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# pportunities at TSUS Center shared with Lions

By Emily Banks Wooten editor@polkenterprise.com

"I'm really, really excited about the impact they're going to have on our community," Andy Evans said as he introduced Kristin Tow Walker, executive director of the TSUS Polk County Center, Wednesday at Lions Club.

"First, who are we? The Texas State University System. We are four four-year universities - Texas State University, Sul Ross State University, Sam Houston State University and Lamar University - and three two-year colleges - Lamar Institute of Technology, Lamar State College Port Arthur and Lamar State College Orange," Walker said.

We're written in legislation and can go anywhere in the state and provide education," Walker said.

"In one center, we have three colleges that have come together. We are united and can provide many opportunities to the people of Polk County," she said.

Some of the workforce courses offered include maritime, CDL, IV therapy, ESL, Excel and IV compounding. Others that may be offered in the future include small engine repair, QuickBooks and intro to welding.

"Our college credit courses start Oct. 28, and we will be offering developmental courses, math, history, English, business administration, criminal justice and basic general education courses day to day face to face," Walker said, adding, "We have hired our first five faculty to teach evening

'We're presently hiring and urgently need adjunct faculty in the following fields: accounting, biology, English, math, psychology, sociology, social media and digital communications, logistics management, nursing (CNA, LVN and medication aide), criminal justice and EMT," she said, adding, "It can be really, really rewarding."

Commenting that she has been in higher education for 20 years, Walker said, "I'm very passionate about what we do. I look forward to coming back and sharing more information

She invited everyone to come out to the center for a 'meet and greet' from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday where there will be popcorn, soft drinks and the opportunity to see what is happen-

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**Kristin Tow Walker** 



Christopher Scott shows students at Creekside Elementary School how to get down on the ground and crawl in the event of fire. Oct. 6-12 is National Fire Prevention Week and Scott disseminated 200 goodie bags to first and second graders Thursday. Also on hand to provide fire prevention education and tips were (I-r) Livingston Volunteer Firefighter Craig Jones, City of Livingston Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement Officer Josh Mohler, Livingston Volunteer Firefighter Brandon Prescott and Livingston Volunteer Fire Chief Corky Cochran. The firefighters showed the students a firetruck, bunker gear, jaws of life and other tools they use. PHOTO BY KELLI BARNES

# Strong interest shown in TxDOT's plans for US 59

By Emily Banks Wooten editor@polkenterprise.com

Close to 200 people attended an event put on by the Texas Department of Transportation Thursday to provide input on US 59 improvements, specifically, a proposed project in Livingston designed as a US 59 upgrade, which will bring US 59 to interstate standards in preparation for its future designation as I-69.

US 59 serves as an evacuation route for the Gulf Coast and has been designated as an I-69 corridor. The project involves reconstruction of existing main lanes and frontage roads and interchanges with FM 1988, US 190 and Business US 59 North.

In addition to the fact that US 59 does

not meet current interstate standards, the US 59 interchanges with US 190, BUS 59 N and FM 1988 are inadequate for current and future traffic volumes, resulting in traffic congestion, reduced mobility and an increase in traffic crashes.

The proposed project is approximately six miles and runs from US 190 to 0.39 miles south of FM 1988 and 1.90 miles south of SL 116 on US 59, and 0.10 miles west of FM 350 North to 0.10 miles east of Briar Way on US 190 with an estimated construction cost of \$430 million.

The feasibility study is presently underway, with the next step being schematic design and environmental studies. Right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation will commence in Fall 2026 and run through Fall 2029. Construction letting upon approval is expected to occur in Spring 2032.

In addition to the reconstruction of US 59 main lanes, ramps and frontage roads to meet interstate standards, other features of the proposed project involve revising the configuration of the US 190, BUS 59 North, and BUS 59 South/FM 1988 interchanges, in addition to new frontage road connections crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad just north of BUS 59/FM 1988 and just south of BUS 59 North.

An additional feature is the construction of cable barrier-divided main lanes along US 59 that consist of four 12-footwide travel lanes, two in each direction, six-foot-wide inside shoulders, and 12-foot-wide outside shoulders. Northbound and southbound US 59 frontage road construction would include two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with a fourfoot inside shoulder and a 10-foot outside shoulder. A 10-foot shared-use path would also be constructed along the pro-

posed US 59 frontage roads. Comments were taken at the meeting and will continue to be taken by phone, mail and email and must be received on or before Oct. 18. Comments may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Lufkin District Office, 1805 N. Timberland Drive, Lufkin, TX 75901. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov.

# Monday is last day to register to vote in Nov. 5 elections

By Emily Banks Wooten editor@polkenterprise.com

The City of Livingston, as well as Livingston, Big Sandy and Leggett ISDs will hold General Elections on Nov. 5 and Monday is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming elections. Early voting will begin on Oct. 21 and conclude Nov.

The City of Livingston will elect a mayor and two "at large" council members

on Nov. 5. Judy Cochran presently serves as mayor. One of the "at large" council seats is presently held by Alan Cook. The other has been vacant since the resignation of Marion A. "Bid" Smith. Cochran filed for re-election to the mayor's position. Joshua Grant also filed as a candidate to run for mayor. Cook filed for reelection to the city council. Others who filed as candidates for city council are Corey Dickerson, Jennifer Andjelic and Andy Evans. Four people vying for two "at large" council seats means that the top two vote-getters will be elected to the

council. Livingston ISD will elect three "at large" trustees on Nov. 5, seats presently held by Bea Ellis, John Allen Slocomb and Scott Paske. Ellis and Slocomb filed for re-election, but Paske did not. Others filing to run for the "at large" seats include Dustin Andreas, Steven Earl Grimm Jr., Christopher Moehlmann, Megan Murphy Rowe and Howard William Smith. Seven people vying for three "at-large" seats means that the top three vote-getters will be

elected to the board.

Big Sandy ISD will elect four trustees in the election, the seats presently held by Mark Duff, Darrell Murphy, Zach Williford and Kabe Murphy.

Four "at large" seats will be on the ballot for Leggett ISD, those presently held by Curtis Jefferson, Robert Nowlin, Tommie Collins and Kevin Willson. All four incumbents are running, as is a challenger, Zachary Johnson. Five people vying for four "at-large" seats means that the top four vote-getters will be elected to the board



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# Court to discuss IT security incident

#### From Enterprise Staff

The Polk County Commissioners Court will discuss and consider possible action regarding an information technology security incident that occurred recently. If deemed necessary, the Court may enter into an executive session to consult with an attorney.

Action regarding the USDA Forest Service, Private and Tribal Forestry Fiscal Year 2024 Wildfire Defense Grant will be considered, including the procurement of an administrator to prepare the application and administer the grant, if awarded, and the appointment of a selection/rating committee to review and score all eligible proposals and make a recommendation to the Court for the selection of a grant adminis-

The Court will also consider

action regarding procurement of an administrator to prepare the application and administer the grant, if awarded, for the fiscal year 2025-2026 Texas Department of Agriculture Community Development Block Grant

Action relating to expenditures from maintenance capital outlay buildings (budgeted funds) for the annual generator maintenance agreement at the Polk County Jail, in the amount of \$18,750, will be considered.

The Court will consider approval of an order authorizing the sale of fireworks during the Diwali period of Oct. 30 through midnight Nov. 3.

Action regarding the re-bid for Precinct 1 annual bids, the bid for tunnel drain repair at the sheriff's office and jail and the sale of surplus (scrap) metal and culverts

for Precinct 3 Road and Bridge will be considered.

The Court will consider approval of the 2025 Polk County holiday schedule and will also consider rescheduling the Dec. 24 meeting due to the Christmas

In personnel matters, the Court will review and consider personnel action form requests submitted by department heads since the last meeting and review any authorized emergency hires.

Fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 revisions and amendments, as presented by the county auditor's office, will be considered for approval.

A report from Polk County Recycling & Beautification will be presented during the portion of the meeting reserved for informational reports.

Items on the consent agenda

include:

- Approve minutes of the Sept. 24 regular session and Oct. 1 emergency session;
- Approve schedules of bills;
- Receive and record personnel action forms submitted by elected officials since the last meeting;
- Approve order designating surplus property;
- Approve orders designating the regular terms for county court at law and justice courts for fiscal year 2025;
- Approve order to adopt the district clerk's updated jury plan, as approved by the 258th and 411th district judges;
- Accept grant funds awarded to the sheriff's office from the Texas School Safety Center for Tobacco Enforcement Program;
- Approve Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District request for the re-appoint-

ment of Scott Saxe as a board member for the term beginning Jan. 1, 2025 and ending Dec. 31,

- Receive grant award and authorize county judge to execute Contract No. C-01791 with the Office of Attorney General for Statewide Automated Victim Notification System Program for 2024-2025;
- Approve fire protection contracts with volunteer fire depart-
- Approve amended agreement with the City of Livingston for
- volunteer firefighting services; • Ratify submission of the draft Polk County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan to Texas Department of Emergency Man-
- agement for review; and • Approve engagement letter with Patillo Brown & Hill LLP for the fiscal yearend 2024 audit.

#### **TSUS** Continued from page 1A

LISD Superintendent Dr. Brent E. Hawkins said that last semester Livingston ISD had 550 students enrolled in college classes through the center.

"I can't express enough how important this relationship has been. Dr. Johnson saw the opportunity and jumped in. School districts have had no

new revenue since 2019. There are benefits financially with this relationship versus the previous one. Last year, we saved \$180,000 as opposed to the year before. Our enrollment went up so now we're getting more classes for less money," Hawkins said.

"TSUS has no ad valorem tax. They can go anywhere. We were charged out of district tuition previously, paying \$357 per course, and we're paying \$150 per course with these folks. And if it's our teachers teaching the

courses, it's free. It's a tremendous windfall for the school district," Hawkins said.

"Another windfall is the vision that Dr. Johnson and his folks brought. There's power in numbers. You customize students' educations to offer the things they want. We have a very robust vision of ingraining students with opportunities. There's lot of possibilities to put our kids in real world situations that they can learn from," Hawkins said

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TSUS Polk County Center Executive Director Kristin Tow Walker presented the program for the Lions Club of Livingston Wednesday, talking about the many courses offered at the local center. Polk County Higher Education & Technology Foundation President Andy Evans, TSUS Polk County Center Executive Director Kristin Tow Walker, Lion President Paula Harvey and Livingston ISD Superintendent Dr. Brent E. Hawkins. COURTESY PHOTO





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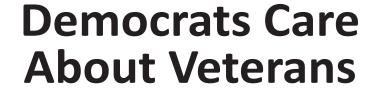
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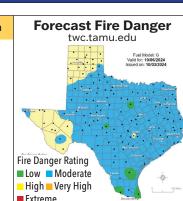
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Wind NNE 8mph

**TUESDAY** 



87°/59° Chance of Rain 0% Wind NNE 8mph

WEDNESDAY

88°/59° Chance of Rain 1% Wind NNE 6mph

**THURSDAY** 

88°/60° Chance of Rain 1% Wind NE 5mph

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**SATURDAY** 

Partly Cloudy 89°/61° Chance of Rain 3% Wind N 4mph

#### **LIFE TRIBUTES**

#### **Derwood Hyder Allen**

Funeral services for Derwood Hyder Allen, 99, of Livingston, Texas, will be held Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Holly Grove Baptist Church in Livingston, Texas with Bro. Gary Lawrence and Bro. Billy Bracken officiating. Interment will be held Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the Birdston Cemetery in Streetman, Texas. Visitation will be held Thursday, October 10, 2024, from 9-10 a.m. at the Holly Grove Baptist Church in Livingston, Texas.

Mr. Allen was born August 16, 1925, in Memphis, Texas and passed away September 29, 2024, in Livingston, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Grayson Allen and Cora Katherine (Doole) Allen; spouse, Doris Allen; spouse, Patsy Allen; grandson, Micah Parsons; three brothers; and two sisters.

He is survived by his daughter, Druscilla Miller and Gary of Temple, Texas; daughter, Wanda Parsons and Bob of Cypress, Texas; grandchildren, Todd Parsons and Deanna, Grayson Hopper and Claudia, Angela Parsons, and Alicia Calhoun and Patrick; eight great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; special friends



**Derwood Hyder Allen** Funeral services Thursday

and caretaker, Karen Kerstens and Shane; and four stepchildren; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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

#### **Hope McDade**

Hope McDade was born on December 19, 1937, in Austin, Texas, to Thomas Carrion Sr. and Josephine Lopez. She passed away on September 15, 2024, in Livingston, Texas at the age of 86.

Hope dedicated 25 years of her life as a social worker, touching the lives of many in a profound and lasting way. Her compassion and selflessness were evident in everything she did.

Hope was a devout member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and the Catholic Daughters of Livingston. She found solace and community in her faith, and her spiritual journey was a cornerstone of her life. Remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, greatgreat grandmother and friend, Hope's legacy of kindness and generosity will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished in our hearts.

She is survived by her sons, Richard Contreras and David Contreras; daughter, Josephine Duran; sister, Sarah Del Rio; brother, Johnny Carrion; grandchildren, Monique, Anthony, Chelsey, Christina, Angel Jr., Gabriel, Victoria and Vincent; great-grandchildren, Corban, Ethan, Nancy, Rigo Jr., Andrew, Gabriella, Annette, Madlyn, Angel, Crystal, Matthew, Alyssa,



**Hope McDade** Services not announced

Ashley, Andrianna, Jolene, Layla, Aaliyah, Katlin, Isaiah; great- great grandchildren, Meleah, Jaylah, Elijah and Ezekiel; as well as many other loved ones and a host of friends.

Hope is preceded in death by her parents; husband Jack McDade; son, Daniel Contreras, and daughter Rebecca Contreras.

## Andrew "Andy" Lee Wells

A Celebration of Life for Andrew "Andy" Lee Wells, 87, of Livingston, Texas, will be held Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 2-4 p.m. at the Humble Civic Center located at 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, Texas

Andy was born July 28, 1937, in Crockett, Texas and passed away September 17, 2024, in Livingston, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents, Leroy Wells, Woodrow W. Burt and Cora Mae Wells Burt; first wife, Sally Sue (Reese) Wells; and sister, Pat Smith.

As a boy, he loved to hunt and fish. Although he grew up in Pasadena, he spent his summers with his grandparents in Crockett where he helped his grandfather grow watermelons, beginning his lifelong love of gardening.

Andy graduated from Pasadena High School in 1956, having played football all through junior high and high school. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1961 and a Master of Education degree in 1968, both from Sam Houston State University.

He was a teacher and coach at Sealy ISD for six years. He then went to Humble ISD where he served as a science teacher and coach at Humble High School, before becoming assistant principal and then principal

cipal.

Andy was the founding principal of Kingwood Middle School before becoming the founding principal of Kingwood High School, a position he held until his retirement in 1998. The baseball field at Kingwood High School was named the Andy Wells Field in 1999 and the annual Humble ISD Andy Wells Cross Country Invitational is an event that has welcomed athletes from across the region since 2002. Andy left his footprints, literally, at Kingwood High School where they may be found in the concrete picnic area in front of the school

of the school.

He moved to Livingston fulltime in 1998 to enjoy his retirement. He loved fishing and boating on Lake Livingston, gardening, traveling and planning family events where he would cook catfish caught from the lake. His favorite family holidays were Thanksgiving and July Fourth with the parade and hot dogs. Another thing he loved were his early-morning three-mile walks around the lake with his buddies.



Andrew "Andy" Lee Wells Celebration of Life Oct. 26

A self-made man, Andy was a giving, generous person who wanted to help people. Throughout his years in education, his students were of utmost importance to him. He was known as a kind and compassionate man of integrity who was good-humored and always had a smile on his face.

Andy is survived by his wife, Jo Carol (Walker) Wells; son, Toby Wells; extended family, Jon C. Moore and family; stepson and wife, Stephen and Kim Manning; stepson and wife, Craig and Lynette Manning; grandchildren, Nova Manning, Margot Manning, Ashley Rupp and Andrew; great grandchildren, Jack Rupp, Margot Rupp and George Rupp; niece, Sally Annette Goach and family; niece, Jennifer Reese and family; and cousin, Melba Mae Loveless; along with numerous other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Andy Wells Scholarship Fund at the Humble ISD Education Foundation via https://humbleisdfoundation.org/how-you-can-help/tributes-memorials/ or via check mailed to the Humble ISD Education Foundation at P.O. Box 2105, Humble, TX 77347. Please note Andy Wells Scholarship Fund on the memo line.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memories or messages for the family may be made on the Cochran Funeral Home website at https://www.cochranfh.com/obituary/andrew-wells.

#### **Margaret Faye Dunn**

Margaret Faye Dunn, 98, of Canyon, formerly of Onalaska, Texas, passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2024. Services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2024, at Brooks Chapel in Canyon with Jeff Cates officiating. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at Houston National Cemetery.

Margaret was born on April 25, 1926, in Fort Smith, Arkansas to Charles and Mattie (Taylor) Johnson. She graduated from Van Buren High School in Arkansas and in January of 1944 she married Russell Dunn in Van Buren. They had a beautiful marriage for 66 years and were a shining example of what a marriage should be before he preceded her in death in March of 2010. She received her LVN in 1965 and was licensed in the state of Arkansas. She was delighted with the fact that she made the highest grade in the state of Arkansas.

Margaret was a military wife for 22 years. They lived abroad in Japan, Germany, Fort Knox and wherever his service led them, ultimately returning to Arkansas. They then moved to the Houston area where she continued nursing, and she and Russell both retired in 1986. Upon retirement, they moved to Onalaska, Texas where they remained for almost 40 years. While there, they were very involved in the VFW and were members of the First Baptist Church of Onalaska. In July of 2023, Margaret moved to Canyon to be closer to her son and his family.

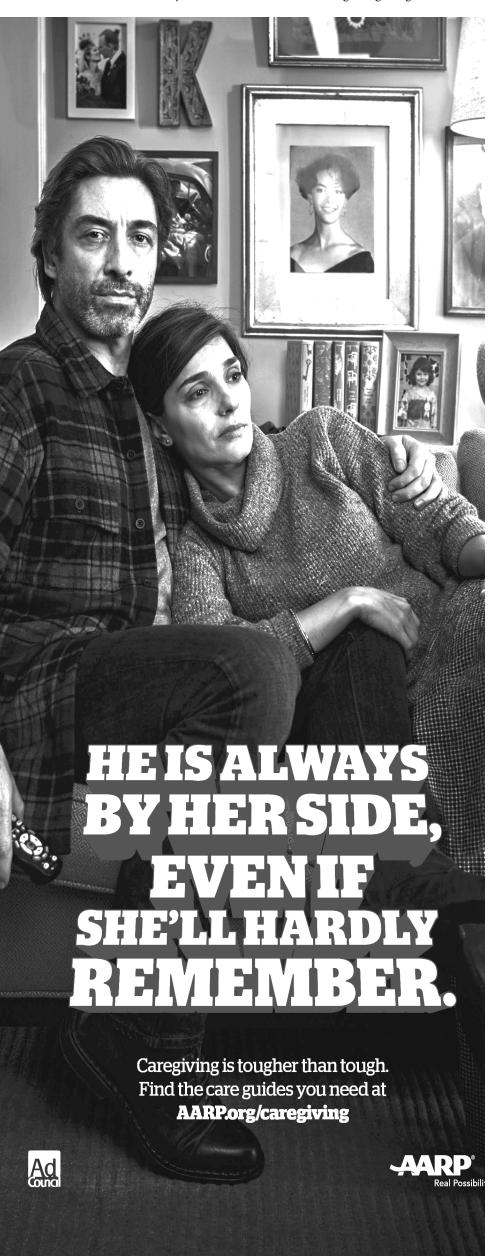


Margaret Faye Dunn Services held Friday

Margaret loved quilting, gardening, canning and cooking delicious meals for her family. She also enjoyed playing bridge and adored her cocker spaniels.

In addition to her husband, Margaret is also preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Stewart, son, Ralph W. Dunn, granddaughter, Chrissy Facemire, and her five siblings, Verna Vanderpool, Martha Gahagan, Dorothy 'Dottie' Titsworth, Wayne E. Johnson and Cora Swaney.

Survivors include her son, Dale Dunn and wife, Linda; daughter-in-law, Caroline Dunn; 8 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren.





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- 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.
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- ONALASKA INDEPEN-**DENT 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 INDEPEN-**DENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month in the Goodrich ISD Administra-
- tion, 234 Katie Simpson Street. • BIG SANDY INDEPEN-**DENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

6:30 p.m. second or third Monday of the month in the Big Sandy ISD Board Room, 9180 FM 1276.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 

• LEGGETT INDEPEN-**DENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES: 7** p.m. third Monday of the month, Leggett ISD Board

# **OPINION**



# Write the check, buy the barbecue sandwich, catfish plate, bowl of chili or raffle ticket



Some of you may not be aware of this, but I am on my third stint at the Polk County Enterprise, having logged in a total of 181/2 years as of this writing. The times I left were not the result of unhappiness or dissatisfaction, but either life changes (starting my family) or other job opportunities that came my way that I felt I

I share this with you to let you know that over those 181/2 years I've seen, covered and written about a lot of things - some of them gloriously joyful and others absolutely tragic.

One constant that I've witnessed time and again over the years, however, is the first-rate work and efforts of the local volunteer departments (VFDs) throughout our county that cover their respective territories, but also join together and work as one team when needed. These VFDs are Livingston, Onalaska, Goodrich, Segno, Scenic Loop, Indian Springs, South Polk County, Corrigan, Alabama-Coushatta Indian Nation and Holiday Lake Estates.

We are blessed beyond measure to have these loyal, giving folks. For any disaster we may experience, they are the first ones on the scene and usually

the very last ones to leave.

This is by no means a comprehensive list, but just off the top of my head I can think of 11 individual occurrences/disasters when these selfless individuals left their families, homes and jobs for the sake of their community. I can think of four different hurricanes - Rita in 2005, Ike in 2008, Harvey in 2017 and Beryl earlier this summer

There was the tornado in April 2020, Winter Storm Uri in February 2021 and the Space Shuttle Columbia explosion in February 2003 when dozens of them participated in search and recovery efforts, working 12-14hour days searching the forests of East Texas for pieces of the exploded craft and, more importantly, remains of the seven crew members.

In addition to the devastating flooding they responded to earlier this spring, there was also the "Easter flood" of April 1999. The October 1994 flood brought then-U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros to Polk County to tour the flooded homes in the Goodrich area. Severe flooding in May 1990 brought then-President Georg H.W. Bush to Polk County where he met with emergency officials below the dam. I was there, covering both of

I've actually lost count of the number of presidential disaster declarations Polk County has received over the years.

Our volunteer firefighters played leading roles in every one of these events, many of which lasted for days

and weeks at a time. They left their own homes and families, who often were without electricity or essentials themselves, to go help other people's families - yours, mine and the families of strangers.

And we haven't even touched on

Prevention Week, and the National Fire Protection Association has announced that this year's theme is "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" The goal of this year's campaign is to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

things we can do to help our local firefighters. Install smoke alarms and make sure they have working batteries. Teach your children about 'stop, drop and roll. Have an escape plan for your family and consider having the occasional fire drill at your home or place of business.

But probably the most important ning of all that you can do to help your local fire departments and show your appreciation is to support them in their fundraising efforts. Write the check. Buy the barbecue sandwich or the catfish plate or the bowl of chili. Purchase raffle tickets for the handmade quilts, the side of beef, the metal yard art or whatever it is that they happen to be raffling. Just write the check. And to all the firefighters,

the gruesome things they witness in the line of duty - literally the stuff of nightmares that no one should have

October 6-12 is National Fire

There are so many fairly effortless



First and second graders at Creekside Elementary School had the opportunity to see a firetruck and meet some real life firemen Thursday for National Fire Prevention Week. PHOTO BY EMILY BANKS WOOTEN

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# O makes arrests for child porn, drugs

#### **From Enterprise Staff**

The Polk County Sheriff's Office's criminal investigation division executed a felony warrant Wednesday for the arrest of Joshua Woods at his residence in Corrigan. The warrant was issued as part of an ongoing investigation by the Texas Department of Public Safety into the possession of child pornography.

Woods was booked into the Polk County Jail and charged with 13 counts of possession of child pornography with bonds totaling \$650,000.

"The Polk County Sheriff's Office is unwavering in its commitment to combat these serious crimes and in protecting the residents of Polk County. We will continue to ensure that those involved in such offenses are held accountable," Captain

Dave Sottosanti said, adding, "We continue to encourage the public to report any suspicious activity to aid us in our mission to protect our children."

Following community tips regarding narcotics activity, the Polk County Sheriff's Office's narcotics and criminal investigation divisions executed a targeted investigation at the Longhorn Valley RV Park on Tuesday.

Investigators attempted to speak with the occupants of an RV who were suspected of selling and using narcotics. Despite repeated attempts to make contact, the individuals inside the RV did not respond.

While at the scene, however, law enforcement officials developed probable cause, leading to the issuance of a search warrant. During the execution of the warrant, investigators discov-



Joshua Woods

ered illegal narcotics within the RV, resulting in the arrest of two individuals. Those arrested were Whitney Vandiver, 34, formerly of Coleman, and Dawson Barnett, 31, previously of Lott. Both were charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth-



**Whitney Vandiver** 

amphetamine) and possession of marijuana.

"The Polk County Sheriff's Office continues to encourage community members to report suspicious activities so that swift action can be taken in response to these concerns," Sottosanti



**Dawson Barnett** 

said. "This operation underscores the commitment of the Polk County Sheriff's Office to addressing drug-related issues in our community. We are grateful for the assistance from community members in bringing these matters to our attention."

# City to select administrative services provider

#### **From Enterprise Staff**

The Onalaska City Council will review and consider approval of a resolution selecting the administrative services provider for the Texas Department of Agriculture 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant Program during its regular meeting at 5 p.m.

Tuesday.

of the police department, fire department, fire marshal/fire inspector, building inspector/code enforcement officer and library representative.

Other items on the agenda include

Reports will be presented on behalf

approval of the minutes, payment of vouchers and financial reports.

# City getting a step closer to demolition of former nursing home

#### **From Enterprise Staff**

The Livingston City Council will review proposals and award a contract for the demolition of structures located at 154 Banks Dr. - the former Burmont Nursing Home during its regular meeting at 5 p.m. Tues-

Council is slated to appoint a director to the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency Board of Directors for the 2024-2026 term.

Holiday compensation for 2024 will be considered for approval.

An executive session is on the agenda at which time Council will consult with the city attorney. Any action, however, will be taken upon return to open session.

City Manager Bill Wiggins will present his monthly update on projects and events.

Other items on the agenda include approval of accounts over \$500 and minutes of the Sept. 10 meeting.

### **OFFICIAL RECORDS**

**JUSTICE COURT** Precinct 1 Judge Terri L. Mayer presiding.

**Criminal Docket** Steven Antonio Bonilla, sex offender cense invalid.

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Justin W. Pemberton, driving while license invalid.

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#### Bonds set

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Girard Damon Edwards, terroristic

Melanie F. Whiting, assault causing Alice Mae Newman, driving while li-bodily injury/family member, \$2,500.

Billy Ray Baletka Jr., bond forfeiture sexual assault, no bond.

Brandon N. Wheaton, bond forfeiture - possession of controlled substance, no bond.

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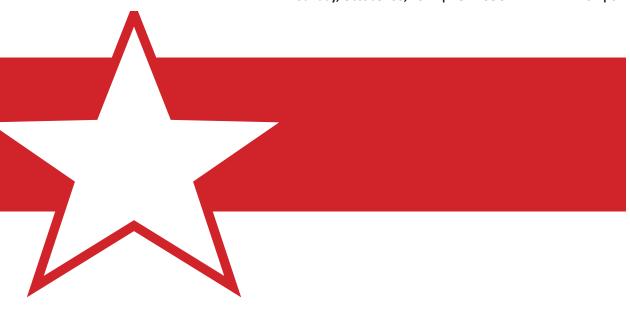
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# To the residents of the City of Livingston,

For me, it has been not only a call to duty, but also a blessing to serve as your Alderman for the past eight years. The many who served before me laid the groundwork upon which this city was built and my mission has been to continue the heritage they left by volunteering my time and resources. My hope is that, when my time is done in service to the City, Livingston will be better than before I began.

Over the last eight years, we have seen Livingston grow while critical infrastructure struggled to keep up with the increasing demands. We have seen businesses close. We have experienced deficiencies in available housing and we faced the loss of individuals in leadership roles that we considered irreplaceable. The story, however, does not end there.

In both response to growing demand and in preparation for future development, we have seen upgrades to our critical infrastructure - water, electricity and sewage. Where dead end water service lines once existed, the City has created loops to enhance pressure and volume to meet residents' needs. We have seen tremendous upgrades to our water storage capabilities with the addition of three



elevated tanks. We have seen the City secure our water supply for the next 50 years through a contract with the Trinity River Authority. We have seen the City refurbish our water treatment plant and completely refurbish our sewage treatment plant – placing backup generators at all lift stations to ensure service in the event of a rare power outage. Livingston's electrical distribution system, both facilities and staff, continue to operate second to none and our current rate for delivering power to residents compares favorably to local cooperative rates.

As I drive around this City, I take special notice of the local businesses that are flourishing. All of our downtown buildings, with the exception of one, are occupied and new businesses are establishing throughout Livingston. We have also seen a housing development boon, namely Livingston Village apartments, Livingston Pioneer Crossing, Single family housing on our South end, numerous homes created by Habitat for Humanity and a new apartment complex nearing completion on our East side.

We have also filled the positions of both our City Manager and our Chief of Police. I certainly do not envy anyone asked to take on the monumental task of filling the roles once performed by Marilyn Sutton and Dennis Clifton, but both Bill Wiggins and Matt Parrish have risen to the challenge and are growing into those respective roles admirably.

There is no doubt that the City of Livingston has issues that must be addressed. There are streets that need repair, sidewalks that need to be improved and remote areas that need utility upgrades. These are the issues I want to be a part of resolving. I believe that we are better than we were and that we are on our way to becoming better than we are now.

Your City Council is approachable. I have visited with many of you over the past eight years regarding concerns and new ideas. My business continues to operate from the same location it has for six decades and by God's grace it will continue to do so. If there is something you want to discuss concerning the City, you can rest assured that I will continue to make time for you.

If it is your choice for me to continue as one of your City Alderman, I gladly accept that responsibility and I sincerely appreciate your vote.

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> recently had the good fortune to get away to San Antonio for a few days. Hubby had some continuing education there and I decided to join him. The best part of all was that we made a detour through Austin on the way there and picked up Daughter to join us. It was the first time we'd seen her since we moved her to UT and it had been a long five weeks.

Knowing that we would be arriving at our hotel late at night, we stopped and got a quick bite at Cracker Barrel en route. Once we checked into our room, unpacked and got comfortable, she told us all about her classes. She seems to have acclimated well, which has been comforting for us, and she loves her classes. What more could we ask for?

The next day for lunch, we ate at Fiume Pizzeria and Wine Bar which is located in the Hilton Palacio del Rio on the San Antonio RiverWalk. We inquired about the sizes of the pizzas and determined that two pizzas would be perfect for the three of us. She had her eyes on the "Classico Pepperoni" which comprised San Marzano tomatoes, pepperoni, mozzarella, extra virgin olive oil and parmigiano reggiano. I had read good things about the "Sweet Texas Heat" so we selected that one for our second one. It was made with a white sauce, applewood smoked bacon, hot Calabrian peppers, basil and local hot honey sourced from Texas Farms. Both pizzas were absolutely delicious and we will definitely go back on a future trip.

That evening, Hubby and I joined some of his colleagues for a delightful dinner at Mi Tierra Cafe y Panaderia. Daughter opted to relax in the hotel room and enjoyed supper that she DoorDashed from Wingstop.

We had a wonderful meal of fajitas, enchiladas, tamales, tacos, rice, refried beans and fresh guacamole - followed up with some wonderful churros that were drizzled with chocolate and strawberry sauces.

The following day, Hubby was attending classes so Daughter and I ran a few errands and enjoyed lunch at the historic Guenther House. Carl Hilmar Guenther, the founder of Pioneer Flour Mills, built an elegant home on the San Antonio River in 1859. Beautifully restored, it now welcomes visitors as a restaurant, gift shop, museum and special events venue.

It's a fascinating place with much to see, but as I'm planning a feature on it for an upcoming issue of East Texan magazine, I'll just stick to talking about our lunch for now. Having studied the menu prior, I thought I knew exactly what I wanted – until I saw a waitress walk by with the thickest, most beautiful slice of quiche I'd ever seen. I then pivoted and selected the quiche of the day which on that day was chorizo, potato, jalapeno and cilantro. It comes with a side of

fresh fruit or roasted potatoes. I opted for the roasted potatoes. Daughter ordered breakfast tacos. There were multiple choices of components, but she went with scrambled eggs, shredded cheddar and applewood smoked bacon on flour tortillas. They came with the choice of fresh fruit or roasted potatoes with house made salsa. She, too, opted for the roasted potatoes. What can I say? We girls like our carbs.

I wanted a cup of coffee and noticed on the menu that they offered something called "Founders Choice Coffee - uniquely roasted and blended just for us." I asked the waitress about it and she said it had hints of cinnamon, chocolate and vanilla. I was intrigued and ordered a cup. It was so good that I purchased a bag of it from the nearby gift shop and

museum to bring home. Our last night there, we joined our friends Richard, Will, Scott, Jana and Dana for a wonderful meal at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar. I selected the 8-oz. petite filet mignon, Hubby chose the dry-aged ribeye and Daughter opted for the North Atlantic lobster chipotle cheddar mac and cheese. As the sides are plenty large enough to share, we opted for an array of them for the table. Therefore, we were able to enjoy a little bit of everything - roasted asparagus, crispy Brussels sprouts and bacon, roasted sweet potatoes, creamed spinach, mashed potatoes and chipotle cheddar mac and cheese.

After all that delicious food, we certainly didn't need dessert. However, sometimes we do things because we want to and not because we need to. While I would have loved the 1230-calorie chocolate lava cake, I opted instead for the 180-calorie fresh fruit and chantilly cream which was a mixture of strawberries, blueberries and pineapple topped with housemade chantilly whipped cream and a tuile which is a baked wafer, French in origin. Daughter enjoyed a beautiful slice of New York cheesecake, classically prepared, with strawberry red wine sauce and fresh mint. Hubby exercised restraint and forwent dessert.

The last morning after checking out of our hotel, we wanted a good brunch and we ended up at a place called Camp Outpost that Hubby found online. He really hit it out of the park with this one. It was an old converted warehouse with an industrial vibe and nostalgic camp-like theme. It was unpretentious, yet cool at the same time. The menu describes the offerings as elevated camp fare featuring high quality, wood-fired rotisserie meats and seasonally fresh grilled sides. As soon as we walked in, we all inhaled in unison, breathing in that glorious campfire aroma.

Hubby and Daughter - being the two peas in a pod that they are both ordered two bacon and egg tacos which comprised scrambled eggs, hickory smoked bacon, pepper jack cheese, wood-grilled onions, tomatillo salsa and cilantro, served with griddled potatoes and camp hot

I had my eyes on one thing until I read about the breakfast sandwich and was intrigued. It was fried eggs, hickory smoked bacon, slow roasted pork, smoked gouda and strawberry jam on a toasted French roll, with camp breakfast potatoes and camp tomatillo sauce. Initially, I was perplexed by the idea of the strawberry jam, but then I looked at Hubby and said, "It must work or they wouldn't put it on there. Sign me up." The sandwich – which was huge – was absolutely amazing. The toasted French roll was soft and fluffy. The hickory smoked bacon and slow roasted pork were savory goodness and the thin layer of strawberry jam was the perfect foil to cut through the natural saltiness of the meats. And the potatoes were some of the best I've ever had. We'll definitely go back to Camp

While we have some favorite places to eat in San Antonio, it's always fun to explore and discover new places that quickly become favorites as well. This trip didn't disappoint.■



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•Mi Tierra Cafe y Panaderia is located at 218 Produce Row.

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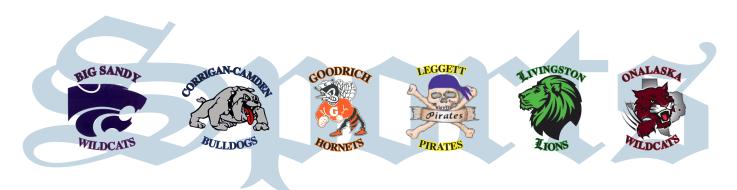
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The quiche of the day and roasted potatoes at

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The breakfast sandwich and camp

potatoes at Camp Outpost.



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Running back Jerren James looks for open space behind 
The Livingston Lions take the field. offensive lineman Ty Thomas. COURTESY PHOTOS







A pride of Lions make the tackle on a Liberty ball carrier.

Damorian Hill sets up blocks in the first half Friday.

# Liberty breaks into win column, Lions continue search for answers

By Brian Besch

For nearly three quarters, the Lions held a slight lead over the visiting Panthers from Liberty Friday. However, three touchdowns over the final 13 minutes would hand Livingston a 28-22 loss in their second district contest.

Livingston's first drive went 53 yards in six plays and ended with Jerren James' 8-yard run off tackle to put the Lions up. Quarterback Damorian Hill stretched the ball across for a two-point conversion to provide an 8-0 advantage for the home team.

Near the end of the first quarter, Liberty quarterback Frankie Marez found receiver Jason Wickliff running a wheel route and hit him over the shoulder for a 53-yard touchdown strike. Still, Livingston would cling to that 8-7 advantage into halftime.

"We had some kids that made some unbelievable physical plays and played with passion," Livingston coach Finis Vanover said. "At times, Liberty bowed up and whipped our tails. They have played everybody that way, and every

one of their games has been three or four points. They were up on Huffman, and (the Falcons) were really the only ones that got some distance on them. For three quarters, they were giving this same deal to Huffman until they ran out of gas."

Livingston did have the ability to move the ball on offense despite having to change plans made in practice just hours before kickoff. Their issue was converting those possessions into points. Two opportunities were missed on drives inside the red zone. One ended in an interception that bounced off a receiver's hands,

while the other was a turnover on downs. "We had mistakes, we had great plays, we had great defense, and we had terrible defense," the coach said. "We would have efficiency at its best, then look like we had never practiced before. That goal line deal that we could not get right before the half, we spent a 25-minute period Wednesday on that offense. It was one formation that we were in, and two plays that we ran. Then, we would run it to the other side. If we had one more down, we would get up and run it one more time, especially if we were in a time out dilemma, which we were. We practiced that for 25 minutes."

The Lion defense held Liberty to just 96 total yards in the first half. They could not hold that pace over the final two periods.

With 34 seconds remaining in the third quarter, Marez found Wickliff again, this time for 45 yards to go up 14-8.

Wickliff would continue to be a nightmare on the next drive, returning a punt 57 yards to put Liberty inside the Livingston 10. One play later, Marez danced into the end zone.

The Lions finally answered with 6:19 remaining in the contest. An eight-play 68-yard drive was capped by an 8-yard run from Tyler Soza. The unsuccessful two-point conversion made it a 21-14 game.

Liberty then marched for seven plays and Marez scored via the quarterback

Yet, Livingston again had a response, with Hill completing a 6-yard pass to Carson Pipes. Hill then connected with Tristen McCue for the two-point try af-

Deciding against the onside kick allowed Liberty to take over at their own 24-yard line with just 1:25 left in the game. Keeping it on the ground, the Panthers got the first down that would secure their first win of the season.

The Panthers outgained the Livingston offense 339-279. Wickliff brought in five receptions for 142 yards and two touchdowns. The 185 rushing yards was scattered mostly among three ball carriers. Hill was the biggest threat for Livingston, going for 70 yards on 11 carries. The Lion passing game continues to struggle with inaccuracy and drops. They were a combined 3-for-12 for 56 yards and a touchdown.

"We started throwing great, and then we wouldn't catch the thing. How many drops did we have? It is the same song and 27th verse, but they didn't quit or lay down. We had a couple of sinking spells, and gave up big plays on third-and-forevers. It was a back-and-forth deal, and we still would have had a chance if we would have gotten the score before the half. That was the biggest killer."



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#### B.A. Steinhagen

FAIR. Water stain; 85 degrees; 0.36 feet below pool. Mayflies are hatching, so expect some topwater bass action. Bass are fair on soft plastics in the cuts, or with frogs over grass. Crappie are fair with jigs in flooded timber. Catfish are fair on juglines.

#### **Bob Sandlin**

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 85 degrees; 0.68 feet below pool. Crappie are excellent in 15-20 feet of water on brush piles with minnows or jigs. Channel catfish are fair in 25 feet of water on baited holes with stink bait. White bass are fair at night in the lights with a white spinnerbaits. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service. Black bass are chasing shad and bream. Windy retaining walls will produce marauding bass. Try topwater baits in a fish pattern and streamers in a Bream pattern. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. Water clarity is 3-5 feet of visibility. Bass are great under shaded docks with shaky head worms and jigs, and grass edges with bladed jigs, buzzbaits or frogs work well in shallow creek pockets. Topwater walking baits and Alabama rigs are great in the morning and evening. Report by Blake Doughtie, Lake Country Lunkers Lures and Guide Service.

Caddo GOOD. Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.02 feet below pool. Bass fishing is tough after the weather has warmed. We need some cool nights to get these fish fired up again. There is still some schooling action on the lake hitting flukes, pop r's, buzz baits and frogs. To find the bait ook for the lily pads and grass lines and listen for the pads popping. Fish in the cuts in the river with rattle traps or shad color crankbaits. Once you find fish you can switch to a dropshot, shaky head or Texas rig and catch more after they quit hitting a moving bait. It is about to be a fun time on the lake and with majestic views as the lake turns red and the fall winter colors come around on this majestic lake that God spoke into existence. Report provided by Vince Richards, Caddo Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

#### Conroe

GOOD. Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.79 feet below pool. Catfish have been excellent this past week on catfish bubblegum, liver,



worms, and punch bait in 8-30 feet of water. Bream have been plentiful as well in 4-20 feet of water using Worms and liver. Bass are good up shallow early and late with wacky rigged worms. Offshore structures and docks are good once the sun has risen, with some midday schooling on shad. Report by Brad Doyle with Bradley's Guide Service. Crappie are not as productive, but some can be caught on structure 12-25 feet. Hair jigs have been working better than plastic. Catch a few then move to the next spot, they have been turning off as quickly as they turn on. Hybrids have been schooled up this week in 12-24 feet with some whites mixed in, hanging on flats and drop-offs. Many folks are trolling with a deep diver and a pet spoon trailer, others are using slabs from Bradley Outdoors to jig for them, as well as casting swimbaits or crankbaits. Always wear your life jacket and stay hydrated in this heat. Report by Mike Cason, Fishical Therapy.

Fork

GOOD. Water Stained; 81 degrees; 1.74 feet below pool. The lake is turning over on the upper east and west arms. Early morning bite is good on topwaters and flukes, and yum dingers around grass. Carolina rigs and Texas rigs are good on points and humps in 7-12 feet. Deep crankbaits are fair over brush piles and roadbeds. Report by Marc Mitchell, Lake Fork Guide Service. Bass are aggressive on top water and shallow. Windy banks can provide schooling action so be ready with a small top water or streamer. Catfish are shallow around boat houses. Bream are excellent in the shallows, wooly buggers and small poppers should bring a strike. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. The Lake Fork crappie fishing continues to be excellent as we head into fall. You can find fish in a very large

range of depths from 12-40 feet.

Timber still has some great white crappie if you cover water and pick off those fish. Brush piles are holding decent numbers with a combination of white and black crappie. You can find black crappie on underwater road beds and bridges. We should see more and more black crappie on the tops of timber in deeper water over the next month. Minnows are a great bait but we did catch fish on small hand tied jigs this week. Soft plastics will work and that bite will get better as water cools off. The catfish bite is on fire in 18-28 feet around timber along creek channels. These fish are following bait migrations and will load up under your boat as you begin to fish. They will even elevate off the bottom as they load up so you can fish up and down the water column to find the larger fish. Use any prepared bait of choice to catch this fish. Using some cattle cubes or sour grain will attract and hold even more fish. Report by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky Wiggins Guide Service.

#### **Houston County**

SLOW. Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.07 feet below pool. Fishing patterns are consistent, but this should change as the weather begins to cool. Sunfish are good. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Bass are slow midday, with the best bite in the morning.

Lake O' the Pines GOOD. Water slightly stained; 90 degrees; 0.33 feet below pool. Water clarity is slightly stained with 2-3 feet of clarity. Bass can be caught on creek channel bends throwing Texas rigged creature baits, senkos, or compact jigs in black & blue. Grass edges are holding a high number of fish and can be caught on 3-4 inch swimbaits, flukes, or bladed jigs. Matted vegetation seems to hold the larger fish in fewer numbers, and can be caught throwing a ribbit frog or hollow body frog. Report by Blake Doughtie, Lake Country

Lunkers Lures and Guide Service. Livingston

GOOD. slightly stained; 89 degrees; 0.73 feet below pool. White bass are great on roadbeds in 6-16 feet of water hitting Duck Tracker slabs. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Ad-

#### **Martin Creek**

GOOD. Water normal stain; 89 degrees; 1.57 feet below pool. Bass are fair along the edge of the hydrilla using rattletraps,

swimbaits and watermelon red Texas rigged worms. Crappie are good in brush piles and timber in 20-25 feet using Bobby Garland screamer jigs and minnows. Catfish are good along the dam drifting with night crawlers and shrimp. Reported by Hambone guide service.

#### Nacogdoches

GOOD. Water normal stain; 82 degrees; 1.34 feet below pool. The clarity has improved to 4 feet of visibility. Largemouth bass are excellent with 3-5 pound fish being caught on small swimbaits and topwaters. There is a lots of schooling action. Crappie are excellent on 1/16 ounce white crappie jigs. Catfish are fair on live minnows and cut bait. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

#### Naconiche

FAIR. Water slightly stained; 78 degrees; 0.00 feet full pool. Bass continue to be in a weird mood. They cannot decide if they need to stay or go from their typical summer haunts. Expect the next two cold fronts to get temps to drop back down to the mid 70s before heading further down to set off the fall turnover. Keep an eye on the thermocline. This tells you the exact depth to present your offering. Even over deep water, do not go below this line. The square-bill crankbait 5 feet depth got the most bites over the weekend. If you find them hugging the bottom in 8-10 feet, dragging a Texas-rig Mag-worm can be effective. Crappie population is good. Catfish are slow. Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services. Largemouth bass are good on topwaters and swimbaits. Crappie are excellent on brush and standing timber in 10-15 feet of water on 1/16 ounce white crappie jigs. Catfish are fair on cut bait in the fishing pier area. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

#### **Pinkston**

FAIR. normal stain; 82 degrees. Water clarity is clear. Largemouth bass are good on large or small swimbaits, and dropshots in 10-18 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on 1/16 ounce white crappie jig. Catfish are slow on live minnows or cut bait. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide

#### Sam Rayburn

FAIR. Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; 0.82 feet below pool. Bass are schooling more in the morning so expect more topwater action on grass edges and points. Crappie are fair on standing timber in 27 feet on brush piles with minnows over jigs. Blue and channel catfish are fair in 24-27 feet of water and in the river bends on cut bait and minnows. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. Lake level is holding steady, but expect the lake to drop to 5-7 feet low to continue to work on the dam in the future. Fish are in all stages of the transition. Target bass with jig head minnows and forward facing sonar. Bass are suspended at the mouth of creeks and on offshores flats chasing bait. When bass are schooling on the bottom cast a Carolina rig, dropshot, and shaky head. There is an abundance of shallow fish and this pattern should continue through the fall. Target the hay grass and flooded bushes early in the morning to catch bass chasing bait using a chatterbait, swimbait or frog. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Guide

#### Toledo Bend

FAIR. Water normal stain; 85 degrees; 4.13 feet below pool. It's really back to summer again here the water temperature is back to the mid to high 80s. Bass bite is back to being just fair with shallow fish on topwater and chatterbaits. Creek fish are in 5-8 feet little better. Fish out deep, but most are small to keepers with dropshots and spoons. Crappie slow. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

#### **Tyler**

GOOD. Water normal stain; 84 degrees; 0.84 feet below pool. Fishing patterns are holding steady. Crappie are good with minnows on brush in 16-20 feet of water, and off the barge. Catfish are good in 10-16 feet of water stink bait, liver and nightcrawlers. Bream are good on red worms off the barge and throughout the lake. Bass are fair on topwater baits, crankbaits and spinner baits in 4-12 feet of water. Report by The Boulders at Lake Tyler.

#### Welsh

FAIR. Water stained. 95 degrees. Few reports from anglers. Wright Patman

GOOD. Water stained; 83 degrees; 0.29 feet above pool. Catfish are good with stink bait. Crappie are good with minnows

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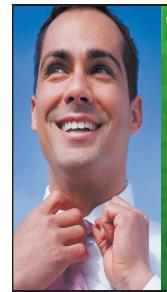
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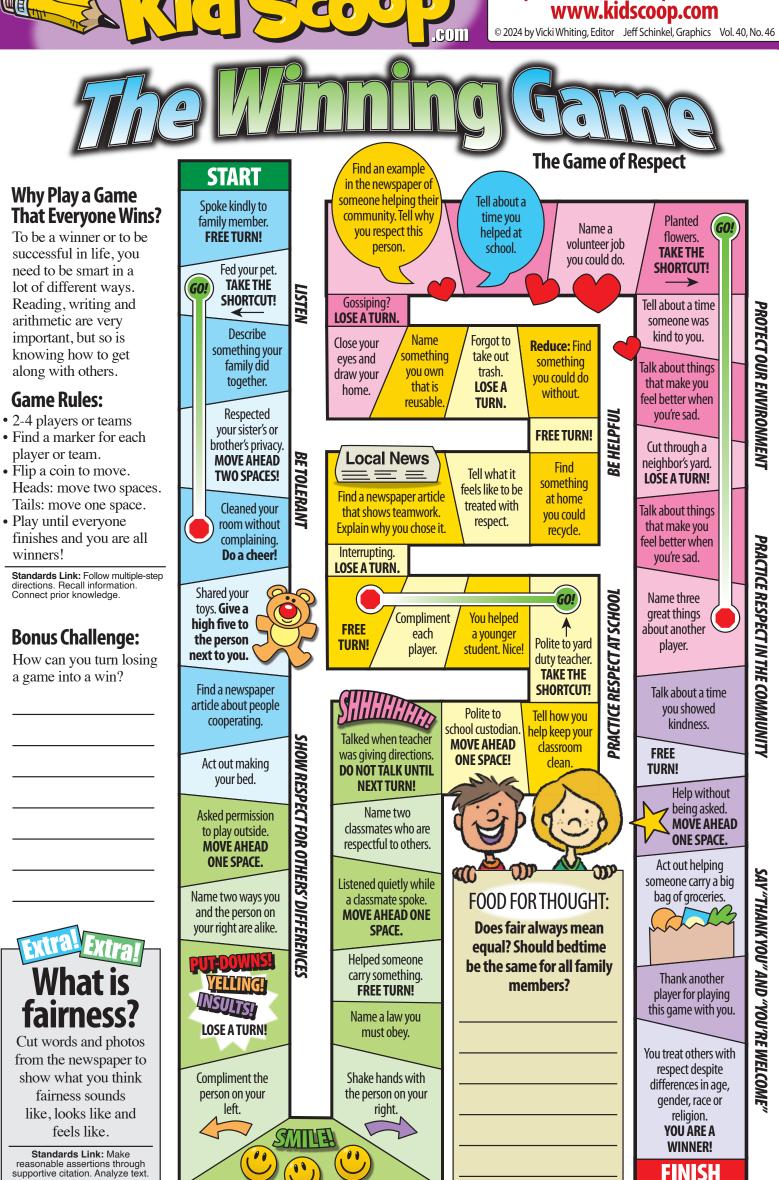
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FOR the proposal: James Engbrock Charles Reyna Tommy Legg Nathan Hale Helmut Walter

AGAINST the proposal: None PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	Last Year \$0.8900 /\$100 Adopted		This Year \$0.9400 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		\$0.05000 /\$100 5.56%	
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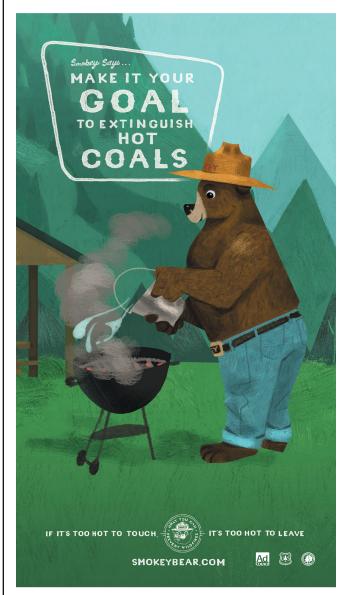
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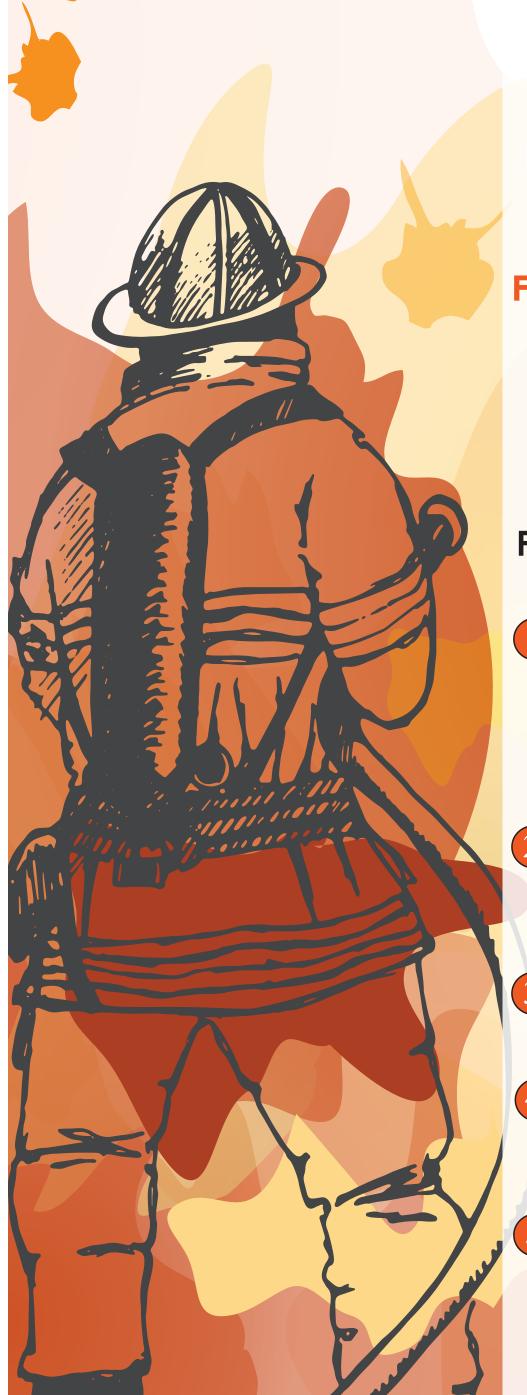






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## **Employment**

PART-TIME WORKER needed in the Livingston area for general yard work and maintenance. No mowing. Call (936)327-5109 or text (713)305-0961. (40-1-cc-PCE)

DAVID NORTON TIRE CENTER, Woodville, TX is accepting applications for a mechanic. Apply in person, 1116 S. Mag-(46-tfn-b-TCB)

FULL TIME Medical Assistant, part-time Receptionist needed. Fax resume to 936-327-1022 email to

dr.lauroraoffice@yahoo.com or bring to 300 Bypass Lane, suite 208, Livingston, Tx. (39-tfn-b-PCE)



#### **Employment**

Actively seeking a dynamic individual from the Trinity area to fill a part-time sales position. The position offers a base pay plus commission, and bonuses. The ideal candidate should be enthusiastic, highly motivated, and well acquainted with the local community. If you're interested in joining our team, please email your resume to ashley@polkcountypublishing. com.

#### (5-tfn-nc-TCNS)

#### **Notice of Position Opening TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER** October 3, 2024

The CITY OF LIVINGSTON is accepting applications for two (2) Telecommunications Officer positions for the Livingston Police Department. Experience preferred but will train. Candidates must be willing to work nights and/or weekends and are subject to emergency call-in. This is a full-time position with benefits. Applications will be accepted at the Police Department, 208 W. Church Street, Livingston, Texas from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. The deadline for accepting applications will be Friday, October 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

For job description, starting salary, required knowledge and training requirements, please contact Trisha Patton, Telecommunications Supervisor, at 936.327.3117. No interviews will be scheduled until after the deadline. The City of Livingston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. (40-3t-b-PCE)

#### Linebarger Attorneys at Law

is hiring for a Legal Assistant/ File Manager for our Livingston Office to assist Taxpayers, Input data & maintain legal files, Perform clerical duties, Prepare legal documents, Conduct address research and all other duties as assigned. Requirements: Proficient in using Microsoft Office (Word, Excel & Outlook). Be wellorganized & detailed-oriented. Ability to keep pace with processing deadlines. Experience with e-filing is a plus.

Interested applicants please send your resume to gina.hullihen@lgbs.com (39-2t-cc-PCE)

NOW TAKING applications at Red Barn Builders Supply for yard help. Apply in person only 4683 St. Hwy. 146, Livingston. Ask for Randy. (36-tfn-b-PCE)

## Nursery Worker Part-time nursery worker wanted

for Pine Forest Baptist Church 10537 US HWY 190 W Livingston Tx. Sunday AM & PM services and Wednesday PM services. Background check and drug test required.

Call 936-646-4803 or stop by for more information. (39–2–cc–PCE)

## Now Hiring!

Looking for honest, hard working, outgoing, motivated individuals with a good attitude looking to build a career in the fast food industry. Looking for a Team Leader with one year experience and an assistant with 2-3 years experience. Must have good references, Livingston, TX.

Apply at www. burgerworkshr.com (1-tfn-b-PCE)

**Financial Secretary** 

Position Available

The Pine Forest Baptist Church is seeking a dedicated and detail-oriented Financial Secretary. Criminal background check, drug test and adequate credit score required for further consideration. Responsibilities include managing church finances, preparing reports, and maintaining accurate financial records. Requirements: - Previous financial/accounting, strong organizational skills. Proficiency in accounting software, and a commitment to confidentiality and integrity This is a part-time position (16 Hours). To apply, please send your resume and references to the pfbc@eastex. net or stop by Tues – Thurs 9 am-5 pm - 10537 US HWY 190 W, Livingston, TX 77351 For more information, contact 936-

646-4803

(39-2-cc-PCE)

#### **Employment**

THE CITY OF CHESTER Water Supply Corp. and the Chester Gas System is taking applications for a Public Works Director Position. Please submit vour resume to seccitvofchester@eastex.net or drop off at city hall in Chester, Tx. Office hours are: 8-Noon, M-F. (38-4t-b-TCB)

ADVANCED PROPERTY MAIN-TENACE LLC is hiring a skilled laborer and operator. Call for an Interview, 409-224-6674, Woodville. (37-3t-cc-TCB)

#### For Sale

1968 FORD MUSTANG, numbers matching, 289 motor, automatic transmission, factory AC. It has been sitting for a while, motor has been stored in a shed, \$3,500 OBO. Can be viewed in the Goodrich area. Call (936)252-1833. (37-tfn-nc-PCE)

LARGE BIRDCAGE w/35-40 Zebra Finches, some white, some brown/white. Selling cage and birds \$100 OBO (207)754-9856. (40-2t-cc-PCE)

GOLF CLUBS: Ping Eye 2 Green Dot #1 Sand Wedge, \$400.00. Taylor Made M2 #4 AW, \$450.00. 409-429-0869. (39-2t-p-TCB)

PORTABLE GENERATOR, RS 5500, never been used, \$500.00 cash. 409-837-9704.

#### Rentals

1-BEDROOM HOME available for rent in Leggett, DIRECTV/ water/trash pick-up included \$600/month plus deposit Call (832)277-3737. (49-tfn-cc-PCE)

VERY NICE One Bedroom, out building, in Ivanhoe. 409-429-

(39-tfn-b-TCB) BRICK HOUSE in quiet neighborhood. 3/2/2, central AC, fireplace, office, big garage, 148 Cardinal, Livingston. No pets. No smoking. \$1,400/ month (936)329-2213. (28-tfn-cc-PCE)

HOUSE FOR rent in Woodville area, good references and deposit required. Call 409-283-8286

(43-tfn-b-TCB)

(40-2t-cc-TCNS)

3-BEDROOM 2-BATH in Pine Hollow, Moscow. Has washer/ dryer connections and a large yard, \$650/month plus deposit. Call (936)414-5869. (40-2t-cc-PCE)

1-BEDROOM 1 Bath Apartment for rent. Perfect for 1 person or a couple. For information call 1-936-293-0516 or 936-662-3031. After noon.

# **Homes for Sale**

**GOLF COURSE LIVING!** 3-bedroom 2-bath on Fairway & Greenbelt-Trinity, TX. All electric & fireplace. 1-830-484-



4-BEDROOM 3.5-BATH home on large secluded lot, 4800sq.ft., \$795,000.00 w/owner financing available. No down payment for VA. \$48,000 Down payment with FHA. Call (979)482-7273. Located at 1000 W. Polk St. Livingston. (37-4-cc-PCE)

# Pets & Supplies

SIX KITTENS, male and female, different colors. Free to good home(s). 936-230-9192 (37-3t-nc-PCE)

SENIOR CITIZEN needs to get these Lab mix puppies a new home. Free to good home(s). Call (936)200-1826. (39-3t-nc-PCE)

## **Storage**

**ENCLOSED BOAT STORAGE -**Also climate & self storage. White Rock Storage. 6216 FM 356 Trinity (936)594-9283 or (713)249-1033. (25-tfn-b-TCNS)

## **Want to Lease**

THE POLK County Cowboy Church is looking to lease a building or purchase 1-3-acres in Livingston, Tx to build a new church. Please contact Steve Fredricks at (281)779-6239. (38-2t-cc-PCE)