Pinckney J. Waldrep, who lived on the east edge of the Midway community, applied

for a post office, the U. S. Post Office Dept. chose the name Pinckney.

**Pine Grove** — a farming community, established by 1860, named for the beautiful pine grove there.

### Sprott settles on Pine Island

*Polk County Enterprise, Nov. 21, 2002*  
By WANDA BOBINGER

Allston Sprott was born in 1803 in North Carolina after his family had moved from Wales to Ireland, then to America. He married Elizabeth Dunn in 1832.

Allston and Elizabeth and four children moved by covered wagon to the Republic of Texas and settled on Steven's Creek in 1843. Sprott died four years after arriving in Texas, leaving Elizabeth with seven children to rear. He also left her with 1,280 acres of land, slave, cattle and horses. George T. Wood, governor of Texas at the time, bought land from her in Point Blank

and built a house which stands today.

The family suffered greatly during the Civil War, but managed to keep the farm together.

The family moved to Livingston in 1885 to give the children the advantage of a better education. Charles G. Sprott did remain on acreage he had acquired on Mills Lake.

Andrew D. Sprott studied at Sam Houston Normal. He rode horseback to Huntsville. He joined and managed the Farmer's Alliance Store Corporation in Livingston, then established a store of his own. He married Margaret Josey of Moscow and had four children.

They lived on what came to be known as Pine Island. The hill, two acres in size, was large enough for a house, barn and garden and one large pine tree. Each of the homesteads on the river were located on a hill above flood stage. Each owner had a boat and during floods, could row

to the neighbors on the other hills. Gus Garvey, Henry Jenkins, Issac Andress and Abram Peebles were some of the Sprotts neighbors. Sprott gave a half acre of high land for a cemetery, church and a school. The community was called Andressville.

**Pine Ridge** — established in 1847 by a large family named Hickman. Other families settled there on the long ridge covered with pines. Bering Lumber Company had a "front" there in the early 1900s.

**Pluck** — a post office opened in 1918 in the area of north central Polk County. Residents suggested several names but each of their submissions was rejected by officials in Washington. Finally George H. Deason suggested "Pluck", claiming that it takes pluck to settle there.

Gravel pits and a small silica mill provided jobs for community residents, which numbered about 25 through the 1960s. In the mid-60s,

Plucker's disappeared from lists of Texas towns. The post office was discontinued in 1953.

**Plum Creek** — south of the Boldsprings community in 1870s and 1880s.

**Providence** — settled in the early 1850s by a number of families from Henry County, Alabama, was first called the Henry County Settlement. When a Methodist church was built, it was named Providence.

### Providence has rich history

*Polk County Enterprise, Sept. 14, 2006*  
By WANDA BOBINGER


In the year of 1853, Wiley Peebles made a journey to Polk County in search of new farm land. His name can be found on the register of the Andress Inn, where he stayed during his visit here. He was impressed with the fertile soil and returned to Alabama with the positive news to give to his family.

Wiley, his twin brother

Riley and Isham, with their combined 28 children and their families, packed their belongings in ox wagons to make the move to Texas. They settled land northeast and southwest of Livingston that became known as Israel and Providence.

Isham bought land three miles northeast of Livingston which later became known as Israel and another tract in town. Wiley purchased land northeast of Goodrich, abutting the present Peebles Cemetery. Riley purchased land four miles south of Livingston on Long King Creek.


The Peebleses built the first church in the "Henry County Settlement," named for their former home in Henry County, Alabama. It was a log structure and was also used as a school, erected in 1857. It had a large fireplace and dirt chimney at one end; the seats were backless split log benches on short pegs for legs. These benches also served as school



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seating. The writing desk was a 16-inch, hand-hewn box with a lid hinged with rawhide.

In the fall of the year, the men of the settlement would take slaves and go in ox wagons to Grand Saline, a salt pond near the Neches River, to obtain their salt. This would take three or four weeks to obtain enough salt for curing meat and household use for a year.

The women made dyes from the indigo plant, black walnut hulls, red oak bark, cedar, sumac and seeds. Mullein, sassafras roots and snake-root were used for medicines.

By 1886, a crude sawmill was erected and a steam gin and grist mill were in operation.

Because the early church was called Providence, the community eventually dropped the name of Henry County Settlement and still today is known as Providence.

**Rock Island** — a small

sawmill town in 1890s-1900-1910, changed to farming when the sawmill ceased operations.

**Schwab City** — first a farming community, was named for Dick Schwab, who discovered oil there in 1930. Had been called Ten Mile Board, Crossroads, Munsonville, and Roosevelt.

### Well blow-out shuts down town

*Polk County Enterprise, Aug. 22, 2002*

By **WANDA BOBINGER**

Developments during the late 1920s and early 30s demonstrated that an untold amount of mineral wealth lay beneath the surface of land in Polk County, and experienced geologists were offering opinions that it would be only a matter of time until an oil field of considerable magnitude would be drilled.

The Polk County area was believed to be in the Texas Coastal oil district. Prospecting crews employing

the seismograph and torsion balance substantiated the theory.

By April 1930 two wells had been drilled by the Sunshine Oil Company and preparations were underway for a third test.

On Sunday night, Jan. 19, around 8 o'clock, the Sunshine well began to flow. When the news spread around the city of Livingston, many people rode out to the well and watched until after midnight.

The flow continued steadily and amounted to approximately 250 barrels per day.

A huge change came to Polk County when, in 1937, a wildcat oil operator named Dick Schwab drilled a discovery well. It caused a tremendous boom and overnight the farm-ing community of Knight had dance halls, tent shows, board sidewalks, gamblers and bootleggers.

The oil boom also brought investors, speculators, traders and lots of cash. Homesteaders leased their land for oil rights for much more money than they had made in a lifetime of farming.

Dick Schwab, the courageous oil operator, became a big hero overnight. His headquarters was in Livingston, where a special parking place was reserved for him on Washington Avenue, right in front of the picture show. The new boom town, Schwab City, was named after him.

During the very early days in Schwab City, a newly-drilled gas well got out of control and started blowing the explosive natural gas into the air which hovered over the entire community. This went on for a number of days until the situation became critical.

There was so much gas in the air no one dared to light a cigarette and housewives were warned about firing the cook stove. School turned out. The whole town shut down.

Finally, a courageous roughneck stepped forward to go in and attempt to turn the valve off and, hopefully, shut off the well. The whole community gathered on a hill overlooking the well and held their breath. The roughneck took a large wrench to turn the valve.

As the valve was slowly

closed, the well is said to have made a horrifying screeching sound. There was a momentary hush, then a great roar went up with applause from the onlookers. The brave roughneck was Fred Lester. He received no extra compensation for his noble deed.

**Segno** — an oil field and farming area, named by Henry Knight because the name was short.

**Seven Oaks** — site of a small sawmill, named for the seven middle-sized oak trees that grew almost in a line, where one of the mill owners built his home. The post office was applied for in 1886. The mill moved but the post office was kept until 1925.

**Skinnertown** — settled by 1870s by some families of Skimmers from Alabama.

**Smithfield** — established by 1834 on the Trinity River. Later, it was moved a mile up the river, became a port, and by 1841 had a post office named Smithfield. In 1848, the post office was re-established as Smithfield. The story is that Smith farmed for an influential citizen, and the tract he cultivated was called "Smith's field". The name was changed to Ace in 1915 when Asa Emanuel became postmaster.

### Smithfield revisited

*Polk County Enterprise, July 27, 2006*

By **WANDA BOBINGER**

Located four miles down river from Drew's Landing by boat, the settlement of Smithfield, now Ace, is possibly the oldest in the county. It was established on high ground above the Trinity River in 1830 by Samuel G. Hiram. The settlement was a stopping point on the Liberty-Nacogdoches road and was frequently visited by Mexican authorities. The place is said to have been named for a settler named Robert Smith and was originally called Smith's Field.

After the Civil War, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Newsome operated a boarding house for traders and riverboat passengers.

In 1840, a post office was established by Hiram, a carpenter. He also served as the first postmaster. John F. Carr was the postmaster in 1854.

A tribe of Coushatta Indians lived in the area and traded furs and trinkets for provisions from other settlers.

Early sawmill operators in the area were R. Williamson, A.B. Carr, Philip Sublett and John S. McAda.

By 1856, a stage line was established from Liberty to Crockett and passed through Smithfield. There was a stage stop at the John Carr place.

A letter written by Anderson Carr to his sister in Smithfield, dated Dec. 24, 1862, Richmond, Virginia, reads: "I noticed on the Bulletin Board today that Confederate money is selling for fifty cents on the dollar. You can scarcely imagine the high prices that are asked for every-thing here. Common calico is worth \$1.75 per yard; shoes \$25.00 to \$30.00; boots \$45.00 to \$75.00 and butter is \$1.50 per pound."

Thomas McDonald built a steam-boat at Smithfield in 1848 and sold it to Michael B. Menard for \$426. The boat had a 150 foot keel and a 30 foot beam with a double engine.

John Carr also built boats there. One was the beautiful steamer which he named the Mary Hill and the John F. Carr, used by the Confederate Navy in the Battle of Galveston.

Robert Smith, for whom the early settlement was named, accumulated large tracts of land throughout Polk County. His name can be found on numerous deed transactions from 1843 through 1869.

### Old letters tell quite a story

*Polk County Enterprise, Jan. 12, 2006*

By **WANDA BOBINGER**

Much can be learned about our early history by reading old diaries and letters.

Several such letters were written by Captain Charles Anderson Rose of the riverport town of Smithfield. Rose was apparently a nephew of John F. Carr, early settler of Smith-field, and had come to Texas to start a new life. He left behind in Mem-phis, Tenn. his wife Patty and two children, Frank Roger and Ella Hel-en. Patty was expecting the third child, which is probably the reason the family did not travel to Texas

together.

In one of Rose's letters shortly af-ter his arrival to Texas he wrote a beautiful description of what he saw.

"The forests in this new land is like a park, with endless stands of virgin long leaf pine that towers over a needle covered forest floor devoid of any underbrush. In these forests wild animals roam — all kinds, even bear, panther and wolves."

Rose obviously had bouts of loneliness without his family. In No-venber 1874 he wrote Patty to say, "Last night, I sat up until after one o'clock wondering if I would tomor-row receive a letter from all I love on this earth. The mail passes here at sunrise. I was up and on the road watching. The mail rider held up my letter.

"I love you, Patty, and bless the day that made you my helpmate for life.

"Tell our boy and girl that their letters were warmly welcomed by Papa. Rogie will have his gun and will go hunting with me to kill a bear. The Indians killed two last week.

"Aunt Bell (Arabella Carr) has a big orange and little Ellie can come and pick as many as she wants.

"Everything is plentiful to abun-dance in the way of living. It is not thickly settled, but is now settling fast. Houses, cows, hogs and tur-keys, geese and chickens have all been showered on me for a start — free and willingly.

I have a good grist mill and about 60 hogs. Only one day has been cold enough for a coat since I got here."

Another letter in January 1875 tells of Rose's joy in receiving the news that Patty had given birth to the third child.

"This morning, my heart beat rapidly at the news of your "Christmas gift." I am most unspeakably happy, as happy as any human being on earth. If you and the children were here with me, I would have nothing more to ask.

"At first, we will be compelled to live rather rough, as our finances will not permit better.

"Our cabin has but two rooms and one chimney. It is immediately on the road and about three hundred yards from uncle's house.

"It is time to name the 'little stranger.' I think the

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name Florence is beautiful.”

Rose then advises Patty to send household plunder and kitchen furniture, clothes and bedding as “there is no place here to replace them. We cannot pay the freight on furniture and such things can be bought at Huntsville very cheap, made in the penitentiary.”

The family took part in the federal census in 1880, but six months later, in June, Charles Anderson Rose died.

He had come the distance only six years prior, to stake out a new future for himself and his family. After his death, the family moved to Livingston, where Patty became a music teacher. The three daughters became school teachers. Patty died on Jan. 11, 1929 at the age of 84.

**Soda** — settled by farmers before 1860. A sawmill was built there about 1897. In 1898, an application was made for a post office and names were submitted. The Post Office Dept. chose letters from those submitted names and formed Soda.

**Sparta** — Located on the west back of the Trinity. Today, that townsite would be just off the shore of the present day Cape Royale on the western shore of Lake Livingston.

It's unclear in deed records whether Sparta was built on precisely the same land as Johnson's Bluff, but when the name “Sparta” ceased to be used, Johnson's Bluff came to describe the entire area.

**Springfield** — A townsite surveyed by Moses L. Choate in 1839 when the area was a portion of Liberty County. When Polk County was carved out of Liberty County in 1846, the county seat was established near Springfield. Choate donated more than 100 acres to the project with the stipulation this new town become the county seat. When the post office was secured in 1847, the town was renamed Livingston in honor of Choate's hometown in Tennessee.

**Stryker** — a large sawmill town on Farm Road 352, established in 1884 by Henry Stryker and his cousin, D.M. Angle, natives of Pennsylvania. Stryker became one of Polk County's notable sawmill towns. The post office was established in 1885; the lumber company eventually built a school, a church, and housing for its workers. Its operations in Polk County were estimated to be worth over \$20,000 by 1886. In 1889 the mill at Stryker could cut 45,000 board feet

of lumber daily, and dry kilns and a planer enhanced the operation. However, general economic depression and depletion of local timber led to the mill's closing in the early 1890s. Although the Echols and Taylor Lumber Company established a small mill at Stryker in the early 1900s, the community never regained its former productivity. The post office discontinued operation in 1913.

**Swarthout** (Swartout) — a Trinity River port and ferry, was laid out for a town in 1838 by James Morgan, Arthur Garner and Thomas Bradley. It was named for Samuel Swarthout, New York financier, a friend of James Morgan. A post office by 1843, re-established May 1846, continued until 1872 when railroads took the trade from steamboats.

To rich investors in New York and other eastern states 165 years ago, the development of Swarthout on the Trinity was a dream of a grand Texas city.

Today there is very little left to even remind us of the community and nothing left of the old town. Yet, one of the most frequently asked questions from visitors to the Polk County Museum is “Where did Swarthout get its name?” Most mispronounce the name, sometimes even locals trying to fit that extra “w” into the pronunciation.

Samuel Swarthout was the head of the New Washington Association, a group of New York and Mexican capitalists. In 1838, the association obtained 100,000 acres of land on the Trinity, San Jacinto and Neches rivers and on Galveston Bay. Their first settlement was New Washington on the Bay. The town was laid out by James Morgan, agent for Swarthout, but was burned by Santa Anna's army.

Samuel Swarthout was born in 1784 and was a member of an old, wealthy New York family. Sam's brother John was a close personal friend of Aaron Burr and it was he who arranged the infamous duel between Burr and Alexander Hamilton. He also arranged for Burr's flight following the duel. John sent Samuel to accompany Burr and it was in these journeys that Samuel became familiar with Mexican interests and politics and began to formulate plans to invest in the growing country.

Swarthout and his brothers were active in the development of the

New Jersey shore, across from Manhattan Island. Samuel was drawn into the national limelight when Andrew Jackson entered the presidential election in 1824. After Jackson finally became president, he rewarded Swarthout by appointing him collector of customs of the Port of New York City, a high political favor.

Back in Texas, Austin's colony was beginning to prosper. Three investors and land speculators gave Swarthout the opportunity to join the bandwagon. Joseph Vehlein's land grant included present day Polk County. He sold to Swarthout who then began to push Texas land to developers. He hired James Morgan as his agent in Texas.

The Texas Revolution, of course, hindered new development. Investors stood to lose everything if the Texas volunteers lost the conflict with Santa Anna, therefore Morgan and his association did all that they could to aid in the Revolution. Swarthout accumulated friends and supplies for the Texans, which he shipped at his own expense. He also rescued two Texas warships from being sold for debt.

Economic conditions in both the U.S. and Texas in 1837 caused investment funds to completely dry up, and at about the same time, Swarthout was accused by an old political enemy, President Martin Van Buren, of misappropriating funds. Swarthout fled the county to Europe and did not return for four years. He died in 1856 without ever having come to this area.

However, Morgan had founded a town site on the Trinity which he named for his friend and business associate, Samuel Swarthout.

The original 1838 stockholders in the new town of Swarthout included some famous personages in Texas history, such as Sam Houston; Dr. Ashbel Smith, surgeon general of the Texas Army; and Lorenzo de Zavala, signer of the Declaration of

Texas Independence. The stockholders paid \$30 for each share.

Swarthout also got a glowing report in a May 3, 1839, edition of Houston's Morning Star newspaper.

This flourishing little village is situated on the eastern bank of the river Trinity about 220 miles from the mouth, in a fine, healthy, fertile section of the country, possessing, if we may credit the assertions of distinguished and intelligent persons who have lately visited it, every advantage necessary for a large and wealthy city. The river up to that place presents no obstruction to navigation, steam-boats, indeed, having recently ascended many miles further up. One remarkable feature about Swarthout (which was mentioned to us by a gentleman recently returned from that place) is that all of the inhabitants were hard at work, with everyone seeming determined to exert himself to the utmost. This is certainly an excellent sign, and a course which, if preserved in, will most certainly be successful.

Many individuals of wealth and influence are becoming interested in the place and from all we can gather, the prospects are fair that it will soon become a town of considerable importance. The whole country on the banks of the Trinity is beginning to assume the appearance of cultivated fields and the productions promise fair to be a source of great wealth. Information of this kind is exceedingly cheering.

We predict that in a very few years, with present appearances, induce us to cherish “our harbors will be filled with vessels from every quarter of the world, to convey the products of our soil to all the nations — thereby increasing our wealth and raising our country to that state which she is so eminently calculated to fill.”

This visualization of Swarthout never came to pass, although the riverport town did flourish until around 1846, when county

government was formed and Livingston became the county seat.

Railroad building began in Texas in the 1850s, but did not reach Polk County until 1881. It was a turning point in history. The steamboat era was gone.

**Tigerville** — Settled in 1845 by brothers James and Jerusha Andress formerly of Alabama. The farming community was first known as Andressville, with a separate community to the south known as Tigerville. The two communities had separate schools, but many viewed them as the same place. Stores, gins and gristmills attracted the business of local farmers. The community was inundated in 1968 when Lake Livingston began impounding water.

**Tin Top** — a small but populous community a mile and a half from Onalaska grew from the economic influence of Onalaska. When a school and a church were erected with tin roofs, it had the name Tin Top by 1910. Farmers had settled on nearby Kickapoo creek in the 1850s and 1870s.

**Union Springs** — settled by several families by 1860 where two springs were only a few feet apart: Union of the springs. A church and cemetery were established, and the cemetery is on of the largest in Polk County. This place is one mile north of

Corrigan. **Valda** — named for a member of the Hackney family who built a sawmill there about 1885. Post office 1890-1906.

**Vreeland** — a railroad flag station on railroad from Carlisle to Livingston 1904-1907, had very few families.

Northern land speculators reportedly developed the townsite on the Waco, Beaumont and Sabine Valley Railway in west central Polk County. Sponsors named the site after the survey and hoped to capitalize on the nearby logging facilities at Blanchard and East Tempe.

The Vreeland town plat was filed in 1915 but failed to develop until Lake Livingston was construction in the 1960s and 1970s.

**Wakefield** — a small sawmill town in early 1900s. (See Easom).

**Walnut Springs** — laid out for a town in 1902, amid springs and walnut trees, but it was only a “bubble” that soon burst.

**West Tempe** — settled by farmers by 1875, named for West Tempe Creek, which was named for Indians. (See Blanchard.)

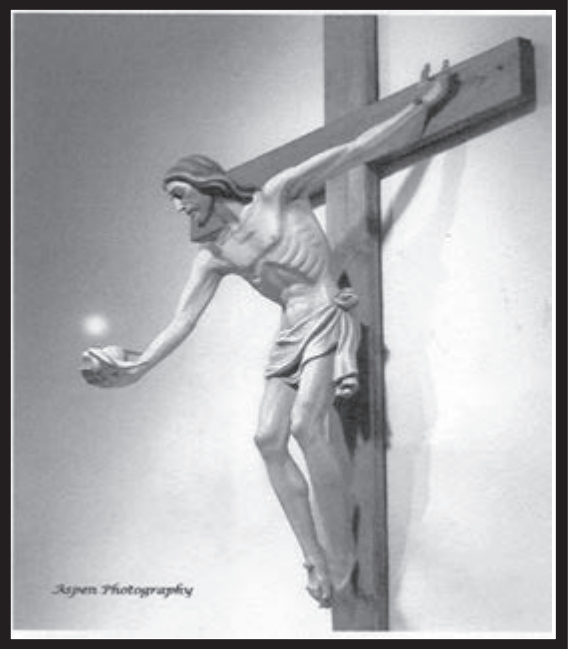
**Wheeler** — a small community in early 1900s.

**Yellow Branch** — boasted a few families and a school house in the 1890s. It was located on a short creek called Yellow Branch.

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# Remembering Kickapoo

## Lake Livingston changes way of life for many

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Former Livingston Mayor Clarke Evans remembers a time when the town he oversaw was not surrounded by water. He remembers a farming community where the primary crop was cotton. There were fields of corn, sorghum and soybeans around his family's dairy farm, as well as those in the area.

In an area called Kickapoo, named for Kickapoo Creek, times were slow and quiet. It was about three miles from Onalaska with a cotton gin and general store that sold horse collars, ringer washing machines, groceries, working clothes and everything in between.

The people were extremely dependent on the weather and pricing of the commodities sold. It was a close-knit community, with neighbor helping neighbor and family helping family.

All of it would change with the plan to provide a metropolitan area with water.

There were tenants and sharecroppers who knew only how to plow a field and raise a crop. Suddenly, they were without a job. They were scattered from small communities to "town jobs" in Houston, where more opportunities existed.

Evans' parents had a high school education, but a good



Former Livingston Mayor Clarke Evans remembers the area Kickapoo Creek

portion of others did not, something common for that time period. Their education was based in weather, soil conditions, planting and animal care that had been handed down through generations. Most lessons were not learned within the confines of a school building.

"The most significant thing that affected me personally looking back over the changes that have been made is that a whole way of life is gone," Evans said. "It is nothing at all like it was when I was growing up. We had a dairy and also farmed grow crops. That's what everybody did. The old community and old economy was based on

farming and it was an income that was not a steady income. It was seasonal with the crops, as they would come open and be harvested.

"There were numerous cotton gins throughout the county and, of course, people today would not know about cotton. When the gin would crank up about this time of year — or maybe a little bit earlier when the crops were coming off — they would run seven days a week and 24 hours a day. It was constant because of the demand for it."

With the Trinity River Authority coming in to warn all of the impending changes for Lake Livingston, most prepared sell their way of



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life and start over in a new setting and for some, a new occupation.

"All the farming was gone and my dad was the second person to sell to the Trinity River Authority," Evans said. "We sold our place in 1965. They continued to buy land up until 1969, when the gates were closed and the water actually started covering the properties up. If you don't want to move, there's never really enough money to satisfy you on the deal. It was a way of life that was all that I knew. I had already gone to college and got back from the Army. When I got out of college, I had several nice job offers that I didn't take

because I just couldn't leave the place. I had to stay close to it.

"When the Trinity River Authority came in and bought the property, they gave the improvements back to the landowners with the stipulation that the landowner could stay there as long as they wanted to. We took all the barns down, took all the fences and fence posts up, and all the improvements were removed."

Evans' parents purchased a tract of land just outside of Leggett in the New Willard community and started moving items there. They were also running beef cattle in addition to farming at

that time and sold the dairy once Lake Livingston was imminent.

"Fast forwarding and knowing today what I didn't know then — with mechanization, animal genetics and plant genetics — the time of the small farmer was fast going away. Today, we could not stay in business operating a dairy the size that we had. Dairies have thousands of cows that are milked per day and it is the same way with the cotton, corn and the soybeans. I am so thankful that I lived in an era that I was able to see all of that."

Evans said the TRA's idea was that the whole basin

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would be cleared. There was very little timber because the majority was cropland or pasture land.

“That was the deal that they (TRA) made. They said if you stayed here, this stuff is about to be cleared. Of course, the cattle at that time were open range, but everything then was branded. Their plan was to completely clear that basin of the lake. I don’t know how many dozer contractors came in, but it was like you cannot imagine. They had a lot of the inmates from the prison over in Huntsville that came in and went behind to do manual labor.

“The word that came down was that once the gates were closed, was that it was going to take months for that lake to fill up. My daddy and the rest of those people that were raised out there on that river knew what would happen. Our place was in an area that was bounded on one side by the Trinity River, one side by Kickapoo Creek, and one side by Penwaugh Slough. We were surrounded in a huge way by some major waterways through there. When the river would get up, it would stop the flow of the creek and the slough into the river and the backwater is what would come in to flood us.

“All of the people living on the river knew the river and how quickly it would react. That land that would overflow was where your best crops were grown because of the silt that was deposited on top of it. They said that it was going to take a long time for that like to fill, but the old-timers would just shake their heads. Everybody knew where the water line was going to be. They knew the elevation. The old-timers talk about a big flood back in ‘31 or ‘32 and there were logs and trees that were scattered in different places in the area. People knew pretty well how it was going to happen.”

In a matter of months, much of the land was covered. Evans said his family had four years to move, but the farm was a little over 400 acres and there was much to transport. Evans’ parents married in 1929, the onset of the Great Depression. Perhaps because of that, everything was saved. Evans claims it was “almost to the point of becoming a little bit junky.” His father could take scraps and make do, a necessity when living 15 miles from a larger town.

“We actually swam cattle out; we stayed there that long. It really kind of forced everybody out. When they closed the gates, we had a wet spring similar to what we had (in 2016). We had lots of real heavy rain and you just woke up one morning and started seeing water out there. We had already moved physically. The house that I was raised in was a frame house on blocks and then I had a frame house on blocks.

“They (the TRA) bought the houses and then they



Pictured is Kickapoo Bridge from the 1950s before Lake Livingston was filled.

USGS photo

gave the houses back to us. We re-sold the houses to individuals and they moved them. So, my parents and I had already moved into town, but we had close to 200 head of cattle that we were running out there all the way from Onalaska to Blanchard just about. When the lake started filling up like that, we went out there and started gathering cattle and trying to move them. We would swim the cattle to dry land on horseback until we could get a truck and trailer to move them.

“I remember one tragic incident out there when some of the cattle on the San Jacinto County side swam to Pine Island. It was covered in cows. One guy over there had the idea to take barges and horses to pen the cattle, then put them on a trailer, and move the trailer onto the barge to pull them back across the lake. I don’t know how many barges they had loaded, but they got out there, the cattle started shifting and it turned over. There was numerous amount of cattle that were drowned with those trailers. There’s still two or three dozers that were left out there in the water.”

When purchasing homes, Evans explained that the TRA came in and performed an appraisal, as it would happen today.

“I don’t know how many appraisers they had, but they would come to the property and look at the improvements of your house, your barn, and we had a concrete block for a dairy barn and a two-story

hay barn. We had two houses and then they would put a value on the land and a value on the improvements. If you didn’t like the price on it, you could refuse it and go to mediation. They would just put that money in escrow and go to the next man — and that was it.”

Evans said that owners were better off to go with what was offered. His father figured the lake was on its way and there was nothing they could do about it. They made the decision to get the best price possible and relocate. Those that held out received more per acre, but by that time, choices on relocation had become slim and prices had begun to escalate.

“The county was not really prepared for the development. Looking back, there was no order as far as the infrastructure — the roads, the water system, and things of that sort. A lot of those entrepreneurs would buy a piece of ground, take a dozer to cut a strip down through it and start selling lots. Then you get people in there who can’t get in and out and they want the county to take the roads over. It was mass confusion for a while.”

The lake became a tourist attraction quickly, causing a demand for lots around it. “Being in the real estate business, it just amazes me as to what waterfront lots sold for back in 1969 and what they’re selling for now. You could buy a nice one for \$10,000 there at that time. My daddy used to say there’s

no way in the world anybody would ever give that kind of money for it. Now we’re looking at \$200,000 for lots.

“I think that Houston had the foresight to realize that if they were going to grow,

they needed more water. This just seemed to be the logical place to put the lake. It is good because the City of Livingston will never be without water. I don’t know what it is going to cost —

and that is the big deal. We’ve been working with the storage tank by the high school and the contract that we’ve got, we never use as much water as we are under contract for. If we hadn’t renewed that contract, today it would be worth about 10 times what we’re paying for it right now. We’re going to see some big changes in how you use your water in the future.”

The mayor said he has mixed feelings of longing for a past life, yet excitement over what the body of water has done and will bring to the area.

“I would love to be able to still have the same place that we had, because there is no comparison in the quality of the soil there and what we have now. It was home and I was raised there and knew every bit of it. I grew up shooting ducks and doves back there in the fall over the maize fields. I miss that.

“God’s got a way of taking care of things for us and it all works out. I know that, overall, Polk County would not be what it is today if it were not for the lake, because it has brought in so much development and so many more people and it has changed. We’re the second largest body of water within the boundaries of the state. With us being as close to Houston as we are, it caused the Polk County side to develop quicker than the San Jacinto side. I still have strong roots in the soil, the weather, the animals and things of that sort, but our county would never have been what it is today had it not been for the lake.”

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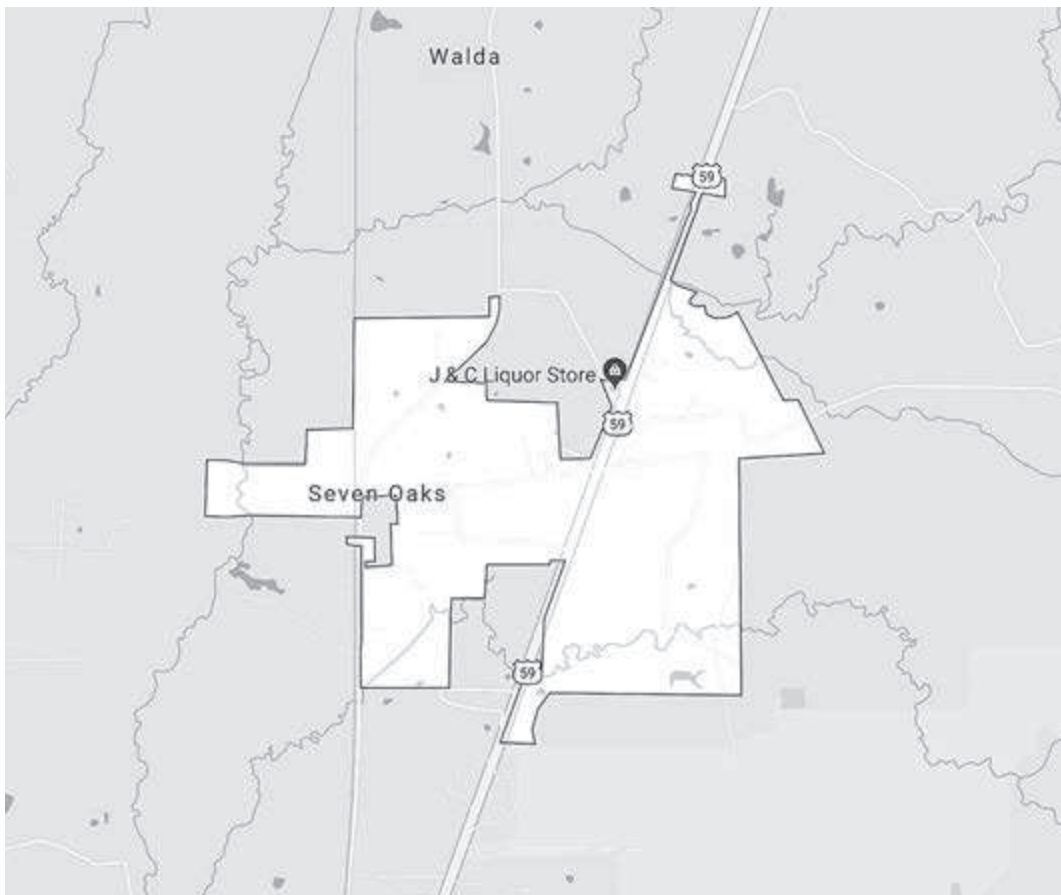


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# Seven Oaks

## A place steep in railroad, sawmill history

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Nestled in between Livingston and Corrigan on U.S. Highway 59, Seven Oaks doesn't resemble much of a ghost town.

On the northbound access road, travelers can stop at a Shell service station that is joined by a Dickey's BBQ restaurant. Next door to the service station-restaurant combo is the Seven Oaks Inn.

The town recently celebrated its 50th anniversary of incorporation. Seven Oaks was incorporated on July 5, 1969, on a vote of 39 for, 19 against.

Off of US 59 is a city of 111 residents according to the 2010 census. Seven Oaks is a place that has seen population decline since reaching its peak of 300 in the 1980 census. According to the Texas State Historical

Association, Seven Oaks had a post office from 1866-1925. It also had the Hackney Railroad Stop after the completion of the Houston, East and West Texas Railway through Polk County.

Sawmills also play a role in Seven Oaks history. Bob, George, Dave and Thomas Hackney - whom the Hackney Railroad Station was named after - built a sawmill in Seven Oaks that operated until 1906.

After the Hackney Family left, C.N. Fisher and Lafayette Mason built a sawmill that they named, "Seven Oaks." Although the sawmill eventually went out of business as local timber was available for cutting.

Seven Oaks also has a city office. The PO Box for the city is located in neighboring Leggett, and the city offices have a Leggett address as well.

Anna Wallace is the Mayor of Seven Oaks, while Frank Pickens is the Mayor Pro-Tem. The council aldermen are Martha Burch, Centa Evans, Isabell Martin and Regina Motley.

Just as there is no post office in Seven Oaks, there's also no school district. School-aged children in Seven Oaks attend school either in Leggett ISD or Corrigan-Camden ISD.

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# Ties to Texas history

## Peach Tree Village displays oldest house in Tyler County

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The oldest house in Tyler County and a striking, beautiful brick chapel are basically all that remain of Peach Tree Village, which sits two miles north of Chester, off Farm Road 2019. According to historian Henry Chenoweth, Peach Tree Village is classified as a ghost town, yet it is more of a memorial from a son to his parents.

The son in question was born in 1860 as John Henry Kirby. As a lawyer, Kirby earned a reputation for representing lumber companies, and took his fortune to invest in his homeland. He built a railroad and founded the Kirby Lumber Company. Kirby later served in the Texas Legislature for two terms. He also established the Kirby Petroleum Company, and with his many ventures, became known as "The Prince of the Pines," in the eyes of his peers. That moniker would also serve as the title of a biography, written by Mary Lasswell Smith.

As accomplished in the eyes of the world as Kirby became, he never got beyond his raising. He preferred the quiet, rural atmosphere of Peach Tree Village and built his parents a home there, and in 1912, three years after his father died, he erected the red brick chapel in honor of his parents.

While Kirby, whose list of titles stretches longer than most modern "Renaissance men" was the most famous export of Peach Tree Village, the area located near the Neches River, factors into the rich tapestry of our state's history in surprising ways outside of its favorite son.

The village was founded by the Alabama Indians in the latter part of the eighteenth century. The name Peach Tree Village was given to the area by white settlers. Prior to that, it was known as Indian Village, and the white settlers in the region knew of the peaceful Alabama Indians and their trading post there. According to historian Bob Bowman, the Alabamas' claim to the land that comprised Peach Tree Village was contested for the first time in 1834 by Col. Peter Ellis Bean, an American who served in the Mexican Army. Bean, who was stationed at Nacogdoches, applied for and received a grant of 11 leagues of land from the Mexican government.

Bowman writes that the natives who occupied the village were on good terms with the white settlers in



Photo by Chris Edwards

Above is the house Cauble built around 1835 still remains. The house is the oldest known structure still in use in Tyler County, and in 1846 was recognized via legislative action as a locator for pinpointing the common boundary line between Tyler and Polk counties.



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the area, who included Peter Cauble and Valentine Ignatius Burch. Cauble, who settled at Peach Tree Village around 1831, was Burch's father-in-law. The latter man settled there about 1845 after marrying Cauble's youngest daughter.

Cauble, who was a first-generation American born to German immigrants, was a schoolteacher by trade. In Peach Tree Village, he became so well-known as a teacher that the residents bestowed the title of "Professor" upon him. He and his wife Mary Rotan moved to Peach Tree Village when Mexico offered plentiful parcels of land to homesteaders. The house Cauble built around 1835 still remains.

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use in Tyler County, and in 1846 was recognized via legislative action as a locator for pinpointing the common boundary line between Tyler and Polk counties, which is two miles west of the home. It is now owned by the Tyler County Heritage Society, which has taken care of it since 1990.

When Sam Houston began to build his army of Texans to fight for independence from Mexico, Cauble, then 50 years of age, joined up, as did his son-in-law. When the war ended, Cauble returned to Peach Tree Village, where he and his family lived until his death. He served in many roles, including Road Commissioner and Justice of the County Court, after returning. Burch, who fought at the Battle of San Jacinto, also became a leader in the

community, and a key figure in the development of Peach Tree Village.

Burch and his wife Helen often hosted travelling Catholic missionaries, and the village thrived during the years of the Republic of Texas. It boasted a store, a cotton gin, saloon, grist mill, church, school and a post office. The Alabamas, who remained neutral during the Texas Revolution, gradually left Peach Tree Village and moved five miles southeast to the Fenced-in Village, an area of land granted to the tribe by the Republic of Texas.

The construction of the Trinity and Sabine Railway in 1883 and establishment of the City Chester caused a decline in Peach Tree Village, as the post office, school and commercial businesses were moved to Chester. The chapel Kirby built in 1912 still stands, and it, along with two acres of land surrounding it, are under the trusteeship of the Tyler County Commissioners Court. Along with the chapel, a donation of 22.4 acres of land was developed into Camp Ta-Ku-La, a non-denominational campsite that is available to churches and groups for activities, retreats and youth camps. According to the site's history, the word "Ta-Ku-La" is an Alabama Indian word meaning "peach tree."

Even though little remains

of the once prosperous frontier town, its history is still accessible to anyone who finds their way there. The story of Peach Tree Village, as written by Kirby, is still on display on a sign in the

center of the village and the art inside the chapel, which Kirby hired a Russian artist to render, uses images to tell the story of the area and its part in the formation of the state of Texas.

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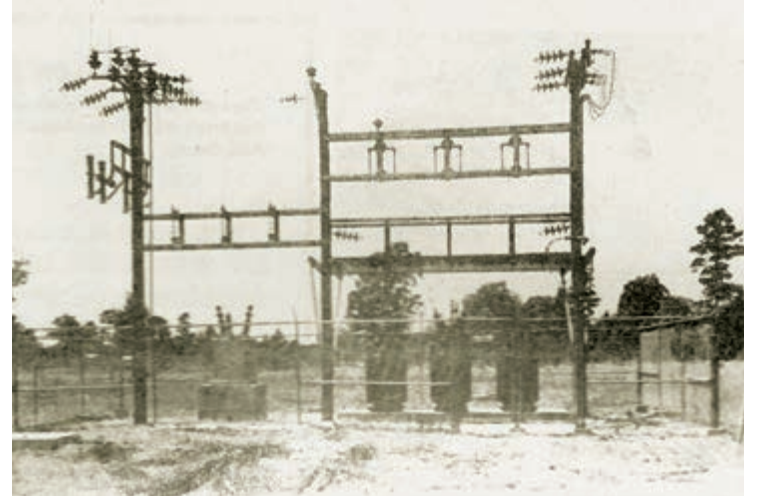
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