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Threats against school end with arrests

Two Big Sandy seniors
taken into custody by PCSO

By Brian Besch
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BIG SANDY — Two Big Sandy students have been arrested by Polk County sheriff's deputies in connection with a report of a verbal threat to the safety of Big Sandy High School, according to a statement

released by Superintendent Eric Carpenter.

Aaron Thompson, 17, and Isaiah Adam Thompson, 18, were arrested Tuesday, Feb. 20, and have been charged with terroristic threat impair public service/public fear of serious bodily injury/influence government agency. Both subsequently were released



Isaiah Thompson

under bonds.

Since the massacre last week in Florida where



Aaron Thompson

17 people were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, schools across

Texas, Florida, Virginia and California have dealt with incidents involving some type of similar threat. There have been seven in the Houston area alone.

Carpenter said deputies were on campus Wednesday as part of their investigation.

On Tuesday at 6:12 p.m., the Polk County Sheriff's Office said they received information about a student at Big Sandy High School who is alleged to have threatening to "shoot up

the school." The threat was reportedly made during a classroom setting at the school.

Deputies and detectives initiated an investigation by locating witnesses to the incident to determine if a criminal offense had occurred or if a viable threat to student and faculty safety was present. During the investigation, officers identified two suspects who reportedly made threats.

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Gibson discusses Corrigan's 'speed trap' reputation at council meeting

By Chris Edwards
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CORRIGAN — Corrigan Mayor Johnna Gibson addressed a topic that has become a common talking point associated with the city at the Tuesday night city council meeting.

Gibson said she had received many complaints,

"People say the police write too many tickets, and we have this reputation as a speed trap."

Mayor Johnna Gibson

and was privy to many on social media as well, that spoke to the number of tickets written by Corrigan police officers.

"People say the police write too many tickets, and we have this reputation as a speed trap," she said.

The mayor spoke on the topic following Corrigan Police Chief Darrell Gibson's

monthly report to council. Chief Gibson made a note that the number of accidents within the Corrigan city limits was up, and suggested a correlation between that statistic and the fact that he and his department made an effort to write fewer tickets during the month. Chief Gibson said this was done "as a test".

Municipal Judge Wayne Yankee agreed with both the mayor and police chief's statements, and added that he'd invite anyone complaining of the number of tickets issued in Corrigan to come to his office and view a news story posted on his wall. Judge Yankee spoke about the story, published in

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School board extends administrator contracts

By Lew Vail
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ONALASKA — Four school administrators were given contract extensions for an additional year by the Onalaska School Board during their monthly meeting Monday night.

After a brief executive session, the board returned to open session and extended the contracts of the Elementary School Principal David Murphy, Director of Curriculum and Special

Programs Robin Thornton, Onalaska Junior/Senior High Principal Anthony Roberts and Director of Technology Charles Boyce.

During the reports portion of the meeting, Murphy said students on the elementary school campus are in the process of holding their annual book fair, an activity he said the students and parents alike enjoy.

The fourth-grade students took their mock writing test on the Feb. 13 while fifth- See **CONTRACTS** ⇨ Page 6A



PANCAKE SUPPER — Rotarian Danny Moseley was among those flipping pancakes during the annual Livingston Rotary Club pancake supper. The club served up platters of pancakes, sausages and syrup as well as drinks to hundreds of hungry area residents Thursday night. Around 70 gallons of pancake batter was used to make the stacks of fluffy treats. Proceeds for the annual event are used by the club to support a number of local organizations ranging from the scouting programs to Habitat for Humanity.

GREG PEAK | Enterprise

Tribe seeks support on gaming issue

By Brian Besch
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INDIAN VILLAGE — With congressional action now pending on the issue, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas on Thursday presented their reasons for seeking support and listed the advantages to continuing the Naskila Gaming operations on tribal land.

A federal trial is set for Feb. 28 in Beaumont that will address the gaming operations, but the Alabama-Coushatta suffered a setback Feb. 8 when the federal magistrate sided with the State of Texas. The issue centers around two laws, as the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988

"We have been overwhelmed by the show of support and we're very grateful. We have been blessed with great success at Naskila Gaming."

Jo Ann Battise | Tribal Council Chairperson

allows gaming, while the Indian Restoration Act of 1987 does not.

U.S. Rep. Brian Babin (R-Woodville) appeared before Congress two weeks ago to file HR 4985, a bill that would place two Texas tribes, the Alabama-Coushatta and the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo on equal standing with other Native American tribes that operate Class II gaming businesses.

In a poll taken last year of

the 10 counties in Babin's Congressional District 36, a total of 75 percent of area respondents voiced their support for Naskila, while only 13 percent were in opposition.

Tribal Council Chairperson Jo Ann Battise said it was important to the tribe that it conduct a scientific survey of support before moving toward efforts in Washington.

"We want to be a good See **TRIBE** ⇨ Page 3A

LOCAL SIX-DAY FORECAST

SUN 2/25



63/49
Rain early then cloudy with thundershowers developing in the afternoon. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 90%. Humidity 83%.

MON 2/26



74/52
Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon. Winds light and variable. Humidity 62%.

TUE 2/27



70/65
Partly cloudy in the morning. Thunderstorms developing later in the day. High around 70F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 90%. Humidity 79%.

WED 2/28



75/56
Thunderstorms in the a.m. chance of scattered thunderstorms in the p.m. High near 75F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

THU 3/1



70/49
A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. High near 70F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph. Humidity 53%.

FRI 3/2



71/51
Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 71F. Winds light and variable. Humidity 60%.

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CURRENT LEVEL 131.61
NORMAL LEVEL 131.00
RECORD LOW.....125.25
DISCHARGE..... 17,000 cfs

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Last 7 days (Inches)..... 4.37
Last 30 days (Inches)..... 7.56

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The Polk County Sheriff’s Office criminal investigation division and patrol division spent the majority of the day at the school district, providing additional security and interviewing potential witnesses to the incident.

Sheriff Kenneth Hammack said threats could spark a whirlwind of consequences that can’t be avoided on any level. Hammack also said the public must understand this type of behavior would not be tolerated and will be dealt with swiftly to minimize the threat and disruption to the

students and faculty. Both students are part of the Big Sandy Basketball team. By 6:12 p.m. Tuesday when officers were notified of the incident, the team was at the game, which took place at Pollok Central High School. Isaiah Thompson was held out of Big Sandy’s bi-district playoff game against Malakoff Cross Roads. Big Sandy won the game 90-45 and Aaron Thompson, who participated, scored 17 points for the Wildcats. “The district does not believe that at any time that any students or the campus was in imminent danger,” Carpenter said. “I would like to remind

“The District takes seriously all threats to the safety of its students and staff. When students engage in these acts, it is terribly disruptive to the educational environment. Consequently, we will continue to address these matters very seriously.”

Superintendent Eric Carpenter

parents to have conversations with their children about the seriousness of making statements that could be construed as threats either verbally or on social media. Such statements may be considered ‘terroristic threats,’ and if substantiated, are punishable as a crime and also through the District’s Student Code of Conduct,”

Carpenter said. Polk County Criminal District Attorney Lee Hon echoed the need for parents to speak with their children. “This is something that we’re going to take seriously,” Hon told the *Polk County Enterprise*. “In the current atmosphere, it’s a major concern.” Two Polk County law enforcement officials said there were no reports of any threats to other campuses. “Administrators are in a posture where they can’t afford to make a mistake,” Hon said. “Threats — regardless of the intent behind them — have to be taken seriously. Parents are going to be very concerned then (a threat) involves a school their kids are attending.” Hon said he has talked with one superintendent about making a presentation to students informing them about the serious consequences involved when someone makes a threat; even it is in a joking manner. “Kids need to understand this is like yelling fire in a crowded theater,” Hon said. “That’s something that we grew up knowing not to do.” On Friday, Carpenter released another statement via the school’s website. “Big Sandy ISD administration will continue to take student safety very seriously. As we move forward from recent events, Big Sandy ISD and local law enforcement will continue to thoroughly investigate any allegation brought to our attention. Please know all reports will be investigated in their entirety. “It is imperative that our students understand that they cannot make statements that may be construed by others as a threat to the safety of others. Such statements will be reported to law enforcement and addressed by the District in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. “The District takes seriously all threats to the safety of its students and staff. When students engage in these acts, it is terribly disruptive to the educational environment. Consequently, we will continue to address these matters very seriously.”

Anthony Page endorses Shelly Sitton for 258th District Court

Hello friends and neighbors,

As you are aware, we are in the middle of the Republican Primary of 2018. It is an election that will have consequences for years to come. It is an election that we, as voters, need to consider carefully. The 258th Judicial Bench is being vacated by Hon. Ernest McClendon.

My involvement with Shelly Sitton has been one of admiration and appreciation through our time together on the Board of Directors for The Webster Foundation. Many are not aware that Shelly helps administer \$550,000 annually in educational scholarships to graduating seniors in Polk County. Her management of the Trust in both legal and administrative positions has helped us help our youth achieve their dreams of attending college.

Shelly's knowledge of complicated legal matters has benefited not only the Webster Foundation but residents of Polk County and the youth that will help lead our communities in the future.

Having a personal relationship with Shelly Sitton, I have the confidence that she will be an asset to the judicial system in our area.

With voting underway, please vote for Shelly Sitton for the 258th Judicial Bench.

Anthony Page
Corrigan, Texas

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GAMING INFORMATION — Representatives of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas’ Naskila Gaming made a presentation last week during the Livingston Lions Club meeting. They expressed their passion about their tribe and community and said they will strive to keep their facility open to provide jobs and health insurance for locals. Pictured are (L-R) Lion Vice President John Slocumb, Tribal Vice Chairman Ronnie Thomas, Ian Liscano, Tribal Councilman Roland Poncho, Clint Poncho, Marketing Director Yolando Poncho and Lion Andy Evans.

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neighbor,” Battise said. “We have been overwhelmed by the show of support and we’re very grateful. We have been blessed with great success at Naskila Gaming. Every quarter, the number of visitors from all over the state increases. Just as we predicted, given the chance, guests will spend their entertainment dollars in Texas.”

After a recent expansion, there are now approximately 800 electronic bingo machines in the 35,000 square-foot facility, which also houses a restaurant, café and entertainment area. This month, Naskila notched one million customers since its opening.

Other than support, there is an economic impact locally, as \$16.8 million in projected total annual salaries and benefits are paid to 330 employees, making Naskila the third largest employer in Polk County. Of those, 70 percent are non-tribal members. The tribe has spent \$39.4 million in the state from planning to December of 2017, with \$31.5 of that spent locally. It is estimated that annual in-state spending for operations and capital will be \$22.3 million in Texas and about half of that in the county.

“The Kickapoo Traditional Tribe (located near Eagle Pass) has operated for over

20 years, but they still haven’t had any fight from the State of Texas,” Media Director Clint Poncho said. “But we’re going to win our fight, because we are right. We were upfront with Texas and told them what we were going to do. Our Congressman, Brian Babin, filed legislation for us. What that will do is correct the injustice that has been done to the tribe and how the law has been interpreted against us. This is a very serious issue because everybody is benefitting. It’s a relatively easy fix — one sentence.”

Naskila currently offers only Class II electronic bingo machines at their location off Highway 190 east of Livingston. A Class II allows for bingo and non-house banked card games. The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) approved the Alabama-Coushatta’s Class II ordinance in October of 2015, allowing them to launch Naskila Gaming.

The Alabama-Coushatta is a sovereign government that provides health and human services that gaming has begun to fund. According to the tribe, self-sufficiency is an important objective considering declining federal funding for program support.

For more information on the Alabama-Coushatta’s fight to remain operational, visit www.supportnaskila.com.

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the March 10, 2016 edition of the Corrigan Times, which reported at the time that Corrigan was in the top 10 Texas cities for fatal traffic accidents.

Personnel receives training

During his report to council, Judge Yankee said that a municipal court employee, Heather Juarez, had recently completed a 40-hour class for court certification training. The continuing education for court officers, which includes Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards Education certification, is required of the court to be in compliance with state law.

Yankie noted that the training is expensive, but necessary, and more required continuing education opportunities are coming up for city employees.

In other business, councilmembers approved the city’s drought contingency plan, which is scheduled to be resubmitted to TCEQ every five years. In reviewing the document, councilman Bill Safford noted that the wording had to be changed to reflect the publication of public notices associated with the plan. Instead of publishing in the Corrigan Times, the notices need to be published in the Polk County Enterprise, Safford noted, as the Times merged with the Enterprise at the end of 2017.

Mayor Gibson told council of plans to publicly display the maps for the Texas Department of Transportation traffic relief route project during the days of March 7 – 9 in the Sechrest-Webster Community Center. Mayor Gibson also said that a committee has been formed, which includes local business owners and city department heads. This committee has been established to address questions residents may have about the upcoming project.

Mayor Gibson also mentioned an upcoming Walter Plant concert sponsored by the city. The singer/songwriter/pianist will perform at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at the Sechrest Webster Community Center.

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Obituaries

Timothy Wayne Hitt

LIVINGSTON -- Graveside services for Timothy Wayne Hitt, 61, of Cleveland were held at noon Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, in Holly Grove Cemetery in Segno, with Bro. Larry H. Maddox officiating.

Mr. Hitt was born Nov. 25, 1956 in Sugar Land, to Melvin Hitt and Lois (Richardson) Hitt, and died on Feb. 19, 2018 in Livingston. He is preceded in death by his parents and his beloved VJ.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Bobby and Ena Hitt of New Caney; sister and brother-in-law, Gayle and Bill Spence of Katy; sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Larry Maddox of Katy; nephews, Steve Hitt of New Caney and Bret Spence of Leander; nieces, Katy Logan and Stacey Colton, both of Katy; nephews, Chris Solomon of Katy,



TIMOTHY WAYNE HITT
... graveside services held

Nicholas Solomon of Richmond and Matthew Carter of Covington, La.; best friends, Eric and Penny Morrow of Richmond; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Cochran Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. To sign the online guestbook, go to cochranfh.com.

Larry Williams

LIVINGSTON – A memorial service for Larry Williams, 65, of Romayor was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston. Visitation was held from 11 a.m. until service time on Saturday.

Mr. Williams was born Nov. 28, 1952 in Corpus Christi, to Robert Worth Williams and Charlene (Rentz) Williams, and died on Feb. 19, 2018 in Kingwood. He is preceded in death by his parents and son, Paul Lowery.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Clark of Romayor; daughter and son-in-law, Kandi and Kenny Canady of Jacksonville; son and daughter-in-law, Heath and Natalie Williams of Trophy Club; daughter and daughter-in-law, Amber Lopez and Cassandra Lopez of Livingston; daughter and son-in-law,



LARRY WILLIAMS
... memorial service Saturday

Kim and Alvin Bell of Romayor; son and daughter-in-law, John and Venesa Clark of Shepherd; 22 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Cochran Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. To sign the online guestbook, go to cochranfh.com.

Avis Wacile Boyd Queen

LIVINGSTON — Avis Wacile Boyd Queen, 91, of Livingston was born on Nov. 11, 1926 in Cleburne, to Lester Boyd and Lula (Thompson) Boyd, and died on Feb. 19, 2018 in Huntsville. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, John W. Queen; son, Will Boyd Queen; and sister-in-law, Mary A. Queen.

She is survived by her son,

John Howard Queen; brother and sister-in-law, James and Mackey Queen; niece, Dr. Anne Spence; nephew, John Campbell and wife Jeanne; niece, Michele Queen; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. To sign the online guestbook, go to cochranfh.com

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SHSU President’s List includes locals

HUNTSVILLE — A total of 28 Polk County students were listed on the President’s Honor Roll at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville for the Fall 2017 semester.

Those named to the list are undergraduates who have achieved a perfect grade point average of 4.0 in all work attempted while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours.

List by their hometowns, they include:

CORRIGAN: McKenzie Eaton and Jax Kendrick.

GOODRICH: Angel Machuca

LIVINGSTON: Lauren Barker, Megan Burch, Kara Churchman, Amanda Crawford, Juan Cuevas, Zachary Dickens, Travis Doucett, Cassity Edwards-

Rangel, Allison Faith, Derrick Findley, Shea Frers, Dominick Gennuso, Tiffany Grace, Joshua Guy, Megan Kimes, Garrison Kincade, Margie Luna, Emily Malone, Paige Massey, Devin Moore, Autumn Trollinger, Joshua Veyssi and Quirt Wilson

ONALASKA: Elizabeth McChesney and Heather Rushing

Local students named to SHSU Dean’s List

HUNTSVILLE -- A total of 49 Polk County students were listed on the Dean’s List of Academic Honors at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville for the Fall 2017 semester.

Those named to the list are undergraduates who have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5 out of a perfect 4.0 in all work attempted while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours.

List by their hometowns, they include:

CORRIGAN: McKenzie Eaton, Jax Kendrick and Brina Narragon

GOODRICH: Angela Knittel, Angel Machuca and Rubina Pina

LIVINGSTON: Lauren Barker, Kendall Benfer, Anthony Brazier, Megan Burch, Kara Churchman, Amanda Crawford, Juan Cuevas, Zachary Dickens, Elizabeth Diosdado, Travis Doucett, Kristen Eddins, Cassity Edwards-Rangel, Allison Faith, Derrick Findley, Shea Frers, Dominick Gennuso, Tiffany Grace, Joshua Guy, Kimberly Halbert, Zaira Hester, Joseph Johnson, Tia Jones, Hannah Kimbrell, Megan Kimes, Garrison Kincade, Margie Luna, Jasmine Lyons, Emily Malone, Paige Massey, Devin Moore, Samantha Overstreet, Kenna Robinson, Taylor Scott, Shelby Sliger, Autumn Trollinger, Joshua Veyssi, Shelby Wagner, Hannah Whiteker and Quirt Wilson

ONALASKA: Albert Fralley, Elizabeth McChesney, Marc McGarry and Heather Rushing

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CUB SCOUT PACK 97 – Meets the first, third, fourth and fifth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Livingston. Call Misty Brown at 936-433-1397 or Max Wynn at 832-585-7879.

PINEYWOODS BIRD AND BLOOM – Meets the third Saturday September through April at 10 a.m., St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, W. Jones and N. Willis. The May meeting is a picnic at a different location. Visitors welcome. Call 936-329-3660

ALANON GROUP IN GOODRICH – Meets Fridays at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Lake Estates community building. For information, call 936-967-4824.

LIVINGSTON LIONS CLUB – Meets at noon each Wednesday at Camp Cho Yeh. Call President Gary Davis at 936-327-0644.

POLK COUNTY MISSION/C300/CENTER OF HOPE – Provides food and other services to families that qualify. 600 S. Washington, 936-327-7634. Open Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and the third Saturday of the month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Send donations to Box 1973, Livingston, TX 77351. Call Randy Crow at 361-484-5068 or Gloria Barber at 936-365-2825.

LIVINGSTON AQUATICS INC – A non-profit group dedicated to provide adults the benefit of aquatic exercise at the Livingston’s Matthews Street Park outdoor pool, usually May-Nov. If interested, contact President Sue Staples, 936-329-2106.

ONALASKA LIONESS CLUB – Meets at 5:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Onalaska City Hall.

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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SWEET STRINGS DULCIMER SOCIETY – Meets the first and third Monday at 1 p.m. at First Methodist United Church. All levels welcome. Call Mary Ann Palmer at 936-646-2349.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA - meets the third Monday of each month at the Family Center of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Times are 4:30 during winter and 6:30 during the summer. Everyone is welcome. Call DeLores at 936-967-3789 for details.

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) — Meets at 9 a.m. Thursdays in the men’s classroom of Pine Forest Baptist Church on Hwy. 190 West. Call Sandy Nebel at 936-433-6659 or Sharon Alterman at 936-646-7881.

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.

REVIVAL CENTER CHURCH/DORIS REEVES MEMORIAL FOOD PANTRY – Open to Polk County residents who qualify for free food from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every third Thursday of the month. To get to the pantry, turn north on FM 3459 off U.S. 190 by the Valero store in Onalaska. The pantry is located between Jay’s Auto and the Revival Center Church.

AMPUTEE SUPPORT GROUP -- Meets on the third Saturday of each month in the dining room of CHI St. Luke’s Health Memorial in Livingston. Group leaders are Tommy and Barbara Salyards, 936-563-4751 (home) or 936-239-0520 (cell).

OVERCOMERS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP (FOR ANY ADDICTION) -- Meets at 10 a.m. every Saturday at Good News Biker Church Ministry, 4678 N. FM 356 in Onalaska. Contact Debbie at 936-433-5903.

LA LECHE LEAGUE - Support group for breastfeeding mothers meets the third Tuesday of the month from 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the 2nd floor conference room of the Livingston Municipal Library, 707 N. Tyler. The meetings are led by a trained volunteer and provide education and support for both pregnant and breastfeeding women. For information call Karen at 936-328-7156.

AA & AL-ANON – Meets Tuesday and Thursday at noon at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Hwy 190 W. Call 936-967-4824 or 936-333-6133.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS- John Floyd Gilbert Chapter meets the third Thursday of the month. Call Mary Jane Cofrancesco at 713-829-1020.

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Help wanted on ‘suspicious death’

LIVINGSTON — Investigators with the Polk County Sheriff’s Office is asking for help from the public regarding a “suspicious death” that occurred in the Scenic Loop area of the county.

The deceased was identified as Donald Brannon, 51, of Livingston Texas.

Anyone with any information about this death please is asked to contact



Capt. Rickie Childers at 936-327-6810 or Polk County Crime Stoppers at 936-327-STOP.

Correction

The photo of the special Valentine’s Day decorations at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall that appeared in the Thursday, Feb. 22, edition of the Polk County Enterprise was taken by Beverly Davidson not Beverly Davids as was listed.

The Enterprise regrets any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Leggett ISD extends two contracts

By Chris Edwards
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LEGGETT – The Leggett Independent School District Board of Trustees voted to extend two contracts at its Feb. 19 meeting.

Following a discussion held in closed session, the existing contracts for Superintendent/Principal Jana Lowe and Counselor Amanda Lawson were extended for one year apiece.

During discussion of the regular items of business for the meeting, Lowe spoke about protocol involving law enforcement officers on campus, particularly when an officer questions a student. Lowe wanted to discuss the guidelines due to a recent incident that is still under investigation. Due to the infrequency of such incidents,

Other Business
•The finance report showed that current tax collections are at \$810,175.05 for LISD, with \$310,883.25 uncollected. Currently, the collected amount represents 72.27% of the total amount for the district.
•The board approved a resolution to signify the week of Feb. 26 through March 2 as Texas Public School Week at LISD.

Lowe said it was important for district personnel to know what the proper protocol is. According to Lowe, a board member had questions as to whether proper procedures were followed during the incident. In her monthly report,

before moving on to the business items on the agenda, Lowe addressed concerns she had recently fielded from parents in the aftermath of the shooting in Parkland, Fla., last week. “It’s heartbreaking,” she said. “There is not a kid or person here I wouldn’t jump in front of to defend.” Lowe said there is a challenge to alert everyone on campus in the event of an emergency, and it has to do with the way the bells in the buildings are set up. She said an auditory alert is possible instead of sounding bells, but ultimately, she wants LISD to have at least two ways of notifying everyone in case of an emergency. “I refuse to live in fear of what can happen — and I’m not going to put our kids in a state of fear,” Lowe said.

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Statement of Condemnation

Regarding the Unfair Campaign Practices of Fogleman for Judge

The Fogleman for Judge ad, printed in the February 18, 2018, edition of the Polk County Enterprise, fails to uphold the standards set forth in the Texas Ethics Commission’s Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

The code, while voluntary, acts as a guideline to the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate in Polk County has a moral obligation to observe and uphold.

The referenced ad misrepresents, distorts, falsifies facts, and uses unfounded accusations aimed at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to Judge Sydney Brown Murphy’s integrity, and therefore falls well short of the conduct expected of Polk County Republican Party candidates.

We strongly encourage Fogleman for Judge, and all candidates, and political committees, to uphold the code so that after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may cast their ballots based on a true and accurate understanding of the issues.

We seek to swiftly and publicly reprimand all egregious violations of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

Texas Election Code Sec. 258.004 (4)
<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/cfcp.pdf>

Adopted on February 22, 2018, by the County Executive Committee of the Polk County Republican Party

Paid Political Adv by Polk County Republican Party, Fred Grube, County Chair, Livingston, Tx 77351



TEACHERS RECOGNIZED — Certified Teachers (CTE) were recognized during the February meeting of the Onalaska School Board. Junior/Senior High Principal Anthony Roberts said, “Participating in CTE programs increases wages, and the probability and consistency of employment, and leads to higher quality jobs.” The photograph is of the staff members who have worked hard to achieve the goals of the CTE program.

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fifth-grade students took their mock math and reading exams on Feb. 12-13. Teachers are using that data to determine intervention for students and to plan instruction. Third through the sixth grade after school tutorials will begin on March 5 to target reading, math and science needs for each student.

The third nine-week report cards will be sent home on March 21. March 19 is an early release day for students, allowing teachers to receive training from

the campus administration team on changes to the state accountability system. For the junior/senior high, Roberts reported that mock STAAR and EEOC testing began Feb. 21 and 22 for English language arts one and two, eighth grade reading and math and seventh-grade writing. Data from these assessments will be used to further refine classroom instruction, in-school remediation and to establish students in need of afterschool tutorials. Assigned tutorials will begin early in March and run through early April. Mock STAAR and EEOC testing will occur on March 27- 28 for the following subjects: seventh-grade math and reading and eighth grade social studies, science, U.S. history, biology and algebra one. As with earlier mock assignments, the data will be used to organize acceleration and remediation programs. Assigned tutorials will begin mid-April and run through early May.

The January math and algebra testing for grades seven and eight helped both teachers and students learn tips and strategies that help them tackle different concepts and skills. In addition, they discovered ways to incorporate the material into a variety of instructional styles that meet the needs of the students. The board approved consent agenda items including a tax report, budget amendments, employee acceptable use policy and student acceptable use policy information. The board then conducted a very brief public hearing and annual update of the district Internet safety policies. There were total of six properties on the tax foreclosure list including three in Impala Woods, one in Yaupon Cove, one in Sportsman’s Retreat and one in Lake Livingston Rod and Reel club. All met the minimum criteria and were approved to be sold on a motion the board.

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February 16, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Joe Scott Evans. I live in Groveton, Texas and consider myself a small town lawyer. I have actively practiced in the 258th District Court of Texas, which is comprised of Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties for over 40 years. The 258th District Court is a court of general jurisdiction - which means the Judge there hears civil, criminal, family, juvenile and in some instances probate cases. Travis E. Kitchens, Jr., who is currently running for the position of Judge of the court, was my law partner in the general practice of law for over 29 years, so I feel that I have personal, first hand knowledge of his abilities and character. He worked himself through college as well as law school. He is extremely energetic and industrious. He comes early to work and stays late. He is a good husband and father. He reads the law and applies it to his client’s position. He is very experienced, having both prosecuted and defended in criminal cases and represented both plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases. He has represented both husbands and wives, as well as parents and children in family law cases. He understands the need for strong law enforcement, as well as the legal safeguards for the innocent. He is a fair and honest man and I recommend him to you for such judgeship.

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Kyle Hathaway (33) and Britton Dickens (20) both bring down the defensive rebound.

Late attempts come up short

By Brian Besch
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In a season that could be remembered for those who couldn't play just as much as those who did, the Big Sandy Wildcats fell in the area round of the postseason 36-34 to Pirates of Crawford Friday in Bryan's Rudder High School.

The Wildcats spent the 2017-18 hoops season without a full roster, as injuries and off-the-court incidents caused players to miss time. Friday, down two more starters, Big Sandy could not get several attempts to drop through the net late to force overtime.

Down two with just 17 seconds left, Big Sandy's Case Sutherland couldn't get a turnaround jumper to fall from five feet out. Britton Dickens snatched the offensive rebound, but couldn't get the put back in. A foul sent Crawford to the line with 8.6 seconds to go. The missed attempt was rebounded by the 'Cats and brought down the court. Big Sandy coach Kevin Foster then called a time out with 2.4 seconds left. Samuel Richard inbounded from the baseline to Dickens, who had a runner from seven feet ricochet off the back iron as time expired.

"We ran a lot of our half-court trap late and I thought we had some success," Foster said. "We had planned on doing that earlier, but foul trouble prevented us from really doing that. We knew that coming into the game,



Coach Kevin Foster talks strategy with his group in the second half.

“Basketball is just a game and it helps make school fun, but we try to keep it in perspective. It’s not the most important thing. It should hurt because it means something to these kids.”

KEVIN FOSTER | Big Sandy coach

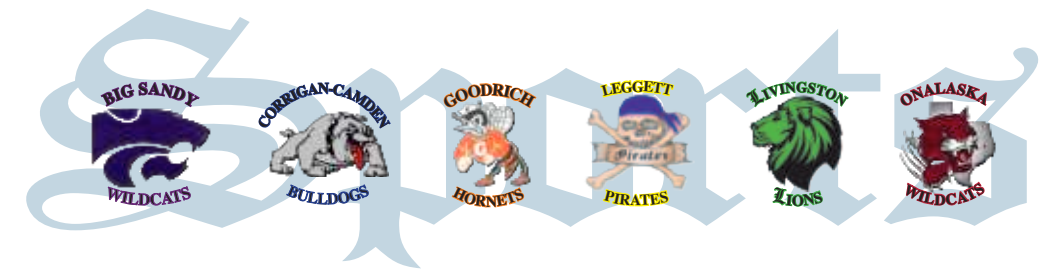
and that was one of our things — to stay out of foul trouble. We wanted to run our half-court trap here and there, just to keep our tempo up. We got off to a good start and we felt good about the game coming in, but we just did not play well tonight. Even though we didn't play well, we had chances multiple times there late. We didn't hit our free throws late and the ball didn't bounce our way tonight. I feel really bad for our kids."

Crawford played a ball-control offense, moving deliberately as seconds ticked to keep the Wildcat pace down as much as possible.

Big Sandy, without many of its quicker guards, packed the lane with a 2-3 zone that made the Pirates shoot from a distance. Without the press, the game remained at a much slower pace than what the Wildcats usually play.

"Everything that we prepared for game plan-wise, we just didn't do a good job of," the Big Sandy coach said. "I felt like our kids tried and they are devastated right now, because we really believed that we could win the game. Sometimes that happens, we just didn't have it tonight, for whatever reason."

After trailing at 9-6 though one quarter of play, Crawford



Case Sutherland (13) gets the layup to go for two.

hit two 3-pointers and two field goals to go up 16-9. The two teams would trade shots to a 21-14 halftime that kept the Pirates in front.

They would hold that lead until just two and a half minutes left to play, as Cole Foster hit a 3-pointer from a few feet behind the arc to give Big Sandy its first lead of the second half at 34-33.

Ian Leonberger led Crawford with just 13 points, Hogan Hall had eight, and Jack Williams finished with seven. For the Wildcats, Cole Foster also had 13, while Dickens and Hathaway each contributed seven.

Eight seniors have played their last game in a Big Sandy uniform and the team may find it difficult to replace the

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Pirate senior Mason Wheeler (5) gets a second-chance shot after the offensive rebound.



Leggett's Brandon McCarty (24) shakes off Angora defenders near the paint.



Davaun Perkins (10) of Leggett sprints back for a fast-break opportunity after the Angora turnover.

Leggett marches on

by Albert Trevino

The Leggett Pirates did not have their best performance, but still managed to control the pace for a 51-33 victory in Georgetown against the Rocksprings Angoras Friday. Despite a lack of focus throughout the game, Leggett used their size advantage to dominate the boards early, pulling away for a 26-10 lead at halftime. However, the Pirates will need to be more consistent in order to stay competitive in the next round of the playoffs against the Moulton Bearkat Tuesday. “We were able to overcome without some of our quickness, but we didn’t play like we should,” said Pirates head coach Dennis Stewart. “You’re always happy with a win, but we have to go back and fix some things.” Pirate senior Darius Cooper was the game’s top scorer with 21

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DENNIS STEWART | Pirate head coach

total points. Leggett’s trap defense was strong in the first half, holding the Angoras to just 10 points. Rocksprings showed improvement on offense after the half and also caught Leggett on a few turnovers. The Angoras were just outscored by one in the third. “We allowed them to get back into the game and create a couple of minutes of momentum. None of that should have happened,” Stewart said. Although the Angoras

continued to spark at certain moments late in the game, Leggett’s offense found its rhythm again to outscore Rocksprings 19-12 in the fourth. Stewart stated that his team will have limited practice time before facing Moulton on Tuesday, but still expects an exciting playoff matchup. “Moulton is a good basketball team, so we have to work hard if we want to get to the next level. It’s going to be a battle.”

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load of experience leaving. “I am proud of the seniors that we have,” Foster said. “They are good kids and they have had a lot of success. We were so good a couple of years ago that some of these kids didn’t get to play varsity until their senior year. Last year, we were in the quarterfinals and this year we were in area. I am going to tell them that a lot of players across the state would have loved that. That would be considered a very good high school career. “Several guys that we have in this locker room are going to go on to do good things with their life. That is the most important thing. Some are going to college and some are going to trade schools. Basketball is just a game and it helps make school fun, but we try to keep it in perspective. It’s not the most important thing. It should hurt because it means something to these kids. That



Samuel Richard shoot from 3-point range. The senior was an integral part of the Big Sandy team for four seasons.

is the thing that people need to understand — how much effort and time and sacrifice

these kids put into this. We tried tonight, we just didn’t play well.”



Britton Dickens (20) goes up over Garrett Dutschmann (21) of Crawford for the attempt.



File photo
DAR'S 25TH – Members of the committee charged with planning the local DAR chapter's 25th anniversary celebration included Emma Alice Tinney, Jean Dabney, Faye Kelly, Maurine Reinstra, Jackie Jackson and Ruth Ann Winters.



File photo
ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS – Contestants in the 1993 Miss Polk County Pageant perform their opening number, reflecting the theme of that year's event: All-American Girls. Julie Tanner, then a junior at LHS, won the crown.

New bridge prompted meetings about meetings

Construction of a bridge linking Polk and San Jacinto counties below Lake Livingston Dam was supposed to have begun in February 1992. A year later, the project had yet to begin.

In February 1993, officials with various agencies were, literally, meeting to plan meetings. For the most part, the delay was due to a couple of romantically-involved bald eagles. An eagle's nest had been discovered in the vicinity nearly two years before. Later it was discovered that there were a pair of nesting bald eagles with three nests in the area. Folks were still trying to figure out what to do about it since the eagles were considered an endangered species.

Twenty-five years ago this month there was an informal meeting involving the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the U.S. Fish



Looking Back 25 Years

BY BARBARA WHITE

and Wildlife Service and U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers. The meeting was primarily to lay the groundwork for a formal meeting to consult on the eagle issue, Polk County Judge John Thompson told the Polk County Enterprise at the time. TxDOT was in the process of preparing a presentation for the formal meeting, a date for which had not been set. Just preparing for the presentation was expected to take up to 270 days.

Once the eagle issue was resolved, wetlands preservation questions had to be addressed, but the wetlands hurdle was expected to be cleared rather easily.

Other aspects of the proposed bridge had progressed

with few problems. Necessary right-of-way had been donated by Wayne Baker on the Polk County side, and by the aptly-named Bridges Browder on the San Jac side. Funding for construction had been included in a \$52 million farm-to-market road improvement project back in 1989. The only thing the counties had to pay for was utility service relocation.

We know the bridge was eventually built, but it was going to take a while.

Also in February 1993:

- The Robert Rankin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated its 25th anniversary on Feb. 20, 1993 with a tea at the home of Jackie Jackson. Charter members recognized

included Rowena Hinson, Thelma Smith and Sechrest Webster; DAR member Bea Dabney represented her mother, who was an organizing regent of the local DAR.

Forty-five members and guests attended the event, which also marked George Washington's birthday.

• They sang, they danced, they played musical instruments and, in the end, there she was: Miss Polk County 1993. Julie Tanner, a 17-year-old Livingston High School junior, won the crown during the annual pageant, held Feb. 27, 1993 in the LHS auditorium. Amy Tucker, also of LHS, was named first runner-

up and Melany Shay Murphy of Corrigan-Camden High School was second runner-up. The rest of the awards, the Talent Award and Miss Congeniality title, went to Corrigan-Camden senior Ramona Baldwin.

Thirteen young women competed in the 1993 pageant, the theme of which was "All American Girls." Other contestants were Deidra Smith, Michelle Wharry, Cynthia Walker, Chesney Lewis, Tiffany Moore, Melanie Murphy, Malissa Zeigler, Mary Marsh, Julie Young and Shana Gage.

Dr. Mike Shukan served as emcee. Pageant commit-

tee members who made the whole show possible included Terri Miller, Karen McGowen, Martha Holsberry, Connie Slocomb, Kathy Lowe, Sara Davis, Mabel Helton, Sadie Rasberry, Carol Pixley, Joyce Clamon, Patty Ager and Sondra Gilbert.

It was a great night, with no hint of the tragedy that would occur six years later. Miss Polk County 1993 Julie Tanner, who later married and was a student at Sam Houston State, died after a truck hydroplaned and struck her car head-on near Huntsville in April 1999. Her infant son survived.

"Forget about saving money!"



Tax sale funds returned by PCFWSD board

By Lew Vail
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ONALASKA — A reimbursement check for \$1,500 was approved by the Polk County Fresh Water Supply District No. 2 (PCFWSD) in connection with a property previously sold for the non-payment of taxes.

During their meeting Thursday, the PCFWSD Business manager Loveearl Hodge told the board she recently received a phone call from an attorney seeking to verify the names of the board members so they could be listed for service on a lawsuit. The attorney went on to explain the service was to pick up a check, since a judge had already ruled on the case.

Each month, the board approves the sale of tax default properties to sold at public auction and one such property went into legal contention when an heir claimed he was not notified as it was placed in default. When the county sells tax forfeited properties, the money from those sales is divided between the entities that had a taxing interest in the property.

In this case, PCFWSD had received some \$1,500 after the sale and it needed to be returned to the relative who had won the lawsuit. Hodge said she had prepared the

check and it was in the batch the board would approve during the meeting.

Operations Manager Shannon Goins reported that the new 8 x 4-foot sign on the district's building will make it easier to identify from the roadway. Additional signage and lighting was installed for the outdoor drop box. The lighting is designed to provide a safety measure for those paying bills after hours.

Goins also reported on the recent inspection by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and said both issues from the inspection have been addressed. He noted the sewer district's engineers are sending a letter regarding the location of the equipment in the cleanout tank, stating that it was placed in its present location due to specifications enforced at the time it was constructed.

In January, 88 disconnect letters were mailed, 14 door knockers had been attached to properties and three were actually disconnected the nonpayment of sewer bills. When the sewer service is disconnected, the water companies, which are separate entities in different subdivisions, also are required to turn off water.

Funds collected from the January disconnect letters totaled \$5,550.

In February, total of 133 commercial accounts were billed for sewerage with the total invoice that \$9,570.65. The district has a total of 2,290 active users and 23 had a change of ownership in January.

The board approved the regular minutes of the Jan. 30 meeting, the unaudited financial reports, approved bills and making necessary adjustments to the ledger as part of its consent agenda.

The next meeting will be March 22 at 9:30 a.m. The board noted that the earlier time is now being used because the last board member with a full-time job has retired. The earlier time is now convenient for all the board members.



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SAAFE HOUSE DONATION -- The Corrigan-Moscow United Methodist Women collected supplies for the Livingston SAAFE House recently. The SAAFE House helps women and children who have been victims of abuse and the women's group has long been involved in helping them with that mission. Pictured are President Mary Smith (left) and Treasurer Catherine LeBlanc.

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Community Calendar

NOW-MARCH 31
Art contest
Pine Ridge Health and Rehab is accepting entries from local artists for its art contest. Winners will receive a \$100 gift card and will have their work showcased in the facility's dining room and commons area. Photos, paintings, quilts or any type of art that focuses on sites from Polk County may be entered in three categories: ages 12 and under, ages 13-18 and ages 19 and older. Entry deadline ius March 31 and entries may be submitted to Pine Ridge Health and Rehab, 1620 Hwy 59 Loop North in Livingston. Photos may be emailed to Madison Robbins at mrobbins@pineridgellp.com . Artists may email to receive the guidelines. A display of the entries will be placed throughout the senior living community.

NOW-APRIL
Resale shop closed temporarily
The Habitat for Humanity resale store located at 1404 N. Washington has been closed and will reopen in April at their new location, 600 S. Washington next to the Center of Hope.

FEB. 26
Alzheimer's disease information
A program titled "The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease" will be presented from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2590 U.S. Hwy 190 W. in Livingston. The free program is being presented by the Houston-Southwest Texas Alzheimer's Association.

Coburn Speaks at AAUW
Karen Coburn of Grace Pregnancy Outreach will present a program at the monthly meeting of American Association of University Women at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26 following light refreshments. The meeting will be at the First National Bank Westside Branch at the intersection of Hwy. 190 and FM 350 S. (enter at the side entrance). The membership is asked to bring items that will be useful for the Grace program.
Visitors are welcome and are invited to join with as-sociate's degree/equivalent or more. Issues important to women and scholarships are the main goals of this local chapter of an international or-

ganization. Call 936-967-5065 for more information.

FEB. 27
Toddler Time
Livingston Municipal Library will host Toddler Time for children four and younger at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27. There will be lots of songs, movement, stories, and learning. During February, guests can bring their favorite bear to toddler time. The library is located at 707 N. Tyler in Livingston.

Area Wide Singing
The Area Wide Singing will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Oak Shade Baptist Church, 1807 CR 2212 in Cleveland. All singers are invited to attend and those who do not wish to sing are invited to sit back and "enjoy some good old, down home country gospel music." Refreshments will be served. For information call Paul Jackson at 713-829-5404.

FEB. 28
Story Time
Livingston Municipal Library will host Story Time for pre-school children at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28. There will stories and crafts for the children. The library is located

at 707 N. Tyler in Livingston.

MARCH 1
PCRTA meets
The Polk County Retired Teachers' Association will meet Thursday, March 1, in the conference room at the West Branch of First National Bank of Livingston. Refreshments will be served from 9:30-10 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The program will be about wills and trusts.

MARCH 1-3
Thrift 'n Gift Sale
All pants sizes small to 3X will be on sale for \$1 at the Thrift 'n Gift Resale and Furniture Showroom Thursday through Saturday, March 1-3. All proceeds support the Escapees CARE adult day care and residency programs. The shop is open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is located at 155 Care Center Drive off Hwy. 146, six miles south of Livingston.

MARCH 3
Mt. Rose Cemetery annual meeting
The Mt. Rose Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting staring at 11 a.m.

Saturday, March 3. Please note their annual meeting has been moved from May to March. Association President Pam Nettles has invited everyone to come and enjoy the fellowship and refreshments, and bring stories, pictures, family trees, and anything they would like to share.

MARCH 4
Men on the Move
A Men on the Move program will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the Spring Hill Baptist Church, 9130 Hwy 150 W in Coldspring. The message will be brought by the Rev. Jimmy Lawrence of Hills Chapel Baptist Church of Huntsville. For information contact program specialist Sister Rosie Reed at 936-653-4531 or the church at 936-767-8421.

MARCH 4-7
Lectureship
The Onalaska Church of Christ will conduct a Lectureship Sunday through Wednesday, March 4-7, at their building on Hwy. 190 in Onalaska. On Sunday, Bible classes for all ages will begin at 9 a.m.; worship services will be at 10 a.m.; a pot luck lunch will be t 11:30 a.m.; and evening worship services will be at 6 p.m. Night assemblies on Monday through Wednesday will be at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, Phyliss Huff will teach a Ladies Bible Class. brunch will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the class will start at 10 a.m. Gospel preachers from the area will be the speakers and the public is invited to attend. For information call Minister Gary Bodine at 936-646-3517.

MARCH 15
Guide program
Michael Richardson of Lake Livingston Adventures, will present the program Thursday, March 15, at the Polk County Hookers fishing club. Richardson, a premier guide on Lake Livingston and Lake Conroe, targets white bass, hybrids, trophy catfish and alligator gar. His program will cover the waterfront, offering fishing tips and answer questions.
Hooker meetings take place 6:30-8 p.m. at the First National Bank of Livingston Conference Room, 2121 U.S. 190 W (side door). For more information, contact 936-327-3825, or email geoholl@livingston. Meetings are free and open to all.

MARCH 16
Book Sale
The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be on Friday, March 16, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Many hardbacks and paperbacks will be for sale. All proceeds goes toward the programs in our local library.

MARCH 16-18
Trade Days
Families, day-trippers and outdoor enthusiasts enjoy a few hours visiting the dozens of unique booths at Trade Days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 16-17 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 18. An outdoor expo will be held Saturday and Sunday featuring displays of outdoor equipment, plants and other lawn and garden equipment. No admission or parking fees. Shoppers browse through two covered pavilions and

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MARCH 17
Ranch Rodeo
The Corrigan-Camden Cowboy Church will host a ranch rodeo starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Bill Garsee Rodeo Arena off Hwy. 287 W in Corrigan. Admission is free and a concession stand will be available. Entry fee is \$400 for a four-man team and events will include branding, mugging and pasture roping. Those wishing to enter may call or text Mark Marsh at 936-328-6040 or Kevan Milner at 936-933-3116.

MARCH 24
Birds of Prey Program
The Birds of Prey program will return to the Lake Livingston State Park for two shows on Saturday, March 24. Presented by EarthQuest, the shows are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and will showcase several different birds of prey. EarthQuest is a nonprofit environmental education organization, dedicated to the education of the public as to their impact on the natural world. Regular park entrance fees of \$5 per adult will apply for admission into the park. Children 12 and under are always free. For more information on this and other programs at Lake Livingston State Park visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website.

MARCH 30
Mobile Mammograms
A mobile mammogram unit will be at the Escapees Care Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 30. For information or to schedule an appointment call 702-308-2396 or 714-335-5873. The Care Center is located south of Livingston off Hwy 146 at 155 Care Center Drive.

APRIL 7
Life Program
A Life Program in memory of Deacon Cassie Hutchison Scholarship will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Spring Hill Baptist Church, 9130 Hwy 150 W in Coldspring. Donations for the scholarship fund will be accepted and may be mailed to 2275 Hwy 150 in Coldspring, 77331. Checks should be made payable to the Spring Hill Baptist Church. For information contact program specialist Sister Rosie Reed at 936-653-4531 or the church at 936-767-8421.

APRIL 22
Appreciation Service
An Appreciation Service for Ministers will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Spring Hill Baptist Church, 9130 Hwy 150 W in Coldspring. The message will be brought by the Rev. Earnest Williams of the Raven Hill Oakhurst Church of God in Christ. For information contact program specialist Sister Rosie Reed at 936-653-4531 or the church at 936-767-8421.

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CALF SCAMBLE WINNER — Jonathan Blackmon (center) of Livingston was one of the calf scramble winners on Feb. 19 at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. FFA and 4-H youth competed for certificates to purchase a breeding animal to show at next year's San Antonio Stock Show. Blackmon is a member of Livingston FFA and plans on purchasing an Angus steer with his certificate. He hopes to attend Tarleton State University to study bovine genetics.



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DAR PROGRAM -- Patricia Snook, president of the Polk County Historical Commission, was the speaker during the February meeting of the Robert Rankin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

DAR chapter elects officers

LIVINGSTON — The election of officers and a program on the Polk County Historical Commission were on the agenda for the Feb. 17 meeting of the Robert Rankin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Regent Elaine Wells presided over the meeting. Patricia Snook, president of the Polk County Historical Commission, presented an interesting and informative program on the commission's goals and mission. She shared projects that they were involved in and had books and pamphlets that different PCHC members had published. New chapter officers elected were included Regent Phyllis Harrell, Vice Regent Elaine Wells, Secretary Glenda Shuttlesworth, Treasurer Terri Thomason, Chaplain Mary Jane Cofrancesco, Registrar Stacy Callahan, Parliamentarian Brenda Peebles and Historian Susan Moran. The next meeting will be at the Livingston Municipal Library at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, March 17. The program will be Miles and Smiles with Mary.



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Memories of teacher shared by her former student

I have decided that with the recent rains, I should think about adding boats to my shop inventory. This rain has been awful. I have water standing in my yard that wasn't there during our recent flood. I guess the ground is so saturated the water can't soak in.

Maybe we will have a dry summer. But I best be careful what I wish for!

The history project I am working on is taking longer than I thought because my life has been super busy lately. However, I still found some "back in the day" stories to share. Bill Acuff, who grew up right here in our community, has been sharing a few memories with us, so I thought I would pass them on to you.

First, we will start with

a photo I had never seen before of Mrs. Rusche who was the first-grade teacher at Goodrich ISD many years ago. It seems in her very last year to teach at GISD, her first-grade class included Velma Myers (Kincade) and Bill Acuff and years later, she returned for their high school graduation ceremony.

One of her former students said Mrs. Rusche made her wear a clothespin on her tongue for talking too much (I am surprised Maxine Duff did not do that to me). Bill goes on to say that at the end of recess, Mrs. Rusche would simply wave her handkerchief (also known as her hanky wave), which meant recess was over and it was time to return to class. He added that a certain Goodrich student received a "spanking" on the

first day of school for ignoring the "hanky wave."

It also seems that she also gave Bobby Lowe his first school spanking for talking in class and Bobby is usually so quiet. Is that why?

Bill also shared his memories of when the train derailed near the old cotton gin. In his words, "Box cars and tank cars were scattered everywhere. When the fire died down, they decided to bury many of the cars in a field. My dad (Mr. Acuff) was operating a dozer for Windham and was sent to help. On one car, the officials pointed to a safety valve and

told him to not damage that and whatever he did, not to puncture that tank."

Wow, is all I am going to say about that!

Bill also asked me if I remembered the big snow fall on Feb. 14, 1964, and this is when I had to remind him I had not even been born at that time. But it seems that Goodrich received close to eight inches of snow that day and one problem that resulted was because FM 1988 East was under construction and the bus could not run out to the Acuff home.

With students needing to get home and being the very caring man that he was, Thurman Patterson decided to take Bill and another student, Gloria Rupert, home that afternoon. Well, Mr. Patterson got as far as "that branch there at Oscar Walter's house" and then he got stuck in the mud in that little car of his.

So now again in Bill's words, "Gloria and I walked back up to my grandparent's house. My Granny wrapped our feet in wraps and tied plastic bags over them and we trudged through the mud and snow the rest of the way home."

Bill also suggested that I check with some of older school students to see if they remember Mr. Butler, who owned the drugstore in Goodrich. It seems that if Mr. Butler caught any of the boys playing "hooky," he would "drive them back to school with a cane fishing pole."

Is it a coincidence that I shared these stories with you this week? I wish I could say it was, but with the recent very tragic events in Florida and now the stupid comments and "threats" being made toward schools, I wanted a way to touch on that very subject.

One common thread in the little stories I have shared above is that there were wonderful, caring educators at our school many years ago and there still are today. But there were also community members that stepped up to make sure the students went to school and stayed in school. The old adage, "it takes a village" has never been more true or more needed.

Everyone is so quick to point out who is to blame when anything at any school happens, but what are we doing to help our schools? What happened to the time when the worst thing about getting in trouble at school was the trouble you knew you were going to be in once your parents found out.

Now it seems the teachers



Ivy Rusche

are always in the wrong. Do we have bad teachers? Of course we do, but we have many more that take their responsibilities to heart and truly care for their students. Do we have students that misbehave in school? Contrary to what we want to believe about our children, yes, they do misbehave.

I often ask in this very column what if suddenly there were no first responders, no law enforcement, no one to respond when you dial 911? This world would be in a heck of a mess.

But today I want to ask you what if there were no teachers to teach your children, what if suddenly they all decided since they aren't appreciated they will seek a job doing something else? What shape would our word and our children's futures be like then? I can never see that happening for the very reason that our educators care too much about their students and the future of those same students.

I am not trying to imply you are wrong in your feelings because I don't know your concerns or your issues, but what I still want to believe (as naive as it sounds) is that addressing your concerns with a fair attitude will still help more than anger and hatefulness. I could be wrong; it would not be the first for me or even the 1,001th time, but you will never know until you try it.

Parents, educators and community members need to work toward the same goal. It tends to work better that way. And for my disclaimer, you are certainly welcome to not agree with me because, who am I but a woman writing a little old column for my community? Unlike some, I don't pretend or try to fool anyone into thinking I know everything about anything, so I just share my personal feelings and so far, we are still allowed, despite the bullies of the world, to have those.

Now back to Mrs Rusche's former students. I would love to any memories you have of her. Email me at goodricharenews@yahoo.com.

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Goodrich School Events
Feb. 27 - PTO Meeting 6 p.m.

News around town

On my quest at attempting to preserve our community's history, we have plans to create a larger-than-life type of family tree, except this will be our "community tree" on one entire wall of the old hardware Building — or as my husband as named it, "The History House."

On the "tree," we are mapping out the roots of this community with the founding families. The plan is that each family will continue up through the years with more added as information is discovered. There will also be a book there that will continue the generations of these same families to present day.

While you may shake your heads at what an undertaking this effort is, rest assured I have very knowledgeable people guiding me. Information about our community is literally dying more every day. Younger generations have not yet developed their interest in this subject.

If we (and that means you also) want to save a record of the wonderful past of our community, now has to be the time and I need your help. We need your stories of your family's past and we need photos of your ancestors, old letters, old post cards, old school items such as report cards or each bit of information that will help to fill in the pieces of this community's past.

This is not about me, like me or not, this is about preserving our past, don't you want your family to have their rightful place in these records? If not, then don't you ever dare say that your family got left out!

Some have asked what happens to all these records when I am old and no longer can do this or if something suddenly happens to me? Well, that has been handled already. My dream is someone else much younger than me will get interested in this project and carry on recording information about this community. If not, it will all be turned over to our local museum and maybe Goodrich will finally have our rightful place there.

Everything including the actual paper off the wall showing our "community tree" will be preserved. So again, if you are from an old family of this community, why would you not want your family included?

Now y'all have a wonderful week and play nice!



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Thought of the Week: IF YOU FEED YOUR COW MILK, WILL IT GIVE HAY?



By Steve Woody,
Pastor of First United
Methodist Church, of Livingston

Curiosity killed the cat. This is one of the most well known euphemisms. Apparently its purpose is to

illustrate the need to mind one's own business. The lesson here seems to be that if the cat had not been so curious, and had attended to its own affairs, the cat would still be alive. But This Euphemism doesn't always work. A certain Mom once told her son, "Stop asking so many questions! Don't you know that curiosity killed the cat?" Her son thought about this for a moment and then said, "What did the cat want to know?" Curiosity is part of the human condition. A little boy once went to visit his uncle's farm in the country. After a couple of weeks one of the uncle's best milking cows developed a severe colic.

When the vet examined the cow his diagnosis was that the cow had been drinking too much of its own milk. After much questioning, the little boy finally came forward and admitted that he had been force-feeding the cow milk. Why? Because he just had to know....If you fed your cow milk, would it give hay? Remember when you were a child and you would look under a rock just see what was there? You would mix all the chemicals together in your chemistry set, just to see what would happen. Although irresponsible curiosity can be dangerous, healthy curiosity can be a good thing. It has

been the curious minds in our history that have brought us some of life's greatest inventions. Curiosity moves us to question and learn. We step outside of our comfort zones and take chances, because we have to know, "If you feed your cow milk will it give hay?" We laugh and say, "of course not". But they laughed at nautical sailors who believed they could sail around the world. They laughed at Benjamin Franklin when he flew his kite in a thunderstorm. And somebody probably laughed when John said, "See that carpenter over there! He's the lamb of God!" Jesus came to satisfy our curiosity. Jesus

came so that we could know God. He lived a life asking people, "What do you want?" He lived a life showing people that no matter what they might think they want, what they really wanted, what they needed; was God! And at every opportunity he extended to the curious the invitation to "Come and see!" Come and see what God has to offer you. There are so many things in this life that just don't matter. It really doesn't matter if we ever find out what killed the cat or what happens if you feed your cow milk. What does matter is that you know what you want out of life. Most people only think they know

what they want out of life. Let me go on record today saying this, "What you truly want you will find in Jesus!" Now maybe you've never actually experienced the presence of God for yourself. Maybe you're a bit skeptical. But even in the midst of your doubt, aren't you just a little curious? Aren't you just a bit curious about a man whose life and death changed the world? Curiosity is God given. God wants us to wonder and question, and seek answers. So keep asking questions. But don't be surprised when the answer to all your questions keeps coming back to an old, old story and a name; Jesus.

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Bethel Baptist
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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
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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 Donald Dyson. Sun. School 9:30am, Sun. Worship 10:30am; Sun. evening 6pm Wed. eve. 7pm

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

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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.

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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. Morning Worship 9 am; Bible Study 7:30 pm; Thurs.

- Cowboy Church -
Corrigan Camden
1548 West Second Street, P.O. Box 212, Corrigan, Texas Sunday Morning Worship Service 10 am

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 Serv. 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

Trinity Lutheran LCMS
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- Methodist -
Bible Methodist 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, Corrigan
398-2438; Rev. Dr. Brett Graham, Sunday service 11 a.m., 101 N. Market; 936-398-2438.

First United Methodist, Onalaska
Rev. Rick Tate, 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 Corrigan 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

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

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

Corrigan Jesus Name Apostolic
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Sunday Evening Vespers Service, 5pm; Care Center, 155 Care Center Drive, Livingston. 936-327-4256.

Faith Christian Center of Livingston
2747 Glory across from corner Texaco; 967-0717; Sun. School, 9:30am; Morn. Worship 10:30am; Evening Worship 7pm; Wednesday Evening Worship 7pm

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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 Tuesday, Bible Study 6:30pm, 936-931-8212

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.

Livingston Gospel Assembly
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 10am, Church Service 11am

Moscow Full Gospel Church
Hwy. 59 Moscow across from post office; Sunday School 10 a.m., Morning Worship 11am, Sunday evening 6pm "Where God's Gifts Arise."

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/NBOLivingston/

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 Service starts at 11:00. Fellowship meal after service. At the Holiday Lake Estates Club House, 114 Holiday Ln, Goodrich. 936-239-3247

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Wildwood Gospel Church
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Pastor T.F. Buxton; 936-365-3838; Sun. 10am & 6:30pm; Thursday 7:30pm

Charity Tabernacle (United Pentecostal Church)
Pastor/Rev. Richard Gray; 1694 FM 2457 (Old Hwy 190) Blanchard; Sun. 10am; Sunday Worship, 10:45 am; Wednesday evening 6:30pm; Bible Study 7:00pm; Conquerors & Kids Korner 7:00pm (936) 967-0176.

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Pentecostal Light House
Pastor Mark Herridge 936-327-8035, 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; 327-6196

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Pesticide laws topic of webinar

COLLEGE STATION — Pesticide laws and regulations will be the topic of the March 1 natural resources webinar conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service ecosystem science and management unit.

The webinar is part of the Texas Range Webinar Series scheduled the first Thursday of each month from noon to 1 p.m., said Pete Flores, AgriLife Extension webinar coordinator in Corpus Christi.

Morgan White, program specialist for pesticide certification and compliance with the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin, will be the presenter. She will provide an overview of Texas laws and regulations pertaining to licensed pesticide applicators.

Continuing education unit requirements, record-keeping issues, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's revised Worker Protection Standard rules and the revised certification and training rules will be addressed. Also, White will give some quick tips for staying in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations.

One TDA laws and regulations CEU will be offered during this webinar, Flores said. Participants seeking CEUs must pay a \$10 fee on the website. For all others, there is no fee.

This webinar and others in the series can be accessed at <http://naturalresource-webinars.tamu.edu>. For more information on the webinars, contact Flores at pflores@ag.tamu.edu.

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Criminal Docket
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Kyle Morgan Stott, gambling promotion.
Tiffany Marie Murphy, gambling promotion.
Samantha Cook, gambling promotion.
Mark Wade Lucario, gambling promotion.
Michael Lane Flores, theft.
Carey Curtis Glass, possess gambling device/equipment.
Samantha Cook, possess gambling device/equipment.
Mark Wade Lucario, possess gambling device/equipment.
Mark Wade Lucario, theft of firearm.
Samantha Cook, theft of firearm.
Dustin Blasdel, manufacture/deliver controlled substance.
Patricia Quintanilla, manufacture/deliver controlled substance.
Patricia Quintanilla, tamper/fabricate physical evidence.
Jerry Jacob Williams, driving while license invalid.
Crystal Dawn Erwin, parent contributing to non-attendance.
Katarina Renee Davis, parent contributing to non-attendance.
Jennifer M. Case, parent

contributing to non-attendance.
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Jessica Stokes, parent contributing to non-attendance.
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Brittany C. Talavera, failure to appear.
James Glenn Stedman, failure to appear.
Robby Roy Akins Jr., failure to appear.
Eduardo B. Morales, no driver's license (when unlicensed).
Juan Garduna Pereyda, no driver's license (when unlicensed).
Cruz Garcia, driving while license invalid.
Amanda Jill Smith, driving while license invalid.
Leamon Laquay O'Guin, open container in motor vehicle.
Claudia I. Worbis, public intoxication.
Courtney M. Ochoa, parent contributing to non-attendance.
Eduardo Rosales, violation of Clean Air Act.
Bonds set
Kelly Lea Ellis, theft of property, \$1,500.
Kelly Lea Ellis, possession of controlled substance, \$15,000.
Leo Haskel Shivers, capias pro fine – failure to appear, bond not determined.
Byron Wade Caldwell, ca-

pias pro fine – driving while license invalid, bond not determined.
JAIL REPORT Feb. 21
Jason Lee Board, 34, of Leggett -- burglary of a building.
Tenton Forrest Dawson, 32, of Onalaska -- criminal trespass.
Christof Layne Harris, 33, of Livingston -- violation of conditional bond.
Michael Lane Flores, 52, of Livingston -- theft of property, greater than or equal to \$750 but less than \$2,500.
Lorenza Leshay Johnson, 27, of Livingston -- possession of a controlled substance (penalty group 1), less than one gram.
Amy Marie Nicolosi, 38, of Livingston -- criminal trespass.
Feb. 22
Wade Bryan Kimbell, 51, of Livingston -- violation of Clean Air Act.
Tina Marie Simoneaux, 35, of Conroe -- no seat belt.
Aaron Thompson, 17, of Livingston -- terroristic threat impede public service/public fear of serious bodily injury/influence GV.
Isaiah Adam Thompson, 18, of Livingston -- terroristic threat impede public service/public fear of serious bodily injury/influence GV.
Roy Dale Dowden, 23, of Livingston -- possession of a controlled substance (penalty

group 1), less than one gram; fail to display driver's license.
Elia June Lara, 34, of Livingston -- theft of property more than \$100 but less than \$750; theft of property, less than \$100 with previous conviction.
Lashunda Michelle Smith, 28, of Livingston -- three capias pro-fine warrants.
Gerald Wayne Styers, 34, of Livingston -- possession of a controlled substance (penalty group 1), less than one gram.
Kristy Leigh White, 37, of Goodrich -- criminal trespass.
Feb. 23
Nestor Bautista-Pineda, 24, of Houston -- fail to stop at stop sign; no driver's license.
Kenneth James Coots, 37, of Trinity -- public intoxication.
Veronica Annette Davis, 41, of Daisetta -- burglary of a habitation.
Lonnie Duane Garrett, 56, of Point Blank -- public intoxication.
Louis Jacob Hearren, 29, of Livingston -- probation violation.
Wiley Floyd Sexton, 48, of Lufkin -- theft of property warrant.
Britney Nicole Thorndyke, 27, of Goodrich -- assault class C.
Jose Martin Zamora, 29, of Diboll -- assault of family/household member impede breath/circulation.

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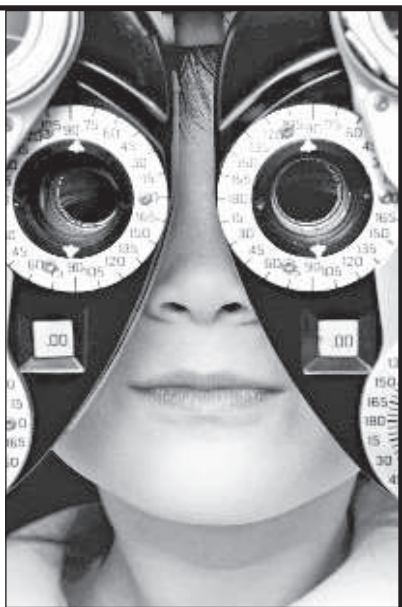
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Parking Lot with Road and 6 Light Poles will be received, by the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, at the office of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Cultural Center, 571 State Park Road 56, Livingston, TX 77351, until 10:00 am local time on March 19, 2018, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. There will be a Pre-bid meeting on March 13, 2018 @ 10am in the Cultural Center Conference Room.

The Project consists of constructing the following:
Includes but not limited to: New approx. 21,330 s/f parking area and road with 6 light poles. All labor, materials, tools, equipment and temporary toilet should be furnished by Contractor. Owner will remove trees, then Contractor will be responsible for stump removal, dig and grade approx. 6-8" of existing topsoil. All stumps, grass, dirt and debris to be hauled off by Contractor, then select fill dirt brought in for parking area. One-man hole will have to be lowered to match concrete finish grade. New fill should be placed in two lifts and each lift will be rolled for compaction. Contractor will install electrical lines for all light poles and install 6 light pole bases (bases will be 24" in diameter) and have approx..2.5' above ground with approx. 10' down in the ground. Rebar in these will be 8-5/8" vertical with 3/8" round stirrups at 12" o/c. Parking area will be approx. 21,330 s/f and 5" thick with a 1/2" rebar matt at 12" o/c each way. Supported by plastic chairs... this square footage also includes a road from the edge of the parking lot to existing roadway. This will be 22' wide and approx. 90' long. Where it ties to the road there will be a 10' radius on both sides. All concrete must be poured and finished. Light broom finish and must be 3500 PSI and batch design submitted for approval. All rebar must be domestic and grade 60. Paint parking stripes for approx..48-50 parking spaces. Install a new 125-amp service on a separate pole that will be located next to the existing power pole. Install 6-25" painted light poles and 8-400watt LED light fixtures and a time clock to control the parking lot lighting. All debris and materials will be removed from site and site cleaned up. Contractor must be bonded and insured, and copies turned in with bid.

The Issuing Office for Bidding Documents is: Mr. Sidney Poncho, Procurement Officer, 571 State Park Road 56, Livingston, TX 77351, (936)563-1142; email: procurement@actribe.org.

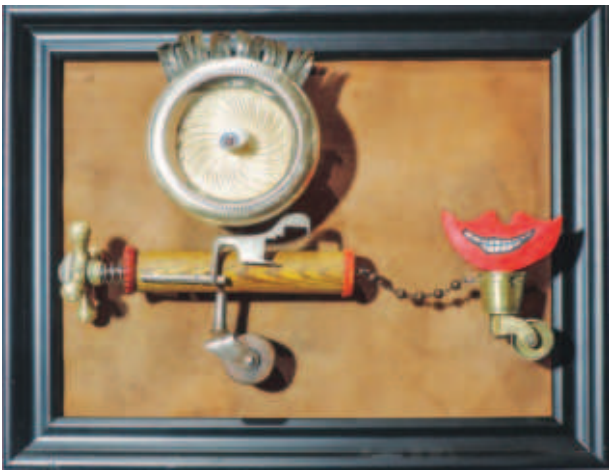
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The City of Goodrich will be accepting sealed bids through March 6, 2018, 12:00 Noon for Road and Culvert repairs to the south end of Pennington Road, east of Highway 59, just past the bridge on the right-hand side of the road. Bids will be opened in Executive Session of the regular City Council Meeting on March 8, 2018. That meeting will be starting at 6:00 P.M. Contractor MUST have SAM Certification for Government Work. For additional information, please contact Carol Stephens Monday- Friday 2:30-5:00 P.M. at (713)254-0758.

Water, sewer pipe bids wanted

THE CITY OF GOODRICH will be accepting sealed bids through March 12, 2018 for the following: Replace all water & sewer pipes, Update lift stations, pumps aerators, & electrical where needed. Bidders MUST have certification to perform Government contract work. Bids will be opened on March 8, 2018 during the Executive Session of the regularly scheduled Council Meeting beginning at 6:00 PM. For additional information contact Carol Stephens {713}254-0758 between 2:30 PM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.



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ART EXHIBIT -- Found object sculptor Wally Knight of Nacogdoches will exhibit his work March 6-28 in the Angelina Center for Arts Gallery on the Angelina College campus in Lufkin. The exhibit will include pieces that have been shown at the Fort Works Art Gallery in Fort Worth as well as new works.

AC hosts Knight art exhibit

LUFKIN — Nacogdoches found object sculptor Wally Knight will exhibit his work March 6 – 28 in the Angelina Center for the Arts Gallery on the Angelina College campus. An opening reception for the artist is set for March 6 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Knight is a long-time Nacogdoches resident whose work has inspired his fellow artists and community for many years. He has exhibited his work throughout Texas and the Southwest, and has created an installation in Mil-town Malbay, Ireland.

Knight's career as an artist began in the 1970s when he met William Baker, a California artist and carpenter making his way to the East Coast. Baker's advice to Knight was that "Everything is already there. You

just have to bring the right things together, and they will speak." Making art from the most humble and unexpected things, Knight has been on this journey through discovery and serendipity since that time.

"When I'm making art with found objects, there is no predetermined destination. I'm not a designer. I'm just along for the ride. I'm often surprised and sometimes amazed at the directions they take and relationships they form," he said.

This exhibition will include pieces that have recently been shown in Fort Worth's Fort Works Art Gallery in an invitational exhibition "Los Fantas-mas Ambulantes," as well as several new works.

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On the evening of July 19, 2005, the body of Laguna, 26, was found at the Cristo Rey Cemetery near Cotulla in LaSalle County. She was eight months pregnant and last seen at a private residence in the early morning hours on July 19. The cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head.

Despite an intensive investigation by the Texas Rangers and the La Salle County Sheriff’s office, the case remains unsolved.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, tipsters **MUST** provide information to authorities by calling the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). All tips are anonymous.

Individuals also can submit information through the Texas Ranger Cold Case website or by contacting us at 1-800-346-3243 (DPS Missing Persons Hotline).

The DPS Texas Rangers’ Unsolved Homicides website provides information on more than 75 cases in an effort to help garner public interest in unsolved or “cold cases.” Texas Crime Stoppers offers rewards funded by the Governor’s Criminal Justice Division of



Valerie Laguna

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For more information, visit the Texas Ranger cold case website at: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/TexasRangers/UnsolvedHomicides/index.htm>.

As part of a DPS public awareness program, one case from the Texas Ranger Unsolved Crimes Investigation (Cold Case) Program is featured each month in an effort to generate new investigative leads and bring attention to these cold cases. The Texas Crime Stoppers reward is increased up to \$6,000 for the featured case in hopes that the higher reward money will generate additional tips. The higher reward amount will only be paid if the tip is submitted before the next case is featured.

The Texas Ranger Unsolved Crimes Investigation Program was created to assist Texas law enforcement agencies in investigating unsolved murders or violent serial crimes. Since there is no statute of limitations for the offense of murder, investigators pursue these cases to a successful resolution or until no viable leads remain.

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It’s time to pray for our nation and schools

In the wake of this past week, I’d like to write about something for you to think about. In my lifetime I’ve had heroes, people who impressed with something they’ve said to me, but in this case, it was Wanda Warren. She left me her collection of her handwritten poems and other pieces that she considered, “Something you might want to use someday.”

This will be combinations of several or portions of others. Thank you, Wanda. This was perfect for the article this week!

Red Skelton, one of America’s best loved comedians and star of motion pictures, radio and television, was also a true patriot. He was man who loved his country, its flag and the freedom America stood for.

On Jan. 14, 1969, Red touched the hearts of millions of Americans with his “Pledge of Allegiance” in which he explained the meaning of each and every word. Red’s “Pledge” was twice read into the Congressional Record of the United States and received numerous awards.

In this time of national sorrow, when America is again united against an enemy whose intent is to destroy democracy, Red Skelton, if he were here, would want to share once again this tribute to our flag, “Old Glory.”

“I” - me, an individual, a committee of one.

“Pledge” - dedicate all my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

“Allegiance” - my love and my devotion.

“To the Flag” - our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody’s job.

“Of the United” - that means that we have all come together.

“States” - individual communities that have united into 52 great states, 52 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that’s love for country.

“Of America” (I added this ... land I love and home of the free!)

“And to the Republic” – a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people



by Beverly Miller

incapable of being divided.

“With Liberty” - which is freedom and the right of power to live one’s own life without threats or fear or some sort of retaliation.

“And Justice” – The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

“For all” – which means it’s as much your country as it is mine.”

Then Red Skelton adds at the bottom of his proclamations: “Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance. – ‘under God.’” Wouldn’t it be a pity if someone said, ‘That’s a prayer’ and that would be eliminated from schools too?” (This was from Houston Scottish Rite Bulletin, September 2001.)

Warren has a handwritten note on this paper containing this poem: “Given to me by a fellow teacher at Blanchard Church (from the Internet).”

This poem is about banning prayer in school was written by a kid in school.

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.
If Scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow.
Becomes a Federal matter now.
Our hair can be purple, orange or green.

That’s no offense, it’s a freedom scene.

The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate,

God’s name is prohibited by the state.

We’re allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,

And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.

They’ve outlawed guns, but first the Bible.

To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,

And the “unwed daddy” our Senior King.

It’s “inappropriate” to teach right from wrong,

We’re taught that such “judgments” do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,

Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.

But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,

No word of God must reach this crowd.

It’s scary here I must confess,

When chaos reigns the school’s a mess.

So, Lord, this silent plea I make;
Should I be shot; My soul please take!

Amen

I have one poem that came to me as I sit here at my computer. I was really thinking about both of these entries in this column. “God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our schools!”

I had struggled to come up with a subject for this week. Nothing was working out. The one I had planned, I couldn’t reach. I even called 11 times on the phone. Sunday morning, I attended church and came home. I said to myself, “I do not work on Sundays!” Then as I complete these words, I think “Honor was given to God our Father, to our wonderful free nation, the Unites States of America and to our schools. Churches, schools and our government have been protected by the hand of God for centuries. Let us as members and recipients of all three do our part to stand at attention, respect our constitution and honor the God of the universe to continue to receive the great blessings that has been bestowed upon the United States of America!”

The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them.

- Patrick Henry, American colonial revolutionary

During the course of my current campaign for Polk County Judge, my review of the annual Polk County Budget raised a question as to the source and justification of a specific line item in the last four annual budgets entitled COUNTY JUDGE SUPPLEMENT. The supplement in question now exceeds \$20,000 each year. In researching this line item, I learned that the source of this funding was from the Texas Comptroller’s Office under Section 26.006 of the Texas Government Code which provides that a state supplement may be paid to constitutional county judges in certain counties where the judge devoted at least 40% of the functions of his or her office to the “exercise of criminal or civil jurisdiction authorized by Chapter 26 of the Government Code.” The judge must furnish a sworn affidavit each year swearing that fact to the state comptroller. This language about the “exercise of criminal or civil jurisdiction” is important. In fact, it is found in an opinion issued by the Texas Attorney General dated May 23, 2016 (KP-0090) which is available on the Texas Attorney General website.

At the time of my research, I was unaware of the Office of the Polk County Judge performing any judicial functions as part of the daily activities of that office. Nevertheless, I submitted requests under the Public Information Act to the office of Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy, Polk County District Clerk Bobbye Richards and Polk County Clerk Schelana Walker seeking Judge Murphy’s office calendar and any records which would show the performance of any judicial functions by Judge Murphy. From the face of those records and from data published online by the Texas Office of Court Administration, it did not appear that Judge Murphy had presided over any civil or criminal court cases over the entirety of her term of office beginning in January of 2015. There were, however, approximately 91 probate and estate cases which appear to have been heard by her over the same three-year period of time. Judging from her 2017 office calendar which was furnished pursuant to my Public Information request, and which showed approximately 23 scheduled probate meetings with a local private attorney, it appeared that she devoted a time period of one hour or less to each of those meetings. Based upon these records, and even taking into account the 91 probate proceedings, there does not appear to be any conceivable way that Judge Murphy devoted even 10% of her office activities to judicial functions in her office, let alone 40%. The records speak for themselves.

Upon gathering this information, I became concerned about our county judge’s entitlement to receive this substantial annual salary supplement. I felt the public had a right to know. In addition, I have recently shared the information and records I obtained with the Polk County Auditor, the Polk County District Attorney, the Office of the Texas Attorney General and the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct for those agencies to do with as they deem fit. I trust their judgment.

I recently learned that the Executive Committee of the Polk County Republican Party has criticized me for bringing this matter to light for the voting public to consider. **In that regard, I was not notified beforehand of the committee’s consideration of this matter nor was I given an opportunity to share with them the factual evidence.** I believe transparency on the part of all public elected officials is important, especially as it relates to the use of our tax dollars. The fact that our county’s GOP executive committee would condemn any type of governmental transparency is unfortunate. Regardless, I trust the voting public’s ability to make its own fair and objective decision regarding this issue, our county budget and the operation of its county judge’s office without regard to the partisan political interests of any person or group, including my own.

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In the department of CTE Criminal Justice, students learn the legal foundations and processes, the principles, techniques, and practices for exploring careers within the criminal justice system. Students combine classroom instruction and supervised, practical experience throughout the school year. A segment of the Criminal Justice course allowed Criminal Justice students with instructor Robert Green to take a field trip to Polk County's Judicial Center. While visiting the center local dignitaries met the students and shared their job descriptions and qualifications required to be employed in similar jobs. Criminal Justice students are given the opportunity to compete in the following areas: felony traffic stop, Building Search and Crime Scene Investigation. Last year the Quiz Bowl team advanced to regional and finished with 3rd place at state. The Quiz Bowl team is made up of five students who compete in a knowledge based competition based on landmark Supreme Court cases and history of law enforcement. The participation of criminal justice students at Skills USA has almost doubled since last year.

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JUDICIAL CENTER FIELD TRIP -- Robert Green's Livingston High School Criminal Justice students took a tour of the Polk County Judicial Center in the fall semester and were met by local dignitaries.

See more about Livingston High School CTE programs at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHDrpLWIr2k>

Lion Country CALENDAR

- Monday, February 26, 2018**
LIS- 5th Grade Mock Reading Test
LJH- Girls Track (H)
LJH- Boys Track @ Diboll
3:15 pm - 5:30 pm - LJH- Cheer Practice
- Tuesday, February 27, 2018**
LIS- 4th Grade Mock Writing Test
LJH- 7th Grade Mock Writing Test
LJH- 8th Grade Mock Reading Test
LHS- Freshman Tennis @ New Caney
4:00 pm- 6:00 pm- LJH- Cheer Practice
4:30 pm- LHS- JV/Soph Baseball @ Splendora
5:00 pm- LHS- JV/V Girls Soccer @ Lumberton
5:00pm- LHS Lady Lions Softball vs PA Memorial
6:00 pm- Varsity Baseball vs Splendora
- Wednesday, February 28, 2018**
College Day
LIS- 5th Grade Mock Math Test
LJH- 8th Grade Mock Math Test
4:00 pm- 6:00 pm- LJH Cheer Practice
- Thursday, March 1, 2018**
LHS- JV Tennis @ New Caney
LHS- Lady Lions Softball Colmesneil Tournament
LHS- Varsity Baseball New Caney Tournament
LJH- Mock Cheer Tryouts
5:00 pm- Health & Wellness Social Dance Class @ LIS
- Friday, March 2, 2018**
Dr. Seuss' Birthday
LHS- Varsity Tennis @ Splendora
LHS- Varsity Baseball New Caney Tournament
LJH- Cheer Tryouts
5:00 pm- LHS- JV/V Girls Soccer @ Vidor
5:00 pm- LHS- Lady Lions Softball vs Caney Creek
- Saturday, March 3, 2018**
LISD Professional Development Day
LHS- Lady Lions Softball Colmesneil Tournament
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UIL CONTEST YIELDS SUCCESS -- Livingston High School Choral Ensemble competed in UIL Vocal Solo and Ensemble contest at Westbrook High School ending the day with sixty-five winners.



JUNIOR HIGH COMPETITORS -- Livingston Junior High School students won forty-four 1st Division medals out of a possible forty-four at the UIL Solo & Ensemble contest at Vidor Junior High.

Successful UIL Vocal Solo and Ensemble Contest

LHS UIL Vocal Solo and Ensemble was held February 3 at Westbrook High School. Students who competed were Isnella Aguilar, Jocelyn Barnes, Joshua Barnes, Erin Bell, Allie Botello, Anna Broussard, Destiny Gentry, Mackenzie Glasgow, Brianna Green, Savannah Hawk, Teddy Kendrick, Cedric Knighton, Katherine Lester, Brayden Loftin, Avery McCoy, Buzz Myers, Halle Ohm, Melco Rodriguez, Cassadi Steagall, Madison Stork, Payton Stover and Alyza Vega Morin.

There were twenty-four, First Division Medium Ensemble winners; ten 1st Division Madrigal winners; ten 2nd Division Madrigal winners; three 1st place Trios, three 2nd place Trios; nine students won a 1st division in Solos and six students won 2nd in Solos, those students are eligible for Texas State Solo & Ensemble contest held at the University of Texas in Austin in May. Under the direction of Tom Myers and Marless Owen.

UIL Vocal Solo & Ensemble Contest for Middle School and Junior

High Students was held January 26 at Vidor Junior High. Students who competed were; 8th grade students Hailey Carter, Natalie Coffelt, Shelby Flannery, Gabriella Hughes, Kaitlyn Livingston, Amber Nettles, Marisa Olivares, Celestia Sifuentes and Alyssa Troutman. 7th grade students Whitley Ellis, Ashley Froese, Aisley Garrett, Maci Hill, Makenzie Lamberth, Malory Lester, Bailey Nelms, Jasmine Quackenbush, Viktor Severance, Destiny Shavers, Alexis Shepard, Samantha Vaughn and Sierra Rains. Sixth grade students Emily Brittain, Katelyn Drewett, De'asha McDuffie, Isabelle Savala.

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24 TXism: "he couldn't ____egg" (weakling)

30 historic Highlands Mansion in Marlin has stained-____

34 TX Willie wrote "Hello Walls" for this Faron (init.)

35 memory maker

36 this Cheney was TX George W's VP

37 TXism: "we're seein' ____ eye" (in agreement)

39 former Cowboys' arena (2 wds.)

43 this Phil was Astros' 1st pick in 1992 rather than Derek Jeter

44 Amarillo High mascots

45 former First Lady of TX, Connally (init.)

46 HOV

47 TX Jaworski was special prosecutor during Watergate

49 punting, e.g.

52 headquarters (abbr.)

53 dir. from Abilene to Iowa Park

54 "____ of fun"

55 square dance strides

58 iron alloy

59 2,000 pounds

60 "Attila the ____"

61 TX TV Tarzan, Ron

DOWN

1 1925 film directed by TX King Vidor: "The Big ____"

2 "speechifier"

3 Dallas Stars position or liberal politics (2 wds.)

4 TX birth town of Renée Zellweger

9 first female governor's nickname

10 TXism: "as welcome ____"

11 surprise attack

12 Laredo Spanish TV

13 old TX group: "Jim Boyd and ____ of the West"

14 this Zaprunder caught JFK assassination on film (init.)

15 TX songwriter & performer, Davis

17 TXism: "____ _ outhouse seat in January"

19 tubing

20 "from ____" (from the very beginning)

24 "Before Christ" abbr.

25 "____ More Beef"

26 IA or TX town

27 TXism: "got a heart as big as ____"

28 TX hunting site near Bander: "Flying ____"

29 TX-based Alon USA Energy is ALJ on this exchange

31 TX Willie's "Farm ____" concerts

32 TX Rip Torn ____-fi film: "Men in Black"

33 peeper closers

38 TX Dale who wed Roy Rogers

40 TXism: "old as ____"

41 Dallasite Cassidy who was "Lurch"

42 great SMU option QB, Lance

48 "____ is more"

50 TX Sissy Spacek film: "____ Miner's Daughter" (1980)

51 TX-based "Mary ____ Cosmetics"

56 TXism: "chompin' ____ bit"

57 South Korea capital

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Applications will be accepted Monday-Friday at Livingston City Hall 200 W. Church, Livingston, TX through Monday, March 5, 2018 at 5:PM.

Grounds Worker I must have the ability to use basic hand and power tools common to grounds keeping; must be able to tolerate outside working conditions and maintain physical activity over prolonged periods of time. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and have an appropriate Texas drivers license. Grounds Worker II must have the abilities and qualifications of a Grounds Worker I plus experience. Copies of the complete job descriptions and benefits summary for these positions are available at Livingston City Hall. The City of Livingston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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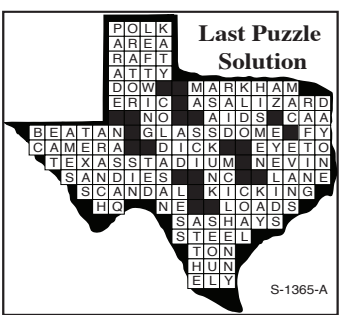
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Misc. Household Items

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Horoscope

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may need to muscle your way through some projects, especially if your energy levels wane. Put your nose to the grindstone and work your way through things.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you are not one for letting obstacles get in your way. In fact, you find a way to go over or under any roadblocks. This makes you an asset to any team.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, if you have been forgetful about keeping tabs on your finances, you may be in for a surprise. Make an effort to more closely monitor your financial situation.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Don't be so quick to write off someone you thought was out of your life, Cancer. This person may play an integral role in your life this week.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
You might need to channel some newfound excitement, Leo. Perhaps there is a special project brewing or a party on the horizon. Keep up the good cheer.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, everyone makes mistakes, and those who move forward learn from their past errors. If you stumble, dust yourself off and get back into the game this week.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Don't consistently doubt yourself, Libra. Be confident that you can make decisions that will ensure your family's success and happiness for years to come.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Juggling too many items at once often ends with one of the balls dropping, Scorpio. Call on your support network to lend a helping hand when the juggling act gets too difficult.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Friends may flock to you and your jovial attitude this week, Sagittarius. Beat the winter blues by hosting a party, and it can be a win for all involved.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Loosen up the reins on someone you have been holding onto tightly. This may mean giving a child a little more freedom to explore or involving others in a work assignment.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, it's time to put some new ideas in motion. Channel your energy into projects that will showcase your talents and vision for the future.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, creative endeavors may need to be shelved for a little while as you focus on practical tasks. It won't be long before you can return to them.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS ~~~~~
FEBRUARY 25 - Sean Astin, Actor (47)
FEBRUARY 26 - Nate Ruess, Singer (36)
FEBRUARY 27 - Josh Groban, Singer (37)
FEBRUARY 28 - Ali Larter, Actress (42)
MARCH 1 - Keshia, Singer (31)
MARCH 2 - Rebel Wilson, Actress (38)
MARCH 3 - Ronan Keating, Singer (41)

Business education facility opened at UT Austin

AUSTIN — The McCombs School of Business is celebrating last week's opening of its new 497,500-square-foot graduate business facility, Robert B. Rowling Hall, at The University of Texas at Austin.

Rowling Hall will house the Texas McCombs MBA and M.S. in Technology Commercialization programs. It will also be home to the Jon Brumley Texas Venture Labs, the John C. Goff Labs, and the Center for Leadership and Ethics, and it will double the space available for Texas Executive Education programs.

"Rowling Hall will enrich the individual journeys and experiences of each student who learns here," said Gregory L. Fenves, president of the university. "This magnificent building is a testament to the vision of Robert and Terry Rowling, and their belief in the power of a UT education, which propelled the project from the beginning."

Rowling Hall is designed to convene and inspire bright minds and enterprising leaders from around the university and beyond. Every corner of the building, from the expansive entry hall to the Moontower Café, has been created to promote conversation, camaraderie and idea-sharing among students, faculty members, staff members, alumni, recruiters, executives and other business school visitors and guests.

"Advances in business are



BUSINESS EDUCATION -- Rowling Hall, a new 497,500-square-foot graduate business facility, opened Thursday at The University of Texas at Austin. The new facility comprises five stories above grade and six below grade that are designated for parking.

made when different communities come together and share ideas," said Jay Hartzell, dean of the McCombs School of Business, "and that's what drove this building's design. It is purposefully crafted as a space that would invite learning, debate, dialogue and the freedom to experiment — both in terms of teaching and in forming the ideas that will shape our future."

Rowling Hall will expand

classroom, conference and convention spaces, all of which have been engineered for ultimate flexibility to match the teaching and learning approaches of modern higher education. The facility also includes a state-of-the-art studio for video and sound production, which improves the school's video networking capabilities as well.

Within the new building, hands-on learning will

— quite literally — be on display. Transparency is an intentional design element throughout many of the common spaces. Daylight and spectacular city perspectives are visible from the offices, classrooms and collaboration areas, while interior learning rooms and laboratories incorporate transparent design elements to showcase student projects.

"Rowling Hall is going to be a place where vibrant learn-

ing and discovery are commonplace," said Eric Hirst, senior associate dean of the McCombs School, previously dean of the Texas MBA program. "It's going to be a place where Texas MBAs begin their journey to change the world."

The McCombs School raised over \$58 million in gifts and pledges to help fund the building's construction. Total project costs, which included funding commitments from the UT System Board of

Regents, UT Austin, the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center and the McCombs School of Business, were approximately \$186 million.

The new facility comprises five stories above grade and six below grade that are designated for parking. It was designed by Jacobs and Ennead Architects. DPR is the construction manager for the project. Construction began in late 2014.

Benefit slated for Texas Lions Camp March 24

LIVINGSTON -- A benefit featuring a crawfish boil, live music and toys will be held Saturday, March 24, at the J&C Supper Club, 11477 Hwy. 190 near Livingston.

Hosted by the San Jacinto High Rollers Charitable Foundation and the Lions Club, all proceed from the event will go to the Texas Lions Camp, a summer camp dedicated to serving Texas children with disabilities. All children attend the camp at no cost to them or their families.

The Lions Clubs of Texas, the San Jacinto High Rollers Charitable Foundation, as well as other generous organizations and individuals fund the camp and all of its operations.

The March 24 benefit will include a variety of activities and good family fun. There is no admission fee.

Activities will include:

- Crawfish Boil
- Children's sand pile loaded with new toys for the kids to take home
- Auction
- Live Music



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The Lions Club also will provide free eye screenings for all who would like to have their eyes tested. The SPOT Camera can detect a problem with the eyes in a matter of seconds and produce a report that can be taken to an ophthalmologist. It is particularly effective in detecting problems in young children since the SPOT Camera does all the work and all the child must do is look into it for a few seconds.

Local children who have attended the m will be there to share their camp experiences. Lions will be onsite to sign up campers for the 2018 summer sessions.

The public is invited to come out for an afternoon with the San Jacinto High Rollers and the Lions to help provide children with summer camp opportunities.

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Saloons on every corner and plenty in between

For nearly a century, soldiers at Fort Clark protected the border from hostile Indians and Mexican bandits.

Established at Las Moras Springs in 1852 in what is now Kinney County, the fort remained an active military post through World War II. The town of Brackettville grew up around it.

Through the 1870s, troopers stationed at Clark occasionally skirmished with Indians, but most of the time they would adhere to daily military routine, from reveille to taps. Later, during the Mexican Revolution, the garrison kept a watchful eye on the Rio Grande that flowed only 13 miles below the post. But most of the time, life on the border was more boring than action-packed.

Except on paydays.

In the fall of 1933, about the time national prohibition was down to its figurative "last call," retired Army Lt. Col. Jasper Ewing Brady, Sr. wrote the New York Herald Tribune to recollect the time he spent at Fort Clark in 1889 as an enlisted infantryman.

Just across Las Moras Creek, he wrote, lay Brackettville, "a nondescript frontier town ... and about the worst place on the map." With a population of only 500, it had "saloons on every corner and plenty in between, dance halls, brothels — let your imagination run riot and you may approximate what this town was in those hectic days."

Back then, Brady recalled, soldiers got paid every 90 days. Privates earned \$13 a month, corporals \$15 and sergeants \$18. The first day of Brady's Fort Clark tour happened to be payday.

In Brackettville that night, he continued, "it was wild — not a revel, but an orgy, such as would have made Nero look like a piker."

At two of the more infamous places, the Blue Goose and the Gray Mule, "there were several kinds of dances

Texas Tales



BY MIKE COX

indulged in that are not seen on stage or ballroom floor. There were cheap liquor, cards, all kinds of gambling, women and no legal restraints."

The next morning, 110 of the post's 1,100 soldiers — 10 percent of the entire garrison — lay sobering up in the post's guard house or under arrest elsewhere since the lockup was filled to capacity. Ninety days later, the arrest count grew slightly to 112.

On the third pay day after Brady's arrival at the post, the situation changed dramatically. An Army canteen had been built at the fort and soldiers were barred from going to Brackettville. At the post facility, only beer and wine "so light it would not stand alone" were sold to the troops and no one could have more than five drinks a day.

Brady did not say what economic impact the Army's move had on Brackettville, but it sure reduced pressure on the post's guard house. The morning after the next day of pay found only eight troopers in stir. The next payday the number rose slightly to 10, but on the third payday after the change, the guard house held only six soldiers.

"It was the finest example of controlled temperance I have ever seen, and everything was working against that control," Brady wrote.

Of course, the policy did not last and Brackettville continued to cater to off-duty soldiers with money in their pockets until the post's abandonment at the end of World War II.

One morning in the early 1960s, a cavalry veteran who had hung around after the military left was sitting at the counter in a hotel-cafe

across Highway 90 from the old fort drinking coffee and holding forth for several visitors.

"One story in particular I just can't forget," he began, "is about a green recruit and a sergeant with a sense of humor."

A young recruit freshly arrived at Fort Clark did not know how to ride a horse.

"They sent him down to the corral for his first training," the veteran said.

The rookie appealed to the sergeant for a break.

"Gimme a gentle horse, sarge, I've never ridden before and I'm kinda nervous."

The sergeant pointed at a horse penned by itself.

"Well, now, look yonder," he said. "He's kinda nervous, too. He ain't never been ridden. You're gonna ride him, soldier, and y'all can learn together."

The anecdote sounds suspiciously apocryphal, but it's not a bad story, either way.

The two-story hotel across from the fort survived for more than a decade after the military abandoned Fort Clark. The cafe lasted into the 1970s.

A fire finally did what the loss of the military payroll had not quite done. Today, there's no trace of the old hotel, but most of old Fort Clark has been preserved as a retirement community called Fort Clark Springs. And while the cavalry no longer rides the Rio Grande, the U.S. Border Patrol stays active in the area. Brackettville still benefits from federal dollars, though certainly not on the scale it once enjoyed.

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