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## Campaign finance reports tell the tale

From Enterprise Staff

Monday was the deadline for the latest round of campaign finance reports for candidates in the City of Livingston's upcoming General Election. Residents of the city will elect a mayor and two "at large" council members on Nov. 5.

Incumbent Mayor Judy Cochran filed for reelection and is being challenged by Joshua Grant. Of the two "at large" council seats, one is presently held by Incumbent Alan Cook who filed for reelection. The other has been vacant since the resignation of Marion A.

"Bid" Smith. Others who filed for election to the council include Jennifer Andjelic, Corey Dickerson 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.

In the race for mayor, the candidate/officeholder campaign finance reports reflect the following:

- From July 16 through Oct. 7, 2024, Cochran received \$1,600 in total political contributions and spent \$10,472.12 in total political expenditures.
- From Feb. 15 through Oct. 7, 2024, Grant

received \$38,823.06 in total political contributions and spent \$34,422.09 in total political expenditures.

In the race for city council, the candidate/officeholder campaign finance reports reflect the following:

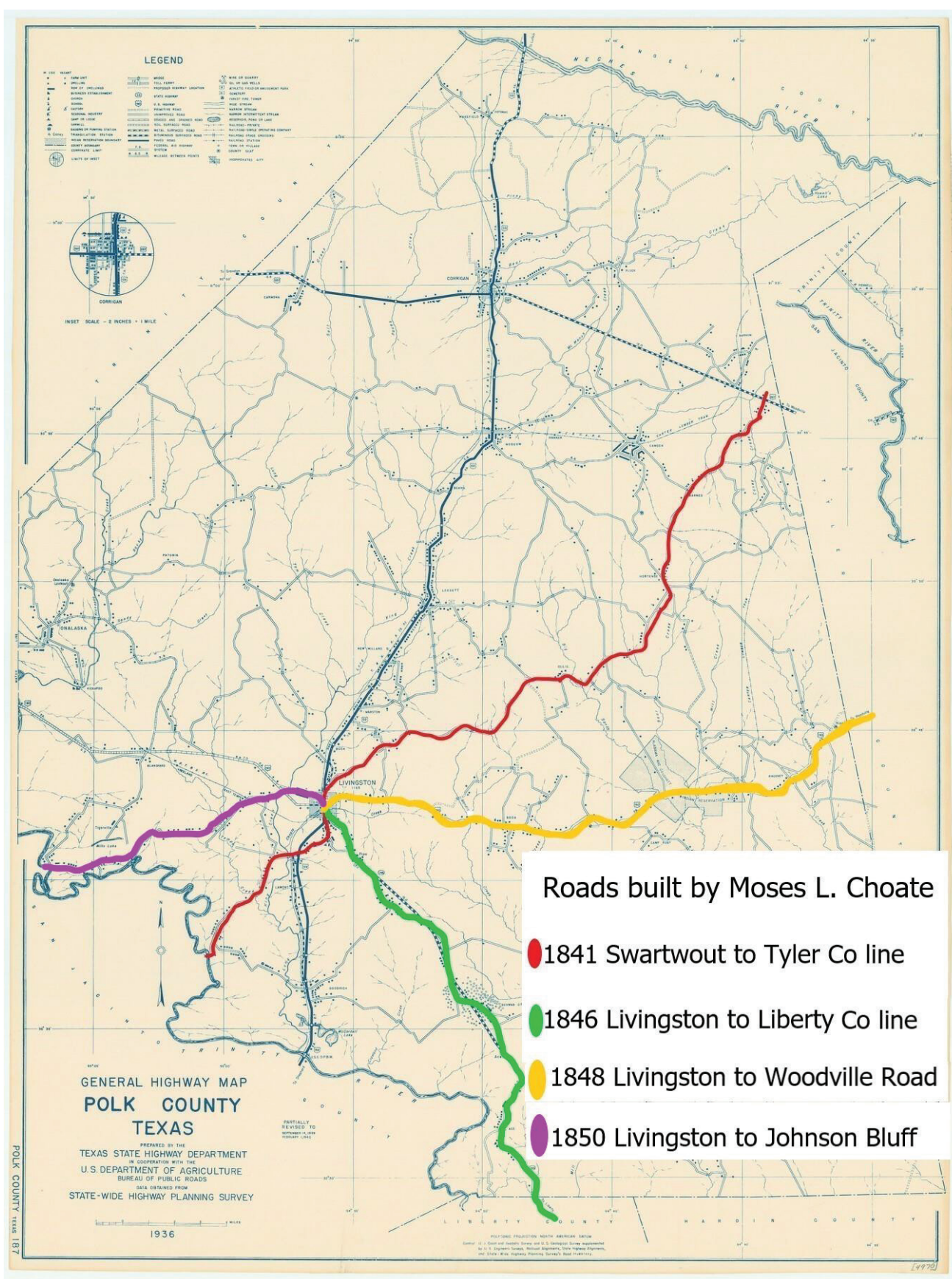
- From July 26 through Oct. 7, 2024, Cook received \$200 in total un-itemized political contributions and spent \$2,174.73 in total political expenditures.
- From June 1 through Oct. 7, 2024, Andjelic received \$275 in total un-itemized political contributions and \$1,275 in total political contributions and spent \$485.87 in

total un-itemized political expenditures and \$1215.95 in total political expenditures.

• From Feb. 23 through Oct. 7, 2024, Dickerson received \$100 in total un-itemized political contributions and \$2,038.30 in total political contributions and spent \$863.63 in total un-itemized political expenditures and \$1,544.54 in total political expenditures

• From March 27 through Oct. 7, 2024, Evans spent \$3,262.34 in total political expenditures.

For further review of the campaign finance reports, go to <https://www.cityoflivingston-tx.com/266/Election---Eleccion>.



These are the approximate locations of the roads that were built by Moses L. Choate.

## New marker for city's founder to be dedicated

From Enterprise Staff

Livingston's founder, Moses L. Choate, will be celebrated and his new grave marker will be unveiled and dedicated during a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Old City Cemetery at the corner of Hwy. 190 and Hwy. 146.

The event is sponsored by the Polk County Historical Commission and the City of Livingston. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony in the Central Baptist Church Brick House located across the street from the Old City Cemetery.

Following is an excerpt from "Moses L. Choate and His Influence in the Formation of Polk County, Texas" which was researched, compiled and written by Local Historian Gary B. Davis who serves on the Polk County Historical Commission.

William Moses Livingston Choate was born in Livingston, Tennessee in 1794. He was laid to rest in 1867 in the Old City Cemetery, on the land that he received from the Mexican government in Nacogdoches in 1835. On this land,

Choate buried his four-year-old son Josephus who died on August 11, 1840. Choate later, in 1846, buried a 13-year-old son, Rodolphus. The family lived in a cabin on land just to the east of the cemetery in the first house ever to be built in Livingston. From there he could see his children's graves.

The earliest account of a Moses L. Choate is found in the 1855 History of Texas from its Annexation to the United States in 1846. The report reads "In 1822, the schooner Revenge, Captain Shires, brought upward of eighty Stephen F. Austin colonists from New Orleans. They landed at Bolivar Point, and they then proceeded up the Trinity Bay and ran aground on Red Fish Bar. The passengers left the vessel and went ashore on the west side of the bay. From this point they proceeded in search of homes. Two of them, Moses L. Choate and Colonel Pettis, went up the San Jacinto River some ten miles above its mouth, where they made, perhaps, the first improvement ever effected on that stream."

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## Only the governor can stop impending execution of innocent man

By Emily Banks Wooten  
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An East Texas man will be put to death Oct. 17 in conjunction with a case in which no crime was committed, unless Gov. Greg Abbott intervenes. Robert Leslie Roberson III was convicted of capital murder in the 2002 death of his 2-year-old daughter Nikki in Palestine, Texas and has spent over 20 years on death row.

Roberson's chronically ill daughter was sick with a high fever and undiagnosed pneumonia and suffered a short fall from bed. Hospital staff did not know Roberson was autistic and judged his response to his daughter's grave condition as lacking emotion. He was prosecuted, convicted and sentenced to death under the Shaken Baby Syndrome hypothesis, a medical diagnosis that has since been discredited by evidence-based science.

If the execution goes forward, Roberson will be the first person in the U.S. executed for Shaken Baby Syndrome.

As the clock ticks down, there is one last glimmer of hope. A hearing has been set for 10 a.m. Oct. 15 in the Anderson County Courthouse on the defense's motion to vacate the unlawful execution warrant.

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## Lone candidate announced for Onalaska ISD superintendent

From Enterprise Staff

The Onalaska Independent School District Board of Trustees recently gave notice of Dr. Kenneth Fraga as finalist for its superintendent position.

On Sept. 30, the Onalaska ISD Board of Trustees conducted interviews for the position and unanimously selected Fraga as lone finalist. The district will follow the mandatory 21-day waiting period, in accordance with the Texas Government Code.

Currently serving as assistant superintendent with OISD, Fraga has been at Onalaska for almost two and a half years. He began in the district April of 2022 as the principal at the junior/senior high school and has served as the assistant superintendent since July.

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## New website offers something for everyone

From Enterprise Staff

Polk County Publishing Company Inc. is pleased to announce that its new website, easttexasnews.com, is fully operational and free to everyone. It features news from PCPC's four newspapers – Polk County Enterprise, Tyler County Booster, San Jacinto News-Times and Trinity County News-Standard – in addition to features from its quarterly magazine, East Texan.

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The Bluewater Cemetery Association met for its bi-annual meeting on Sept. 28 at Catfish King. The association oversees the management and maintenance of the cemetery. Descendants of people buried there, and others interested in preserving the history of the historic cemetery are encouraged to come to the next meeting to be held in March 2025. Front row (l-r) Jerry Burleson, Melinda Burleson, Billy Clifton, Carla Clifton and William Dowden. Back row (l-r) Danny Hairston and Carolyn Jamail. COURTESY PHOTO

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**From Enterprise Staff**

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## CANDIDATE

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"I have been fortunate to be in the school district and able to make an impact and changes," Fraga said. "Really, going forward, we have our bond that we just passed. Probably the biggest thing facing the district at this point is building a new school."

The bond will allow for the district to construct a high school that will share some of the current junior/senior high's facilities.

Though many in school administration strive to reach the superintendent, Fraga has been content in the positions he has held.

"I thought it was something that would come eventually and I and pretty fortunate to have supportive enough people who have told me I would get there eventually. Honestly, being the principal was the best job I ever had. I loved

it. Mr. (Anthony) Roberts asked me if I would fill in that position as assistant superintendent, so I did. I really thought he would be in the district for a few more years, but he had other plans, and so did God. So, here I am. I always thought I would end up as superintendent, I just thought it would be another 7-10 years down the road."

With three children and a wife who is from the area, the lone candidate said Onalaska has been the right choice for both he and the family.

"My wife is a native of Polk County and is originally from Livingston. When I became the principal, even though I live in Livingston, we made the decision to bring our kids to Onalaska. From the time we stepped foot in the district, we just felt at home. The support the community has for the schools, and the support that the school board has for administra-

tion has just made it a natural fit for me, my leadership style, and for my family. I am looking forward to a lot of good years here. We have three kids and my oldest is a sophomore this year. The middle child is a freshman this year, and then our youngest is in sixth grade. At the very least, I am here for six and a half or seven years. But, I am not hopping on job boards any time soon. I am loving being here and I'm hoping I can be here for a long time."

If the unanimous vote for Fraga is any indication, the board is hoping for the same.

"We are confident that Dr. Fraga will exceed our expectations as we begin a new chapter for a bright future in Onalaska ISD," Board President Candice Davies said.

The board anticipates taking final action at a meeting scheduled for Oct. 21 in the administration building, located at 134 N. FM 356. The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m.

## WEBSITE

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Beginning Oct. 15, however, parts of the site will be behind a paywall (e-editions, news, opinions, sports). All print and e-edition subscribers will have access to everything at no additional charge. Website readers can pay \$1 per story or subscribe to all stories on the site for \$20 annually.

All subscribers will be required to set up a new username and password their first time on the site after the paywall is established. After that, the system will remember them.

## EXECUTION

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"It is terrible that they set it so close to the execution date. But it is our next best shot for making some 'noise.' What I mean by that is that we would like to fill the courthouse with supportive citizens. The goal is not to be disruptive in any way but to make it clear that a lot of people are concerned about this case," Gretchen Sween, Roberson's attorney said.

"Science now teaches that undiagnosed illnesses that affect respiration, like Nikki's pneumonia, and unbraced falls that impact the head can be fatal. What happened to Robert Roberson should not happen to any parent who is simply incapable of explaining

a child's condition - especially when many trained medical professionals barely understand the phenomenon," Sween said.

In a strange twist of fate that one would usually only see in the movies, the assistant police chief for the Palestine Police department who was the lead detective on the case is no longer in law enforcement but is now the pastor at First United Methodist Church of Onalaska, just 15.2 miles north of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Polunsky Unit, where Roberson resides on death row.

"He's never been far from my mind because I helped put him here and he didn't deserve it," Brian Wharton said.

"That was two decades ago. Since then, I have left police work and en-

tered the ministry. But I've never been able to forget Robert Roberson. This case has been a burden on my heart and my spirit. I'm convinced we did the wrong thing. No other possibilities for her injury were considered. I deeply regret that we followed the easiest path," Wharton said.

Nikki was chronically ill from birth. Born to a single mother who was homeless and addicted to drugs, Nikki was taken by CPS at birth, long before Roberson was identified as her father.

Since 1992, at least 34 defendants were later exonerated in connection with allegations of shaken baby syndrome or abusive head trauma, according to the National Registry of Exonerations, which tracks sentences for wrongful convictions.

## MARKER

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An Early Settler of Texas by W.B. Dewees, compiled by Cara Cardelle in 1852, mentions Choate on page 18. Also, Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas by John Henry Brown has the same verbiage, also on page 18, as follows: "According to the notes of Mrs. Briscoe, the first actual settlers arrived in April 1822, of whom Moses L. Choate and William Pettus were the first settlers on the San Jacinto, and a surveyor named Ryder, unmarried, settled on Morgan's Point, on the bay."

Yet another account of Moses L. Choate being wrecked on Red Fish Bar came from the October 1, 1906, issue of The Home and State newspaper. This account, written by esteemed Texas historian, James T. Deshields, told of the shipwreck at Boliver but

then elaborated that Choate had later moved to Nacogdoches and then in 1837 to Livingston.

At this point it needs to be disclosed that there is no proof that this is "our" Moses L. Choate. We certainly would like to embrace these accounts. Enterprise staff writer Don Hendrix, one of the best Polk County historians, spent much time studying Choate history and found yet another account of the shipwreck story in Harris County, 1822-1845.

"The year 1822 seems to have been the earliest period claimed for any settlements (in Harris County), and it is more probable that the rumor if Austin's colonization scheme caused them to be made. A few settlers may have come overland from Louisiana, but those of whom record is here made, arrived on shipboard, and were in some instances tossed ashore when their frail

boats were wrecked by storms on the reefs and bars of the bay. Numbered among these were Moses L. Choate and Colonel Pettus, on board the Revenge, which was wrecked on Red Fish Bar in April 1822. Their schooner, commanded by Captain Shires, ran aground, and the passengers left the vessel and went up the San Jacinto River where they made homes, probably the first settlement on this river, or in Harris County."

Mr. Hendrix embraced the Choate shipwreck story and included it in a front-page narrative to commemorate Polk County's 140th anniversary. The following month, in his Trinity Valley Trivia column he admitted his assumption. Hendrix did a tremendous amount of research on Choate and his documentation of him and our county's history is immeasurable. Thanks to Don Hendrix (1936-1995).

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# OPINION

## MEETINGS

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- **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.

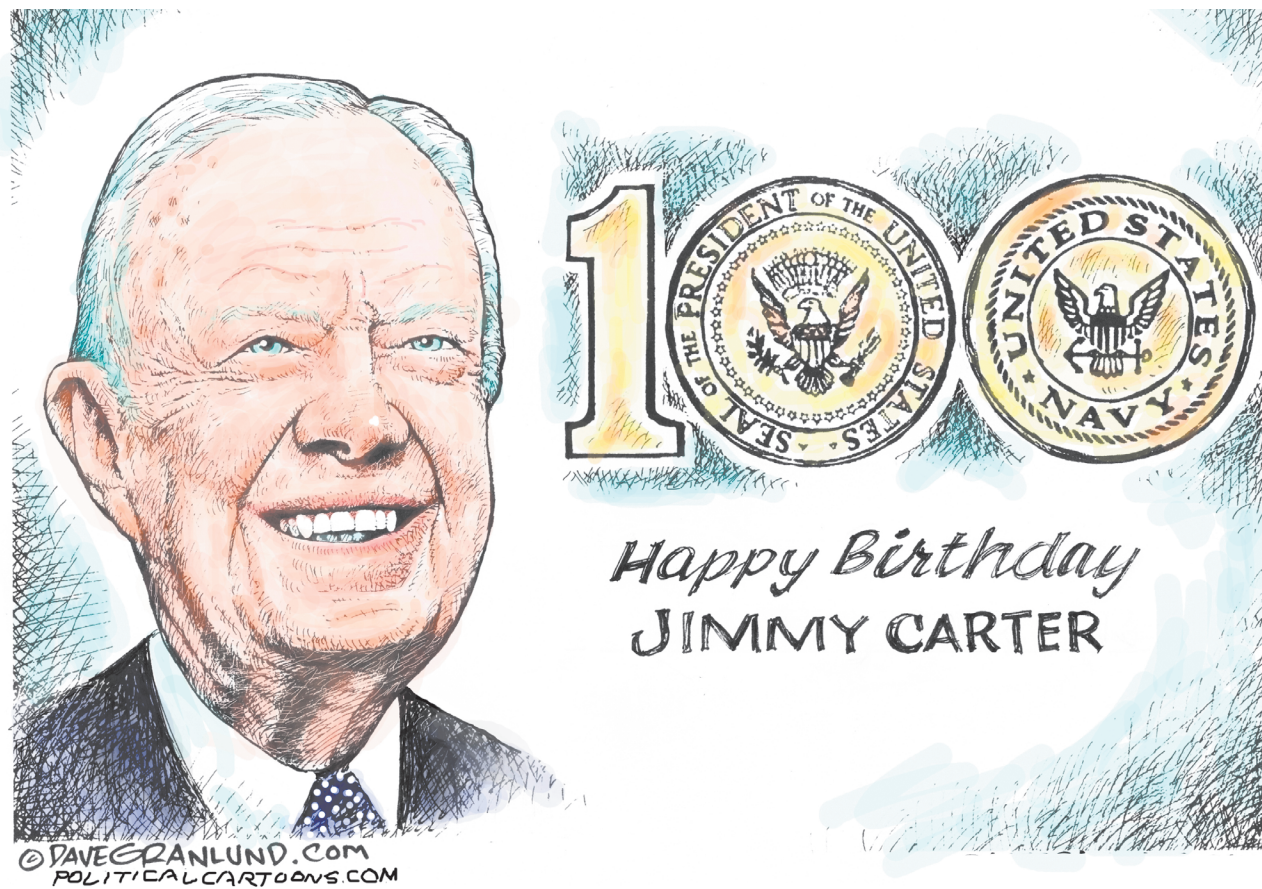
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- **CORRIGAN-CAMDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at Corrigan-Camden High School Library.

- **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.

### Donald Trump's apocalyptic vision for America

Have you noticed the incredible decline in American society? According to Donald Trump, it's nearly impossible to miss. Just step outside your front door, and you might encounter the dangerous world he describes—where, in his words, roving bands of immigrants with AR-15s have taken over, and even your pets aren't safe.

In a recent speech in California, Trump described the state as a "hellscape," blaming Democratic leadership for what he sees as a collapse of public order. At the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), he escalated his warnings, portraying the entire country as one of "bloodshed, chaos, and violent crime," specifically targeting cities like Chicago, Portland and New York. These lawless cities, Trump says, are why he might need to deploy federal forces if elected in 2024.

Trump's rhetoric has taken a troubling turn, depicting the U.S. as a crumbling dystopia. More than political hyperbole, his language suggests a world where chaos reigns, crime is rampant, and the government is powerless. For his most fervent supporters, this vision of America resonates deeply, but it's a vision that poses serious risks to the nation.

Though exaggeration is common in politics, Trump's description of America in collapse is a calculated strategy. It stokes fear, deepens division, and undermines trust in the very institutions on which democracy depends. The consequences are dangerous: it could destabilize the nation by fueling political violence and widening cultural divides.

As the 2024 election approaches, Trump has ramped up this apocalyptic narrative, with constant references to cities overrun by crime and a nation on the verge of collapse. This dystopian framing taps into genuine fears—particularly among those feeling left behind eco-



#### Just Jim

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nomically or threatened by demographic shifts. For some, Trump's message offers a validation of their anxieties. But this dark portrayal of a failing nation is more than just an outlet for frustration; it's a dangerous tool that fosters paranoia and distrust.

One of the most harmful elements of Trump's rhetoric is its effect on public confidence in democracy. By painting the country as a failed state, Trump suggests that institutions—courts, law enforcement, and elections—are broken or corrupt. This isn't new; he has long challenged the legitimacy of U.S. elections, even falsely claiming the 2020 election was stolen.

Democracy thrives on citizens' trust. When that trust erodes, it opens the door to radical, even violent responses. If people believe that the system is rigged or ineffective, they may turn to extra-legal measures, including violence, to "save" the country.

Trump's words have already had real-world consequences, from the rise of political violence during his first campaign to the January 6 insurrection. His persistent calls to "fight" and "take back our country" have inspired some of his supporters to see themselves as soldiers in a battle for America's soul. As Trump continues to depict the nation in apocalyptic terms, this dangerous trend could worsen, emboldening far-right militias and extremist groups who view themselves as defending

the country from a corrupt government.

There is another aspect to Trump's vision: it sets the stage for authoritarian solutions. If America is as broken as he claims, then only a strongman—someone willing to break the rules—can fix it. This is a classic authoritarian tactic: invent a crisis, then present yourself as the sole solution. Trump's "law and order" promises fit this narrative, where restoring safety might require sacrificing democratic norms.

History shows that authoritarian regimes often rise by exploiting crises, real or imagined. Trump's dystopian rhetoric, combined with his authoritarian inclinations, threatens to erode America's democratic foundations. And by deepening divisions within the country, Trump's apocalyptic vision further pushes the U.S. toward unrest.

When political rhetoric becomes so extreme that it dehumanizes opponents, the possibility of reconciliation fades. Trump's dystopian narrative does not offer solutions; it accelerates polarization, pushing the country closer to civil unrest.

Ultimately, Trump's rhetoric represents more than exaggerated campaign talk. It's a deliberate and dangerous narrative that threatens to erode trust in democracy, incite violence, and pave the way for authoritarianism. In this critical moment, Americans must reject the apocalyptic vision Trump offers. The country is not beyond repair, and the solutions lie in renewing our faith in democracy and rebuilding trust in its institutions.

*Jim Powers writes opinion articles. His views are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of this publication. For transparency, because I am discussing political issues, I identify as politically Left-Liberal.*

### Hear me now: speech is speech, and deserves protection

If you were paying attention to the vice-presidential debate, you would have gotten a whiff of what the liberal goons are cooking, and that is true censorship.

It's part of the game played by the cretins who want to keep power: change the definition of things so it no longer fits into the protective cover provided by law — like claiming a fetus isn't a human being deserving of protection since it lives inside a woman.

Walz, in his goon-like manner, claimed that misinformation and hate speech are not protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution. However, the amendment quite clearly, and in less that a full sentence, states that Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech.

Walz trotted out the tired, and judicially negated, "can't yell fire in a crowded movie theater" trope as a prop to show that there's a real good reason to limit speech.

But in the minds of the power-mad, if you call something bad, and call it bad often enough, then cultural zeitgeist will kick in and people will automatically say that bad things cannot be disseminated in any form.



#### My Two Common Sense

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ing for limits are the people who decide what those limits will be, which is why the framers of the Constitution said no limits whatsoever. But look at how the language is used when calling out misinformation — it's carefully crafted to denigrate only the words that are in direct conflict with the politically correct stance. Look at how the word racism has expanded from people hating specific races to everything that even remotely — or not so remotely — affects a protected class of people. Aptitude and proficiency tests are racist, voter ID requirements are racist, even the slogan "Make America Great Again" has been deemed racist. (However, calling racism when there is none, such as the fetid white privilege scam, is not racist, even though it's directed at a specific race. Go figure.)

Obviously, the mouth monitors will go with the winning side. A second problem, again using the white privilege scam as an example, is these proposed rules will never be applied equally, and always to the benefit of the authority du jour.

A more recent example, also, is calling it racist, homophobic and even censorship for people wanting sexually explicit material removed from school libraries. Since it's deemed misinformative to want to keep books explaining oral sex away from children because it is hateful to the LBGTLMNOP crowd, we'll carry torches and pitchforks against any naysayers.

The argument that parents and others want to keep things age-appropriate (and maybe have teachers deal with things like math, science and language arts) is actually censorship flies in the face of other things, like the parental guidance ratings given to movies, television programs and music containing sexually explicit or expletive-laden lyrics.

The inequality in application of language laws, as well as the need for policing language deemed misinformative or hateful, is seriously not about anything other than control. Orwell said as much, saying control thought, you control the person.

It to me is amazing that the framers were so far-sighted as to predict the need for the protection of speech. It's up to us to keep the dream alive, and that must include being able to speak our piece.

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## EVENTS



Over 40 community and church volunteers recently participated in the unloading of 4,000 pumpkins for the 2024 annual Pumpkin Patch held annually at First Methodist Church in Livingston. The Pumpkin Patch officially opened Oct. 4 with special events planned for each Saturday in October. 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. Sun-

days.

The SPCA of Polk County will host the Paws in the Patch event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday which will include a pet costume parade and contest at 11 a.m. for the spookiest, silliest, fanciest, most creative, and the best pet/owner duo. Additionally, the SPCA will offer free microchipping, low-cost vaccinations, pet tag engraving and puppies and dogs to adopt. They

will also be accepting much needed donations of puppy and kitten food.

The First Methodist Church Fall Festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 19 and will include a petting zoo this year along with family games and activities. The church's Trunk-or-Treat will take place from 4-6 p.m. on Oct. 26. First Methodist Church is located at 2801 US Hwy. 190 West in Livingston.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 116th Church Anniversary 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.

#### 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:

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.

#### 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:5910rye@gmail.com).

# Georgia-Pacific's David Ray retires after 45 years of service

From Enterprise Staff

After 45 years of service in the wood products business, Georgia-Pacific's David Ray is trading in his employee badge for a ticket to retirement. It was in 1979, not too long after Ray graduated high school, when he set out on a journey that would ultimately lead him to become one of Georgia-Pacific's Lumber Traders.

Recently, Georgia-Pacific celebrated Ray's accomplishments and service with a reception where co-workers, family and friends gathered to reminisce and honor Ray for more than four decades to the industry.

"David's extensive knowledge of the lumber industry and his ability to connect with our customers will be hard to replace," said Julie Baker, Georgia-Pacific Sr. Sales Manager. "He has truly made a positive impact on our business, and we are appreciative for his unwavering commitment and dedication to our company."

Ray began his career at Temple's Big Tin Barn in Diboll, where he worked in the storeroom. However, his work ethic, talent, and customer service skills were quickly recognized and ultimately landed him in lumber sales — and the rest is history.



Pictured (l to r) Julie Baker, Georgia-Pacific Senior Sales Manager-Lumber; and (far right) Tim Fierbaugh, Georgia-Pacific Vice President of Lumber Sales, congratulate David Ray, Georgia-Pacific Lumber Trader, for 45 years of service in the wood products industry.

As Ray closes this chapter of his life, he and his wife, LaDonna, plan to travel and spend time with their grandkids. Ray says he will continue to be active in Corrigan, where he is a member of the Lions Club, the Corrigan-Camden ISD School Board, and First Baptist Church in Corrigan.



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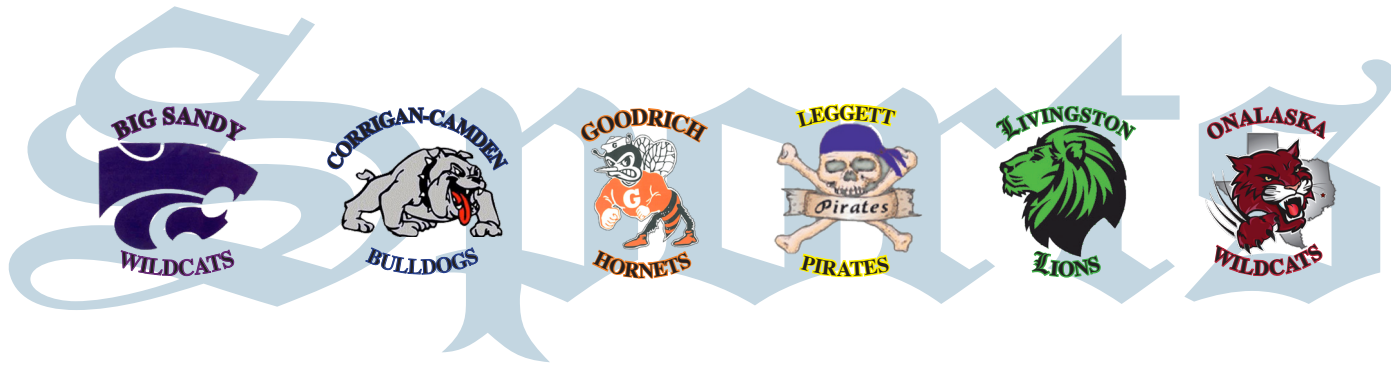
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# Hope still alive, but fading

By Brian Besch

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Livingston football is still in search of its first success with half the season gone. It will need to be a dramatic turnaround, but hopes for the playoffs are still in front of the team despite the bad start.

There were improvements last week on defense and certain aspects of the offense.

Livingston head football coach Finis Vanover mentioned improved offensive line play and a better center-quarterback exchange last week versus Liberty.

"They fixed it," he said. "On that kind of stuff, they are taking coaching and working at fixing it."

This week, one of the district's better teams over the past few seasons comes to Livingston. The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears are 3-2 overall in 2024 with a couple of wins in as many tries through district.

"Little Cypress has had some studs the last four years," Vanover said. "They had a defensive end that went to Texas Tech and a quarterback that went to the Ivy League. They had the kid that did everything returning kicks, blocking kicks, intercepting passes, and scoring on long runs."

The Bears' two losses occurred playing strong squads in Hampshire-Fannett (13-7) and Silsbee (27-14). District games over Vidor (16-12) and Hardin-Jefferson (49-13) have the team tied for first place.

"Their defensive linemen and offensive linemen are really good," Vanover said. "They are

## LION VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears 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>L 28-22</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	2-0	5-0	209	40
Huffman Hargrave	2-0	5-0	231	84
LC-M	2-0	3-2	131	91
Hardin-Jefferson	1-1	3-1	109	118
Liberty	1-1	1-4	112	149
Vidor	0-2	1-4	101	160
Livingston	0-2	0-5	99	161
Lumberton	0-2	0-5	54	165

### Last Week

Liberty 28, Livingston 22  
Huffman Hargrave 38, Lumberton 7  
Little Cypress-Mauriceville 49, Hardin-Jefferson 13  
Bridge City 49, Vidor 20

### This Week

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

square and well-cut, with no fat boys.

"They play a straight-up 4-3 defense and will slide four defensive linemen. They will play east and west, and they will slant them one way or the other. It is hard to tell which way or why. They really do a good job on technique. They will play head up on the guards and on the tackles or tight end if you have one. Sometimes they will bring an outside linebacker on that shoulder of the tight end. It is just standard, textbook 4-3 stuff, but they are really good at it. They always have a good middle linebacker, and their outside linebackers are running back types."

The defense has averaged 30 fewer yards per game than Livingston's.

LC-M will align in a spread, but run the ball more than most in

that formation. There is a lot of motion, and they get the ball to several different options via both run and pass. They average 338 yards per game, with twice as many on the ground than via the pass.

"Their offensive line and defensive line are kind of what they base everything around, so they are running the ball a lot more, because those guys are good."

Vanover stressed that penalties – particularly personal fouls – will need to be a thing of the past in order to have success versus the Bears.

"The personal fouls are just a disruptive force. It is exactly the way it was when I first came here seven years ago. It was like a badge of honor of how many we get each game. We will start eliminating the guys that keep getting

them. That is the way it has to be, because the rest of us are suffering for it. If we clean up our act, we will be competitive in every one of these games.

"Three or four wins is going to get you in the playoffs. We have to find out who is really a young man and who is really a competitive athlete."

The future is bright, as the Lion

junior varsity is currently undefeated. Vanover said the team consists mostly of freshmen and sophomores that are gaining valuable playing experience on that level. The freshmen are currently 3-2, with the two losses by a combined eight points. Both they and the varsity will try to turn in wins this week versus the school near Louisiana.

# Battle of Highway 287

By Albert Trevino

The Corrigan-Camden Bulldogs will host their rival Groveton Indians in this season's district opener Friday.

After a 2-3 non-district performance, the Bulldogs used their open week to get healthy and refine their strengths leading up to the annual Battle of Highway 287 contest.

"During the open week, we definitely practiced with high intensity and worked hard, but also got healed up," said Bulldog head coach Brett Ratliff. "I think we did a great job working on some of our techniques and strategies, watching video on us and Groveton getting our mind right on what needs to be done."

In non-district play, Corrigan scored an average of nearly 23 points, but also allowed nearly 30 points during that time. The Bulldogs earned victories over Tarkington and Elkhart, but suffered losses against Hardin, Kirbyville and Joaquin.

"We had a very physical non-district schedule, and it was good for us. Those teams did a lot of different things. We have seen many different fronts on defense and styles of offense," Ratliff said. "Playing bigger schools with more depth also forced us to utilize our conditioning."

Groveton has struggled so far this season under first-year head coach Mike Waldie, finishing with an 0-5 record. Waldie was previously the offensive coordinator at Bryan High School before taking the job as athletic director for the Indians.

The Indians are coming off a

## BULLDOG VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



Groveton Indians at Corrigan-Camden Bulldogs at Bulldog Stadium 7:30 p.m.



<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  
District bye week

### This Week

Groveton at Corrigan-Camden 7 p.m.  
Centerville at Hearne 7 p.m.  
Normangee at Jewett Leon 7 p.m.

61-0 shutout loss at home during non-district play against the Frankston Indians.

Last season under previous head coach Matthew Woodard, Groveton had a strong 4-2 district record and got eliminated 35-28 in the first playoff round versus the Shelbyville Dragons.

This Friday's game will carry extra weight for both schools, as one of several varsity matchups in the reintroduced Battle of 287 Championship this year.

Each varsity game (including a mix of baseball, softball, track and cross country meets) will count toward the overall contest record for the 2024-2025 season.

The winner will take home the one-of-a-kind Battle of 287 Championship Trophy and standing plaque, designed by All American Trophy of Livingston. The award is set to be introduced at Friday's

game.

The contest and award is also sponsored by Jay Clarke of Corrigan Insurance Agency and Groveton Insurance Agency. This yearly sponsorship reportedly includes a total of \$750 in awards, with \$500 going to the winning school.

"This is one of the greatest rivalries in Texas. Corrigan and Groveton have been playing each other [off and on] since 1931," said Ratliff. "Every varsity contest we play against Groveton matters and we are keeping a tally. The winner at the end of the year will win that championship cup and it just adds to the rivalry."

The Lady Indian volleyball team already struck first at Corrigan with a 3-0 win last week over the Lady Dogs to put Groveton up by one match in this year's competition.

"We have to answer back this Friday in football and that has definitely added another positive dimension to it. It is going to come down to all of our major sports," Ratliff said.

Ratliff noted that while the Indians hired a new head coach, their overall scheme hasn't changed drastically. Both teams have transitioned to spread offenses over recent years.

"Groveton will run some different offense and defense than last year, but they are not completely changing what they have done," said Ratliff. "They will run a lot

of formations primarily from the gun and run-play options. They do like to throw it a bit, run the inside zone and jet sweep."

Key players for Groveton include sophomore quarterback and defensive back Ruger McClain and junior running back and outside linebacker Ty Torregrossa.

"McClain is a solid player at quarterback. Torregrossa plays well, understands the game and is a competitor on both sides of the ball," Ratliff said.

Kickoff for this Friday's game is set for 7:30 p.m. in Corrigan.

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# Playing with chemistry

By Brian Besch

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Lady Bulldog volleyball lost a hard-fought match in four sets Tuesday to Shelbyville, falling 25-22, 19-25, 28-30 and 19-25.

Corrigan-Camden won the first set, which was a tight one throughout with several lead changes. The second set was looking the same until Shelbyville went up by five at 19-14. It would be enough to hold the advantage and win by six.

In the third set, the Lady Dogs looked like they would capture a second win, with a 17-7 cushion. However, Shelbyville went on a 13-1 run to take the lead, and eventually win a 30-28 thriller.

In the final, Shelbyville would again slowly take a lead midway through the set, winning again by six.

"We've had some injuries and some sickness, just like last year, but we've been able to work together," Lady Bulldog coach Grace Beckmeyer said. "I think this is probably one of the best games they have played. That is what I was telling them, that they fought hard."

Corrigan-Camden is now 2-3 in district at the halfway point.

"I would say Shelbyville is one of the toughest ones (in district) we have played," Beckmeyer said. "They are up there with Hemphill and Groveton, I think.

"I think we are better playing as a team and I think we have a lot of team chemistry. They have gotten a lot better at taking my direction. When I call a timeout and tell them to get to their spot, the next play, they are already doing it."

Corrigan has a shiny new gym after the renovations as part of the bond project. Tuesday was their second game in it.

"It is bright and open and we had to get used to it for a couple of days after being in the high school gym, where it is so closed and the ceiling is low."

The Lady Bulldogs are still in a position to make the playoffs. There are two divisions for Class 2A this year. Because Corrigan-Camden is the largest Class 2A school, they will be in Division 1.

Following a bye Friday, the next match will have Corrigan hosting Hemphill on Tuesday.



Lacy Lawrence reaches back for the spike.



Brissia Pablo sets for a teammate.



The Lady Bulldogs celebrate after a point.

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Cammy Parrish winds up for the kill.





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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*	28	Livingston	22
10/11	Little 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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# SQUIRREL HUNTING, THEN AND NOW



Some of my most fond childhood memories revolve around squirrel hunting and the great meals my mother prepared

after a successful hunt. I remember way back in about 1958 when I was an 8 year old whippersnapper making what was to be the luckiest shot of my life. My Dad and I were hunting in the 'back 40' woods behind our little farm. The wind was blowing hard and in the top of a huge white oak, a big fox squirrel was eating acorns. I timed the sway of the branch perfectly and squeezed the trigger of my little single shot J.C. Higgins .22. A perfect head shot that damaged no meat! I was amazed and my Dad was astonished as well. I remember thinking I was Daniel Boone as I put the makings of a fine meal in my game bag. The morning hunt progressed and I missed a couple of easy shots with the little rifle. Looking back my shot was mostly luck but tell that to a kid that just shot a squirrel high up in a tree from a branch swaying heavily with the wind!

White tailed deer were just getting established from restocking in Red River County where we lived. Squirrel hunting remained a big deal with most of us country folks. Groups of hunters would set up wall tent camps using government surplus tents and camp for several days, hunting and eating squirrel. Each camp would devise contests ranging from number of squirrels harvest tournaments to voting on the best squirrel cook. I was too young to partake of these 'camps' but I did visit them during mid day a couple times and enjoyed some great meals the men made from the fruits of their hunt.

Mr. Guthrey owned a mixed breed hound that did double duty on raccoons at night but served well as a squirrel dog during the day. We would occasionally borrow the mixed breed raw boned hound to hunt behind Mr. Guthrey's cabin and to a budding young hunter; these hunts were highly anticipated events. It was hard to keep my mind on class work at the old Dimple School when October and cooler weather rolled around. The old hound had a lot of Black and Tan breeding and he could cover ground quickly. He knew the woods well and the spots the squirrels frequented most. The drill was pretty simple; we turned the hound loose and waited until he barked treed, usually in a big old oak den tree. If the squirrel didn't disappear into a hole, one of us would remain stationary and the other circle the tree in efforts to move the bushy tail into position for a shot. I hunted with my single shot .22 and my brother in law used a tight choked 12 gauge. Our plan was for me to take stationary shots but if the squirrel was on the move, the shotgun was a better choice. We encountered mostly grey or 'cat' squirrels along the creeks and the larger fox squirrels when hunting the hardwoods or field edges. My success rate was

low on the cat squirrels. They seldom held still long enough for a rifle shot. I later switched to a .410 shotgun loaded with #4 or #6 shot and my success rate became much better. It was challenging to hunt with the .22 but squirrels in the game bag and ultimately in my mother's cast iron skillet was the name of the game back then!

I'm happy to say that squirrel hunting is still popular in east Texas; not as popular as it was back in the fifties and sixties but thankfully older hunters have passed their love of hunting and cooking squirrel along to younger generations. I sometime get a chuckle out of uninformed 'city' folks that liken squirrels to rats. When I tell them that I grew in east Texas in an era when squirrel were considered a delicacy, I raise some eyebrows. When I tell them I still relish a big skillet of smothered squirrel with rice and gravy, I really get some 'looks'! But that's okay, as the old saying goes "they don't know because they don't know"!

**HOW TO COOK SQUIRREL** Squirrels are a bit more challenging to clean (butcher) than most other small game but the task is easily learned, there are plenty of good YouTube videos that detail the process. When teaching newcomers to the squirrel woods the art of cooking squirrel, I compare squirrel with chicken. A big complaint is how tough some squirrels are when fried. I ask my student, "If you were going to butcher a chicken to fry, would you choose a tough old rooster or a younger 'Fryer'? Granted, it's possible to par boil or pressure cook mature squirrels and then dust the pieces with flour and fry but I usually reserve the older squirrel for stew or, better yet, dumplings. Young squirrel can simply be seasoned with salt and pepper, dusted with flour and chicken fried.

One of my favorite recipes is smothered squirrel, using my mother's tried and true method. Both young and older squirrels can be used in this slow cooking method. First fry the pieces until crispy and drain most of the oil, making sure to leave the crispy bits in the skillet. Next, add flour salt and pepper and either water or milk and make gravy. Place the squirrel back into the skillet and thin the gravy a bit with water. Cover the skillet or Dutch Kettle and bake at 300 degrees for an hour or so, checking half way through the process to make sure the liquid has not steamed out. I like to stir the squirrel pieces with gravy at this point and add more liquid if necessary. Served with hot biscuits and white rice, this is a meal that will likely become one of your favorite dishes. Squirrel meat is often described as "Sweet". It definitely has a mild flavor. I like to describe it tasting much like free ranging chickens but with even more flavor.

There's plenty of time to get out in the woods and hunt squirrel this fall and winter. Try preparing the above recipe at deer camp and see how many of your family and friends you can enlighten! Once a properly prepared meal of squirrel is enjoyed, the term 'tree rat' will likely not be in their vocabulary any longer!

*Listen to Luke's weekly podcast "Catfish Radio with Luke Clayton and Friends" wherever podcasts are found.*

## OFFICIAL RECORDS

### JUSTICE COURT Precinct 4

Judge Jamie Richardson presiding.

#### Criminal Docket

**Melissa R. VanWinkle**, tampering with electronic monitoring device.

**Joseph Anwar Sarkis**, indecent exposure.

**Cody Nichols**, issuance of bad check.

**Trishaundra Fagan**, parent contributing to non-attendance.

**Colton Alex Baxley**, violate promise to appear.

**Kaylah Dawn Gilbert**, violate promise to appear.

**Kenneth L. Reynolds**, failure to appear.

**Rodriguez-Gonzalez**, failure to appear.

**Amandeep Singh**, violate promise to appear.

**Kenneth Ray Taylor**, failure to appear.

**Vonerice C. Thompson**, violate promise to appear.

**Teri Ann Traylor**, failure to appear.

**Dalton T. Williams**, failure to appear.

**Jennifer N. Wilson**, failure to appear.

**Carlos Zarco**, failure to appear.

**Barbara Jean Hinton**, assault Class C.

**Shanaiyah Robinson**, parent contributing to non-attendance x 2.

**Mallory Breaux**, parent contributing to non-attendance.

**Sarah N. Freeman**, parent contributing to non-attendance x 2.

**Kenneth Shell Allen**, driving while license invalid.

**Blaine J. Celestine**, fail to vaccinate.

**Douglas W. Champagne**, driving while license invalid.

**Zachary T. McClung**, driving while license invalid.

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

**Jarrad Lee Pittman**, no driver's license (when unlicensed).

## Learning Everywhere

Schools are not the only place children learn, and they were never meant to be. Long before there were formal schools, parents taught children important skills.

Helping kids learn any skill is what parenting is about, whether the skill to be mastered is learning to talk, to behave well, to ride a tricycle, to make biscuits, to repair bicycles, to play the piano, or read, add identify shapes and colors, and remember the names of the United States. Teachers in the school setting are the guides for children's learning; learning goes on all the time, and parents can make the most of every opportunity to support the "school learning" wherever they are. In educational terms, this is called "generalization", which means kids learning colors at school can identify those colors outside of school and kids learning how to add can use this skill at home. There are many important ways parents can teach and reinforce skills children need in school, every day, in casual and fun ways.

An important part of any child's development is language and vocabulary, learning to give names to objects, feelings, and to understand directions. They learn these words best from parents because parents are the most important persons in their lives. Daily activities such as dressing, bathing, eating, and trips to the grocery store offer many chances for young kids to learn or practice important skills.

As children dress, talk about the colors of the clothes and identify the parts of the garments. Think about the words to learn about a pair of jeans ... zipper, snaps, belt loops, pockets, legs, waist, color, etc., not to mention directions such as pull up, button,



### It Still Matters

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zip, in, etc. During bath time, words such as faucet, drain, shower, on, off, turn, hot, cold, empty, wash cloth, towel, soap, clean, dirty, wash, scrub, and identifying smells of soap, shampoo, and the sounds of running water are just a few of the words to learn. Young children need to recognize colors and shapes. Any walk along the street, any trip to the grocery store is a learning experience if parents talk to kids about what they are seeing. Just like the jeans, there is much to identify and talk about that children need to know. The sad thing is that I often see parents with children who are not even walking BY their child much less talking TO their child.

The importance of such learning during every day at home, while walking or shopping, is impossible to emphasize too much. Children who are not taught vocabulary frequently have language problems and they become frustrated by not having the words to express themselves. Most children come into this world with eager minds and exploring hands. Parents, who are the first and best teachers, ultimately determine how successful children will be in school and in their adult lives by how they guide children in their earliest learning.

There is just too much kids need to know not to give them the earliest possible start.



### Legal Notices

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO RECONCILE FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER COSTS

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In its Application, Entergy Texas seeks to reconcile approximately \$1.61 billion of fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the Reconciliation Period to generate and purchase electric energy for its retail customers. In this reconciliation proceeding ETI seeks Commission review of Entergy Texas' eligible fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the Reconciliation Period and a determination they were reasonable and necessary to serve retail customers.

Entergy Texas's under-recovery balance for the Reconciliation Period totals approximately \$30.0 million, which includes interest expense on the under-recovered amounts. Entergy Texas does not seek to implement a fuel-related refund or surcharge of its eligible fuel costs in this case. Entergy Texas proposes to roll any ending fuel balance resulting from this proceeding forward to serve as the beginning balance for the next reconciliation period.

All customers and classes of customers receiving retail electric service from Entergy Texas whose electric service rates include charges pursuant to Rate Schedule FF (fixed fuel factor) will be affected by the Application. This Application has no effect on Entergy Texas' non-fuel rates.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Entergy Texas at Attn: Customer Service—Fuel Reconciliation, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call 1-866-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this petition is available for inspection at the address listed above or by email at [tr@entergy.com](mailto:tr@entergy.com).

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571 State Park Road 56, Livingston, Texas. Email - [regina.pineda@actribe.org](mailto:regina.pineda@actribe.org) Proposals will be accepted on or before October 21, 2024. A copy of the RFQ can be obtained by contacting Regina Pineda at the contact information below: [regina.pineda@actribe.org](mailto:regina.pineda@actribe.org) 936-563-1140

#### Polk County seeks grant admin. for USDA project

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2025-12 Polk County, Texas The County of Polk plans to apply for the USDA Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Grant Project Program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is soliciting proposals to provide administration and/or project management services for USDA-FS-2024-CWDG-SGSF contract(s), if awarded. Specifications may be obtained by contacting Polk County's Grant and Contract Coordinator, Jessica Hutchins, 936-327-6849 or may be viewed and printed from the from the "Bid Notices & Proposals" tab of the County's website - [www.co.polk.tx.us](http://www.co.polk.tx.us). Please submit 5 hard copies of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below: Attn: Nacole Reeks, Polk County Purchasing

Procurement Coordinator, 2025-12 RFP for Professional Administrative Services USDA-FS-2024-CWDG, Address, 602 E. Church St. Ste. 120, Livingston, Texas 77351. Proposals must be received by the County no later than 2 p.m. Monday October 21, 2024 to be considered. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals and may award one or more contracts to one or more service provider(s). Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The County of POLK is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

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five (5) hard copies of a proposal of services and statement of qualifications as detailed in the submission requirements to: ATTN: Nacole Reeks- Polk County Purchasing Procurement Coordinator 2025-11 RFP for Professional CDBG Administrative Services Address: 602 E. Church St. Suite 120 Livingston, Texas 77351. The deadline for submission of RFPs is no later than October 21, 2024 at 12pm. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals and may award one or more contracts to one or more service provider(s). Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The County of POLK is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

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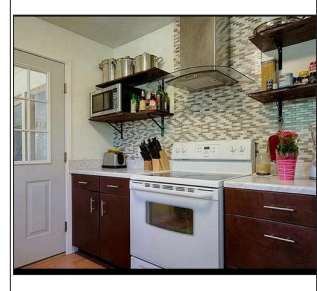
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1 Mustang Island, e.g.  
5 TXism: "she's ringed" (engaged)  
6 TXism: "suits \_\_\_ a fare-thee-well"  
7 San Antonio private college (abbr.)  
8 TXism: "\_\_\_ rat" (toddler)  
9 Sinatra of 1963 film "4 for Texas"  
14 TXism: "sitting in high cotton"  
15 TX J. King Fisher is buried in Uvalde's Cemetery  
17 TX Clint Black's "\_\_\_ Man"  
19 Coleman paper: Chronicle & Democrat  
22 SMU's James Cronin won 1980 Nobel Prize in this  
27 TXism: "feeling his \_\_\_" (frisky)  
28 actor Jack of "JFK"  
29 historic B&B in New Braunfels: "\_\_\_ Mansion Inn"  
30 "Baby Boomers" are \_\_\_ babies of WWII  
32 Dallas actress Darnell (init.)  
33 "\_\_\_ Blancas" (The White Islands)  
36 TXism: "skinny as a \_\_\_"  
37 Texas-based "Steak and \_\_\_" eateries  
38 square dance move

### DOWN

1 TX Perot was a salesman for \_\_\_  
2 TXism: "take a look \_\_\_"  
3 taco veggie  
4 TXism: "got \_\_\_ Bill of Rights" (rich)  
8 barbecue favorite: beef short \_\_\_  
9 TXism: "\_\_\_ of the box"  
10 Texas singer, Orbison (init.)  
11 TXism: "got \_\_\_ itchy trigger finger"

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39 TX Audie Murphy film: "Ride \_\_\_ Trail"  
41 Yoko \_\_\_  
42 once housed at Carswell AFB: B-52 \_\_\_ fortress  
45 oil-producing org.  
46 ex-Ranger pitcher Robb  
47 TXism: "wouldn't \_\_\_ a flea" (tame dog)  
48 once an FM in Taylor, TX  
49 WWII atomic bomb plane (2 wds.)

12 TXism: "\_\_\_ gift horse in the mouth"  
13 Mesquite FM radio  
14 TX George Jones' "The \_\_\_"  
15 dogs or cats  
16 top edge of Palo Duro Canyon  
18 where some Texans ski in New Mexico  
20 amass sports cards  
21 TXism: "fizzled out"  
22 former U.S. Senator, Gramm (init.)  
23 Astro or Ranger "four bagger" (abbr.)  
24 Brynner of "The Magnificent Seven"

35 Rio Grande's first name: Rio de \_\_\_ Palmas  
37 what frat guys tap at a party (2 wds.)  
40 Grand Ole \_\_\_  
43 TXism: "top \_\_\_ on the ladder" (best)  
44 TXism: "scarce as grass \_\_\_ hog trough"  
50 TXism: "likely \_\_\_" (probable)  
51 this TX Gale was "My Little Margie" (init.)

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