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Glenda Seely leads a client through the aisles to select groceries. Clients can pick from a variety, just as they would in a grocery store.



Sally Morrison sorts donations in the stockroom Tuesday morning before the center opens.



Center of Hope employees (l-r) Ken Schmidt, Kevin Seely and Billy Binns help customers by loading their vehicle.

## Supplying hope for all...

*A look into the Livingston center providing groceries, clothing, medical support, disaster response, transportation and Christmas gifts*

By Brian Besch  
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It's Tuesday morning, and a line outside has already formed. Inside the Polk County Center of Hope, there are plenty of happy faces, the sound of carts moving through the aisles, and folks yelling toward the back to ask about a certain product.

The volunteers roll up to 600 S. Washington Ave. early to stock shelves and organize for what will be a busy day. Every Tuesday and Thursday turn out that way, as the Christian-based organization works to break the cycle of poverty, hunger and hopelessness.

The volunteers are many and easily spotted, dressed in blue polos. They can be found in every corner of the building. Each has a position that gets clients into the center, then out quickly with groceries and a smile.

"Other non-profits marvel at our volunteers, both the number and in their devotion and caring spirit," Director of Operations Gloria Barber said. "We have about

50 regular volunteers filling many diverse roles. Center of Hope is an all-volunteer organization, there are no paid employees here. If the Lord is the heart of the Center of Hope, our wonderful volunteers are its lifeblood."

Ken and Dawn Schmidt have both volunteered for over a decade. Dawn is at Center of Hope twice per week, while Ken can be there up to six days.

Dawn originally got involved when a family member was utilizing the food bank and living on the streets in another state.

"I saw how that could make or break somebody," she said. "I thought that maybe I could help the people in our community and give them a hand up."

She now interviews clients who are getting started. She is also the director of the cancer support ministry, which defrays the cost of getting to and from care by providing gas, parking and meals. They regularly host meals and discussion sessions with cancer patients, serving about 80 clients.

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## Frustrated trying to organize your photographs?



Now you can learn from the professionals

From Enterprise Staff

"Preserving and Digitizing Photographs and Media" is the order of the day for the second Family History Day hosted by the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday. The center is located at 650 FM 1011 in Liberty. The event is free and open to the public.

Steven Kantner, the Digital Assets Archivist for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, will share tips and tricks for preserving family photos and media. Photos from yesterday or centuries past all present challenges to those hoping to make the images last for

future generations. Morning and afternoon sessions will offer instructions on how to properly care for family photographs and ensure the information is not lost to time.

Participants will learn about photograph identification, proper storage and handling, safely creating digital images, digital archiving and other activities related to preserving personal collections.

An identification and preservation session is slated for 10 a.m. to noon and a digitization and digital archiving session is slated for 1:30-3:30 p.m. Lunch will be on your own from noon to 1:30 p.m.

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## Two trials result in two convictions

From Enterprise Staff

The Polk County Criminal District Attorney's Office secured two convictions following two trials last week.

Two juries were selected Sept. 23 for the trials of Kevin Ray Kimbro and Shane Melvin Meilike.

In the State of Texas versus Kevin Ray Kimbro, testimony began Sept. 23 with witnesses testifying that Kimbro took a Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader from the owner's property without permission while the owner was

away. The trial concluded Sept. 24 with the jury finding Kimbro guilty of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a state jail felony.

In the State of Texas versus Shane Melvin Meilike, testimony began Sept. 25 with multiple witnesses testifying that around May 11, 2023, Meilike and other individuals broke into their neighbor's home and stole several items, including an AC unit, water heater and several pieces of furniture.

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## TxDOT seeking comments on US 59 improvements

From Enterprise Staff

A public meeting to receive comments on US 59 improvements, specifically, a proposed project in Livingston designed as a US 59 upgrade, is slated for 5-7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Polk County Commerce Center in Livingston. Comments will be taken at the meeting or by phone, mail and email and must be received on or before Oct. 18.

The Lufkin District of the Texas Department of Transportation is holding the meet-

ing. In addition to the in-person public meeting, there will also be a virtual public meeting available online at txdot.gov at 5 p.m.

The proposed project in Livingston is designed as a US 59 upgrade (future I-69) in Polk County. It will include the construction of cable barrier-divided main lanes along US 59 that consist of four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two in each direction, 6-foot inside shoulders, and 12-foot outside shoulders.

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LAKE LIVINGSTON DATA AS OF OCT 1	TRINITY RIVER DATA AS OF OCT 1		
Current level.....	130.24 ft	Location.....	Goodrich - Gauge GRIT2
Normal level.....	131.00 ft	Condition.....	No Flooding
Discharge.....	1,796 cfs	Discharge.....	N/A
Weekly rainfall total.....	0.36 in	Gauge height.....	5.29 ft

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# Pulsed field ablation therapy for atrial fibrillation

## Introduced to East Texas by The Heart Institute

From Enterprise Staff

East Texas is at the forefront of cardiac care as the Heart Institute of East Texas, in association with CHI St. Luke's Memorial Hospital, introduces Pulse Field Ablation (PFA) therapy for atrial fibrillation (AFib).

Dr. Subramanya Gajaraju Venkata, an electrophysiologist and interventional cardiologist with the Heart Institute, successfully performed the first PFA procedure in Lufkin, marking a new era in electrophysiology. The procedure utilized the Farapulse PFA system by Boston Scientific, a significant advancement in the treatment of AFib.

AFib is a common heart rhythm disorder that affects millions worldwide, causing symptoms like palpitations, shortness of breath and fatigue, while increasing the risk of stroke and heart failure. PFA offers a safer and more efficient alternative to traditional ablation methods.

"The introduction of PFA technology marks a new era in electrophysiology," Venkata said. "This groundbreaking technology

uses ultra short-pulsed field energy which selectively targets and ablates cardiac tissue without damaging surrounding structures. This precision allows for a reduced risk of complications associated with traditional AFib ablation methods and shorter procedure times, leading to safer and quicker recovery. This continues to aid our mission of keeping care local so that patients don't have to travel to larger cities for advanced cardiac care."

Dr. Ravinder Bachireddy, Chief of Cardiology at CHI St. Luke's Memorial Hospital, echoed this sentiment, stating, "The introduction of Pulsed Field Ablation at our hospital is a major step forward in cardiac care. This technology enables us to provide the highest level of care to our patients right here in Lufkin."

The Heart Institute of East Texas remains committed to providing the latest and most effective treatments for heart conditions. The introduction of Pulsed Field Ablation at CHI St. Luke's Memorial is a testament to their dedication to advancing cardiac care in the community.



(l-r) April Snider, Carlos Maldonado, Ashley Alexander-Bryant, Jose Carvajal, Dr. Subramanya Venkata, Solomon Sasa, Alejandro Sanchez and Jarrad Grumbles. COURTESY PHOTO

## Sanctuary of Hope is celebrating 75 years of faith, community



Sanctuary of Hope is located at 931 S. Washington in Livingston.

From Enterprise Staff

The journey of Sanctuary of Hope began in 1949 with the inspiring leadership of Reverend Jenny Hayes. Originally named Emmanuel United Pentecostal Church, the congregation first gathered on Hwy. 146 before relocating to its current site at 931 S. Washington on Cemetery Hill in Livingston.

Over the past 75 years, the church has been shepherded by approximately 13 pastors and has undergone several name changes, ultimately becoming known as Sanctuary of Hope.

Pastor Randy Wagstaff extends a warm invitation to all to join in celebrating the church's 75th anniversary. This milestone also marks the first year of pastoral leadership for Pastor Wagstaff and his wife, Katy. The celebration will offer two special services, offering an opportunity to experience the power of Pentecost.

The first service will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday and will feature a children's service led by Brother Brandon Pitts. There will be prizes and giveaways.

The second service will take place at 10 a.m. Sunday with Reverend Chad Roberts as the guest speaker. A meal will follow the Sunday service.



Pastors Randy and Katy Wagstaff are celebrating their first year of pastoral leadership at Sanctuary of Hope.

## Local graduates University of Dubuque

From Enterprise Staff

Sarah Cornell, of Livingston, was one of the Summer 2024 graduates of the University of Dubuque, earning her Master of Divinity degree.

The University of Dubuque is a private, coed university founded in 1852 that offers undergraduate, graduate and theological seminary degrees as well as other educational

opportunities with the intention of educating and forming the whole person. At the University of Dubuque, the value of an education is measured in helping students find their calling in life through academics, community, character, vocation and stewardship. The approach to learning is based on professional programs with a liberal arts core, and students are prepared to find their purpose and make meaningful contributions to the world.

## Locals make SNHU's Summer 2024 President's List

From Enterprise Staff

Three Polk County students were named to the Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) Summer 2024 President's List for the summer terms which run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Local students named to the President's List include Tif-

fany Cobb and Idalia Mercado of Livingston and Charmelia Jolly of Corrigan.

SNHU is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 92-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.

Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

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A free preservation kit will be provided to pre-registered participants. Contact the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center via email at samhoustoncenter@tsl.texas.gov or call 936-336-8821 to register. Seating is limited.

The Sam Houston Center is a component of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and serves as the official regional historical resource depository for the 10 Southeast Texas counties of Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto and

Tyler. The center's primary mission is to collect, preserve and provide access to historically significant state and local government records and publications of the designated region and secondarily to serve as a library of Texana and genealogical resources.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission provides Texans access to the information needed to be informed, productive citizens by preserving the archival record of Texas; enhancing the service capacity of public, academic and school libraries; assisting public agencies in the maintenance of their records; and meeting the reading needs of Texans with disabilities. For more information, visit [www.tsl.texas.gov](http://www.tsl.texas.gov).

## CONVICTIONS

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Although the co-defendants' cases are still pending, Meilike's trial concluded Sept. 25 with a jury finding him guilty of burglary of a habitation, a second-degree felony. He was previously convicted of burglary of a habitation in June 2015 in Harris County.

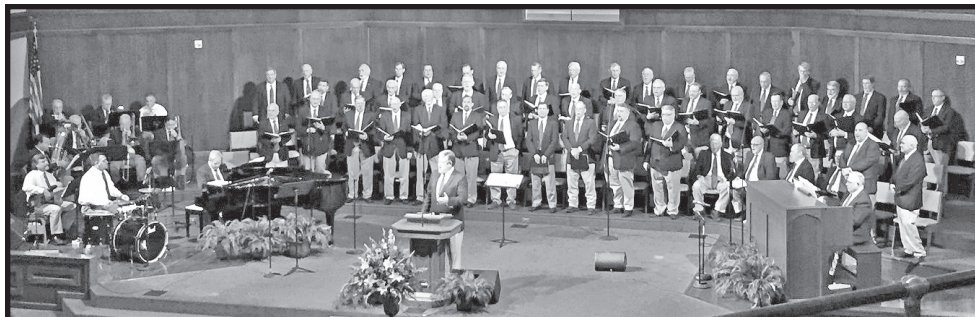
Punishment for both Kimbro and Meilike will be assessed by 411th District Judge John E. Wells III on Nov. 13. When an individual goes to trial, he has the right to elect whether the jury or judge assesses punishment. Both Kimbro and Meilike chose to have the judge assess

their punishment.

"The Polk County Sheriff's Office and Livingston Police Department assisted in providing the evidence and support necessary for each case in order to bring justice to the victims and ensure the safety of the people of Polk County," Polk County Criminal District Attorney Shelly Sitton said.

"I would like to thank all the citizens of Polk County who answered their summons for jury duty on Sept 23. I'd particularly like to thank the members of both jury panels for their diligence in listening to the evidence, following the law and rendering a verdict. Justice was served twice this week," Sitton said.

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Information sourced from weather.com

### Forecast Fire Danger

**THURSDAY**  
  
Sunny  
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Chance of Rain 3%  
Wind ENE 5mph

**FRIDAY**  
  
Mostly Sunny  
89°/70°  
Chance of Rain 14%  
Wind NE 8mph

**SATURDAY**  
  
Showers  
87°/70°  
Chance of Rain 40%  
Wind NE 7mph

**SUNDAY**  
  
Partly Cloudy  
88°/68°  
Chance of Rain 24%  
Wind NNE 8mph

**MONDAY**  
  
Partly Cloudy  
90°/60°  
Chance of Rain 7%  
Wind NNE 8mph

**TUESDAY**  
  
Sunny  
83°/56°  
Chance of Rain 3%  
Wind NNE 6mph

**WEDNESDAY**  
  
Sunny  
85°/57°  
Chance of Rain 1%  
Wind NNE 4mph

Fire Danger Rating  
  
Low Moderate High Very High Extreme

LIFE TRIBUTES

Roberta Jill Davidson

Our beloved Jill passed away on September 29, 2024, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's. Jill's life began on August 19, 1953, in Temple, Texas. She graduated from Brazoswood High School in 1971 where she met her high school sweetheart and lifelong love, John Davidson. She attended the University of Texas and then transferred to Stephen F. Austin with John. Jill graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing in 1975. She received her master's degree in counseling from Sam Houston State in 1984.

John and Jill were married on December 26, 1971, in Austin, Texas. They moved to Conroe soon after college where they started their family before settling in Livingston in 1981. Jill enjoyed a long career in public school counseling.

John and Jill raised two wonderful boys, Ben and Paul. They enjoyed time at the ball field, ski trips, golf courses and church camp at Lakeview.

Jill was preceded in death by her parents, James Travis Coleman and Dorothy McDaniel. She is survived by her husband, John W. Davidson, sons Ben Davidson and wife Shelley of Livingston and Paul Davidson and wife Kelly of Kingwood. She is also survived by the lights of her life, her grandchildren, Blake Davidson, Drew Davidson, Caitlin Davidson and Ainsley Davidson.

Jill is also survived by her sister, Sammie Kenyon and husband Ben of Edmond, Oklahoma and sister-in-law Julie Davidson Sabrula and husband Dr. Irvin Sabrula of Bryan. She is survived by her niece Anne Byrd and husband Tom, niece Emily Klein, niece Erin Underwood and husband JT, nephew Scott Sabrula and wife Brooke and nephew Danny Sabrula and wife Trish. She is also survived by numerous great nephews and nieces.

Jill had a sweet and gentle spirit. She had many close friendships that she tenderly nurtured over the years. She was a natural encourager to her family, friends, co-workers and the countless children she taught and counseled with compassion and integrity. Her door was always open, and she always made time for anyone who needed her attention or advice. Her career was dedicated to the children for whom she had limitless love and empathy.

When Jill wasn't working, she was always up for a road trip. She knew how to shop



Roberta Jill Davidson  
Celebration of life today (Thursday)

and where to find the bargains. She was always fun to travel with because of her laid-back brand of spontaneity. A "razoo" off the beaten path was a feature of every trip. She could talk and listen for miles and miles and go deep on many subjects.

Graciousness was a defining characteristic of how she conducted herself in all situations and settings. Jill was truly a lady in the most Southern sense of the word. She will be missed by many and remembered with love.

The family extends the warmest thank you to the wonderful and caring people at Gentiva Hospice. Their care and love was helpful during these times.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, October 3 at First Methodist Church, Livingston. Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. with the service to follow at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First Methodist Church of Livingston, the Livingston ISD Green and White Scholarship Program or to the House of Mary in Livingston.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at [www.cochranfh.com](http://www.cochranfh.com).

Glenn Vestal

Funeral services for Glenn Scott Vestal, 62, of Livingston, Texas will be held Friday, October 4, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas with Bro. Brad Butler officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery in Livingston, Texas. Visitation will be held Thursday, October 3, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Glenn was born November 30, 1961, in Livingston, Texas and passed away September 30, 2024 in Livingston, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Al Vestal Jr. and Lillian (Jones) Vestal.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Katelyn and Tyler Napier; and grandchildren, Traelynn Napier, Adelynn Napier and Eli Scott Napier; as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at [www.cochranfh.com](http://www.cochranfh.com).



Glenn Vestal  
Funeral service Friday

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

-Teresa Milner

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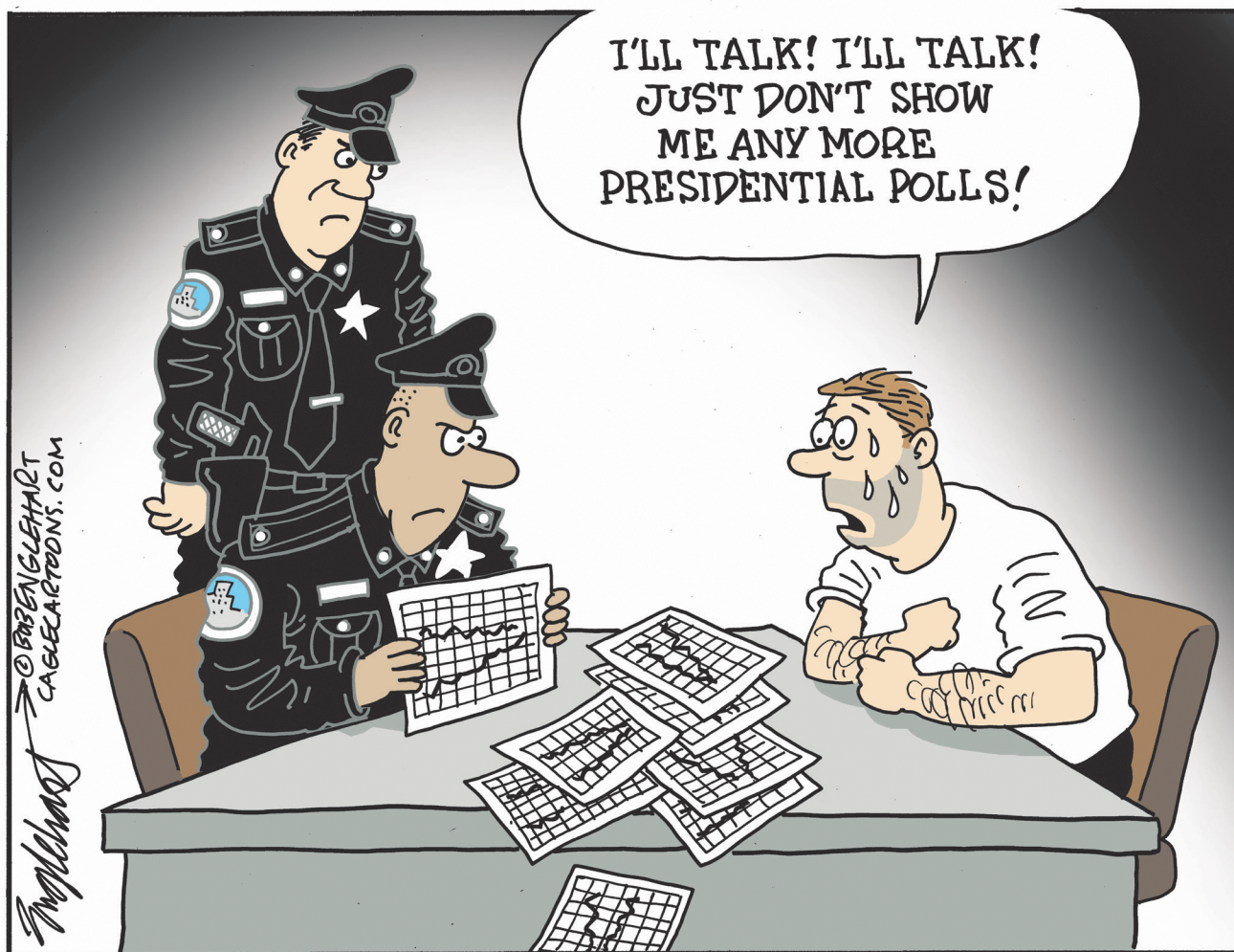
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# OPINION

## MEETINGS

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

- **POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT:** 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the third floor Commissioners Courtroom at the County Courthouse at Washington and Church.
- **LIVINGSTON CITY COUNCIL:** 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at Livingston City Hall, 200 West Church (at the corner of Church and Jackson).
- **ONALASKA CITY COUNCIL:** 5 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Onalaska City Hall on FM 356 South.
- **CORRIGAN CITY COUNCIL:** 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Corrigan City Hall, 101 West Ben Franklin.
- **GOODRICH CITY COUNCIL:** 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Goodrich City Hall, 1003 Loop 393.
- **SEVEN OAKS CITY COUNCIL:** 7 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Seven Oaks City Hall.
- **LIVINGSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6 p.m. third or fourth Monday of the month at Livingston High School Campus, 400 FM 350 South.
- **ONALASKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6 p.m. third Monday of the month at the OISD Administration Building, 134 North FM 356.
- **CORRIGAN-CAMDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at Corrigan-Camden High School Library.
- **GOODRICH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month in the Goodrich ISD Administration, 234 Katie Simpson Street.
- **BIG SANDY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6:30 p.m. second or third Monday of the month in the Big Sandy ISD Board Room, 9180 FM 1276.
- **LEGGETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 7 p.m. third Monday of the month, Leggett ISD Board Room.



## VIEWING IT DIFFERENTLY

Two long-time newspaper editorial writers have agreed to take on the editorial pages, with their views on a variety of subjects. We welcome your comments.

### Should a president be a person of character?

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." —Abraham Lincoln

In the months leading up to the 2024 Presidential election, I've watched numerous interviews with supporters of Donald Trump at his rallies and speeches. A common question posed to these supporters is whether they believe Trump is a man of character. The responses generally fall into a few distinct categories.

Some acknowledge Trump's very public character flaws—such as cheating on his wives, his affairs with porn stars, his reputation for stiffing contractors, and his fraud convictions. However, they argue that while they do not condone these actions, they support his policies on immigration, border security, and abortion. For these voters, the ends justify the means. They believe Trump delivers the political results they want, so his character flaws are less important.

Others, particularly evangelical Christians, agree that Trump has significant character issues, but they point to the Old Testament, where God used flawed leaders to accomplish His will. They draw parallels between Trump and these biblical figures, arguing that God works through imperfect people to achieve divine purposes, even if the individuals themselves are far from virtuous.

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**Just Jim**  
By Jim Powers  
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### This is not a candidate, this is a cardboard cutout

A question that has been bouncing around my mind over the last few weeks is, "Is this the best we can do?"

I'm speaking specifically of our presidential candidates, of course, but I'm sure that there's quite a few candidates on the lower fight card that we can scratch our heads over.

Given the abysmal state of the national media and its overarching disgust with conservative politics, there's ample "stories" out there describing President Trump as the second coming of Hitler, combined with the antichrist, Stalin and Ron Jeremy.

That same abysmal state, however, has left off the non-existent morality and the ever-present lack of veracity of the Democratic opponent, Kamala Harris.

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**My Two Common Sense**  
By Tony Farkas  
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## First shots of the Texas Revolution rang out on Oct. 2, 1835

On a foggy morning of October 2, 1835, a fight erupted in Gonzales, marking the beginning of the War for Texas Independence. The conflict began when a Mexican commander, informed that Texas settlers had refused to hand over a small cannon, sent 100 soldiers to reclaim it. Facing them were about 140 Texan rebels, standing their ground under a hastily made flag that defiantly proclaimed, "Come And Take It." With that, the first shots of the Texas Revolution rang out.

This pivotal day would forever change the course of Texas history. The iconic "Come And Take It" flag has since become a lasting symbol of Texas pride, representing the unwavering courage and determination that still define the Texas spirit, nearly two centuries later. The events at Gonzales ignited a movement that ultimately shaped our state's enduring identity.

With that piece of history, we'll step back into our examination of House interim charges ...

House Interim Charge: Ways and Means



**Capitol Update**  
By Trent Ashby  
State Representative, District 9

The Texas House Committee on Ways and Means oversees matters related to state revenue, encompassing taxation, state funding, and financial resource administration. The committee has jurisdiction over the Office of Multistate Tax Compact Commissioner for Texas and the Comptroller of Public Accounts. Its primary focus includes shaping economic policy, managing property taxes, and ensuring effective revenue collection for the state budget, playing a pivotal role in the fiscal health of Texas and the allocation of state funds.

During last year's second special session, the committee was instrumental in passing Senate Bill 2, a significant piece of legislation that provided approximately \$18 billion in broad property tax relief. This bill reduced school

district property tax rates by compressing the maximum tax rate, effectively lowering the overall tax burden for Texas homeowners and businesses. Complementing Senate Bill 2, the committee also advanced Senate Bill 3, which raised the homestead exemption for school district property taxes from \$40,000 to \$100,000, significantly reducing the taxable value of homes and easing the financial strain on homeowners. Together, these measures reflect the committee's commitment to delivering property tax relief while balancing the needs of school districts and local governments.

Over the interim, the Texas House Committee on Ways and Means has been tasked with monitoring the implementation of key legislation passed by the 88th Legislature, including overseeing the effects of Senate Bill 2 and House Joint Resolution 2, which provide property tax relief through reforms in public school finance and property tax administration.

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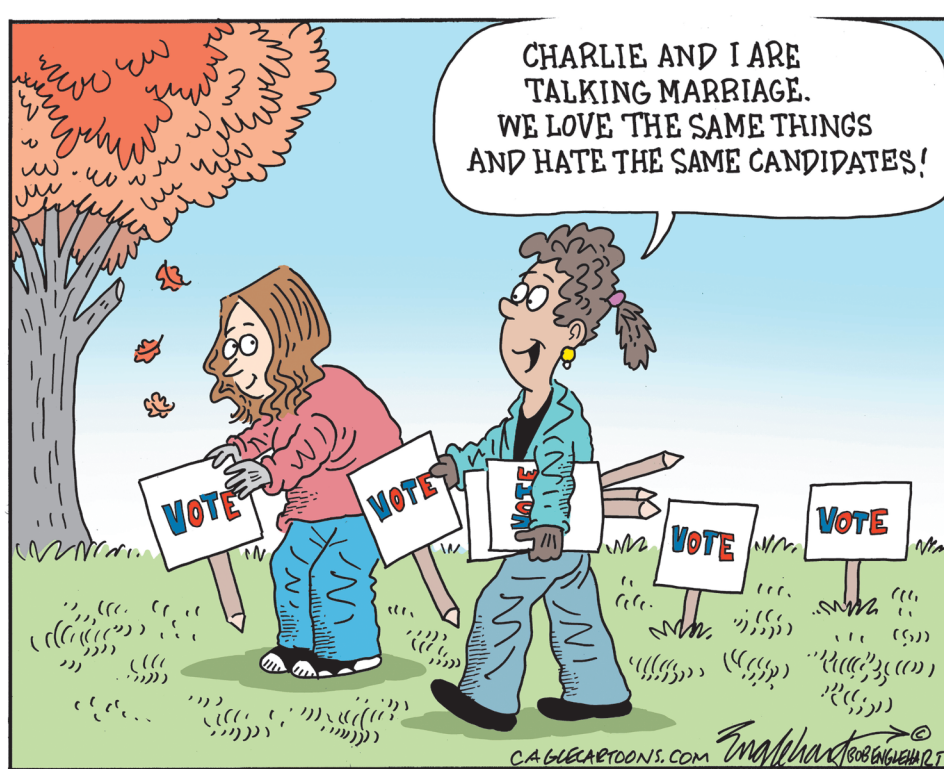
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## EVENTS

116th Church  
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Celebration

Providence #2 Missionary Baptist Church will host a 116th Church Anniversary Celebration Oct. 12-13. Everyone is invited to come out and support the church as it continues to grow. A pre-anniversary is slated for 7 p.m. Oct. 12 with Pastor Cyrus Martin of the Church of Luke of Diboll serving as the guest speaker. The Anniversary Celebration and Homecoming is slated for 3 p.m. Oct. 13 with Pastor W. Barnes of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church of Snow Hill as the guest speaker. Providence #2 Missionary Baptist Church is located at 8872 Old Hwy. 35 North in Livingston.

and sale from 1-3 p.m. Nov. 2 at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall located at 910 N. Washington Ave. in Livingston. It is open to the public and admission is free.

**AAUW Bridge Luncheon**

The 11th annual AAUW Bridge Luncheon and Silent Auction benefitting the memorial scholarship for young women in Polk County is slated for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 7 at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Gather your foursome and mail the names and \$120 per table to Barbara Alexander at 190 Northwood Park, Livingston, Texas 77351 by Oct. 31.

**Polk County AAUW**

The Polk County branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) meets at 11 a.m. on the third Monday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 910 N. Washington Ave. in Livingston. Its mission is to advance equality for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

**The Happy Hookers Lake Livingston Fishing Club**

The Lake Livingston Fishing Club, also known as The Happy Hookers, meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church located at 910 N. Washington in Livingston. The mission of the club is to enhance the enjoyment of fishing and the outdoors. The group is free and open to all. For more information, email mbischoff1089@outlook.com

**Livingston Lions Club**

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

**Celebrate Recovery**

Revival Center Church of God hosts Celebrate Recovery at 5 p.m. every Sunday at 585 FM 3459 in Onalaska. Celebrate Recovery is a Biblical and balanced program that helps people overcome hurts, hang-ups and habits. The Jesus-centered 12-step program is open to anyone looking for freedom. For more information, contact Pastor Matt at 806-626-5496 or Brother Louis at 936-425-0117. Ladies should call Sister Rhonda at 936-252-7201.

**AA Groups**

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

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

**Al-Anon Groups**

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

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

**Reading Encourages Advanced Development Fundraising**

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

**Open Mic Singing**

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

**You Can Ministries**

You Can Ministries has a new project for at risk youth in the county in which the ministry will serve supper for ages 6-18 from 5-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Youth may come as early as 3 p.m. as there will be arts, crafts, painting, reading and assistance with homework. You Can Ministries is located at 908 S. Washington in Livingston. For additional information, contact Carline Daniels at 713-412-8301.

**Caregivers Support Group**

Are you caring for a loved one? Would you like to discuss common issues caregivers have with others in the same situation? Have you cared for someone in the past and would like to share your experiences in order to help others? Then you are invited to attend a Caregivers Support Group hosted by the First Baptist Church of Providence. The group meets from 6-7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at First Baptist Church of Providence located at 898 Providence Rd. off of Hwy. 146 South. For more information, contact Debbie at 423-416-2971 or Connie at 903-452-1361.

**Food Pantry available**

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

**Opportunities available through Rotary Youth Exchange**

Students ages 15 to 18 and a half who are interested in studying abroad are encouraged to contact Rotary District 5910 Rotary Youth Exchange. Rotary provides a host family, food, school tuition and a monthly allowance. Participants pay for their airline ticket, insurance and preparation costs. For more information contact 5910rye@gmail.com.

**Multiple blood drives available**

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

- Walmart located at 1620 W. Church St. in Livingston from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 5.
- Eastex Telephone Cooperative Inc. located at 1704 Hwy. 59 Loop North in Livingston from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 9.
- Polk County Sheriff's Office at 1733 N. Washington in Livingston from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 10.
- CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial located at 1717 U.S. 59 Loop North in Livingston from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 14.

**First Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch Official Opening**

First Methodist Church will host its annual Pumpkin Patch Oct. 4-27 at its campus located at 2801 US Hwy. 190 West. The Pumpkin Patch will be open from 4-6 p.m. Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. The official opening of the Pumpkin Patch will be celebrated from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 5 with a hayride, pinatas, a wet sponge toss and more.

**Onalaska Annual Fall Cleanup**

The City of Onalaska will host its annual fall cleanup starting at 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 5.

**End Abortion Life Chain**

People of all faiths will gather along their city streets from 2-3 p.m. Oct. 6 to form a chain of people quietly proclaiming that abortion kills children. They will gather to silently stand together and pray for the nation. Signs will be available at the intersection of Church Street and Washington Avenue in Livingston. Participants may bring chairs, umbrellas and something to drink. Children are welcome. The event will happen rain or shine. For additional information, call Odie at 936-577-5235.

**Schwab City Baptist Church Holding Revival**

Schwab City Baptist Church will hold a revival at 6 p.m. nightly Oct. 6-9 at 10998 Hwy. 146 South. Paul and Vanessa Cherry will be the special guest speakers. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Southeast Singing Men of Texas**

The Southeast Singing Men of Texas, established in 1975, will present a concert at 7 p.m. Oct. 10 at First Baptist Church located at 106 Colt Rd. in Livingston. The concert is free and open to the public.

**"The Great Jungle Journey" Vacation Bible School**

Pine Forest Baptist Church will host "The Great Jungle Journey" Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 11 and from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at its campus located at 10537 US Hwy. 190 West. Pre-registration is available now. Dinner will be served both days and lunch will be served on Saturday

**First Methodist Church Pumpkin Paws in the Patch**

SPCA of Polk County will host a pet adoption, chipping and custom dog tag engraving during Paws in the Patch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Pumpkin Patch at First Methodist Church located at 2801 US Hwy. 190 West. A Halloween Pet Costume Parade & Contest will be held at 11 a.m.

**New Marker Dedication for City's Founder**

The Polk County Historical Commission and the City of Livingston are inviting everyone to attend and celebrate the dedication of the new grave marker for Moses L. Choate, the City of Livingston's founder, at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 12 at the Old City Cemetery at the corner of Hwy. 190 (Church

Street) and Hwy. 146 (Houston Avenue). Refreshments will be served in the Central Baptist Brick House nearby. This event is rescheduled from May 4 when the flooding occurred.

**Magnolia Cemetery Homecoming**

The Magnolia Cemetery of Onalaska will have its annual homecoming and business meeting at 11 a.m. Oct. 12 followed by a covered dish lunch. Families with loved ones buried in the cemetery are encouraged to attend the meeting and bring their favorite dish. Donations for the upkeep of the cemetery are appreciated and may be mailed to Secretary/Treasurer Mary Stash at P.O. Box 22, Onalaska, TX 77360. For additional information, call Mary Stash at 936-329-2823 or Clara Burnett at 936-328-9621.

**Saddle, Buckle Playday Series**

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

**Panda Cares Center of Hope**

The grand opening of the new Center of Hope at the Boys & Girls Club of Polk County is slated for 4:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Boys & Girls Club of Polk County facility at 1035 Liberty Ave. The event is made possible by the generous support of the Panda Cares Foundation, an initiative fueled by the in-store donation program at Panda Express Chinese Kitchen, along with the contributions of Panda associates and valued business partners. Panda aims to create safe environments where young people can learn, play, receive guidance and support, helping them to become their best selves.

**Free Allen Frizzell Concert**

Revival Center Church of God will host a free concert featuring Allen Frizzell at 7 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Revival Center Church of God located at 585 FM 3459 in Onalaska. An award-winning country gospel artist, Frizzell comes from a legendary country music family. The concert is free and open to the public.

**First Methodist Church Fall Festival**

Children and youth games, activities, hayrides and more will be available at the Fall Festival hosted by the First Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 19 at First Methodist Church located at 2801 US Hwy. 190 West.

**Pastor Appreciation**

Revival Center Church of God will have a pastor appreciation at the 10:45 service on Oct. 27 to recognize and celebrate the fifth anniversary of Pastors Matt and Barbara Jones being with the church. There will be a meal following the service. Revival Center Church of God is located at 585 FM 3459 in Onalaska.

**First Methodist Church Trunk or Treat**

Dress in costume for the Trunk or Treat hosted by the First Methodist Church from 4-6 p.m. Oct. 28 at its campus located at 2801 US Hwy. 190 West.

**Trunk or Treat**

The Polk County Peace Officers Association will host a Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat from 4-8 p.m. Oct. 29 at Pedigo Park in Livingston. Social distancing will be practiced during the event so everyone may remain in their vehicles.

**Annual Art Show and Sale**

The Livingston Art League will host its annual art show



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Wildlife Biologist Chris Gregory recently spoke the Rotary Club of Livingston and even brought a baby alligator with him. (l-r) Rotarian Judy Cochran, Rotarian Blake Thornton, Rotarian Brandon Wigent, Rotarian Mindy Ellis (holding baby alligator), Rotarian Kirsty Halliday, Guest Speaker Chris Gregory and Rotarian Will Watson. COURTESY PHOTO

## Rotary Club hosts Wildlife Biologist Chris Gregory

By Mindy Ellis  
Guest Writer

Wildlife Biologist Chris Gregory, who has served the community since 1989, shared valuable insights on hunting and wildlife management in Texas during a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Livingston. Gregory expressed his passion for his work and provided an informative update on various hunting regulations and trends, specifically focusing on geese, dove and turkey hunting.

During his talk, Gregory highlighted the significant economic impact of hunting in Polk County. He revealed that deer hunting generates between \$20 million and \$30 million annually for the local economy. He also shared some fascinating statistics about the local deer population, estimating that Polk County is home to between 20,000 and 40,000 deer. The hunter population fluctuates between 3,500 and 5,000, with hunters spending an average of 10 to 16 days in the field. Each year, the county sees a harvest of around

3,500 to 5,000 deer.

Gregory also discussed disease monitoring efforts and reassured attendees that there are no current disease threats to the local deer population. On a statewide level, he noted that deer hunting alone generates a staggering \$9.6 billion in revenue annually.

He shared photos of local game wardens taking youth out alligator hunting at Dam B in September. Gregory also touched on changes to the endangered species list, reporting that while loggerhead turtles have been added, timber rattlesnakes have been removed.

As for the wild hog population, Gregory said it continues to be a significant challenge, with numbers too high to accurately count.

Gregory's presentation offered a valuable glimpse into the current state of wildlife and hunting in the region, reaffirming the importance of conservation efforts and the economic benefits of hunting to the community.

## REVOLUTION

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Perhaps most importantly, the committee has been directed to assess the effectiveness of Senate Bill 2 and House Joint Resolution 2 in lowering property taxes and make recommendations for future policy proposals to further reduce the property tax burden on Texas taxpayers.

The mobile office is on the road again in September, and our district director looks forward to seeing you on the following dates at the following times: October 2 at the San Augustine County Courthouse in San Augustine from 9:30-11:30 a.m. October 9 at the Polk County Commis-

sioners Courtroom in Livingston from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and the Tyler County Commissioner's Courtroom in Woodville from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and October 16 at the Houston County Courthouse Annex in Crockett from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and the Trinity County Courthouse in Groveton from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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

## CANDIDATE

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I have yet to hear a cogent policy statement from her that doesn't involve beating up taxpayers. All of them, by the way, not just the billionaires who must be made to pay "their fair share." Moreover, the "candidate" (sarcastic quotes intentional) does have a tendency to co-opt certain policy statements avowed by Trump, such as his idea to stop taxes on tips.

A further example of her mendacity is that it has been widely reported that she never was made border czar, despite information to the contrary, but she has the audacity to claim she plans to be tough on border crossings.

She repeatedly denies her failings while claiming she has been nothing but successful, that is, when she manages to string together a sentence with meaning (we'll leave the cackling alone).

Perhaps the most egregious example of Harris' failures, though, is that for the last presidential term of which she was the country's second-in-command, nothing has happened to improve the conditions in the country, especially regarding the economy. Inflation is up, production is down, and jobs are being filled by illegal aliens. She is yet casting the blame on her opponent, saying over and over again how inflation was 9 percent when in fact it was less than 2 percent, and that despite the crippling idiocy of the COVID mandates.

## CHARACTER

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Still, others deny Trump's moral failures altogether, with some even believing he is divinely chosen to redeem the world. A few go as far as to claim he is the second coming of the Son of Man—a belief we'll address shortly.

To determine whether a person has character, we can look at core traits that are widely recognized as indicators of moral and ethical integrity:

- Integrity: A foundation for trust and ethical behavior, involving honesty and transparency.
- Honesty: The willingness to tell the truth, even when it is difficult.
- Accountability: Taking responsibility for one's actions and working to correct mistakes.
- Empathy: The ability to connect with others emotionally and respond with compassion.
- Humility: A willingness to learn from others and avoid arrogance.
- Courage: Acting ethically and standing up for what is right, even under pressure.

Respectfulness: Valuing others and fostering positive relationships.

Loyalty: Dedication to maintaining trust and reliability in relationships.

Self-discipline: The ability to control one's emotions and behaviors in line with their values and goals.

Generosity, perseverance, and fairness are additional traits that define a person of strong character.

Donald Trump has been in the public eye for decades, and his moral and ethical shortcomings are well-documented. From his narcissistic tendencies to his dishonest business practices, Trump repeatedly demonstrates that he does not embody these traits of strong character. To suggest he is a man of character is inconsistent with the evidence.

For most voters in the U.S., character does seem to matter. Many polls and interviews suggest that people value integ-

There were four years for the current administration — you know, the one with Harris in it — to affect the change that every elected official campaigns on, and yet, things have gotten worse, and will get even worse under a new Harris regime.

Speaking of which, even the way she became the Democrat candidate flies in the face of the method of electing leaders in this country — anointed instead of elected, and enjoying the full slate of presidential candidate bennies without having to have campaigned for a single primary vote. Say nothing of all of the Democrat donors who expected their dollars to go toward electing the current president. That's Joe Biden, in case you've forgotten.

Given the massive shortcomings Harris has, it's astonishing that just like magic she is revered as the candidate to end all candidacy. But to the point, while Trump has a proven record as leader of the free world, his opponent is smoke and mirrors, much ado about nothing, a holographic representation resembling a contender but with absolutely no substance.

So to answer my original thought-question, this can't be the best we can do, for if it is, then we are truly doomed.

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riety and ethics in leadership.

However, for those who believe character is irrelevant, the argument often comes down to either prioritizing political results over morality or believing that God is working through Trump to accomplish a higher purpose. While this belief might seem superficially plausible, it doesn't hold up when examined closely.

It is true that the Old Testament depicts God using flawed leaders to carry out His will. These figures often had significant character flaws, but they were used to deliver God's retribution or guide His people back to righteousness. However, we don't live in the world of the Old Testament. Modern society rejects the brutality of those times and strives to embrace the New Testament message of love, peace, and compassion.

While some believe God continues to use flawed leaders today, there are many modern leaders who possess strong character and Christian morals. Why would God choose someone like Trump—who has shown little regard for Christian values—when there are better candidates who align with His teachings?

If you believe Trump is the second coming of Jesus, you must also believe that Jesus seeks to rule the world as a cruel, despotic king. This contradicts the teachings of Jesus, who was not interested in establishing a kingdom on earth but in guiding his followers to a new heavenly creation. Jesus made it clear that he was not the earthly king that the Old Testament Jews expected.

Democracy in the U.S. is at a critical juncture. The upcoming election will determine the future of the democratic experiment. Now, more than ever, we need leaders who possess the moral and ethical character to guide the country through these challenging times. Leaders of character inspire trust and confidence in their people. We should not settle for agents of chaos in the White House when what we need are agents of integrity.

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Rocky Langston stocks the shelves prior to clients arriving to shop.

## HOPE

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Ken oversees the warehouse activities, performs building and bus maintenance, and outside loading.

"These are my people and who I feel comfortable with. The people that we have, they have become family," Ken said. "This is our circle of friends now. Heck, this is our recreation."

"It is our entertainment," added Dawn. There are four to six people who put in six to eight hours each just to open Center of Hope.

"It is just like a grocery store," Ken said. "The pay is great, it's just not monetary."

Kevin and Glenda Seely met while volunteering.

A friend encouraged Glenda to volunteer at Center of Hope, and she began by filling boxes. Soon after, she met the man who would be her husband while loading the back of a bus. Conversations on a bench turned into fishing trips at his house on the lake.

They married just a year ago and now lead the Christmas of Hope ministry.

For two years, that program has set up a toy workshop where parents shop for their children. Volunteers then wrap four or five presents for each child. In 2022, the center provided gifts for 600 children. That number increased to 984 children last year.

Glenda is one of the shoppers that helps clients receive groceries.

"They come in after they are interviewed and she or one of them will pick up the paper, call them by name, bring them in, then walk down and get the food," Kevin explained of Glenda's position. "By the time she starts up here and they walk down here, they will know personal stories of those people before they get to the end of that row. By the end, some of them are hugging, some aren't, some are praying, some aren't, but they walk out the door knowing that they were treated as a human being. Some of the people that come in here have not been treated that way in a long time."

Dave and Karen Goetz are New Yorkers who have been married 53 years and transplanted to East Texas. Dave runs the pantry,

which is the largest in a multi-county area and has grown 15% annually for the last three years. They average over 100 families per day. Karen is the center's volunteer coordinator.

"It is kind of what is wrong with our country right now," Dave says about volunteering. "I think people don't have enough of the giving spirit. Everybody needs some help somewhere along the line, regardless of what lot you have been cast in life. There are just a lot of folks out there that need some help."

Karen said she feels it is important to volunteer because those receiving assistance can then be in a position to help others.

"One of the things that is unique about this place is that it isn't just a food pantry," she said. "There are so many other ministries here, and every one of them is as good as the other."

Dave mentions the Campaign 300 Ministry, that aids 20-25 families each month with unforeseen and crisis needs.

"There's just so many things that this place does," he said. "It is very unique and different from every other charity organization that I've ever seen."

"The trend, unfortunately, is increasing, and we need more volunteers," Karen said.

John and Meryl Morgan traveled a bit to reach Polk County. John hails from Oregon and Meryl was born in the African country of Zimbabwe.

"It has given us purpose," John said of spending time at Center of Hope. "Volunteering and contributing to the community are important."

"Another thing too is when you are going through struggles of your own in other personal areas. Giving to others, putting others before yourself, helps to center you," Meryl added. "It helps you be able to go through those areas of your life, because you see others who are going through worse things than you are. It is best to take your mind off of yourself, because (if you don't), you just go through depression."

Lynn and Sandra Sasser are retired missionaries who lived in Mexico City for 25 years. They co-chair the emergency health ministry, which helps clients with their prescription costs, gas to doctor appointments, and medical supply costs. It assists approximately 20-30 clients per month.

Sandra also serves as an interviewer and interpreter.

"It has done so much for us," Sandra said. "When I came back to the United States, I came back kicking and screaming. I did not want to come back. We needed to. When we came back here, this is a community, and this is our community. It has given us that sense of community."

"We have learned that Polk County helps people," Lynn said. "There are so many different agencies and groups to do that."

Some of those other means of help include Center of Hope's disaster response that donated food, materials and money during the spring floods and Hurricane Beryl. The center also operates a bus that delivers food to the homebound and picks clients up to shop for food. Clothing is another area that Center of Hope covers when the need arises.

Eight ministries in all make the non-profit organized in 1985 one of the more unique.

"God provides for the Center of Hope in so many ways, but the volunteers are His most cherished provision," Board President Mike Fortney said. "Our volunteers are like a family, and we welcome anyone to come and serve alongside us."

Those wishing to volunteer can call 936-327-7634 or visit 600 S. Washington in Livingston any Tuesday or Thursday from 1-3:30 p.m. and ask for Gloria, Mike or Karen. They are always ready to add more members to the family.

email to Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov.

If special accommodations are required such as an interpreter, or if you are a person with a disability in need of assistance, or special arrangements in order to attend, contact Rhonda Oaks at 936-633-4395.

The Polk County Commerce Center is located at 1017 US 59 Loop North in Livingston. For more information, contact Rhonda. Oaks@txdot.gov or call 936-633-4395.

## TXDOT

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Frontage road construction will include two 12-foot-wide travel lanes and 4-foot-wide inside shoulders and 10-foot-wide outside shoulders. Improvements will also include newly constructed interchanges on US 59 at FM 1988 and US 190.

The proposed project is anticipated to enhance safety, improve mobility and connectivity, provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route, and provide system connectivity to Interstate 69.

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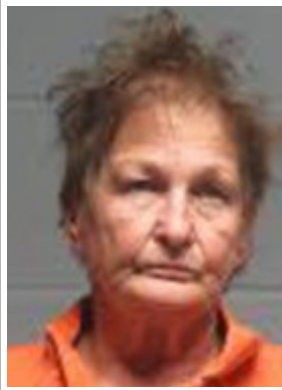
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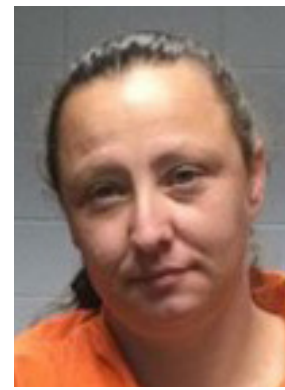
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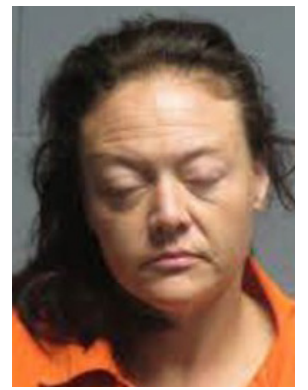
## Multiple meth arrests made by SO



PAMELA FAYE BORROW



MARLENA ANNE TOOMEY



DIANE NICOLE WIGGINS

From Enterprise Staff

Sept. 26 proved to be a busy day for the Polk County Sheriff's Office's Narcotics Division with multiple arrests made.

Pamela Faye Borrow, 66, of Livingston, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, marking her second arrest for methamphetamine possession this year, highlighting ongoing concerns regarding drug-related offenses within the community. She is currently being held in the Polk County Jail awaiting further legal proceedings.

"The repeated offenses demonstrate the ongoing challenges we face in combating substance abuse in our area. We remain dedicated to working with our partners to address these issues and ensure the safety of our community," Captain Dave Sottosanti said.

That same day, officers observed a traffic violation and conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling in the Blanchard area.

During the stop officers discovered probable cause to search the vehicle, leading to the seizure of methamphetamine. The vehicle's occupants, Marlena Anne Toomey, 37, and Diane Nicole Wiggins, 39, both residents of Livingston, were arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Further investigation revealed that the driver, Toomey, attempted to conceal her identity by providing a false name and date of birth and signed a government document with this false information, resulting in additional charges of forgery and failure to identify/give false information. It was also determined that she was wanted out of Liberty County.

Both individuals are currently in custody and awaiting further legal proceedings.

"The Polk County Sheriff's Office is committed to combating drug-related crimes and fraudulent activity in Polk County," Sottosanti said.

The Texas Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Division assisted with both incidents.

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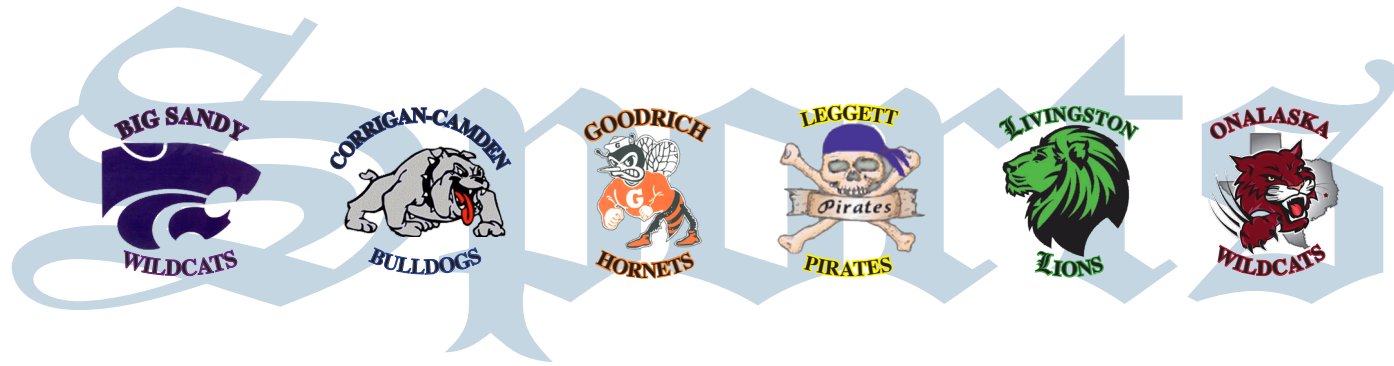
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# One team will end slump Friday

By Brian Besch

Livingston football has started district play in a 0-1 hole. The opportunity to even that mark will come at home Friday, as they welcome the 0-4 Liberty Panthers. Last week's contest was one the Lions should have won. They outgained Hardin-Jefferson by well over 100 yards, but six turnovers would be their undoing. "That would have taken a lot of pressure off of us right off the bat," Lion coach Finis Vanover said of the district race. "We were well prepared for anything those guys had. It showed, because we dominated them defensively. We were rolling on offense. We have to take care of the ball. I know all people see is the turnovers, but I lived through every one of them a hundred times all weekend. I know the kids did too and it hurt them badly." The Panthers have suffered through similar pains, dropping their first two games of the season by a combined three points. They run a double wing attack that does not put it in the air often. "Liberty is a totally different animal," Vanover said of preparing for an offensive look they haven't seen in weeks. "They have a big offensive line. They have a kid that is close (athletically) to the Nacogdoches quarterback. They run everything that we run almost identical to the way that we run it and everything. They run the counter play and the bootleg passes across the middle and throwing to the tight end." The Panther offense has struggled on

## LION VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



Liberty Panthers at Livingston Lions at Lion Stadium 7:30 p.m.



<b>Aug. 31</b>	<b>at Fort Bend Austin</b>	<b>L 24-14</b>
<b>Sept. 6</b>	<b>Needville</b>	<b>L 42-8</b>
<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>at Nacogdoches</b>	<b>L 34-24</b>
<b>Sept. 20</b>	<b>open</b>	
<b>Sept. 27</b>	<b>at Hardin-Jefferson</b>	<b>L 33-24</b>
<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>Liberty</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>LC-M</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 18</b>	<b>at Bridge City</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>Huffman Hargrave</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>at Lumberton</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 8</b>	<b>Vidor</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

District 10-4A Div. I School	District W-L	Overall W-L	PF	PA
Bridge City	1-0	4-0	160	20
Huffman Hargrave	1-0	4-0	193	77
Hardin-Jefferson	1-0	3-1	96	69
LC-M	1-0	2-2	82	78
Vidor	0-1	1-3	81	111
Livingston	0-1	0-4	77	133
Liberty	0-1	0-4	84	127
Lumberton	0-1	0-4	47	127

**Last Week**  
 Hardin-Jefferson 33, Livingston 24  
 Little Cypress-Mauriceville 16, Vidor 12  
 Bridge City 28, Lumberton 7  
 Huffman Hargrave 49, Liberty 28

**This Week**  
 Liberty at Livingston 7:30 p.m.  
 Lumberton at Huffman Hargrave 7:30 p.m.  
 Hardin-Jefferson at Little Cypress-Mauriceville 7:30 p.m.  
 Vidor at Bridge City 7:30 p.m.

offense, currently last in the district. Quarterback Frankie Marez is a dual threat. Though the Panthers do not throw the ball often, Marez is just behind Livingston's Trenden Williams for fifth place in the district's rushing. He has seven total touchdowns on the season. Former Livingston defensive coordinator Andy Garza now holds that position at Liberty. "They have a couple of big defensive tackles. They will be in a 3-3 stack, and then in the next series they will be in a wide tackle six (6-2)." Vanover said the Panthers will bring safeties on a blitz, drop defensive tackles into coverage and show several different looks throughout a contest.

They played four different fronts in four games. Liberty has given up an average of 250 yards per game, good for third in the district. Senior Jason Wickliff is the team's leading tackler and also has an interception. Last week, Liberty led Huffman Hargrave for a few quarters. The Falcons were able to win that contest 49-28. The Panthers have also dropped contests to Coldspring (8-6), East Chambers (42-23) and Splendora (28-27). "Somebody is going to break out of their slump on Friday night. It needs to be us.

We are preparing positively and aggressively and we are going to attack, and have fun playing. We had a 42-play highlight tape before we started meetings Saturday. We had 42 great plays in a 33-24 loss. We are pretty good if we will stop killing ourselves."



Livingston tennis is in the playoffs. The varsity will play Vidor Oct. 7, on the campus of Livingston High School at 10 a.m. The team includes (Back Row L-R) Coach Danny Pruett, Gabriela Woychesin, Chesney McClain, Evan Swander, Ethan McWhorter, Harper Armstrong, Casey Gokey, Trent Leitzell, Jackson Winsch, Laeken Carter (Front Row L-R) Brooklynn Vargas, Khloe' Pickens, Johnny Wall, Christopher Weaver, Luisa Perez-Montes, Joshua Hughes, Madison Flores, Jacqueline Moreno, Addison Shank. Not pictured are assistant coach Jeremiah Carr and Hayden Carr.

## BULLDOG VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<b>Aug 30</b>	<b>Tarkington</b>	<b>W 27-24</b>
<b>Sept. 6</b>	<b>at Hardin</b>	<b>L 26-6</b>
<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>at Kirbyville</b>	<b>L 34-28</b>
<b>Sept. 20</b>	<b>Elkhart</b>	<b>W 21-8</b>
<b>Sept. 27</b>	<b>at Joaquin</b>	<b>L 56-35</b>
<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>open</b>	
<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>Groveton</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 18</b>	<b>at Hearne</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>Normandy</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>at Leon</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 8</b>	<b>Centerville</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>

District 12-2A Div. I School	Overall W-L	PF	PA
Jewett Leon	4-1	165	77
Centerville	4-1	204	127
Corrigan-Camden	2-3	117	148
Normangee	1-4	35	134
Hearne	0-5	34	131
Groveton	0-5	50	229

**Last Week**  
 Joaquin 56, Corrigan-Camden 35  
 Frankston 61, Groveton 0  
 Rosebud-Lott 41, Normangee 2  
 Leon 46, Bruceville-Eddy 20  
 Centerville 41, Rogers 40  
 Lexington 64, Hearne 7

**This Week**  
 District bye week

## 2024 Edward Pina Cross Country Invitational Results

Place	Name	School	Time	
1	Landaverde	Andres	Corrigan-Camden	17:41
2	Resendez	Joel	Goodrich	18:35
4	Garzon	Eliseo	Goodrich	18:44
15	Rodriguez	Javy	Corrigan-Camden	20:32
16	Preston	Ronald	Conroe Grand Oaks	20:35
17	McLaughlin	Anthony	Chireno	20:36
18	Smith	Colton	Chireno	20:48
19	Adams	Azim	Conroe Grand Oaks	20:49
20	Gonzalez	Chris	Corrigan-Camden	21:02
21	Flores	Fabian	Corrigan-Camden	21:22
26	Mendoza	John	Goodrich	22:52
36	Soto	Ricardo	Corrigan-Camden	24:30
37	Soto	Carlos	Corrigan-Camden	24:31
40	James	Joshua	Goodrich	24:58
41	Vera	Zeke	Corrigan-Camden	25:07
46	McGowan	Keylon	Goodrich	27:56
47	Russell	Jason	Goodrich	29:34

1	Salinas	Madelyn	Conroe Grand Oaks	14:33
10	Resendez	Brianaly	Goodrich	16:29
21	Torres-Galvan	Denisse	Corrigan-Camden	18:02
25	Batbuena	Liseidy	Goodrich	18:36
26	Alvarez	Tiffany	Corrigan-Camden	18:52
28	Criswell	Tanyreauna	Goodrich	19:41
30	Gonzales	Kayla	Goodrich	20:10
31	Wright	Aailyah	Goodrich	20:11
33	Wyatt	Bra'Niyah	Goodrich	20:30
34	Trejo-Alamilla	Arlette	Corrigan-Camden	20:38

# Lady Hornets spike rivals

By Brian Besch

Goodrich made quick work of archrival Leggett at home Tuesday, sweeping the Lady Pirates 25-11, 25-19 and 25-22.

Goodrich started strong with a 6-0 opening, then cruised to a 20-4 lead before Leggett rallied late to make the score more respectable.

In the second set, the Lady Pirates were within two at 14-12 before the Lady Hornets went on a run to win by six.

Many of Goodrich coach Pinellafie Johnson's junior varsity started the third game. Leggett established a 10-4 lead before Lady Hornet starters entered again. Still, the Lady Pirates fought hard, holding a 14-10 lead midway through. It wasn't until 20-20 that the Lady Hornets would tie and eventually take the lead for good.

"We have had our ups and downs," Leggett coach Terri Barlow said. "We played pretty good in here; we have to close it out and cut back on some of our mistakes."

"On certain days we have different ones standing out. It is between Rilee Carline, Tamera Henderson, Cheyanne Simons and Hannah Hodge (for who has stood out the past few weeks). There are a number of them. We have improved a whole lot in everything since the beginning of the season. We do need to call the ball a little bit more."

Leggett has won just two games so far this year, but hopes to improve upon that record during district play.

Goodrich now improves to 1-1 in district.

"We got our serves over and did much better with them. They are still having problems communicating," Johnson said of her group. "You can't play a team — I don't care how strong or weak they are — if you are not communicating. We missed tons of balls just not talking out on the floor. We got the win, but there were still lots of things that we should have done right that we didn't."

Chester is 2-0, leading the district, while Richards is 1-0. Goodrich will challenge Richards Friday in a battle for second place.

"We can swing, but we won't swing," Johnson said on improvements needed. "We work from the back row swinging and they do it in practice all the time, but they get in the game and they still won't jump and swing. They definitely have to work on that."

"When we played Chester, we did outstanding with our defense. We lost, but they played well. I told them that if we could play like that and get our serves over, we will be at the top vying for first. All they need to do is keep playing and keep working hard. That is what I'm expecting on Friday when we go over there to Richards. I am expecting to take it."

Johnson bragged on her two setters, Liseidy Balbuena and Tanyreauna Criswell.

"They used to be so afraid, but they are getting more relaxed, even though we still need to work on getting it closer to the net. They did a much better job today and Friday. Tanyreauna did more hitting for me today than what she has done."

Goodrich will next play at home Tuesday, welcoming Chester. Leggett's next opponent will be Friday at home, also versus district leading Chester.



Briantly Resendez goes up for the kill.



Tamera Henderson reaches for the spike.



Aaliyah Wright spikes the ball for a Goodrich point.



Valerie Jasso comes up with the dig.



Liseidy Balbuena sets for a teammate.



Hannah Hodge passes to a teammate.



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## 2024 Livingston Lions Varsity Schedule & Scores

8/31	Fort Bend Austin	24	Livingston	14
9/6	Needville	42	Livingston	8
9/13	Nacogdoches	34	Livingston	24
9/20	OPEN			
9/27	Hardin-Jefferson*	33	Livingston	24
10/4	Liberty*		Home	7:30pm
10/11	Cypress-Mauriceville* **		Home	7:30pm
10/18	Bridge City*		Away	7:30pm
10/25	Huffman* ^		Home	7:30pm
11/1	Lumberton*		Away	7:30pm
11/8	Vidor*		Home	7:30pm

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# Phelan's GOP foes back one challenger

Texas House Republicans who want to oust Speaker Dade Phelan have coalesced behind a single opponent: state Rep. David Cook, R-Mansfield. A total of 48 representatives are backing the two-term representative, including four who dropped their own bids for speaker.



## Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders  
Texas Press Association

Phelan's opponents, including Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, claim he has given too much power to Democrats by naming some to lead legislative committees.

"This vote highlights the growing momentum for change within the Texas House, as members rally behind a shared vision of a decentralized leadership model that empowers all members," Cook said in a statement.

Phelan is seeking his third term as speaker after narrowly surviving a challenge for re-election to represent his district in the GOP primary, winning a runoff election.

"Not only are their actions disappointing and unacceptable, they are futile, as I proudly have the clear majority votes needed to be the Speaker today and will have the clear majority support needed to become Speaker again come January," Phelan said in a statement.

### Polls show near tie in Cruz-Allred race

The U.S. Senate race in Texas has tightened, with a poll last week showing Democratic challenger Colin Allred nearly within the margin of error in his race against incumbent Republican Ted Cruz, the Austin American-Statesman reported. A poll released by the Texas Hispanic Policy Foundation shows Cruz ahead of Allred 48% to 45%, nearly within the margin of error of 2.83%.

Cruz is seeking his third term in the Senate. He won his last race against challenger Beto O'Rourke by just 2.6 points.

The tightening race prompted the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee to announce last week that it is sending millions of advertising dollars to Texas to boost his campaign. The committee plans to put its money toward airing more Allred campaign ads. Committee chair Gary

Peters said the Democratic candidate needs more funding to get his message out.

"But it is his message," Peters said. "He knows Texas inside and out."

### Texas Supreme Court rules on gun ban at state fair

The State Fair of Texas opened last week with its newly enacted ban on weapons intact after the Texas Supreme Court rejected a challenge by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton just 13 hours earlier. The Statesman reported the court ridiculed the state's legal arguments in a five-page opinion, with Justice Jimmy Blacklock writing that "the State's filings do not even attempt to answer" the question at the heart of the case.

Two lower courts also rejected Paxton's attempt to lift the ban, enacted after three fairgoers were injured in a shooting incident last year.

The state fair runs through Sunday, Oct. 20.

### Party game company sues SpaceX for trespassing

Cards Against Humanity, makers of a humorous adult party game, is suing Elon Musk's SpaceX company for trespassing and damaging land the company purchased in Cameron County. The company purchased the land in 2017 to send a political message to then-President Donald Trump's campaign to not build a border wall.

KUT reported that the company raised money to purchase the land by soliciting \$15 donations from 150,000 people. It says the land has been kept in its pristine state, but SpaceX has dumped gravel, tractors, and space garbage on it.

A website maintained by the company announced it is seeking \$15 million in damages and displayed photos purportedly showing "before and after" images of its land. SpaceX did not respond for comment from Texas Public Radio.

### Going lights out for migrating birds

Audubon Texas is asking residents to not leave the porch lights on this fall, during peak migration season for millions of birds. The Texas Standard reported the 2024 Lights Out,

Texas, campaign is underway, and Texans are urged to turn off unnecessary lights to minimize light pollution. Migrating birds can become disoriented when traveling through densely populated areas.

Up to 1 billion birds are killed each year due to collisions with buildings. Peak migration runs through Oct. 29, with fall migration ending around Nov. 30. One of every four birds migrating through the U.S. passes through Texas, according to Audubon Texas.

Building owners, businesses, developers and homeowners can help protect migrating birds by turning off all non-essential lighting from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. each night. Lighting shields that direct light downward can reduce bird casualties. More information is available at tx.audubon.org.

### Looking back on last summer's weather

The summer of 2024 is in the books, and Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, says it ended up in the middle of the pack when compared to the last 25 summers – the 12th most miserable during that time period.

The amount of the state in drought declined to 28 percent from a high of 88 percent during the summer of 2022, Wentzel wrote. Last summer certainly was an improvement over the two previous, which were considered the second and third most miserable in the past quarter century. But they both pale in comparison to the summer of 2011, which had the worst drought conditions in Texas history, and wildfires swept the state.

Relatively plentiful rain made last summer seem more tolerable, but records indicate it was the fourth-hottest summer of the past 25 years.

Thank goodness for autumn.

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Polk County vs Justice Patrick Kennedy, as independent executor of the estate of Geraldine Ann Kennedy, deceased, suit for delinquent taxes.

Polk County vs Eddie Dawson Jr., deceased, et al, suit for delinquent taxes.

Polk County vs Brock Frank Brinkman, AKA Brock F. Brinkman, et al, suit for delinquent taxes.

Polk County vs Sergio Bernal, suit for delinquent taxes.

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Polk County vs Jimmy C. Williamson, AKA Jimmy Charles Williamson, et al, suit for delinquent taxes.

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# Playing the 'slots' at Lake Tawakoni



Guide Tony Pennebaker slowed his big catfish guide boat and studied the sonar closely. "This is the spot we fished yesterday and landed limits of 'eater' blue catfish in the slot and a couple of trophy catfish which we released that measured over 30 inches and weighed 35 to 40 pounds apiece."

The water was relatively shallow, about 5 feet deep and we were positioned a long cast from the edge of a big patch of standing timber. Long casts definitely improve the bite when fishing for blue catfish which are sensitive to vibrations. With power poles lowered into the soft lake bottom, the big craft was stationary. Eight rods with fresh shad rigged Santee Cooper style with small floats set about eight inches above the hook to keep the baits dangling up from bottom were positioned around the boat and we didn't wait long before the action to began!

I've fished with Tony many times and he knows ole' Luke is all about a fish fry. I share his love of catching these hard fighting fish and eating those snow-white blue catfish fillets but I won't snub my nose at a platter of tasty channel cat fillets either. We could have baited a spot with cattle range cubes or soured grain, used his Tony P's Punch bait and undoubtedly landed our limits of channel catfish weighing 1.5 to 2 pounds but with the bigger blue catfish on a dependable bite, our choice of species was a no brainer.

At Tawakoni the daily limit on blue and channel catfish is no minimum length limit; daily bag and possession limit is 25 blue and channel catfish in any combination. In the 25-fish bag, no more than 5 fish 20 inches or greater in length may be retained, and no more than 1 of those can be 30 inches or longer. This 'slot' between 20 and 30 inches is made up of what we refer to as 'good eaters', fish weighing from about 5 to 15 pounds. Any catfish angler/eater understands that 5 of these 'slot' fish equate to several freezer bags full of tasty fillets.

We were fishing a big shallow flat with what's left of a ditch or old creek channel near the edge of standing timber. Through the years, most of the submerged creek channels have silted in but a close look at sonar will show many of these depressions still visible. It doesn't take much elevation difference in bottom structure to attract and hold not only catfish but the bait fish they feed upon.

This is one style of fishing where I'm convinced more hook ups will occur with the rod in a holder rather than in the fisherman's hands. The drill went like this; heave the baits out far from the boat, as far as we could cast, allow the weight to pull the bait to bottom and the floater suspend it up a few inches which makes it easier for the catfish to scent and position in its mouth. With the butt of the rod in a rod holder, crank the reel handle to take up slack.

With all the rods positioned, it was a waiting game. I kept an eye on the rods in front of the boat and Tony watched the rear rods. Blue catfish usually don't 'nibble' a bait as is common with channel catfish. The bigger fish simply grab the bait and run with it. The circle hooks we were using are designed



Tawakoni guide Tony Pennebaker with a big blue catfish landed last week. The trophy blue catfish season is under way but now is prime time for catching lots of big 'slot' fish between 20 and 30 inches. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

to thread into the corner of the fish's mouth as it swims away. Shaped with a bit of a corkscrew twist, these hooks are ideal for this style fishing. When the rod is bowing heavily toward the water, begin cranking as fast as possible on the reel (with the rod still in the holder). This takes the slack out of the line and ensures pressure is maintained on the fish.

You'll know when the hook set is solid, the rod will be bending in a sharp arc and it's time to reach down and winch the rod from the holder. This can be a trick when a big trophy blue is applying pressure. When fighting these big fish, it's best to grab the rod a few inches forward of the reel and place the butt of the rod somewhere around your beltline. This gives more control, the trick is to let the rod and the reels drag system do the work to tire the fish.

Our goal on this morning was to boat a limit of slot fish for an upcoming fish fry I have planned. If we were lucky enough to catch a trophy, then photographs and quick release was the plan. After only a couple hours fishing we had a big ice cooler filled with big slot fish weighing from about 4 to 15 pounds and were thinking about heading to the marina to transform our catch into several gallon bags of tasty snow white fillets. But our plan changed quickly, the rod on the port side of the bow bowed heavily and there was no need to crank on the reel to take up slack line. The big blue had already accomplished this! My goal was to get the action on video and as

Tony muscled the rod out of the holder, I grabbed the video camera and had it rolling on the action. Big blues are known for making long, strong runs and this one didn't disappoint. We were lucky it didn't tangle up with a couple of lines still in the water.

As the fish began to tire, it was time for the net man to go to work. Because there were only two of us in the boat, the cameraman (me) had to do double duty with the net. I was able to get most of the fight on camera before setting the video camera down and reaching for the net. With the big blue in the boat, I resumed filming duties for our TV show "A Sportsmans Life". The action should now be on YouTube as well as Carbon TV [www.carbonTV.com](http://www.carbonTV.com).

Tony says the blue catfish bite is right on schedule, the majority of fish he's landing now are in the slot but as the water continues to cool more and more of the trophy class fish weighing from 25 to 50 pounds will begin taking the bait. It's a challenge for some of us to get out of the fall woods and go fishing but take it from me, a few hours on the water with someone like Pennebaker is likely to pay off in not only a box full of some of the best eating in freshwater but memories to last a lifetime as well.

Contact guide Tony Pennebaker at 903-474-3078.

Email Luke Clayton through his website [www.catfishradio.org](http://www.catfishradio.org)

## Original Texans only knew how to lose

The Dallas Texans, first pro football team in the Southwest, proved their season opening defeat was no fluke by losing 37-14 to the San Francisco 49ers on Oct. 5, 1952.

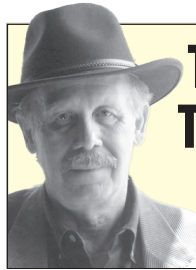
Seventy-two years ago, the National Football League did not remotely resemble the sports spectacle of today. No Monday Night Football, no Super Bowl and no fat contracts for gridiron gladiators who risked crippling injury every Sunday.

There were 12 teams instead of the current 31 and none between Chicago and California. The idea of selling new franchises to pigskin hungry cities had yet to dawn on current owners, so the rest of the country had to wait until a team became available.

At the end of the 1951 season, singer Kate Smith's manager begged the league office to take the money losing New York Yankees off his hands. Commissioner Bert Bell was happy to oblige because he had a buyer in football crazy Texas.

A group of businessmen headed by Giles Martin, 31-year-old heir to a textiles fortune, paid \$300,000 for the privilege of moving the club to Dallas. Since no self-respecting resident of the Lone Star State would root for a team called the Yankees, the name was changed to the Texans.

Unlike the expansion teams to come, the Dallas Texans were not a bunch of over-the-hill veterans and green-as-grass rookies. Talent may have been in short supply, but Buddy Young was a nifty little runner



### This Week in Texas History

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and two linemen, Gino Marchetti and Art Donovan, were destined for the Hall of Fame.

Thirty-three players survived a scorching training camp in Kerrville and a flurry of cuts and trades. Six Southwest Conference alumni were on the opening-day roster: fullback Dick McKissack (SMU), ends Bruce Alford (TCU) and Stanley Williams (Baylor), guard Weldon Humble (Rice) and UT tackles Ken Jackson and Jim Lansford.

The 17,500 curious spectators, who showed up at the Cotton Bowl on the last Sunday of September, had lots of elbow room in the stadium built for 75,000. Gov. Allan Shivers hailed "this new era in sports in Texas," and a beauty queen released helium-filled balloons that soared skyward with a gold football entitling the finder to an undisclosed prize.

Tom Landry fumbled the opening kickoff on the New York Giants' 22-yard line to set up the hosts' sole score. Crowd favorite Kyle Rote, Doak Walker's running mate at SMU, received the biggest cheer of the day with an exciting 52-yard touchdown dash,

and the visitors coasted to a 24-6 triumph.

Matty Bell, athletic director at Southern Methodist, generously blamed the disappointing turnout for the pro debut on football fatigue. The SMU-Georgia Tech game attracted 40,000 to the Cotton Bowl on Friday night, and the Texas Aggies packed the place the next afternoon for their contest with Oklahoma A&M.

Excuses were harder to come by the following Sunday, when the Texans' tussle with the 49ers drew 2,500 fewer fans. Y.A. Tittle, Marshall native and Louisiana State signal-caller, picked apart the Dallas defense as San Francisco rolled to a 23-point victory.

A change of scene failed to alter the outcome a week later in Chicago. The Texans managed to muster 20 points at Wrigley Field, but the Bears were 18 points better.

Returning to the wide-open spaces of the Cotton Bowl, the Texans actually led Green Bay 14-7 at halftime much to the surprise of the sparse crowd of 14,000. But the Rice Institute pass-and-catch combination of Tobin Rote and Bill Howton powered the Packers past the hapless home team 24-14.

The Texans suffered their fifth and sixth defeats on a road trip to the West Coast. The 49ers ran wild in a 48-21 rout, and the Los Angeles Rams shellacked them 42-20.

Giles and his partners had bought the franchise in the naive belief they would at least break even that initial season. Finding themselves a quarter of a million dollars in

the red by early November, they asked the Citizens Association for a \$250,000 loan to tide them over, but the unselected city fathers turned them down flat.

Ten thousand hardy souls braved the cold and rain to see what most expected to be the Texans' last game in Dallas. The Rams won the muddy melee by three TD's.

Three days later, Giles Miller dumped the team in Bert Bell's lap. The commissioner gave Coach Jimmy Phelan marching orders for Hershey, Pennsylvania, which the strays called home for the rest of the strange season.

The orphans were adopted by Baltimore and "became heroes for life," as colorful Art Donovan put it. Renamed the Colts, they developed into the NFL's best winning back-to-back championships in 1958 and 1959.

Dallasites did not miss the original Texans, though in private they probably envied Baltimore's luck. The NFL gave the city a second chance in 1960 by awarding an expansion franchise to oilman Clint Murchison. Lamar Hunt, founder of the rival American Football League, countered with the second coming of the Texans, and for the next three seasons Big D had its choice of two professional football teams.

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## Strength Training

My mom knew me well. So well, in fact, that as I left for college she outfitted me not only in the latest fashions for my body but she also armed me for life by the gift of a ceramic "book, a slightly worn piece that had resided on the kitchen window sill as long as I had memory. She knew me well. The "Serenity Prayer, in faded gilt script has resided with me ever since, on dorm dressers, in apartment alcoves and finally, on my own kitchen windowsills.

The "Serenity Prayer, known to millions, was written by Reinhold Niebuhr, in the early 1940s. In original form it reads, "God, give us the grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. It speaks to important, even lifesaving, skills everyone who lives life successfully must develop. My mom had already seen to it that I had the models for courage, for wisdom, acceptance and serenity that I needed to learn those skills. The prayer, given to her by her mom, was to serve me as a reminder to use these skills.



### It Still Matters

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How do children develop the strengths they will need to become successful, happy, contributing adults? Where do the models for learning courage, serenity, wisdom and acceptance come from? Parents, obviously, are an important source. Children who live with kindness become kind, children who live with acceptance learn to love and children who live with anger become bitter. Beyond parents are aunts, uncles, grandparents and teachers, all who serve as examples for children to copy. Uncles who always have time for nieces and nephews teach them most of all the importance of having a caring special person who

thinks they are important. There are others, those important members of our "extended families, the friends so close our children call them "aunt" or "uncle" and daily interact in our lives and from whom our children take their cues about the kinds of adults they will become. Our children watch and copy ... and they copy everything, good or bad.

Adults are the mirrors for what children will alter become; good examples are critical. By watching grown-ups cope successfully with joblessness, sorrow, hard times, death, disaster, children learn that adverse circumstances can be overcome, changed or accepted. By observing adults who look beyond imperfection of body to the inside perfection of spirit, who love the unlovable and forgive the unforgivable, children learn to do the same. Young people copy the way adults react to difficult situations ... by blaming or by problem solving. When their own tough times come, they remember and reach for the strengths that were planted in years past by the strong adults about them. They cannot use what we have not given them.

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Estate of Lesli D. Bennett

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Estate of Travis Easton Smith

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### Auctions & Sales

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**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "he's \_ \_ \_ to walk the river with" (reliable)  
5 a pocket bread  
6 our treat (2 wds.)  
7 Travis \_ \_ \_ pleas for more men at the Alamo  
8 TXism: " \_ \_ \_ the mark" (follow rules)  
9 a gorilla, e.g.  
12 Texas-born Aaron Yoo 2009 comedy film: "Labor \_ \_ \_"  
17 assumed names  
19 the founding name of the city Uvalde  
21 male geese  
22 TXism: "hot as \_ \_ \_ stove"  
23 "he \_ \_ \_ holding the bag"  
28 TX JoBeth 1983 film about kidnapping/ murder of a child  
29 annoying person  
30 " \_ \_ \_ him wrapped around her little finger"  
31 church table  
35 camping shelter  
36 Aikman shout in 1993: "I'm going to \_ \_ \_!"  
42 in Nueces County on highway 44 (2 wds.)  
44 milk \_ \_ \_ quickly if left out of fridge  
46 West Asians who settled in Waller County in 1880s  
48 Texas actress Sissy

**DOWN**

1 TXism: "sticks like \_ \_ \_"  
2 Amtrak stop in Wood County  
3 TXism: "he can't carry \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ bucket"  
4 noted 19th century political cartoonist, Thomas  
9 sailing in the Gulf lasting performance platform? (2 wds.)  
11 suffix denoting the female gender  
12 a former Ranger in "Lonesome Dove": " \_ \_ \_ Eye Parker"  
13 "Star Trek's" Spock line: "Live long \_ \_ \_"  
14 it predated 7-11's Slurpee  
15 puppy bites  
16 TXism: " \_ \_ \_ - slinging mad"  
18 "it don't \_ \_ \_ up" (doubt it's true)  
20 Austin: "Asleep \_ \_ \_ the Wheel" band  
23 Levi's inventor (init.)  
24 Texas-born actor Hawke (init.)  
25 Greek cheese  
26 mall clothing store (2 wds.)  
27 cow dung  
32 Joan Crawford was born in Texas as Lucille \_ \_ Sueur  
33 Burrell of 2011 film "Butter" with TX Jennifer Garner  
34 cowboy humility: " \_ \_ \_ , shucks ma'am"  
36 horse color  
37 pelvic bones  
38 " \_ \_ \_ down" (reduce)  
39 \_ \_ \_ beef  
40 A.F. \_ \_ \_ organized the drilling of Spindletop  
41 A&M's original 12th Man: \_ \_ \_ King Gill  
43 flew \_ \_ \_ lis once flew over Texas  
45 48-across played his "Carrie" (init.)  
47 most Texans are \_ \_ \_ of their state  
48 " \_ \_ \_ up or ship out"  
55 picnic pests

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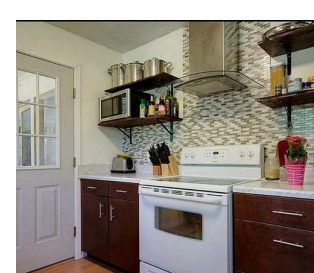
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