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City's application for sidewalk project progressing

By Emily Banks Wooten editor@polkenterprise.com

During the April 8 regular meeting of the Livingston City Council, Livingston City Manager Bill S. Wiggins reported that having submitted the city's application for the sidewalk project, he recently met with two officials from the Texas Department of

Transportation and that the project made the first cut.

"They seemed impressed with what we turned in and gave us instructions for the second cut," Wiggins said.

He additionally presented his monthly update on projects and events, touching on several commercial projects underway, as well as 16 residential projects that are ongoing.

Council approved an ordinance to close, vacate and abandon 0.457 acres of Manning Street, situated between South Washington Avenue and Liberty Avenue, following a public hearing on a petition submitted by Ameristeel International Inc.

A public hearing on a request for annexation was called for 5 p.m. on May 13. The request is for the annexation of Ewald Kubota Properties located on US 190 West, Parcel 1 consisting of 2.098 acres and Parcel 2 consisting of 4.897 acres.

Council entered into an executive session to consult with the city attorney, but took no action upon return to open session.

Other business included approval of the minutes of the March 11 meeting and accounts over \$2,500.

Parade, barbecue, auction coming up in Onalaska

By Emily Banks Wooten editor@polkenterprise.com

During the April 8 regular meeting of the Onalaska City Council, everyone was reminded of the city's annual Lew Vail Memorial Easter Parade at 10 a.m. on April 19. The parade lineup is slated for 9:30 a.m. at the Onalaska Fire Station.

Additionally, the Onalaska Volunteer Fire Department will host its 52nd annual barbecue and auction April 24-26 at the Onalaska Fire Station. Barbecue sandwiches and barbecue by the pound will be available from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 24. Beef, chicken, ribs and links will be available by the plate or by the pound beginning at 11 a.m. on April 25-26. The auction will begin at noon on April

26 with Clarke Evans and Richard Gerard serving as auctioneers. Homemade cakes and pies will be provided by the Greater Onalaska Lions Club.

Council approved a resolution supporting an application for funding from Polk County for the development and completion of a community wildfire defense grant through the U.S. Forest Service under the U.S. Department of Agriculture Community Wildfire Defense Program.

The scoring committee for an exclusive sanitation services provider for the City of Onalaska was reviewed and Council accepted the committee's recommendation, approving an ordinance naming Pro Star Waste

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Texas wildflower experts predicted a mixed bluebonnet season for 2025, with fewer blooms in Central and Western Texas due to drought, and Eastern Texas seeing a more robust display. That's definitely been the case in Polk County where the bluebonnets and other wildflowers have been prolific this year, especially these at the Old City Cemetery at the corner of US-190 and SH-146 in Livingston. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH

Goodrich completes next step in grant process

By Brian Besch pcenewsroom@gmail.com

The Goodrich City Council discussed a grant, sewer service for a resident, and the Easter egg hunt in Thursday's regular meet-

The Texas Department of Agriculture Grant that the city has applied for entered its next step Thursday. Goodrich will be scored among other applicants based on community needs. They will soon submit a project to be considered. There is the possibility of a grant for as much as \$750,000.

"Essentially, when you submit a project,

you are basically good to be funded, as long as we submit an eligible project," grant consultant Raymond K. Vann said. "The first step in that is going to be to ask an engineer

Goodrich received two proposals from engineering firms. They have selected KSA Engineers with a home office in Longview, and other offices in Lufkin and Nacogdoches. KSA Engineers has worked with the city before in renewing a permit.

Though the city cannot use the funds for a dredging of the wastewater ponds that is

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Sixtiesmania: A Journey Through the 60s In final performance of concert season

From Enterprise Staff

Livingston Community Concerts will host its final performance for the 2024-2025 concert season on Tuesday, April 22. The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Polk County Commerce Center on Highway 59 North Loop, Livingston.

The concert will feature Sixtiesmania: A Journey Through the 60s, which is one of the leading 60's tribute bands in the USA today. Now based in Las Vegas, this group has performed all over the world and showcases an "... incredible salute to the greatest music of all time."

The group will perform music from the Beatles, Credence Clearwater Revival, The Doors, The Monkees, The Beach Boys, Cream, and others. The audience will delight in the music from Vietnam anthems to the music of Woodstock, to the Summer of Love and Flower Power.

The band is composed of Andrew Hill on bass and vocals. Andrew is the producer and founder of Sixtiesmania. He has toured with the Everly Brothers, Beach Boys, Johnny Rivers, and B.J. Thomas. Joe Taylor, on guitar, vocals, and keyboard, has performed with Rick Springfield and other major artists. Glenn McCallum, lead guitar and vocals, has the ability to create many guitar styles and sounds and has a fan base worldwide. Steve Smith on drums, percussion, and vocals, loves the music, crowds, and theater aspect of the show.

"With authentic tailored suits from England, a full multi-media backdrop (where available), multiple costume changes, vintage instruments, a song pool of over 250 songs, incredible musicianship and vocals ... plus an absolute killer set list of songs ... Sixtiesmania is the most authentic sixties show on the world circuit today."



Learning about Long King's Trace One of Polk County's nine Indian Trails

Editor's note: This is the third of a multi-part series intended to bring awareness to the traces, highlight each of the nine trails separately with descriptions of each, seek public input on the missing Indian Trace highway marker signs and let the public know that work is underway to replace the signs.

By Betsy Deiterman Curator, Polk County Memorial Mu-

Long before the Republic of Texas, Native Americans of many tribes created trails, or traces, through Eastern Texas for trade and transportation. From 1975-1978, the Bicentennial Committee of the Polk County Historical Commission in conjunction with TXDOT placed 64 markers in Polk County where these traces crossed our modern roads.

In 2022, Polk County Historical Commission took note of the dilapidated markers, and they began working with the Alabama-Coushatta Tribal Council and Historic Preservation Office to locate any remaining road signs in an effort to replace them.

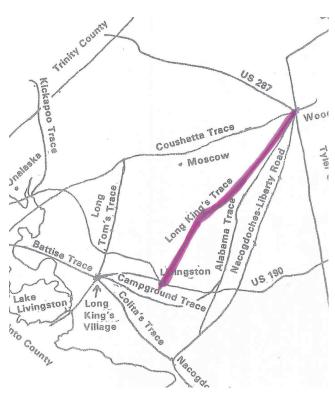
In this ongoing series, we will describe the trails individually and show the signs that have been located, and descriptions of the ones that have not been found. We are asking for help from citizens to locate any markers that have not been noted. Most of these road signs have lost their paint; many have been used for target practice, and some may have been removed after car crashes or roadwork. Most are only recognizable from the shape of the sign

or a wayward post that has lost its sign.

If you know of a sign that is listed as not found, please take a photo and write a description of the location (GPS is helpful) and send to museum@ co.polk.tx.us.

Long King's Trace was named for Coushatta Chief Long King. (Some Polk County residents emphatically call this "Long Cane" Trace.) This trace began near the Alabama Tribal town of Peach Tree Village in northwestern Tyler County, through Polk County and on to Mongomery County where it merged with the Coushatta Trace. Long King's Trace was a dry-weather alternative and served as a short-cut for immigrants and smugglers on the Coushatta Trace between Tyler

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The Livingston High School Chorale earned superior ratings at UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest in Klein Thursday, achieving the highest possible rating from all three concert judges, an outstanding accomplishment. "The students delivered a flawless performance of three diverse pieces: a beautiful Latin composition, a challenging a cappella arrangement, and a powerful gospel piece about Elijah. Their attention to detail was impeccable, and their joy while performing was evident to everyone in attendance," LISD Choir Director Renee Vore said, adding, "We're so proud of our talented singers and their dedication to musical excellence! Way to represent Livingston with distinction!". COURTESY PHOTO



Luisa Perez, the Grand Champion in the public speaking event at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, presented a program for the Livington Lions Club Wednesday, sharing her winning presentation on cross-breeding corn. A sophomore at Livingston High School, Perez' National History Day group website project advanced to the finals which were held at the University of Maryland. She was the 2024 Junior Miss Polk County. She plays for the Lions varsity tennis and golf teams. She is a member of the student council, Best Buddies, UIL academics and UIL CX Debate. She serves the Livingston FFA Chapter as the 2024-2025 treasurer. She participates in ag advocacy, wool judging, farm business management, the agricultural sales team and senior prepared public speaking. Her public relations team has won a number of banners at Leadership Development Events. She was a finalist at the state fair in October and in February, she competed at the San Antonio Livestock Exhibition public speaking contest and was a top-five finalist. (I-r) Lion Mark Birdwell, Luisa Perez and Lion President Jared Jernigan. PHOTO BY EMILY BANKS WOOTEN



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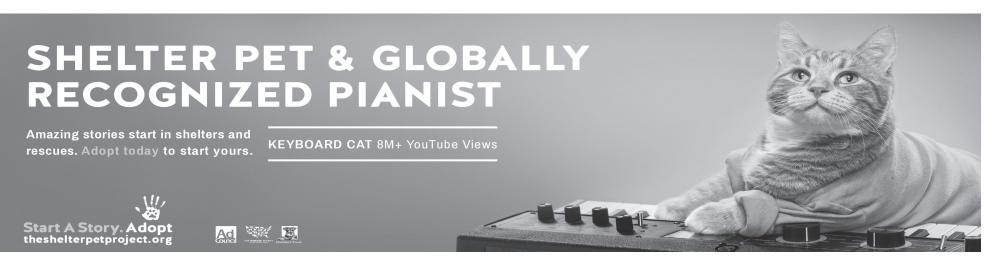
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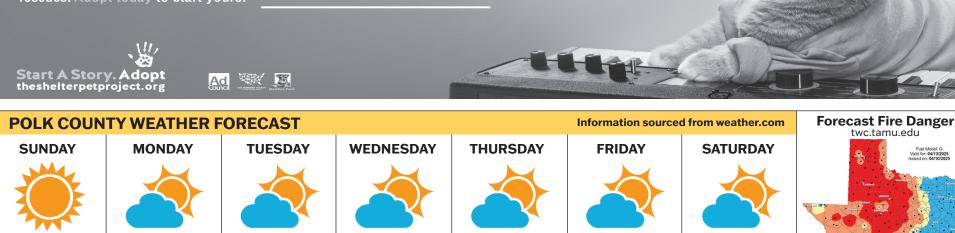
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Rotarian Judy Cochran presents a pin to Rotarian John Haynes signifying that he is the recipient of multiple Paul Harris Fellow awards. The Paul Harris Fellow is the highest award presented in Rotary. PHOTO BY EMILY BANKS WOOTEN



Rotarian Mindy Ellis and Dr. Ray Luna were part of a medical mission team to Mazatenango, Guatemala March 22-29 through the Houston-based Faith in Practice organization. They presented a program about their trip for the Rotary Club Thursday. COURTESY

Locals tell about experience on medical mission trip to Guatemala

By Emily Banks Wooten editor@polkenterprise.com

The Rotary Club of Livingston on Thursday heard a program about a lifechanging medical mission to Mazatenango, Guatemala through the Faith in Practice organization from two people who went on the mission trip March 22-29 -Rotarian Mindy Ellis and Dr. Ray Luna.

Based in Houston, Faith In Practice is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization that seeks to improve the physical, spiritual and economic conditions of the poor in Guatemala through integrated surgical, medical and dental mission trips and health-related educational programs. The March trip was Ellis's ninth mission trip.

"There are 17.1 million people living in Guatemala and 59% of those people are living in poverty. Eighty percent of the physicians work in Guatemala City and not in the rural areas," Ellis said, adding that 42 medical missions and surgical teams will be going to Guatemala in 2025.

She said there were 29 people on the team, nine of whom were first-time team members, and nine interpreters. Team members included gynecologists, pediatricians, orthopedists, general medicine, pharmacy specialists and nurses. She said most of the team was from Texas.

Ellis said the crops primarily grown in Mazatenango are sugar cane, coffee and

Over the course of the week-long trip, the team saw 929 patients, Ellis said. One hundred fifty-four people were given mobility assistance, 216 people were given surgical referrals and 729 people were seen by the pharmacy.

Ellis said the oldest person treated was 109 years old and the youngest was 23

Luna said the team in which he and Ellis were on was a primary care team that went out into the rural areas.

"The pharmacy was busy. We sent over 700 to the pharmacy, most with more than one script," Luna said. He said there is a surgical center in Antigua that performed 2,600 surgeries last year, most of which were done by volunteers from America.

"The municipalities were very accepting of us and the Guatemalans volunteered to help. They have a health system there, but it is inadequate," Luna said.

Commenting on how rewarding the mission trip was, Luna said it also represented the ideals of Rotary - truth, fairness, good will, friendship and being beneficial to others.

LIFE TRIBUTE

Timothy Charlie

Timothy Joseph Charlie, 57, of Livingston, Texas, was born July 31, 1967, in Ville Platte, Louisiana and passed away April 1, 2025, in Livingston, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nelson Charlie and Yvonne (Swal-

low) Charlie. Timothy is survived by his daughter, Tiffany Reuter of Turkey; sons, Jacob Nelson Charlie and Iordan Lance Charlie, both of Livingston, Texas; granddaughter, Cara Reuter of Germany; sisters, Janice Guillory of Albany, Louisiana, Sandra Fontenot and husband Patrick of Ville Platte, Louisiana, and Tanva Celestine and husband Gary of Point Blue, Louisiana; brothers, Gregory Charlie of Ville Platte, Louisiana, Jody Charlie of Ville Platte, Louisiana,

and Ricky Charlie and wife Crystal of Point Blue, Louisiana; mother of his children, Bridget Stowe of Livingston, Texas; and wife, Mary Charlie of Ville Platte, Louisiana; along numerous other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at the La Ville Funeral Home in Ville Platte, Louisiana with Bro. Kevin West officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Louisiana State Veterans Cemetery in Jennings, Louisiana. Visitation was held from 9-10 a.m. on the day of service at the funeral home.

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





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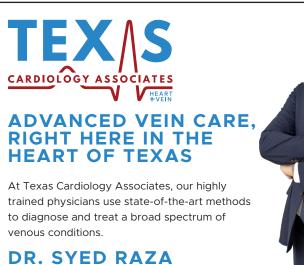
















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10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the third floor Commissioners Courtroom at the County Courthouse at Washington and Church.

- 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
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 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 IN-DEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES: 6 p.m. third or fourth Monday of the month at Livingston High School Campus, 400 FM 350 South.
- ONALASKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES: 6 p.m. third Monday of the month at the OISD Administration Building, 134 North FM 356.
- CORRIGAN-CAMDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES: 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at Corrigan-Camden ISD Board Room.
- GOODRICH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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 6:30 p.m. third Thursday
 of the month in the Goodrich ISD Administration, 234 Katie Simpson
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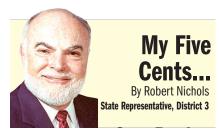
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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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.

OPINION

13-year-old cancer patient is step closer to goal



This week the Texas Senate welcomed DJ Daniel to the chamber. DJ is a 13-year-old from the Houston area who is battling terminal brain and spine cancer. His dream is to become a police officer and he has set a goal to be sworn in by 1,000 law enforcement agencies across the country, which would be a record. This week, he moved one step closer to that goal when he was sworn in as an officer with the Department of Public Safety.

Here are five things happening around your state:

Senate passes bill to increase business personal property tax exemption

This week, the Senate passed Senate Bill 32 by Senator Paul Bettencourt. This bill increases the business personal property tax exemption from \$2,500 to \$25,000. This will alleviate the tax burden on small businesses around the state. The bill also changes the exemption from a de minimis exemption to a universal exemption, meaning all businesses with business personal property can claim the exemption. The bill also provides a 20 percent inventory tax credit to reduce a business's franchise tax liability. The total amount of credits that can be issued in a fiscal year is \$500 million. Supporting small businesses by alleviating their tax burden is why Texas is one of the best places to start a business in the country.

House unanimously passes Trey's Law, protecting sex abuse victims from non-disclosure agreements

The Texas House passed House Bill 748, also known as Trey's Law, by Representative Jeff Leach this week. This bill would ban the use of non-disclosure agreements in civil settlements related to sexual abuse and sex trafficking cases. When cases are settled out of court, abusers have used confidentiality agreements to ensure that victims are forced to stay silent about what happened to them. The bill would subject all agreements, even those already in existence, to the provisions of the law. The bill is named after Trey Carlock, a Texas resident who died by suicide in 2019 after years of sexual abuse at a Christian summer camp. He signed an NDA as part of civil settlement, which led to the feeling he had to "suffer in silence," as his sister said at the House hearing on the bill. The bill passed the House unanimously and now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Texas DOGE bill goes to Governor

The very first bill to make it through both chambers is on its way to the Governor this week. Senate Bill 14 is a measure that seeks to improve government efficiency by creating the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office within the Governor's Office to identify rules and regulations at state agencies that are no longer necessary or useful and provide changes to rules that can reduce costs or improve effectiveness. The bill also codifies a Supreme Court decision related to federal regulations. The principle of Chevron deference required courts to defer to an agency's reasonable interpretation of an otherwise ambiguous statute. Recently, that standard was overturned at the federal level. This bill would codify the same principle

at the state level that courts are not required to defer to agencies' legal determinations.

Appeals court rules TEA can release A-F ratings

This week a judge ruled that the Texas Education Agency can move forward with releasing A-F school accountability ratings from the 2023 school year. The grades were delayed by a lawsuit filed by more than 100 districts after the agency changed the grading system mid-year. Under the new methods, districts would have had to reach higher benchmarks to get desirable ratings. The ratings are based on a number of factors including percentage of stu-dents who are college, career, or military-ready, graduation rates, and STAAR test scores. TEA announced it intends to release the ratings on April 24. A separate lawsuit over the 2024 ratings is still in litigation and is waiting on a decision.

East Texas non-profit places 400 foster children in homes

Almost a decade ago, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 11, which create Community Base Care model for foster care. It took the responsibility of placing foster children in homes from Child Protective Services to local contractors, like Texas Family Care Network (TFCN). TFCN started case management in the Deep East Texas Region a little over a year ago. Since then, the community-based network has removed more than 400 children from the foster care system and placed them in homes. I applaud the good, hard work Texas Family Care Network is doing in our community to help these children find a home.

Sen. Robert Nichols represents Senate District 3, which includes Polk County, in the Texas Legislature.

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Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week



This Sunday, April 11, marks the beginning of Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday. As many of us know, Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem before his arrest, persecution, and crucifixion. While we, as Christians, celebrate Palm Sunday to mark the beginning of Easter, let us remember the promise of redemption, sacrifice, and hope for all of God's children that Palm Sunday symbolizes.

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" – Luke 19:38

With that, here's an update from your State Capitol ...

After 17 hours of debate on the House floor, the Texas House approved Senate Bill 1, which is the House's proposal on how the state should allocate our taxpayer dollars for the next biennium. Throughout the budget debate, lawmakers proposed amendments to the budget,

suggesting changes that range from small adjustments to major over-hauls of statewide programs.

While crafting the state budget is

While crafting the state budget is a long and arduous process, I believe the budget the Texas House approved late Thursday evening represents a thoughtful and comprehensive approach to addressing our state's most pressing issues while conservatively remaining \$16 billion under the state's spending

As I have said before, property tax relief is a top priority for me this session. I was proud to work with my House colleagues throughout the budget-writing process to dedicate a historic investment to help reduce the property tax burden for all Texans. SB 1 dedicates \$51 billion toward property tax relief, including \$11.2 billion more relief than the current biennium.

This budget also prioritizes our public school students and teachers by dedicating \$7.7 billion in new K-12 funding, \$4.3 billion for teacher pay raises, \$400 million for additional school safety upgrades, and \$450 million to reduce the cost of health insurance for teachers.

Finally, SB 1 also includes \$6.5 billion for Operation Lonestar and our state's ongoing border security efforts, \$2.5 billion for water infrastructure, \$1.1 billion to address high-risk security threats and se-

cure Texans' data, \$449 million for nearly 600 new state troopers, \$378 million for correctional officer raises, and \$240 million for new beds at mental health facilities.

Overall, I believe the House's budget proposal reflects a thoughtful and fiscally responsible approach to address the needs of all Texans. From property tax relief to border security, and from historic new public school funding to addressing the infrastructure needs of a rapidly growing state, this bill prioritizes every Texan by dedicating dollars to a wide range of issues while remaining well below our state's spending limits.

The mobile office is on the road again and our district director looks forward to seeing you on April 16 at the Houston County Courthouse Annex in Crockett from 9:30-11:30 a.m. or at the Trinity County Courthouse in Groveton from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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

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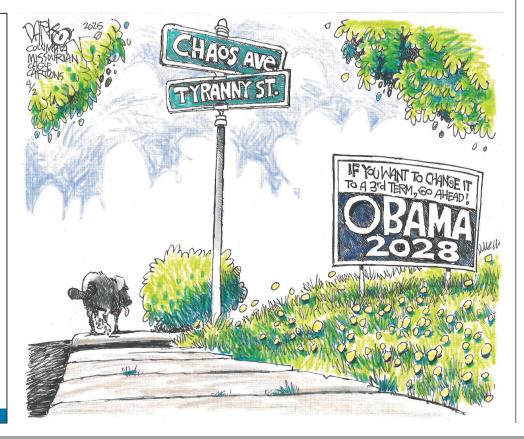
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OPINION

Nostalgia will not save the middle class

By Jim Powers jim@polkcountypublishing.com

My dad worked at the Texaco refinery in Port Arthur, Texas, for 41 years. He started there in 1950, just in time to catch the wave of American industrial might at its height. He was 17 years old and had a wife and a kid (me). For decades, the refinery was the heartbeat of the Golden Triangle area of Southeast Texas, employing over 4,000 workers. Dad was one of them, blue-collar, hardworking, union proud.

Every two years, they'd go out on strike. Not because they hated the company. Not because they didn't want to work. But because the union gave them power. Power to demand better wages, safer conditions, and secure retirements. And it worked.

Thanks to that job and just as importantly, that union, our family lived a solid middle-class life. My parents built a new brick home in a good neighborhood. My mother never worked outside the home. Vacations happened. College was possible. And when Dad retired, he had a pension, a nest egg, and his dignity intact.

That kind of story was once so common it bordered on cliché. Now it seems a pipedream.

President Trump, back in office since January, has spent the last several months doubling down on his vision of a manufacturing revival. He insists that to be a prosperous country again, we must restore the industrial glory days when steel mills roared and assembly lines buzzed with American workers. Over the past few days, he's imposed sweeping "reciprocal tariffs" on imports from nearly every trading partner, promising that it will bring jobs and factories back to American soil.

But the economic world has changed. Even if we could wave a magic wand and bring every factory back from China, Mexico, and Southeast Asia, it still wouldn't restore the kind of middle-class prosperity we once knew. Because those good times weren't just about the jobs. They were about the unions.

You won't hear Trump say that.

You'll hear promises of manufacturing booms and slogans about "Made in America." But you won't hear a word about collective bargaining. You won't hear praise for labor unions. And you definitely won't hear any talk of striking for better pay. In fact, his administration and much of the modern Republican Party has done everything it can to break what's left of the American labor move-

Now, I'm not blind to the sometime excesses of what Unions became. But there isn't any question that Unions were responsible for middle-class economic power in the mid-20th Century.

Back in the 1980s, something started to shift. I remember clearly when one of the regular refinery strikes dragged on for over a year. It broke the union. Because Texaco no longer needed all those workers. Slowly but surely, automation began to replace jobs. At the end of his career, dad was an Operator, spending most of his time in a room watching gauges. Over the next decade, employment at that refinery dropped from over 4,000 to just a few hundred. The machines didn't strike. They didn't retire. They didn't demand weekends off. They worked 24/7 without complaint.

That trend hasn't stopped. It's accelerated.

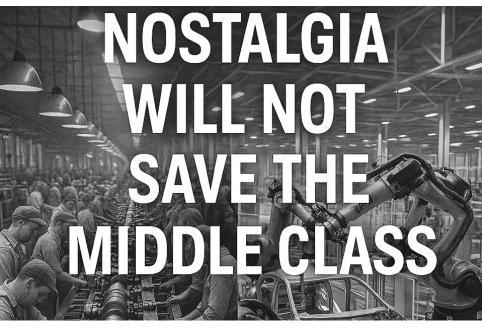
Today, U.S. manufacturing output is near all-time highs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that factory output has nearly doubled in real terms since 1980, while manufacturing employment has fallen from 19.2 million to just 12.9 million. The reason? Automation and robotics. Machines don't need breaks, health insurance, or pensions. They just work.

Researchers at MIT have shown that every additional robot per 1,000 workers results in the loss of about 5.6 jobs—and a measurable decline in wages for those who remain. So even if Trump's tariffs succeed in forcing companies to reshore production, most of the new factories will be staffed by robots, not people.

But let's imagine for a moment that the robots stayed in their boxes and the factories hired thousands of American workers. Would that bring back the middle class? No. Because without unions, the jobs alone don't guarantee prosperity.

The refinery job gave my dad a paycheck. The union made it a good one.

In the 1950s, about 35 percent of private-sector workers were unionized. Today, that number is barely 6 percent. That collapse mirrors the decline of the American middle class. Wages have stagnated. Job security is gone. Benefits are cut to the bone. And still, we chase the



mirage of a factory-driven future while ignoring the structural supports that made those jobs livable in the first place.

Between 1979 and 2020, productivity in the U.S. rose by over 60 percent, but hourly pay for the average worker rose only 17 percent. What changed? Power. Workers lost it. Corporations got it. And wages flatlined.

That's the real story behind our economic malaise, and it's a story Trump doesn't want to tell. His new round of tariffs may punish foreign exporters, but history tells us they'll backfire here at home just like they did during his first term. According to the Peterson Institute for International Economics, Trump's original tariff regime protected about 173,000 jobs, but cost over 300,000 jobs due to retaliatory tariffs and higher prices for inputs like steel and electronics.

This time, with even broader tariffs in place and global inflationary pressures still lingering, the economic fallout is likely to be more severe. Prices are rising. Manufacturers are hesitating. And ordinary Americans are, once again, caught

All of this, including automation, antiunion policies, flawed tariff logic, leads to one conclusion: Trump's factory fantasy is rooted in nostalgia, not reality. It's a myth sold to struggling Americans who rightly want dignity, opportunity, and a better life, but who are being offered the shadow of a solution instead of the sub-

We don't need to bring back the past. We need to understand it.

If we want to rebuild the middle class, it's not enough to bring back factories. We have to bring back power to the people who work in them. That means strong unions. It means real collective bargaining rights. It means ending the war on labor that has left millions of workers with no seat at the table. Now, whether that's possible in the 2025 world is speculative at best.

So let's stop pretending that the return of manufacturing alone will fix what's broken. Let's stop believing that prosperity is just one more tariff away. The truth is harder than that, but also more hopeful. Because while we can't reverse globalization or un-invent robots, we can still fight for justice. We can still organize. We can still demand an economy that works for the people who do the

My dad's generation knew that. They didn't wait for politicians to make it happen. They made it happen themselves. And maybe, if we stop chasing ghosts and start building power again, we can

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Does Dan Patrick think we're that stupid?



While other states are continuing to legalize and/or decriminalize marijuana, Texas is, you guessed it, taking a big step backward.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who formerly coowned a group of Houston-area sports bars that bankrupted, announced in December that he was setting a legislative priority on banning all forms of THC, statewide.

A few weeks ago, a bill was filed in the Senate, where Patrick presides, to ban all THC products. Senate Bill 3, authored by Lubbock Republican Sen. Charles Perry, which passed, would not affect CBD prod-

Patrick, who is firm on pushing for a never-ending series of special sessions until a ban is passed, said "We must take bold action to keep dangerous drugs away from our communities and out of our schools," and claimed in a press conference a couple

of weeks ago that THC is killing kids.

gerous drugs away from our communities and out of our schools, but Patrick's priority bogeyman is complete nonsense.

So what about deadly cigarettes, which have been scientifically proven to shorten lifespans? Why are they still on shelves? I'm sure there's lobbying money that has ended up in Patrick's war chest from Big Tobacco, and if I were a conspiracy theorist, I'd be inclined to think that cartels were paying off Texas politicians to keep cannabis illegal. And of course, one cannot overlook the enormous effects that alcohol has had on the health of the American people; a product that Patrick's Dan and Nick's Sportsmarkets specialized in throughout the 1980s. Who knows how many drunken driving charges were racked up as a result of patrons overindulging, or heaven forbid, fatal drunken driving crashes, but I digress.

Patrick claims that the sale of THC products is exploiting a loophole in a 2019 law that allowed for the sale of industrial hemp in Texas. To be clear, the THC products sold in pretty much every gas station across the state nowadays are Delta-8 THC, which lacks the psychoactive component in Delta-9 THC that produces a "high." The latter is still illegal here in Texas, but enough of the chemistry lesson.

With the hemp bill came a window for such as Fentanyl, which is a real problem We can all agree that we must keep dan- many individuals with chronic pain and conditions such as anxiety and even epilepsy to seek a natural source of relief for their

> A thriving market for hemp products also created a legitimate business model within the state, which has long been a leader in agricultural business, and saw a significant reduction in black market activity and drugrelated crime. Roughly 8,300 retailers sell a range of hemp products that include THC, from flower buds to infused beverages.

> The answer/focus should not be on eliminating THC products in Texas but ensuring proper oversight. Dan Patrick is wrong on this issue, and his absolutist take will not endear him to voters, the majority of whom approve of some form of marijuana to be legal within the state.

> Instead of banning THC products, the solution should be to fully legalize all THC products (Delta-9, included) for distribution and sale within the state of Texas, with proper regulation and oversight, and the sale of said products to children made a felony offense.

> There are overwhelming levels of support for legalization in Texas. Full legalization would allow our already stressed and stretched law enforcement officers to go after real criminals and actual harmful drugs,

that is actually killing kids

Patrick recently visited an Austin area hemp store and was hoping to get some ammo for his Quixotic quest. When he was asked for his ID by an employee, he said "I'm Dan Patrick," to which the employee

said "I still need to see your ID." Cannabis/hemp/THC is a boring topic to write about, but this topic must be addressed, as it threatens the livelihood of many individuals, as well as the health of many who rely on THC products for a better quality of life.

This is 2025, and the people are not so stupid as to be cowed by some "Reefer Madness" nonsense about THC killing kids. In this day and age, marijuana and/or any hemp products seem about as edgy or cool as the gin martinis favored by white collar blowhards in the '60s after a long day at the

Patrick's nonsense seems to underscore an even bigger issue: that our right to vote on these issues have been taken away. Whether it's this issue or the "school choice" scam, where is our voice? Where is our actual representation in the Lege?

Texans should be able to live their lives as they want, with what they need to maintain a good quality of life, but not all of us were written blank checks by oil billionaires.



OFFICIAL RECORDS

JUSTICE COURT Precinct 2 Judge Sarah Rasberry presiding. **Criminal Docket**

Walker Lee Sootoo, injury to child/elderly/disabled. **Christopher H. Roper**, burglary

of building. Frank Glen Tucker, injury to

child/elderly/disabled Tod James Evans, fail to comply

with sex offender duty to register. Tod James Evans, fail to comply with sex offender duty to register. Johnny Ray Norwood, indecency with child sexual.

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Lola Ann Arkinson, burglary of vehicle.

Lola Ann Arkinson, unlawful restraint.

James Ryan Atkinson, theft misdemeanor.

Jason Russell Cantu, driving while license invalid.

Briannetta Birdsong, parent contributing to non-attendance.

David William Coday, driving while license invalid. Rosalinda Lanyon, parent con-

tributing to non-attendance. Lawrence Pommier, parent contributing to non-attendance.

Tirzah Lynn Gonzalez, driving while license invalid. Thomas R. Maynard, posses-

sion or delivery. Marseel A. Ghanim, burn ban

violation. Charles Billingsley, burn ban

violation. Blake Dylan Blanton, assault by physical contact.

Angela Louise Green, burn ban

violation. Makayla R. Sexton, open con-

tainer of alcohol. Joseph David O'Neil, driving

while license invalid.

B. Abarca Gonzalez, open container of alcohol.

Kolton Lane Leggett, driving while license invalid. William T. Stokes, driving

while license invalid. David Nelson Graham, driving

while license invalid. Dustin Neal Williams, driving

while license invalid. Warren J. Davidson, outdoor burning of waste.

Bonds set Beth Allen Maze, accident,

\$1,195.

Carl Edward Dennis, fail to register sex offender, \$15,000.

John David Falls Jr., failure to appear, bond not determined. Tyler Webb, driving while in-

toxicated, \$2,500. Meredith L. Harrison, assault

causing bodily injury, \$2,500. Brannon A. Jordan, assault causing bodily injury, \$2,500.

Brannon A. Jordan, assault family/house member, \$15,000.

Dakota Leeann Walker, assault causing bodily injury, \$2,000.

Jess Chitty-Stroder, aggra-vated assault against public servant, Barbara E. Mizell, motion to

revoke probation - theft, no bond. Barbara E. Mizell, motion to revoke probation – theft, no bond.

trolled substance, \$1,500. Lisa Ann Marie Frias, possession of controlled substance,

Keri Tippie, possession of con-

\$5,000. Lisa Ann Marie Frias, aban-

don/endanger child, \$5,000. Lisa Ann Marie Frias, abandon/endanger child, \$5,000.

Linda Carol Armstead, motion to revoke probation - DWI-2nd,

Richard Douglas Dowden, ag-

gravated assault with deadly weapon, \$20,000.

Rayford Tyrone Ellis, sex offender duty to register, \$20,000. Kenneth Wayne Williams, theft

of property, \$2,500. Kenneth Wayne Wil-liams, misappropriation fiducial/financial property, \$15,000.

Shamar Dione Landers, revocation adjudication - possession

controlled substance, no bond. Daniel Vargas, resist arrest,

search or transport, \$2,500. Chandler L. Bodtman, disor-

derly conduct, \$2,500. Kirk James Baer, unlawfully

carrying weapon, \$2,500. Kirk James Baer, driving while

intoxicated, \$1,500. Leon M. Leonardo, driving

while intoxicated, \$1,500. Frank Glen Tucker, injury to child/elderly/disabled, \$20,000.

Allen Lee Ivy, possession of controlled substance, \$15,000. Billy Dean Ivy Jr., possession of

controlled substance, \$15,000. Manuel Jesus Muniz, possession of controlled substance,

Miah Nicole Smith, assault causing bodily injury, \$2,500.

Delvin Robins, capias bond forfeiture, no bond.

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feiture, \$1,000. Delvin Robins, capias bond for-

feiture, \$1,000. Brandon Wayne Welch, bond forfeiture - terroristic threat,

\$1,000. Brandon Wayne Welch, bond forfeiture - assault causing bodily

injury, \$1,000. Christopher R. Lewis, theft of property, \$2,500.

Ignacio Lopez Medina, DWI-

2nd, \$2,500.

Eric Shawn Stout, disorderly conduct, \$1,500.

Thomas Clayton Allen, assault causing bodily injury, \$2,500.

Rosalino Cuervo, assault causing bodily injury, \$2,500.

Adam Troy Mendelsohn, driving while license invalid with precious conviction/suspension,

Adam Troy Mendelsohn, tamper/fabricate physical evidence, \$15,000.

Adam Troy Mendelsohn, possession of controlled substance,

Adam Troy Mendelsohn, prohibited substance/item in correctional facility, \$15,000.

Jacob Ryan Morris, Anderson County motion to revoke, no

Ivan Rangel, evading arrest/detention, \$2,500.

Shamar Dione Landers, bond surrender - resist arrest, \$2,500. Williams W. Kennedy, parole violation, no bond.

Malyk Devon Johnson, motion to revoke - forgery government/ national document, no bond.

Kelley Marie Green, Galveston County fraudulent use, \$40,000. David Harol Sanders, driv-ing

while intoxicated, \$1,500. Amber Dawn McDonald, possession of controlled sub-stance,

Mark Aaron Luna, assault caus-

ing bodily injury, \$3,000. Holly Marie Hatcher, driving

while intoxicated, \$1,500. Tyler Ray Birdwell, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, \$1,000.

Gary Don Ward, possession of controlled substance, \$10,000.

Gary Don Ward, failure to ap-

pear, bond not determined.

Quentin Jacob Miller, assault causing bodily injury, \$2,500.

Dakota Leeann Walker, assault causing bodily injury, \$5,000. Dakota Leeann Walker, as-

sault causing bodily injury, \$5,000. Damian Teon King, interfere with public duties, \$1,000.

Damian Teon King, resist arrest, search or transport, \$2,000. Matthew Earl Mars, possession

of controlled substance, \$20,000. Matthew Earl Mars, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, \$1,500.

Jason Alan Hillhouse, assault causing bodily injury, bond not determined.

Cody Isom Barbour, possess with intent to promote child pornography, \$50,000.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Isaac Wayne Kay, 23, Liv-ingston and Jazzmin Aliya Ortega, 21, Liv-Sandra Denise Hall, 49, Onalas-

ka and Stuart Nowlin, 40, Onalaska. Sidney Alan Taylor, 38, Votaw and Leslie Ann Parks, 39, Votaw.

Charles Andrew Guidice, 27, Livingston and Anamaria Luisa Ramirez, 24, Living-ston.

Autumn Grace Gann, 23, Livingston and Mark Anthony Bradley, 23, Livingston.

Grant Michael Goertz, 33, Livingston and Brenda Quintero, 45, Livingston.

JAIL REPORT

Week of April 4-10

April 4 Baldwin, Zenashon Hardin-Kamel, 23 of Lufkin, motion to revoke probation/tamper or fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair.

Flores, George Jr., 25 of Livingston, commitment.

Hillhouse, Jason Alan, 41 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury to family member.

Khan, Katie Marie, 49 of Woodville, commitment. Marlow, Stacy Lynn, 39 of Livings-

ton, commitment. Vestal, Corbin Ray, 26 of Livingston, commitment.

Schubert, Edward Lee, 34 of Goodrich, assault family or household member with previous conviction. Wyatt, Christopher Lynn, 29 of

Conroe, driving while intoxicated. April 5 Coots, Kenneth James, 44 of Onalaska, assault causing bodily injury, fail to maintain financial responsibility, fail to display motor vehicle registration, terroristic threat against

a peace officer. Day, Tajanee Jazzlyn, 26 of Liv-

ingston, public intoxication. Garcia-Ledesma, Jose Guadalupe, 44 of Livingston, criminal trespass. Guerette, Elizabeth Sherrie, 53 of

Onalaska, theft of property. Henderson, Ezekiel Rashard, 38 of Livingston, driving while intoxi-

Parrish, Joyce Marie Byrd, 54 of

Onalaska, criminal trespass. Walsh, Rachal Lindsey, 35 of Trin-

ity, theft of property. April 6

Boehm, Bradley Allen, 40 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug para-

Lacy, John Russel, 39 of Cleveland, driving while license invalid with pre-

vious conviction. Moscicki, Treese Ryan, 17 of Onalaska, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana. Stafford, Corey Logan, 18 of Livingston, possession of a controlled

substance, possession of marijuana. April 7 Cornett, Johnny Mack Jr., 44 of Coldspring, San Jacinto County warrant/theft, San Jacinto County war-

rant/terroristic threat. Garner, Chad Michael, 26 of Onalaska, unlawfully carrying a

weapon x 2, driving while intoxicated.

Hardy, Jonathan Wayne, 26 of Huntsville, driving while intoxicated. Ortiz, Diangelo Luis, 21 of Livingston, possession of a controlled

substance x 2. Phillips, Shane Jeremy, 45 of Livingston, motion to revoke probation/ fail to comply sex offenders duty to register, motion to revoke probation/ evading arrest or detention with vehicle, motion to revoke probation/ possession of a controlled substance, motion to revoke probation/endanger

child criminal negligence.

April 8 Alvarez-Martinez, Juan Antonio,

40 of Moscow, public intoxication. Bates, Chanting Douglas Lee, 19 of Livingston, bond forfeiture/deadly conduct, bond forfeiture/terroristic threat causing fear of imminent seri-

ous bodily injury. Brooks, Laquentian, 36 of Houston, possession of a controlled substance, open container, display expired registration, driving while li-

cense invalid. Coronado Cavazos, Oscar Gerardo, 38 of Nacogdoches, harassment.

Couch, Thomas Marshall, 39 of Livingston, driving while license invalid with previous conviction.

Guerra, Michael Joseph, 46 of Conroe, motion to revoke probation/ possession of a controlled substance, motion to revoke probation/unau-

thorized use of vehicle. Haley, Chanda Michelle, 47 of Victoria, bond forfeiture/possession

of a controlled substance. Lambert, Kenneth Melvin, 61 of Point Blank, possession of marijuana. Young, Jason Turrance, 43 of Point Blank, San Jacinto County warrant/

possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia. Young, Tommy, 56 of Warren,

burglary of a building. Norwood, Johnny Ray, 58 of Livingston, indecency with a child sexual

Schuster, Margaret Faye, 64 of Onalaska, terroristic threat causing fear of imminent serious bodily in-

April 9 Borden, Christopher Logan, 32 of Corrigan, hinder apprehension or

prosecution of known felon. Certain, Regina Yvette, 49 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance.

Coker, Gary Bryant, 44 of Onalas-

ka, impersonal public servant, resist-

ing arrest search or transport, false ID as police officer, public intoxication. Evans, Fredrick Duane Jr., 30 of Onalaska, assault family or house member by impeding breath or circulation, bond violation/protective order assault stalking, violate bond or protective order more than twice within 12 months, evading arrest or

detention with previous conviction, evading arrest or detention. Glass, Jon Paul, 59 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance, driving while license invalid with previous conviction.

Love, Ltodrick Tyreke, 22 of Corrigan, hinder apprehension or prosecution of known felon. Phillips, Justin Jerome, 35 of

Spring, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana. Plattenburg, Keithrick Reynord, 19 of Corrigan, attempt to take weapon from an officer, unlawful carrying weapon, resisting arrest search or transport, evading arrest or detention, assault causing bodily injury to family member, warrant/assault family or house member by impeding breath or circulation, warrant/burglary of a building, warrant/evading arrest or detention with previous conviction, warrant/delivery of marijuana, burglary of vehicles, bond forfeiture/ evading arrest or detention, bond forfeiture/fail to identify by giving false

or fictitious information, bond forfeiture/harboring runaway child. Tucker, Frank Glen, 35 of Livingston, conditional bond violation/sex offenders duty to register with previ-

ous conviction. White, Joseph Cory, 44 of Huffman, bond forfeiture/possession of a controlled substance x 2, bond forfei-

ture/possession of marijuana.

Diboll, bench warrant/possession of a controlled substance with intent to Stutts, David Brian, 59 of Livings-

ton, judgement/driving while intoxicated 3rd or more. April 10 Alvarez, Jose Bryan, 20 of Livings-

ton, possession of marijuana. Bell, Jason Scott, 44 of Livingston,

burglary of a building. Dunham, Dedrick Alexander, 30 of Livingston, capias pro fine/parent contributing to non-attendance x 2, capias pro fine/fail to maintain financial responsibility, capias pro fine/no driver's license, capias pro fine/allow child 4-14 to ride not secured by safety belt, capias pro fine/no driver's

license. Frias, Lisa Ann Marie, 23 of Onalaska, abandon or endanger

child criminal negligence. Galvan, Julian Alejandro, 19 of Livingston, motion to revoke probation/assault causing bodily injury to family member.

Gana, Heather Christina, 45 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance, burglary of a building.

Harrison, Alexandra Monay, 29 of Corrigan, abandon or endanger child criminal negligence.

Hickman, Timothy L., 63 of Corrigan, criminal trespass. Johnson, Larrian Ramon, 28 of

Livingston, violation of a conditional bond. Martinez Hernandez, Frank,

36 of Livingston, driving while intoxicated/open alcohol container. Mills, Danny Lynn, 48 of Coldspring, Hansford County warrant/ assault causing bodily injury to family member, Hansford County Burnett, Amanda Mallery, 33 of warrant/unlawful restraint, Hansford County warrant/interfere

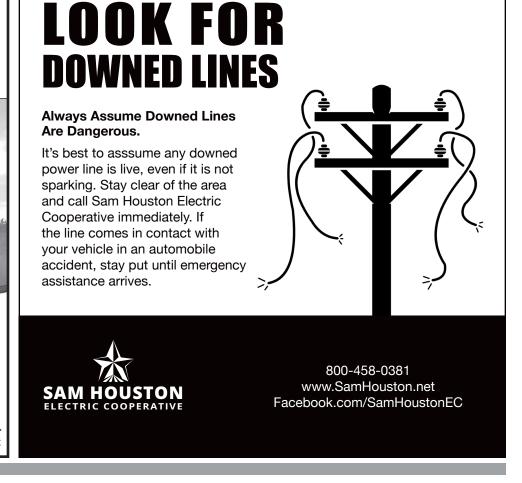
with emergency request for assis-Romero, Kaleb Ryan, 29 of Corrigan, abandon or endanger

child criminal negligence. Sirman, Richard Allen, 67 of Onalaska, motion to revoke probation/driving while intoxicated 3rd

or more. Sparks, Jodie, 63 of Shepherd, theft of property.

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and Montgomery counties. Sometimes called the Lower Coushatta Trace, Long King's Trace was approximately 72 miles long. It was plotted on the General Land Office original survey maps and surveyors' notes

Long King's Trace crossed present-day US-287 1.5 miles north of the Tyler-Polk County line, not far from the Coushatta Trace 1/Alabama Trace 1 double sign at Barnum. It continued southwesterly, crossing Old Israel Road near Easy Street, then on to present-day Livingston, crossing Choate's Creek to Long King Creek and Long King's Village. It continued on to the Trinity River where the Lake Livingston Dam sits.

Long King's Trace was marked with 13 road signs. Only two signs have been found:

1. 287 east of Caney Creek near Coushatta 1 (1.5 miles north of the Tyler/Polk County line) - Not found.

2. 942 less than ¼ mile west of 1745 at Lilly Island Loop.

3. Dirt road crossing 942 south of Beard Cemetery (west of 942) - not found.

4. Dirt road 2 miles west of 942; leaves 942 ½ mile south of Parrish Cemetery - not found.

5. Crosses 942 again about 1 mile west of Rice Cemetery, 2/10 miles west of pipeline - not found.

6. Crosses a dirt road which runs south from 942, ½ mile west of #5, 1 mile south of 942 - not found.

7. Crosses same dirt road 2 ½ miles southwest of #6 - not found.

8. Crosses FM 1316 (Old Israel Road) ½ mile northeast of Livingston city limits

near Easy Street.
9. Crosses 190 at Old City Cemetery not found.

10. Crosses 146 at Alston Building (Alston Machine Shop) - not found.

11. Crosses 59 just south of Choate's Creek bridge - not found.

12. Crosses south loop just east of the overpass (railroad) - not found.

13. Crosses FM 1988 west of the railroad and on to Long King Village - not found.

A Texas Hero In A Tuxedo



A 23 year old pianist from Kilgore gave sagging morale back home a much needed boost by winning first prize at the International Tschaikovsky competition on Apr. 12, 1958

Van Cliburn was just what the doctor ordered for a country still down in the dumps over the Soviets' Sputnik space spectacular six months earlier. With American morale lower than at any time since Pearl Harbor, the curly-headed celebrity was Charles Lindbergh in a tuxedo.

In the rush to claim the superstar as one of their own, Texans tactfully ignored the fact that Harvey Levan Cliburn, Jr. was actually born in Shreveport, Louisiana. But his parents soon corrected that "mistake" by moving to Kilgore and raising their gifted child in the Lone Star State.

Van displayed a precocious musical talent at the tender age of three. After nine years of professional instruction from his mother, an accomplished pianist in her own right, he won a contest that resulted in his debut with the Houston Symphony in 1946.

Another prestigious award led to highly acclaimed performances with the New York Philharmonic and the civic orchestras of Cleveland, Buffalo, Denver and Detroit. His phenomenal success pried open the door to the world-renown Juilliard School of Music in Manhattan, where he began his studies in 1951.

During a visit to Juilliard by Skitch Henderson, Van auditioned for the "Tonight Show." This chance encounter yielded two guest appearances on national late-night television, which Johnny Carson's bandleader later boasted "kept the kid eating for a year."

By 1957, however, the novelty had worn off for a teenaged prodigy in his early twenties, and a drastic decline in bookings cut his annual income in half. Van was reduced to entertaining the dinner crowd at a Kilgore restaurant in order to pay off a loan at a local bank.

At this critical crossroads in his career, his Juilliard teacher encouraged Van to enter the impending competition in Moscow. Knowing he would be pitted against the finest young pianists on the planet, he practiced eight hours a day in preparation for the challenge of his life.

The Moscow gold medal in April 1958 came complete with hugs and kisses from Nikita Khruschev, the gruff Soviet strong-

man better known for his shoe-banging threat to bury the capitalist West. Although cold-war zealots criticized Van for fraternizing with the communist enemy, he spoke only of his genuine "love affair for the Russian people" and avoided any comment on the Soviet system.

Van's ticker-tape welcome in New York City, first ever for a musician, was followed by equally ecstatic receptions in Philadelphia, Washington and his native Texas. People, who did not know Tschaikovsky from tater tots, turned out for a fleeting glimpse of the six-foot-four king of the keyboards.

Before his Moscow magic, Van felt fortunate to earn a hundred dollars a night for tickling the ivories. As a household name, he was now able to command as much as \$10,000 a show. The most amazing proof of his popularity was the unprecedented response to his recording of Tschaikovsky's Concerto No. 1, the first classical LP to sell a million copies.

But his attempt to satisfy the insatiable appetite of an adoring public did have its down side. When antibiotics failed to cure a chronically sore finger, he had to have the bone surgically scraped. For the next six months, the piano was off-limits.

After more than 20 years of nearly nonstop playing, Van decided to take some time off in 1978. Although he planned on returning to the concert circuit in a year or two, the hard-earned hiatus stretched into a decade and rumors began to make the rounds that he had become a recluse.

The 53 year old resident of Fort Worth came out of retirement for a special performance in 1987. Van accepted an invitation from President Ronald Reagan to play at a White House dinner for Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Anticipating a formal affair, Van presumed he would be shown the door the moment he finished. But after a relaxed conversation with the president, Mrs. Gorbachev requested an encore.

"I said I would if she would help me," Van told a Texas newspaper, "and impulsively I sat down and began playing and singing 'Moscow Nights'. After a minute, the Gorbachevs joined in, and we wound up having a sing-along."

Back at his hotel later that night, Van fretted he had gone too far in letting his hair down. "To be honest, I was horrified at what I had done."

His mother, always his toughest critic, soothed his fears. He had, after all, started out with classical compositions before going off on the folk-music tangent.

Then she added, "But don't you dare do anything like that again!"

The whole story of Bonnie and Clyde and other Thirties outlaws is in "Texas Depression Era Desperadoes." Order your copy today by mailing a check for \$24.00 to Bartee Haile, P.O. Box 130011, Spring,

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needed, they can be used for water lines, lift stations, drainage and some sewer.

The council approved sewer service for a resident. Goodrich mayor Kelly Nelson said the standard procedure for acquiring sewer

service is filling out an application, paying a deposit, and for larger projects providing a diagram to be approved by an engineer.

The council had one day to fill thousands of eggs for their annual Easter egg hunt Saturday. The National Honor Society that normally helps was not able to do so this year, meaning the council had the task of preparing 4,475 eggs for the fun at the Goodrich ISD track.

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as the provider and specifying terms.

Council approved a request submitted by the Bridgeview Subdivision Board of Directors to accept roads that were previously accepted and maintained by Polk County prior to being abandoned by Polk County on Aug. 13, 2024. These include: Bridgeview Drive, Bridgepark Drive, Bridgeway, Bridgepoint, Bridgecrossing Drive and Bridge Landing.

A construction proposal from Texas Concrete Industries for the 2023 Texas Parks and Wildlife Trail Grant was accepted.

Council approved the authorization of Mayor James Arnett as signatory to enter into a service agreement with Veritas to provide plan review, permitting and inspection services.

A proclamation reaffirming April as Fair Housing Month was approved. Addition-

ally, Council approved the appointment of City Administrator Angela Stutts as fair housing coordinator and Mandi Hodge as alternate fair housing coordinator.

A report on behalf of the police department reflected a total number of 1,460 events in March 2025, including 176 traffic stops in which citations were issued and 276 traffic stops in which warnings were issued. The department provided 246 building checks during the month, as well as 352 instances of extra patrol.

The code enforcement and permitting report for March 2025 reflected a total of 13 licenses issued generating \$2,910 in revenue and a total of 16 building permits issued generating \$7,475.90 in revenue. Additionally, in code enforcement activity, a total of 19 cases were opened with four being resolved with citizen compliance and two resulting in citations, leaving 13 currently open and in various staged of enforcement.

Other business included approval of the minutes, vouchers and financial reports.





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Eggs and Easter

By Janice R. Edwards Contributing Writer

Easter Sunday is almost here; a time in the early spring when plants bloom and baby animals are born – a season of new life. Tradition dictates we dress up in our "Sunday best" – newly purchased for Easter Sunday – and go to the church services of our choice. After church comes the tradition of a big meal and an Easter egg hunt for the children in the family.

During this season, Easter egg hunts happen at home, on the church grounds, in a friend's yard, in parks, in shopping malls – almost anywhere people gather to hunt for the hidden treasures. They are designed as special treats for children. We hard-boil and decorate eggs, hide confections in plastic eggs, and hide chocolate eggs. Recently, there have even been adult Easter eggs hunts with adult type gift cards, etc. inside the plastic eggs. But have you ever stopped to think why do we celebrate Easter with eggs?

Eggs are a symbol of rebirth and fertility. So, it's easy to see why eggs are associated with Easter which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter egg origin started in Medieval Europe. Before the Christian Easter, the early Anglo-Saxons celebrated the goddess Eastre who brought the spring and a resurrection of life after winter. Christian missionaries hoping to convert pagans to Christianity celebrated Christian holy days at the same time as pagan festivals. And if they used some of the same symbols, they might gain more converts. Eggs were known to be eaten at the festival of Eastre – and buried in the ground to encourage fertility.

A Christian origin story about why we use eggs during our Easter events "boils" down to a matter of practicality. Fasting requirements for Lent were much stricter back then. Christians couldn't eat meat – or any animal product. This included eggs. But they couldn't tell their chickens to stop laying. So ... they hard-boiled the eggs and saved them for distribution later. Lent ends just before Easter and the eggs were given out then – mostly to poor people who could not afford meat at their celebrations. So, the tradition of boiled eggs for Easter was born.

So, you hard-boiled a bunch of eggs for an Easter egg hunt. What will you do with all those eggs? You can't let them all go to waste. Well, I have an idea – make deviled eggs out of them – if they haven't been out of refrigeration for very long. I used to make deviled eggs like my mama – that is until I married Roy and got a taste of "our" daughter's deviled eggs – they are her specialty. She agreed to share her recipe with you. If you have made deviled eggs before, hers will be similar, but with a kick.

But before I give you her secret, I'll give you my secret on how to easily peel a hardboiled egg. Put your eggs in a pan with cool water with about an inch of water covering the eggs. Add a pinch of salt and a couple of drops of vegetable oil to the water. Quickly bring the water to a boil and boil eggs for 6-7 minutes. Immediately take the eggs off the heat and pour the hot water into the sink. Then, fill the pan with cool water and let the eggs cool enough to touch. Then peel the eggs under running cool water. Works for me every time.

- OK Here's Shirlene's Deviled Eggs:
 Hard-boil the number of eggs you wish
- Cut eggs in half. Put egg yolks in a bowl and place the egg white section on a plate.
- Mash the yolks in the bowl and here comes the creative part add mayonnaise and Dijon mustard mixing all together until
- smooth and to a consistency to fill the eggs.

 Add well-drained dill relish to the mixture. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Fill the egg whites with the yolk mix-
- Dust top of stuffed eggs with your choice of either cayenne pepper (some like it hot), or paprika, depending on your taste.
 Garnish the tops of eggs with slices of green olives.

You have a lot of room to play with this recipe and make it your own. Use only mayonnaise (not Miracle Whip). Dijon mustard absolutely makes these eggs.

Oh, and you know those chocolate Easter eggs in your Easter basket? The artistic confectionary was first made in France and Germany in the early 19th century. The technique for making mass-produced molded chocolate had not been discovered.

John Cadbury made his first eating chocolate in 1842 and finally produced the first Cadbury Easter eggs in 1875. Progress in the Chocolate Easter egg market for mass distribution was slow until a method for making the chocolate flow into the molds was found. We still eat Cadbury chocolate Easter eggs today.





Eggs in an incubator. PHOTO BY ERIC WISE

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Property Owners Should Soon Start Receiving Appraisal Notices for the 2025 Tax Year

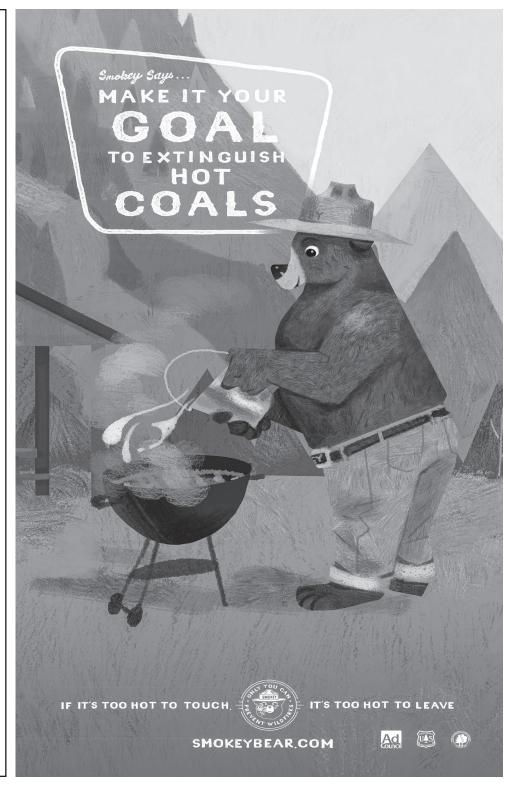
You may soon receive an appraisal notice from the Polk Central Appraisal District. The appraisal district mailed about 40,000 appraisal notices on 4/14/2025. Your city, county, school district and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set your 2025 property taxes.

Under Texas law, local appraisal districts must notify property owners about changes in their property's value. The notice contains important information about the property's location, ownership and property tax exemptions that apply to the property. It must also include a web address where tax information for the property can be found.

Property owners who disagree with their property's appraised value, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisal district have the right to appeal to the Polk Central Appraisal District's Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling property owner protests. The notice of appraised value includes instructions on how and when to file a protest, a protest form, a statement about the availability of an informal conference prior to attending a protest hearing and a copy of the Comptroller's Taxpayer Assistance Pamphlet. The deadline for filing an ARB protest is May 15 or 30 days after your notice of appraised value was delivered to you.

The Comptroller's publication, Taxpayer Assistance Pamphlet, explains in detail how to protest your property appraisal, what issues the ARB can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. It also discusses the function of a taxpayer liaison officer, the option to request limited binding arbitration to compel the ARB or chief appraiser to comply with procedural requirements and the options of taking your case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or regular binding arbitration if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your ARB hearing.

The Taxpayer Assistance Pamphlet is available from the Polk Central Appraisal District at: 114 Matthews Street, Livingston Tx or on our website: www.polkcad.org. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller. texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.







New raised pollinator garden beds at Creekside Elementary School in Livingston. PHOTO BY JESSICA JONES

Pollinator gardens project update

By Jessica JonesPresident, Piney Wood Lakes Chapter
Texas Master Naturalist

I know that everyone is anxious to clean out their flowerbeds and mow the weeds in their yards but please hold off for a little while! The pollinators are coming out of hibernation and need the small wildflowers – what we often consider weeds – for food. Let the dandelions, henbit and various other weedy plants bloom and sustain our pollinators until the larger wildflowers begin to bloom.

Our pollinator gardens are beginning to wake up. Here is an update:

Onalaska Garden

Piney Wood Lakes Chapter Texas Master Naturalist Members Carol and Larry

Craft have outdone themselves! This is the Onalaska garden's second year and it looks awesome. The seeds that were scattered the first year bloomed well last year, reseeded, and are coming up like crazy right now. The blanket flowers are taking over. This past winter additional plants were purchased with grant money and added to the garden. This year's garden should be an explosion of color.

Livingston Junior High School

We started the garden last year with three raised beds that had been abandoned from previous garden attempts at the school. We have since added four additional raised beds and several large planters. We are attempting to winter sow wildflower seeds to add to the new raised beds. We could use additional native plants if anyone has some available. Creekside Elementary School

We attempted to start pollinator gardens in the school's planter boxes that line the front of the school. Unfortunately, the crepe myrtles – that we were not allowed to get rid of – and the shade coverings along the walkway reduce the sun exposure and have made it very difficult for native plants to flourish. This year we are moving the pollinator garden to seven raised beds that we placed down by the pond. Four of the beds had wildflower seeds scattered in them in early winter. Most are showing a good germination rate. Native plants need to be added to the remaining beds.

Livingston High SchoolLast year, Piney Wood Lakes Chapter

Texas Master Naturalist Member Pam Klouda worked with the high school students to remove existing mulch and to plant the garden. This year Pam plans to add additional plants which she will purchase using funds from a grant that we received from NPSOT/Monarch Watch.

Other news

I hope to have a propagation class in April or May for anyone who would like to learn techniques for propagating native plants. If you are interested in participating, please save one milk jug and a two-liter soda bottle to use at the class.

If you are involved in any other organization or neighborhood group that might be interested in learning about the importance of native plants, please let me know.







Needing some suggestions for

Easter sides?

re you struggling to decide what side dishes to prepare for Easter? You wouldn't be alone if you are. There are so many from which to choose, especially considering all the fresh produce that is currently in season – asparagus, peas, radishes, carrots, spinach, broccoli, artichokes – just to name a few.

Robin Shreeves offers "18 Crowd-Pleasing Side Dishes for Easter" at simplyrecipes. com that she says will complement ham, prime rib, or lamb and that guests will love.

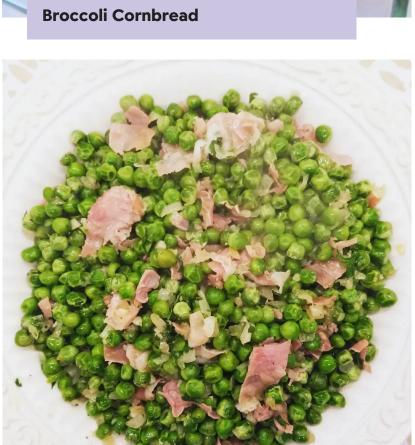
These recipes include: Perfect Mashed Potatoes, Quick and Easy Asparagus, Parker House Rolls, Deviled Eggs, Scalloped Potatoes With Caramelized Onions and Gruyere, Prosciutto-Wrapped Asparagus, Classic Glazed Carrots, Green Bean Casserole From Scratch, Yorkshire Pudding, Air Fryer Asparagus, Collard Greens, Simple Peas and Onions, Creamy Baked Mac and Cheese, Cheesy Baked Cauliflower, Roasted Brussels Sprouts, French Green Beans with Butter and Herbs and Sweet Potato Casserole,

Additionally, Kara Zauberman offers "90 Best Easter Side Dishes to Round Out Dinner" – all made with fresh ingredients inspired by the season – at thepioneerwoman.com. Mackenzie Filson and Camille Lowder offer "85 Easter Side Dishes To Complete All Your Holiday Meals" at delish.com.

You see what I mean? There are literally hundreds from which to choose and the common denominator is that seasonal produce is the component that is featured in almost all of them. When it comes to holiday meals, I've always much preferred the side dishes over the protein, considering them the actual stars of the show instead. As such, whether we're talking Easter or Thanksgiving, my tendency is to always go overboard and prepare too many sides. However, every now and then you CAN teach an old dog new tricks – in recent years, I've begun ruthlessly editing my menus.

In an attempt to help you complete (or perhaps edit) your own Easter menu, I've selected four side dishes, any of which I think will make nice additions to your table.





Peas and Prosciutto

Carrots with Pesto and Ricotta From foodnetwork.com

Olive oil 1½ pounds carrots Kosher salt and fresh ground black pepper Pesto Ricotta cheese

Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in an ovenproof skillet. Add $1\,\%$ pounds carrots (halved lengthwise if large), season with % teaspoon kosher salt and a few grinds of pepper and cook, tossing, until browned, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a 475 degrees oven and roast until charred, 20 to 25 minutes. Top with pesto and ricotta.

Peas and Prosciutto By Giada De Laurentiis

2 tablespoons olive oil 3 shallots, chopped 2 garlic cloves, minced

Salt and freshly ground black pepper 1 (1-pound) bag frozen peas, thawed 4 ounces (1/2-inch-thick slices) prosciutto, diced

4 ounces (1/8-Inch-thick slices) prosciutto, dicec 1/4 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley leaves

Heat the oil in a heavy large skillet over medium-low heat. Add the shallots, garlic, salt, and pepper, and saute until tender, about 1 minute. Add the peas and saute until heated through, about 5 minutes. Stir in the prosciutto and cook for 1 to 2 minutes. Add the parsley and remove from the heat. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper, and serve.

Mini Champagne Orange Muffins (Mimosa Muffins)

From averiecooks.com

Muffins:

1 cup all-purpose flour 1½ teaspoons baking powder ½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon salt ½ cup granulated sugar

1 large egg 1/2 cup canola or vegetable oil

1 to 2 teaspoons orange zest 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed orange

½ teaspoon almond extract, or to taste (vanilla extract may be substituted) ¼ cup champagne or prosecco (use dry for less sweet muffins)

Champagne Glaze:

1 cup confectioners' sugar, or as needed 2 tablespoons champagne or prosecco, or as necessary for consistency

Muffins:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees and spray one or two mini muffins pans with floured cooking spray or grease and flour the pan; set aside.

To a large bowl, add the flour, baking

powder, salt and whisk to combine; set

To a medium bowl, add the sugar, egg, oil, zest, orange juice, almond extract and whisk to combine. Add the champagne and whisk to incorporate.

Add the wet to the dry mixture and stir gently to combine; don't overmix, some small lumps will be present.

Fill the cavities of the mini muffin pans about ½-10 ¾-full and bake for about 8 to 9 minutes, or until done, but starting checking after 7 minutes since mini muffins cook very quickly and all ovens and pans vary.

Allow muffins to cool in the pan for about 10 minutes. While muffins cool, make the

Champagne Glaze:

To a medium bowl, add the confectioners' sugar, champagne and whisk until smooth. Dip the top of each muffin top into the glaze and set aside for about 10 minutes, or until glaze firms up before serving.

Broccoli Cornbread
From Barbara White
1½ sticks butter

2 boxes Jiffy cornbread mix 4 eggs, lightly beaten 1 medium onion, chopped fine

1 10-oz. carton cottage cheese 1 package chopped broccoli, thawed

Combine all ingredients together and bake for 35-45 minutes in an oven preheated to 350 degrees.





Corinne Henderson is greeted by teammates at the plate after swatting a home run. PHOTOS BY BRIAN BESCH

Bouncing back

By Brian Besch pcenewsroom@gmail.com

Livingston softball needed to come from behind to collect their seventh district win of the season Tuesday, defeating the Hargrave Lady Falcons of Huffman, 10-5.

The Lady Lions were up 2-0 heading into the sixth inning. In the first, Taylor Wright doubled and was brought in on a Shelby Dickerson base hit. In the fourth, Corinne Henderson swatted a big fly to round the bags.

Livingston pitcher Brooke Anderson had thrown five frames of shutout ball. In trouble in the fifth, the bases were full of Lady Falcons with no outs. Anderson got the first on a bouncer back to her, getting the force at home. A pop up in foul territory, was caught by the catcher Henderson, and induced a liner to third, ending the threat.

"She has been working on her stuff and her movement," Livingston coach Heather Mosser said of Anderson. "But more so than that, she has been working on her mental confidence, and that is even a bigger aspect than a moving pitch, to me. When you can stay calm, cool and collected under pressure like that, we can get out of innings when the bases are loaded without allowing runs. Kudos to that kid for competing with composure. We have really been trying to work on that as a team and she does an outstanding job."

Yet, Hargrave had an answer, putting up three runs in the top half of the sixth. Aubri York doubled, and an error at shortstop got a run in. An infield single from Harley Juarez and RBI-double by Kaydence Raimer tied it at two, and Jesse Watson beat the after a 3-0 count, the Livingston pitcher throw at first to put Hargrave in front, 3-2. Henderson (her second of the inning) set

Down, but not out, Livingston went to work on offense. Henderson singled and advanced on a wild pitch, Jacie David got her home on a single. Anderson walked and Raigen Long collected a base hit to load the bases. Callie Garcia brought in a run walking, and Wright cleared the bags with a triple.

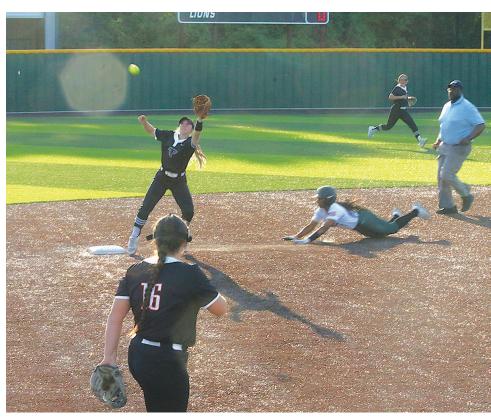
"She is a little spark," the coach said of Wright. "We definitely feed off energy like that. When freshmen can step in the box and do a job like that and just be that spark, it is nice to see. It puts a lot of pressure, because she is an aggressive baserunner. My top five are good hitters and aggressive baserunners, so we can roll with that a lot. Surprisingly, the bottom of my lineup in games like this contribute a lot."

Brianna Nelson's sacrifice fly brought home Wright. Singles from Dickerson and up a two-run triple by Breonna Niederhofer. Livingston led 10-3 with just one frame to play.

"This team is good at the bounce back," Mosser said. "We haven't shown it all year long, but I know that they have it. It just takes one quality at-bat to turn us around. We had a couple of them. To go down 3-2 and then go up 10-3, we had 10 quality at-bats that inning. That is a huge bounce back. I am rolling with that; I like that a

The Lady Falcons did add two runs on a double off the bat of Juarez, but the margin provided in the sixth was too much.

Livingston is now 7-3 in district, good for third place behind Liberty and Shepherd. The team will have another shot at Shepherd Thursday for second place. Liberty remains undefeated in district and one



Freshman Taylor Wright gets the Lady Lion offense started in the first inning Raigen Long backhands a grounder at second base. with a double.



SCOREBOARD 4/8

BASEBALL Huffman Hargrave Livingston 0 Hardin-Jefferson 6 Liberty 0 Danbury Hull-Daisetta 25 0 Groveton Hemphill 2 10 Huntington Woodville 1 Brookeland 3 Chester 1 Central Heights 0 11 Newton Anderson-Shiro Crockett 2 17 **SOFTBALL** Corrigan-Camden 15 Colmesneil Big Sandy 0 18 Spurger **New Waverly** 16 Onalaska Coldspring 19 Trinity 3 Liberty Hardin-Jefferson 0 14 Huntington Woodville 0 4 Hamshire-Fannett Shepherd 6 4

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Shelby Dickerson collects an RBI on this swing to put Livingston up 1-0.

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April 14
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Wildcats stumble in New Waverly

By Clay Lilley

The Onalaska Wildcats traveled to New Waverly Tuesday night and struggled to get any momentum going offensively, losing a tough one to the Bulldogs, 7-3.

Onalaska came out quick, scoring in the top of the first inning. After a single to right by Patrick Roth, Thad Lilley smoked an RBI-double to right-center field. Roth scored from first base to give the Wildcats an early 1-0 lead.

The Bulldogs started the bottom of the first with three consecutive singles to load the bases. An error allowed them to score two, then they added another with a sacrifice and a fourth run on a base hit.

New Waverly was up 4-1 after the first inning.

In the top of the third inning, the Wildcats had a chance to tie the game. Jake Gibson started the rally, reaching after hit by a pitch. He went first to third on a liner to center by Roth. Gibson then scored on a sacrifice from Lilley. Brayden Topkins was hit by a pitch, followed by Jarrett Purkerson drawing a walk to load the bases. The 'Cats had two outs with the tying run on second and go-ahead on first, but couldn't capitalize on the opportunity.

In the bottom half of the third, New Waverly's designated hitter blasted a missile over the wall in left field. The home

run gave the Bulldogs a 5-2 lead.

They added a run in the fourth on three consecutive singles, then a basesloaded walk, all with two outs.

The Bulldogs scored again in the fifth on botched pickoff attempt. After five innings, the Wildcats trailed, 7-2.

Onalaska rallied in the seventh inning to give themselves a chance. Gibson legged out an infield single, Roth drew a walk, and Lilley punched a single into right to load the bases, but the Bulldog shortstop made a great play on a sharply hit grounder up the middle to turn a double play. Gibson did score, but that was all the Wildcats would get.

Patrick Roth went 2-for-3 with a walk

and a run. Thad Lilley went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. Jake Gibson went 1-for-3 with two runs, a hit by pitch, and stolen base.

Brayden Topkins started the game on the mound for the Wildcats. He threw three innings, allowed two earned runs on six hits and no walks while striking out two. Lilley pitched the last three innings, allowing an earned run on five hits and two walks while striking out six bat-

The loss drops Onalaska to third in district with a 4-2 record. They will play the Coldspring Trojans Tuesday night at home and Thursday night in Coldspring, with both games starting at 7 p.m.



Arly Balbuena



Eliseo Garzon



Aaliyah Wright

THREE HORNETS ADVANCE TO REGIONALS

Senior Eliseo Garzon, senior Arly Balbuena and freshman Aaliyah Wright have qualified at the Class 1A District 27-28 Area track meet to participate in regionals. Garzon won the mile run and placed second in the 3200 meters. Balbuena placed fourth in the 3200 meters, while Wright was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles. COURTESY PHOTOS

Class 1A District 27-28 Area track meet totals

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		GIRLS		
Spurger	107			111
Broaddus	94	2nd		107
Kennard	63	3rd	Zavalla	98
Chester	59	4th	Martinsville	90
Apple Springs	44	5th	Burkeville	51
Burkeville	36	6th	Chester	32
Martinsville	34	7th	Wells	31
Brookeland	34	8th	Hull-Daisetta	27
Wells	34	9th	Kennard	16
Hull-Daisetta	25	10th	Goodrich	12
Centerville	24	10th	Apple Springs	12
Goodrich	21	12th	Laneville	8
Laneville	20	13th	High Island	6
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Livingston Junior High student success

Texas History Day Website Team and Teacher Headed to Nationals

rs. Kristina Miller's students from Livingston Junior High School competed at Texas History Day in Austin on April 5. This year's annual theme is Rights and Responsibilities in History and students were able to select a topic of interest that related to the theme. They conduct extensive research using a variety of sources and then choose one of the approved categories to present their findings.

Students compete at the regional level, and those who place first or second advance to the state level. Livingston Junior High had 21 students compete at the contest this year. Students who place first or second during the state competition advance to the National contest in College Park, Maryland, in June.

Advancing to Nationals for earning second place Group Website, "Loving in Color: Miscegenation vs. The Supreme Court," created by students Lynn Galbreath, Melanie Zuniga, and Brianna Ellis. Also advancing to the national level of competition is National History Day Teacher of the Year Nominee for Junior Division, Kristina Miller.

Mrs. Miller stated, "My goal as a teacher is for students to gain a love and understanding of history and to realize the past can shape the future. I am very appreciative of the ongoing support of the LISD administration and the school board for allowing my students to participate in the different levels of competition because they learn important life-long skills in the History Day process. The ELA teacher side of me loves that

students learn research skills, critical thinking, and communication skills while becoming highly skilled writers."

Two other teams placed at the state level for 3rd place in the Group Exhibit titled "From Scandal to Safety-How the Pure Food and Drug Act Saved America," submitted by students Aidan Sheyn and former LJH student Sarah Roman.

Fourth place group documentary titled, "Remember the Ladies" was submitted by Daisy Mather and Pemberly Carney.

Also earning state finalist recognition for her individual exhibit, "Susan B. Anthony/Women's Suffrage," was student Bailee Vestal and Levi Carter for his Historical Paper, "Who is Responsible When Rights Go Wrong.'



▲ Kristina Miller, National History Day Teacher of the Year nominee for the Junior Division, receives recognition from Texas State Historical Association members.

Livingston Junior High students Lynn Galbreath, Melanie Zuniga, and **Brianna Ellis pictured with Texas State Historical Association members. These** students are advancing to the National **History Day competition in College** Park, Maryland, for earning second place in Group Website. Their project is titled "Loving in Color: Miscegenation vs. The Supreme Court."

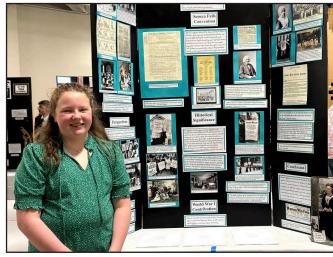


Aidan Sheyn and former LJH student, Sarah Roman receive recognition for earning third place Group Exhibit titled, "From Scandal to Safety-How the Pure Food and Drug Act Saved America."



Daisy Mather and Pemberly Carney earned 4th place in Group Documentary during the state competition. Their project was titled "Remember the Ladies."

\star STATE FINALISTS \star



Pictured Left: Finalist for Individual Exhibit on "Susan B. Anthony/ Women's Suffrage" submitted by Bailee Vestal.

> **Pictured Right:** Finalist for the Historical Paper, "Who is Responsible When Rights Go Wrong" by Levi Carter.



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A little turkey talk this week

For the past 45 years, I have eagerly looked forward to spring and turkey hunting. Oh, I might get a bit despondent anticipating the hot weather ahead but spring means strutting gobblers and I have long been attracted to the turkey woods where each year I hope to bag a gobbler.

There's just something about hearing a big gobbler sounding off in response to my calling that keeps me coming back each year. I'm not the best turkey hunter in the world but as an outdoors writer the past almost half century, I have hunted with some very good turkey hunters and learned a little from each of them.

I've quoted my great friend the late Bob Hood often, "Patience kills more turkey than anything." I've heard Bob say this many times and it's true. No two turkey hunts unfold the same. Sometimes gobblers will be gobbling their heads off every time they hear a plaintive hen yelp, other times they go

But I've learned just because gobblers won't gobble doesn't mean they won't come into a call and the sight of a decoy. At least half the time, I've just looked up and caught movement as a gobbler was sneaking in quietly to what he thought was a receptive hen yelping.

Turkeys are very smart birds, and they are extremely adept at staying alive in the wild. Mature gobblers seldom come running into a hunter's decoy or calling. Oh, I've had it happen but more often they sneak in, and the reason is obvious. They probably want to size up the situation, make sure there are no predators attracted to the hen yelps or possibly do battle



with a flock of jakes (1-year-old gobblers). One jake is no match for a mature gobbler, but jakes often run in small flocks, and I've seen them become very aggressive to a lone gobbler.

Wild turkey meat is one of my favorites and spring just doesn't seem complete without a big platter of chicken-fried turkey breast and fajitas made from the thigh and leg meat. I cook fresh turkey breast slices at turkey camp whenever possible. I usually have a Ziploc bag of white rice prepared and make a quick cream gravy in the skillet after the turkey fillets are fried to a golden brown. I use canned milk and flour for the gravy and can prepare a platter of golden-fried fillets, rice and gravy for a camp meal in less time than it takes to tell about it.

As of today, I haven't had a chance to hunt turkey this spring, but thanks to a stocking program on a big ranch close to my home, I have been in the turkey woods filming and taking still photos of several gobblers. There is no hunting season yet but it's great fun to get out with the cameras, both still and video, and photograph the birds that are just entering their annual breeding season.

Photographing turkeys is very rewarding but it obviously does not satisfy my culinary needs for fresh turkey meat nor the thrill of bagging a woods wise old gobbler. I have a special hunt planned for later this week that I would like to tell you about. Like most of my outdoor adventures, I try to incorporate some outdoor cooking into the outing whenever possible.

I've got a great friend that I've fished with for about 40 years. My buddy owns some land that has a very healthy population of Rio Grande turkey and several years ago, Eastern turkey was stocked into the area. Today, I believe that many of the birds are probably hybrids of the two subspecies. Judging by the larger size of birds in the area, I believe the genetics of the larger Eastern birds from years ago is manifesting itself in the size of the birds but the species is officially Rio Grande.

Like most of my fishing and hunting trips, I enjoy making plans for how I hope the day afield or on the water plays out. These plans require packing certain gear just in case I guessed correctly. Sometimes, the outings go perfectly according to script, but I always allow a little wiggle room for times Mother Nature throws me a curve.

Chances are very good on this day with my buddy that I will bag a gobbler, they haven't been hunted and we're in the peak of the breeding season. My friend has a pond full of eating size bass situated in the center of his property and I thought a mid-day meal of freshly caught fried bass fillets, potato salad and baked beans would make a memorable meal for the two of us, a big gobbler handing from the limb of a nearby oak would put icing on the cake.



Luke is planning his first spring turkey hunt of the season later this week, but he's been in the woods close to home filming some turkeys well before the season opened. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

I've been cooking with a little Rocket Stove lately that creates a very hot flame and it will be in the back of my truck for this short hunt, along with a bunch of dry twigs the little stove uses for fuel. But what if my friend wants to sample some fresh fried turkey breast fillets, rice and gravy? Well, I'll have a bag of precooked rice, canned milk and flour at the

If everything goes perfectly, we might just enjoy a surf and turf lunch from the wild, hunted and caught on my buddies land, he would really like that. Oh, I could have packed some fresh wild pork chops or venison burger for the main course but that just wouldn't be the same as harvesting our lunch from the land.

What, you might ask will happen if I don't shoot a gobbler or if the fish aren't biting? What about my plan then? I only make these type plans on high percentage fishing and hunting trips. Chances are good we will have fresh turkey meat but even if I strike out, I simply cannot imagine not catching a few bass with our assortment of plastic worms and Rat-L-Traps.

But yes, it's not impossible that the turkey eludes us and the fish get lockjaw. Well then, we resort to plan C — potato salad, rice and gravy and beans. With a backup plan like this I just don't see how we can lose.

Contact outdoors writer Luke Clayton through his website www. catfishradio.com Listen to his weekly podcast "Catfish Radio with Luke Clayton and Friends" just about everywhere podcasts are

B.A. Steinhagen

FAIR. Water stain; 65 degrees; 0.47 feet below pool. Very few anglers on the water. Expect fish to start pushing shallow as the water

Bob Sandlin

GOOD. Water stained; 60 degrees; 0.23 feet above pool. Bass are spawning in wind-protected shallow pockets in 4-6 feet of water. Fish are biting Texas rigged creature baits, jigs, and soft jerkbaits. Some fish are still waiting for warmer water temperatures, staging on hard cover near spawning flats and can be caught using a jerkbait or shallow crankbaits and bladed jigs. Report by Blake Doughtie, Lake Country Lunkers Lures and Guide Service. Look for small male bass around sandy banks in mouths of coves. Small streamers and craw patterns should produce bass. Crappie and catfish should be moving shallow when the weather stabilizes, wooly buggers should work well. Slow-sinking small fish patterns might work well. Clousers on sunny rocky shores might draw a strike. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service.

SLOW. Water stained; 67 degrees; 0.78 feet above pool. The spawn is in full swing on Caddo Lake after some stable weather. Lots of big bass being caught around the trees, with reports of several fish over 10 pounds. Flukes and senkos are good around trees, and swimbaits or chatterbaits are good around the grass and pads. A frog and buzz bait will be good early for some top water action. Cover water trees in less than 3 feet of water. This is a wonderful time of year to fish the majestic and divine Caddo Lake. Report provided by Vince Richards, Caddo Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

Conroe

GREAT. Water stained; 71 degrees; 0.04 feet above pool. Catfish have been good on baited holes from 10-40 feet of water. Bass are bedding, with some nice catches possible sight fishing. The biggest report is that the shad have started moving on the bulkheads in a scattered fashion. If you see the shad running you



can catch literally every predator fish in that area. Report by Bradley Doyle, with Bradley Guide Service. Crappie are fair to good in the shallows to 18 feet around structure or timber using jigs. Hybrids are now back to jigging or slab, spoons, live bait, large goldfish or large minnows on flats and drop-offs in 8-23 feet of water. Always wear your life jacket! Report by Mike Cason, Fishical

Fork

GOOD. Water Stained; 62 degrees; 0.15 feet below pool. The bass bite has been good most days with a better bite late in the evening. Flukes and senko type baits at the edge of grass or flooded weeds are key in 1-3 feet. Designated hitters rigged with beaver type baits are also good around grass 1-3 feet. Lots of spawning bass all over the lake. Chatterbaits are good in the flats near channels in 2-6 feet. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. Lake Fork crappie fishing has been steady with numbers of big fish possible when the winds allow. Good numbers of crappie on timber in 6-20 feet close to spawning areas. Cold fronts lately have been pushing the fish back out deeper and we may only see one or two days of shallow fish in between fronts. If you find a spawning area with 62-64 degree surface temperatures you may be able to find fish in 2-4 feet. Some fish are holding on bridges, but the bite can change not only by the day but by the hour this time of year. Wind directions and wind speeds are dictating a lot of the crappie's location and demeanor. The bite is good most days if you can get a bait right on a fish. Minnows, hand tied jigs and soft plastics will all produce this time of year. Report by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky

Wiggins Guide Service.

Houston County

SLOW. Water stained; 65 degrees; 0.34 feet above pool. Bass should be shallow on spawning beds hitting soft plastics and creature baits. Post spawn bass should be in 8-12 feet of water hitting Carolina rigs or crankbaits. Črappie should be shallow or on brush piles be caught with jigs or min-

Lake O' the Pines

FAIR. Water slightly stained; 60 degrees; 0.29 feet above pool. Bass are spawning in wind-protected shallow pockets in 4-6 feet of water. Fish are biting Texas rigged creature baits, jigs, and soft jerkbaits. Some fish are still waiting for warmer water temperatures, staging on hard cover near spawning flats and can be caught using a jerkbait or shallow crankbaits and bladed jigs. Report by Blake Doughtie, Lake Country Lunkers Lures and Guide Service.

Livingston GOOD. normal stain; 64 degrees; 0.28 feet above pool. White bass are on the way back from the creeks and making their way back to the main lake. Some are still spawning but are about to finish up. Throwing white or chartreuse tail spinners is landing fish. Water in the creeks is 68 degrees. and 64 degrees in the main lake. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Ad-

ventures. **Martin Creek**

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 75 degrees; 0.00 at pool. Bass are good on walking baits, jerkbaits, underspin swimbaits and Texas rigged junebug worms. Crappie are good in brush piles in 10-20 feet on minnows. Large catfish are good around brush holding brim and crappie with live bait. Sand bass are good in the discharge area using slab spoons and ¼ ounce roadrunners. Report by Hambone Guide Service. Nacogdoches

GOOD. Water stained; 65 degrees; 1.78 feet above pool. Largemouth bass are excellent on topwater frogs or weightless senko. Crappie are fair on a white or chartreuse crappie jig on brush piles. Catfish are fair on stink bait or cut bait. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Naconiche

GOOD. Water stained; 73 degrees; 0.50 feet above pool. After a week with strong winds and overcast conditions fishing was good. The majority of bass were caught with a fluke around the spawning grounds. Crappie population is good. Catfish are slow. Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services. Largemouth bass are excellent with shallow Carolina rigs, or shallow paddle tail swimbaits. Crappie are fair with chartreuse crappie jigs. Cat-fish are slow. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Pinkston

FAIR. slightly stained; 62 degrees. Largemouth bass are good in 2-5 feet of water on swim jigs or bladed jig around grass lines. Crappie fair on a white crappie jig. Catfish are slow. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide

Raven

SLOW. Water light stain; 60 degrees. Lake Raven is beginning to see a lot of hydrilla growth, which may impede some bank anglers. The bass are working the shallows with 10-12 inch worms along the edge of the hydrilla and water lines. Chatterbaits, dropshots, and wacky rigs are a good set of bait options for anglers seeking to join in on the bass fishing. No reports of crappie or catfish. Bluegill are good at the boathouse dock with hot dogs and worms.

Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water stained; 72 degrees; 0.46 feet above pool. Water temperature can reach the high 70s in the backs of pockets. Bass are spawning on the banks hitting white spinnerbaits, and white swim jigs. Crappie are on the banks and spawned out. It is the time to wade around the stumps for crappie. Catfish are good in shallow water in the creeks with cut bait. White bass are good points with jigging spoons. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service.

Toledo Bend

SLOW. Water stained; 62 degrees; 1.18 feet below pool. Water temperature is holding right around 60-64 degrees and the lake is on the rise. Bass are good

in 1-6 feet of water with frogs, wacky worms, senkos, and Texas rig lizards. Post spawned fish are starting to show up in 8-12 feet on shallow running crankbait in shad color, or Carolina rigs. If the lake continues to rise, the bass will to the flooded bushes. Crappie fishing has slowed while the creeks are muddy, but as the water clears road runners and tube jigs with 1/16 ounce heads.will be productive. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

Tyler

GOOD. Water normal stain; 65 degrees; 0.26 feet above pool. Crappie are fair in 12 feet of water on brush piles with minnows and jigs. Catfish are slow in 5-6 feet of water with chicken liver. Bass are good in 5-6 feet of water and in 12 feet of water with crankbaits and plastic worms. Bream are slow on red worms. Bluegill are fair on red worms. Report by The Boulders at Lake Tyler. Crappie are good in 1-6 feet depending on the area. The bite has slowed, but another wave of spawning fish will be staging on the next full moon. Minnows are still out performing jigs. Bass are good and can be expected to be great as they get closer to spawning. Jerkbaits for larger females staging on the first depth change and males are already searching shallow for bedding locations. Weightless plastics, Texas rigged plastics, chatterbaits and squarebill crankbaits are the primary bite, but a steady topwater bite is getting closer and closer with each warm day. Expect stained and high water conditions with the forecasted rain this week. Report by Holton Walker, Holton Walker Fishing.

Welsh

FAIR. Water stained. 65 degrees. A few reports and anglers on the

Wright Patman

SLOW. Water stained; 67 degrees; 4.75 feet above pool. Bass should shallow on spawning beds hitting creature baits, and post spawn or staging in deeper water near spawning areas hitting soft plastics. Crappie should be spawning or staged on brush in 8-12 feet.

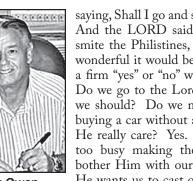


Some people have a funny way "Thank of saying, you." That is if they say "Thank you" at all. David heard that the Philistines were fighting against the Israeli city of Keilah. In his heart, even though he had his own problems with King Saul his father-

in-law wanting to kill



him, he wanted to



protect his brethren. He prayed and asked the ready to obey the Lord. However, his army and his men to protect Keilah and deliver Lord if he should go and fight the Philistines. of approximately 600 men were not so sure. them from the Philistines and now they The Lord told him to go. 1 Samuel 23:2 They were afraid. So, David asked the Lord will deliver him to Saul? What a way to say,

Thank you. Really? 1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; and my men into the hand of Saul? And the www.youtube.com/@heretheword7165 for he careth for you. All your care. If you LORD said, They will deliver thee up. They care about it, so does He. So, David was will deliver thee up. The Lord used David Therefore David enquired of the LORD, a second time so his men would obey the "thank you." Sometimes life is hard. Taking

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saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? Lord. 1 Samuel 23:4 Then David enquired a church member to Houston for surgery at And the LORD said unto David, Go, and of the LORD yet again. And the LORD 4:30 in the morning I ran over something in smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. How answered him and said, Arise, go down to the road. It punctured the transmission. It wonderful it would be to have Jesus give me Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into cost \$1000 to repair it. Lord, is this how you a firm "yes" or "no" when I need an answer. thine hand. David and his men obeyed the say "thank you?" We must keep our eyes on Do we go to the Lord in prayer as often as Lord and delivered the people of Keilah. The Jesus. People will disappoint us. Jesus may we should? Do we make decisions such as Philistines suffered "a great slaughter." Then disappoint us. If I don't expect a person I buying a car without asking His will? Does King Saul learned David was in Keilah and help to say "thank you", and they don't thank He really care? Yes. Others tell us God it went to kill him. David asked the Lord would me I am not disappointed. Give without too busy making the world go round to the people of Keilah deliver him to Saul if he thinking "What's in it for me?" Serve the bother Him with our problems. I disagree. stayed there? 1 Samuel 23:12-13 Then said Lord and don't let others cause your faith He wants us to cast our every care on Him. David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me to waver. Daily devotions can be found at



POLK COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

- Apostolic -Family Life Church

4362 US Hwy 59 South, Livingston, TX 77351. Church 936-365-3113, Pastor 936-328-3454. Sun. School 10 am, Sun. Worship 11 am. Wed., Bible Study 7:30 pm, Fri. Youth 7:30 pm. Rev. Cary Baskin.

- Assembly of God -Beech Creek

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

Indian Village of Livingston, 936-933-7902. Sun. School 9:45am, Morning Worship 11am, Evening Worship 6pm; Wed. 7pm

Livingston First Assembly of God Church Chris & Tina Borden, Pastor; 2025 N. Houston; 327-4468; Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30am; Sunday Evening Worship 5:30pm; Wed. Family Night, 7 pm

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

- Baptist -Ace Baptist John A. Taylor, Pastor; FM 2610 P.O. Box 381 Ace, 77326. Ph: 936-327-7909. Morn.

Worship 11am

Anderson Chapel Baptist Rev. Donald Vance, Pastor; 108 E. West Street; Services held Sun. School 10am, Sun. Morning Worship Ser. 11am, Wed. Ser. 7pm Located 108 E. West St., Livingston.

Antioch Baptist Church Pastor Gregory Johnson; Sun. School 10am; Worship Service 11am. Wed Bible Study 6pm. Located on 350 South, past Florida's Kitchen. Take new right (on Antioch Rd). Church will

be to right off of 350. 936-933-5565. Beacon Bay Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) Pastor Lee Johnson; 7249 FM 3126 @ SH

350 South; 936-967-0445; Sun School 10am; Worship 11am; Sun Evening 5pm; Wed Kid's Club & Lightkeepers Student Ministry 5:30pm (meal served), Adult Bible Study 6pm. **Bethel Baptist**

Harold Isaacs, Pastor; 936-327-6077; Sunday School 9:45am, Sunday Services 11am. Located in the Bold Springs Community. From 190W take FM 350N and go 8 miles. **Big Sandy Baptist**

Pastor Ken Durham; 563-2304, Sunday School 9:45am, Sunday worship 11am; Wed. Youth Night 6pm.

Blanchard Baptist
Pastor Dr. Fred Alford; 2450 FM 2457, Livingston (corner of FM 2457 & FM 3126); 936-967-8794 or 936-566-4780; Sunday Bible Study 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship 11am; Sunday Evening Worship 6pm; Wed. Bible Study & Prayer Service 6pm

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Pastor, Ernest Moyers; Highway 190 W. 5 miles from Livingston; Sun. School 10am; Morn. Woship 11am; Training Course 5pm; Evening Worship 6pm; Wed. Bible Study 7pm; American Baptist Assoc.

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

Chesswood Rev Robert Green; Hwy 59 S; 936-327-8870; Sunday School, 9:45am; Church Services: Sunday 11am & 6pm, Wednesday 7pm

Damascus Missionary Baptist Church Pastor John Henderson, 6390 FM 1987, Corrigan. 936-327-9228. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship service 11am.

East Tempe Baptist Church Pastor William Renfro; 1340 FM 350 S (2 miles from 190 W.), Livingston; Sun. School 10am; Sun. Morning Worship 11am First Baptist Church Corrigan

398-4177, 103 N. Collins, Bible Study 9:45am; Sun. Morning Worship 11am, Wed. Services, Children's Teammates 5:45pm, Youth Night 7pm, Bible Study & Prayer 6pm. First Baptist of Livingston

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

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

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

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

First Texas Indian Baptist Church 936-563-5288: 17 mi. E. of Livingston on Hwy. 190. Sun. School 10am; Morn. Service 11am; Evening Service 6pm; Wed. Service 7pm Forest Branch Baptist Church

(Southern Baptist) Pastor: Keith & Elaina Tucker, Hwy 190 East Rev Clint Ferguson; Hwy. 59 N. Sun. School 9:45am; Morn. Worship 11am; Evening Worship 6pm; Wed. prayer meeting 7pm; 327-7410.

> **Garner Chapel Missionary Baptist** FM 3126 between FM 350 & FM 1988, 967-8216; Sun. School 9:30am; Worship Service 11am: Pastor Eldridge Nickson Goodrich First Baptist

> Pastor Tom Owen; Sun School 9:45am, Sun Morning Worship 11am Traditional Service w/Bible Verse Preaching Sunday & Wednesday 6pm Holly Grove

> Gary Lawrence, 685-4838, Sun. School 9:45am; Sun. Morn. Worship 10:45am; Sun. Eve. Serv. 6pmWorship Service 10:45am.

Leggett Baptist Pastor Bro. Tim Thompson, 162 Freeman Road, Leggett; Sun. School, 10-11am; Worship hour 11am; www.leggettbaptist.org

Magnolia Hill Baptist FM 943, 936-685-4493; Sunday Worship 11am Macedonia Baptist Church

Colita St., 327-3212, Kenneth Darden, Pastor: Sun. School 9:30am; Sun. Worship 11am; Wed. Night 7pm; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Mayo Chapel Baptist Church

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

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

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

Onalaska First Baptist Pastor Allen Bramlett: 463 S FM 356, 646-3378; Sun. School 9:40am, Worship 11:00am; Pastor: Elder Manual Dunham Jr.; 203 East Sunday Evening 6:00pm; Wed. Activities for All Ages 6:00pm. Pine Forest Baptist

Pastor Sean Ferry; 10537 US Hwy190W in Onalaska, 646-4803; Sun. School 9:00am, Worship 10am; Sun. Evening 6:00pm; Wed. evening 6:00pm Primera Iglesia Bautista Central (Spanish)

Pastor, Hector Marrufo; Sun. School 9:45am, Worship 11:00am & 5:00pm, Weds. Prayer 7:00pm, Youth 516 DeLa Morton, Livingston; 327-3630.

Providence #2 Baptist Church
Rev. Freddie Marshall, Pastor; 713-870-6600; Old Hwy 35 N, Seven Oaks; Sunday: Sunday School 10am and Worship Service 11am.

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

Soda Baptist Bro. Chris St. Clair. 830-834-9140; Sun. morning N. Willis; Sun. School 9:15am; Church & evening services, Wed. service

<u>Stryker Baptist</u> Pastor William "Peanut" Glass, Stryker Rd 5miles out of Corrigan, Sun. School 9:45, Sun. Service 11am.

Sunflower Pastor Mitchel Murphy 936-425-6069. Sun. Services 10am, 11am & 6pm; Wed. Night 11:00am; Pastor Tommy Bacon (713) 384-9338. Youth 6pm. Wakefield Baptist Church

Robert Lankford 936-676-0860. Breakfast served 8am. Services Sun. 9:30am. 10:30am. 6pm: Wed 7pm. Winnie Street Baptist 327-5810: Sun. School 9:45am; Worship

Service 10:45am: Evening Service 6pm; Wed. night Services, 7pm; 5th Sunday dinner after worship service - Catholic -

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Livingston Fr. Paul Kahan, SVD; 2590 Hwy. 190 W. Sun.-English Mass, 9am, Sun. Spanish Mass 11am Sat. English Mass 5:30pm; 967-8385 St. Martin's Catholic Church

287 South & Gosset Road, Corrigan; Sun. 296 Co Rd 2615, Chester; umc.arise.etx@gmail. Bilingual Mass 1pm; 398-2807 or 967-8385

- Church of Christ -Corrigan Church Of Christ,

Preacher Robert Raif, 936-398-2269, Hwy 287 West at Eden St., Corrigan, TX 75939. Sun. Bible Classes 9:30am, Worship Service 10:30am, Evening Service 5:00pm, Wed. Bible

Livingston Church Of Christ Lindell Mitchell, Minister; 1101 W. Church St., Sun. Bible classes 9am; Sun. morning Worship 10am; Sun. evening Woprship 6pm Wed.Bible classes 7:00pm

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

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

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

Pine Grove Church Of Christ Minister Norman Turner, FM 62, 1/2 mile off of 287. Sunday School 10am, Worship Service 10:45am, Bible Study 5pm, Worship 6pm

The West End Church Of Christ 1207 Colita Street, 327-2707. Sun. Morning Bible Class 10am; Sun. Worship 11am and 6pm; Wed. Bible Study 6pm

Church of God -

Lake Livingston Church of God 3072 FM 350 S., 936-967-0191, Pastor Robert Chambers. Sun. School 9:30am, Sun Worship 10:15am; Sun. evening 6pm Wed. eve. 6:30pm Revival Center Church of God of Onalaska 585 FM 3459, 936-646-2272 Sun. School 9:45-10:30am; Worship Service 10:30am; Evening Worship 5pm; Wed. Worship Service 6pm

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

Study Tues 7:00 pm Creekwood Church of God in Christ Elder Robert Randolph, Pastor; Sunday School 9:45am, Worship Service 11am; Bible Study, Wednesday 7:45pm 936-365-3700, Goodrich.

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

Holy Ground International Calhoun St, Livingston; 936-327-2906; Sun. Morn. Worship 9 am; Bible Study 7:30 pm;

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

- Cowboy Church -Polk County Cowboy Church

Pastor Steve Fredericks, Sun. Morning Worship 10am, Barney Wiggins Memorial Arena, Hwy 146, Livingston. For more information call 281-779-6239.

Ridin' on Faith Cowboy Church Pastor Rick Clark, Worship Minister Gayla Clark; 4934 E. FM 1988 Livingston; 936-252-8100; Sun service 10:30am, 6:30pm; 1st Sun gospel singing & fellowship; 3rd Sunday fellowship luncheon after service; Tues Bible Study 6:30pm

- Episcopal -

St. Luke's Episcopal Serv.10:30am, 327-8467 - Latter-day Saints -

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

11:00am; Pastor Tommy Bacon (713) 384-9338. - Lutheran -

Lake Livingston Lutheran ELCA 3253 FM357 Corrigan; 936-829-3988; Pastor FM 3152 at 190 W. Onalaska, 646-5681. Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 9:30am; Worship

Trinity Lutheran LCMS Bus. 59 S. 327-3239, Pastor Alex Garber, Sun. School & Bible Class, 9am; Worship Service, 10:30am

· Messianic · Messiah Yeshua Messianic Assembly Congregation Leaders Robert Abate and Michael

Forbes; 210-232-1996, 936-239-4971; 602 S Washington, Livingston; Saturday Morning inside Java Coffee Shop/Front of Centerfor Hope - Methodist -Hope United Methodist Church

com; Sunday Worship 11am.

First Methodist, Livingston Rev. Joel McMahon, Pastor: 2801 Hwv. 190 W.: 936-327-7100; Contemporary Serv. 9am; Gospel Serv 9am; Sunday School 10am; Traditional

First United Methodist, Corrigan Pastor Mike Waters, Sunday service 11 a.m., 101 N. Market; 936-398-2438.

First United Methodist, Onalaska 700 Hwy 355 S. Onalaska: 936-646-5859: Worship Sunday 10am and Facebook Live @ OnalaskaFUMC; www.onalaskatxfumc.com

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

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

Livingston Memorial United Methodist Pastor Robert Alexander; 115 West St, Livingston; Every Sun except 5th 9:30am. St. Luke's United Methodist

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

<u>Sebastopol Congregational Methodist</u> Pastor Max Wells, Hwy. 356 at 355; Sun. School 10am - Nazarene -

<u>Livingston First Church of the Nazarene</u> Fred Huff, Pastor; 3430 Hwy. 190 W., Worship

10:45am, Sun School, 9:30am; Wed. Worship Services all ages 6pm 936-327-1937 - Missions -

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Hwy. 1276 off 190 E. approx. 1 1/2 miles. Sun. Service, Worship Service 11:00am, Bible Study Wed, 7pm

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

Church On The Lake Sun, Services 10:30am: Wed, Service 6:30pm: Pastor Mike Hooper at new address: 8125 Hwy 190 W., Livingston, TX, 936-967-4240.

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

10am; Sun. Service 6pm; Tues. Service 7pm; Brother Carl Stanle, pastor Escapees Care

Corner of Front & Market Street: Sun. School

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

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

Worship 7pm Faith Temple COGIC of Corrigan
700 Martin Luther King Dr., Elder Freeman, Pastor.

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

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

FM 1988; Sunday School 10am, Morning Worship 11am; Sunday Evening 5pm; Wednesday 7pm Pastor Wayne Landrum. Indian Springs Chapel

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

203 East Calhoun, Livingston, pastor Simon Geller, Sun. 10:10am.Nursery & Children's classes, 936-931-8212; www,lvctx.com **Lighthouse Revival Center**

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

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

Pastor Quentin Matthews; 20 miles E. of Livingston on Hwy. 190; Sunday School 10:00am; Morning Worship 11:00am Moscow Full Gospel Church

Hwv. 59 Moscow across from post office: Sunday School 10 a.m., Morning Worship 11am, Sunday evening 6pm **New Beginnings Church** Reverend Eric and Rita Essery, Sun. Morning Bible

Study 9:45am, Sun. Morning Worship 10:45am, 6952 Hwy 190W, Livingston. 936-827-7594. New Beginnings Outreach Church Hwv. 146. Livingston: 936-328-1363, 936-433-

6480; Sundays 11:00am, Wednesdays 7:00pm, www.facebook.com/NBO Livingston/ Project Love Church

3166 US 59 North, Livingston, 936-327-3747. Sundays 10:15 AM & 6:00 PM, Wednesday 6 PM. Spirit Of Integrity Worship Center

1817 Hwy. 59 North, Pastor Charles White. Sun. 10:30 Worship; Weds. 6:30. 936-328-5644 The Church By Christ Jesus New Willard: Services Sunday 7pm; Wednesday

7:30pm; Saturday 7:30pm 327-8837 The Next Level-Spirit Filled 1221 Hwy. 59 North Loop; (936)425-6257; Pastor James Sherrill. Worship 9:45am; Wednesday

Service 6:30pm: Childrens Classes, Youth Classes, Nursery Available, Interdenominational **United Christian Fellowship** Pastor Herman Bishop, 340 Pan American Dr, Livingston, Sunday School 9:30am, Sunday

Service 11am & 5pm, 936-252-0094 Wildwood Gospel Church Pastor: Dennis Hodge, FM 356 N. 2 miles W. of 190, Onalaska; Sunday School 10am; Worship 11am & 6pm: Wed. 7pm.

You Can Worldwide Ministries Pastor Carline Daniels; 1515 N. Washington Ave., Livingston; Sunday School 9am, Worship 10-11:30, Wed night Bible Study 7-8:30pm; 713-592-1692, 1-866-259-2309 Fax.

- Pentecostal -First Church Livingston

Pastor Joshua Carney; 404 E Church St, Livingston; 936:327-4721; Sunday services: Children's Sunday School and Adult Class 10am, Worship and main service 11am: Monday Prayer 6:30pm; Wednesday service 7pm; Saturday Men's Praver 7am.

First United Pentecostal

Church of Onalaska Mike Bryan, Services Wed, 7pm and Sunday 10am and 6pm 646-4514 Onalaska. 264 Onalaska East Rd.

First Apostolic Church of Goodrich Pastor Trey Buxton; 936-365-3838; Sunday School 10am, Evening Service 6:30pm; Wednesday 6:30pm

<u>Charity Tabernacle</u> (<u>United Pentecostal Church</u>) Pastor/Rev. Richard Gray; 1694 FM 2457 (Old Hwy 190) Blanchard; Sun. 10am; Sunday Worship,

10:45 am; Wednesday evening pray 6:30pm; Bible Study 7:00pm; Conquerors & Kids Korner 7:00pm (936) 967-0176. Iglesia Unida Pentecostal Hispana, Inc.
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6pm Evangelistico; Martes 6:30pm Damas;

Wed. 7:00 PM Sanctuary of Hope
Pastor Randy Wagstaff; 931 S. Washington;
936-327-8196; Tuesday evening bible study 7pm; Sunday school 10am; Worship 11am;

Thursday prayer 6pm

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

6:30pm; Eric McCloud, Senior Pastor - Presbyterian -

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Rev. John Hirling; N Washington at Feagin,
Livingston. (936) 327-8381; Sunday Worship 10:00am in the Sanctuary; Sunday Adult Bible Study 9am & 11am in Fellowship Hall; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 1pm-2pm & Bible Study 2pm-3pm in Fellowship Hall. Guests welcome. Indian Village

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

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

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Public Notices

Estate of Burl Shotwell

NO:25-CC-PB- 0047 NOTICE IN PRO-BATE THE STATE OF TEXAS SCHEL-ANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK 101 W. MILL ST. SUITE 265 LIVINGSTON, TEX-AS 77351 (936) 327-6805 APPLICANT(s) ATTORNEY or APPLICANT: K Susie Adams 621 N Washington Ave LIVINGSTON TX 77351 800-260-1615 TO HEIRS AND/ OR UNKNOWN HEIRS: IN THE MAT-TER OF THE ESTATE OF: BURL SHO-TWELL, Junior, Deceased On March 25, 2025, TOMY GEANE SHOTWELL, filed under Cause No.25-CC-PB-0047,in the County Court at Law Polk County, Texas, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIR-SHIP & APPLICATION FOR INDEPEN-DENT ADMINISTRATION in the estate of: BURL SHOTWELL, Junior, Deceased. Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days exclusive of the date of publication from the date this citation is published or at such later time as may be set by the County Court, Polk County Courthouse, Livingston, Texas. All persons interested in said estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for the hearing by filing a written contest or answer to the application should they desire to oppose or contest it. The written contest or answer should be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Polk County Texas, in Livingston Texas. The officer serving this citation shall, in compliance with the law, serve it by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in this county which is the county in which the proceeding is pending, for not less than ten days before the return date of this citation, exclusive of the date of publication. The date of publication that the newspaper bears will be the date of publication. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT in Livingston, Polk County, Texas, on this the 10th day of April, 2025. Honorable SCHELANA HOCK, Clerk County Court at Law Polk County, Texas By: Paula Rinehart, Deputy

Estate of Robb Lee Jones

NO:25-CC-PB-0057 NOTICE IN PRO-BATE THE STATE OF TEXAS SCHEL-ANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK 101 W. MILL ST. SUITE 265 LIVINGSTON, TEX-AS 77351 (936) 327-6805 APPLICANT(S) ATTORNEY or APPLICANT: Bradley Bunting Bunting & Bunting, P.C., 500 N Shoreline BLVD STE 307 Corpus Christi TX 78401 361-881-6060 TO HEIRS AND/ OR UNKNOWN HEIRS: IN THE MAT-TER OF THE ESTATE OF: Robb Lee Jones, Deceased On April 04, 2025, ROB-BIE CARL JONES, filed under Cause No. 25-CC-PB-0057, in the County Court at Law Polk County, Texas, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP and for LET-TERS OF ADMINISTRATION in the estate of: Robb Lee Jones, Deceased. Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days exclusive of the date of publication from the date this citation is published or at such later time as may be set by the County Court, Polk County Courthouse, Livingston, Tex-

as. All persons interested in said estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for the hearing by filing a written contest or answer to the application should they desire to oppose or contest it. The written contest or answer should be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Polk County Texas in Livingston Texas. The officer serving this citation shall, in compliance with the law, serve it by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in this county which is the county in which the proceeding is pending, for not less than ten days before the return date of this citation, exclusive of the date of publication. The date of publication that the newspaper bears will be the date of publication. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT in Livingston, Polk County, Texas, on this the 4th day of April, 2025. Honorable SCHELANA HOCK, Clerk County Court at Law Polk County, Texas By: Paula Rinehart Paula Rinehart, Deputy

Estate of Walter Bouras

NO: 25-CC-PB-0017 NOTICE IN PRO-BATE THE STATE OF TEXAS SCHELANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK 101 W. MILL ST. SUITE 265 LIVINGSTON, TEXAS 77351 (936) 327-6805 Attorney for Applicant: Susie Adams 621 Washington Ave LIVINGS-TON, TEXAS 77351 Attorney Ad Litem: Julie Hamrick 401N. WASHINGTON LIV-INGSTON TX 77351 TO HEIRS AND/OR UNKNOWN HEIRS: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WALTER BOURAS, Deceased On January 31, 2025, Karen Bouras, filed under Cause No.25-CC-PB-0017,in the County Court at Law Polk County, Texas, APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIR-SHIP APPLICATION INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION in the estate of: WAL-TER BOURAS, Deceased. Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days exclusive of the date of publication from the date this citation is published, or at such later time as may be set by the County Court, Polk County Courthouse, Livingston, Texas. All

persons interested in said estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for the hearing by filing written contest or answer to the application should they desire to oppose or contest it. The written contest or answer should be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Polk County Texas, in Livingston Texas. The officer serving this citation shall, in compliance with the law, serve it by publication once in newspaper of general circulation in this county, which is the county in which the proceeding is pending, for not less than ten days before the return date of this citation, exclusive of the date of publication. The date of publication that the newspaper bears will be the date of publication. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT in Livingston, Polk County, Texas, on this the 8th day of April, 2025. 4/8/2025 4:33:23 PM /s/ Honorable SCHELANA HOCK, Clerk County Court at Law Polk County, Texas By Paula Rinehart, Deputy



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Public Notices

Citation by publication to heirs of Alford Anderson

CITATION BY PUBLICATION-TRC 109 & 114 Cause No. CIV25-0091 PLANET HOME LENDING LLC VS. LINDA AN-DERSON AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ALFORD ANDERSON, DE-CEASED 411TH DISTRICT COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS TO: THE UN-KNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ALFORD ANDERSON, DECEASED NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at Texas LawHelp.org. You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday May 5, 2025 before the Honorable 411th District Court of Polk County, at the Courthouse in said County in Livingston, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed in said court February 12, 2025 in

the above entitled cause. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at Texas LawHelp.org. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: SEE ATTACHED as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Original Petition on file in this suit. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Livingston, Texas on this 19th day of March 2025. ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF OR PLAINTIFF: GEORGE SCHERER 16801 ADDISON ROAD, SUITE 350 ADDISON, TEXAS 75001 (949)427-2010 CLERK OF THE COURT: BOBBYE J. CHRISTOPHER, DESTRICT CLERK POLK COUNTY, TEXAS BY MADISON CAIN. TO WIT: PLAINTIFF SEEKS A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT THAT: (1) PLAINTIFF HAS VALID FIRST SECURED LIEN CREAT-ED AGAINST THE PROPERTY; (2) IN-CLUDES AND ORDER AUTHORIZING PLAINTIFF TO FORECLOSE ITS LIEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND TEX. PROP. CODE § 51.002 BY NON-JUDICIAL SALE; (3) PLAINTIFF IS AUTHORIZED TO EN-FORCE THE SECURITY AGREEMENT AGAINST THE PROPERTY BY NON-JU-DICIAL SALE.

TABC application filed for On The Road #155

LEGAL NOTICE Notice is hereby given in accordance with the terms of the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code THAT: Gur & Man, Inc. d/b/a On The Road #155 HAS FILED APPLICA- TION FOR A: Wine Only Package Store Permit SAID BUSINESS TO BE CON-DUCTED AT: 50 FM 3278 Rd, Coldspring, San Jacinto County, TX 77331 OWNER: Surinder Singh, President/Secretary

Estate of Charles Newton Stephens

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letter Testamentary for the Estate of Charles Newton Stephens, Jr., Deceased, were issued on April 7, 2025, in Cause No. 25-CC-PB-0020, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Polk County, Texas, to: Pamela Sue Gleason. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within

the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Bobby L Phillips Attorney at Law 419 North Washington Ave. Livingston, Texas 77351 DATED the 8th day of April 2025. /s/ Bobby L. Phillips Bobby L Phillips State Bar No. 24088223 419 North Washington Ave. Livingston, Texas 77351 Telephone: (936) 327-5619 Facsimile: (936) 327-5610 E-mail: bphillips@polkcountyattorneys.com

Notice of application to amend certificates

Docket No. 57456 Notice for Publication NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER UTILITIES, L.P. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER COUNTY, TEXAS Texas Water Utilities, L.P. has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to amend its water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12983 and sewer CCN No. 20899 for the provision of retail water and sewer utility service in Polk County, Texas. The requested area overlaps the district boundaries of Trinity River Authority of Texas. If this district does not request a public hearing, the Commission shall determine that the district is consenting to the Texas Water Utilities, L.P. 's request to provide retail water and sewer utility service in the requested area. The requested area is located approximately 2.8 miles northeast of downtown Seven Oaks, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by Sand Čreek; on the east by United States Highway 59; on the south by the intersection of Old Berring Road and Old Highway 35 North; and on the west by Old Highway 35 North . The requested area includes 0 customer connections and approximately 146.3 acres of uncertificated area to amend (add) to Texas Water Utilities, L.P. (CCN Nos. 12983 and 20899). The application proposes the addition of approximately 146.3 acres to CCN Nos. 12983 and 20899. A copy of the maps showing the requested area are available at: 1812 Centre Creek Drive, Austin, TX 78714 Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals may contact the commission through Relay Texas at 1-800-735-2989.* The deadline for

intervention in the proceeding is (30 days from the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later, unless otherwise provided by the presiding officer). You must send a letter requesting intervention to the ommission which is received by that date The letter must include the person's name, address, email address, and fax number, if applicable. *Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission directly at (512) 936-7136. If a valid public hearing is requested, the Commission will forward the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. If no settlement is reached and an evidentiary hearing is held, SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for a final decision. An evidentiary hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. A landowner with a tract of land at least 25 acres or more, that is partially or wholly located within the requested area, may file a written request with the Commission to be excluded from the requested area ("opt out") within (30) days from the date that notice was provided by the Utility. All opt out requests must include a large-scale map, a metes and bounds description of the landowner's tract of land, landowner's name, address, email address and fax number, if applicable. A landowner that opts out from the requested area releases the applicant's obligation to provide retail water or sewer utility service to the removed land for any reason. Persons who wish to request this option should file the required documents with the: Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records 1701 N. Congress, P. O. Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326 In addition, the landowner must also send a copy of the opt out request to the Utility. Staff may request additional information regarding your request. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-888-782-8477.

Estate of Marion Ruth Mayer

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARION RUTH MAYER, Deceased, were issued on March 28, 2025, in Cause No. 25-CC-PB-0008, pending in the County Court at Law of Polk County, Texas, to: DAVID WILLIAM MAYER. All persons having claims against this Estate which is

currently being administered are required to present them to the Attorney for the Independent Executor within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, as follows: c/o: Ms. Jana Fay Bacarisse, Attorney for Independent Executor Bacarisse Law PLLC, 1800 Bering Dr., Suite 315, Houston, Texas 77057

Online auction ending 4/15/25

Square Space Storage Notice of lien sale at online auction to highest bidder at: 1904 N Washington Ave Livingston, TX 77351 Ending on 4/15/2025 @ 9 AM online on Stor-

ageAuction.com Specific contents of the unit are unknown and will be visible at the time of sale Square Space Storage: Monica Graces Unit G20





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discovered magnets 4,000 years ago.

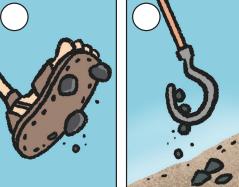
One day, the shepherd Magnes was walking in a region of Greece called Magnesia. He sat down and looked at his sandals.

He had metal nails in his sandals. The sandals kept sticking to the rocks where he was walking.

The metal end of the shepherd's hook also stuck to the rocks.

The rocks that stuck to metal were naturally occurring magnets called lodestones.

Read the legend. Then number the pictures in order.





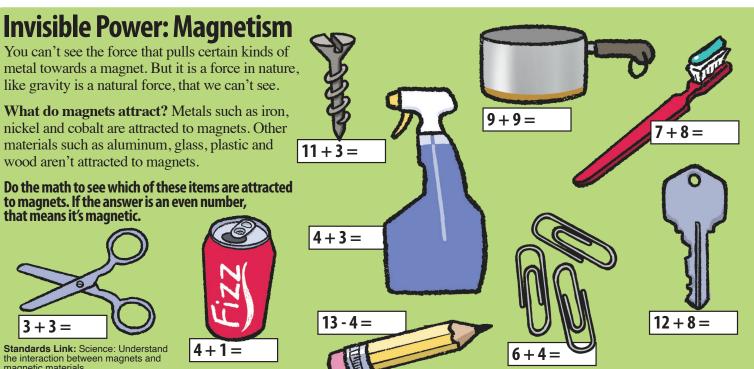


Is the legend true?

No one knows for sure. Some say the story took place in India instead of Greece. But finding rocks that could stick to sandals started some creative thinking and new inventions that have used magnets for thousands of years.

Standards Link: Reading: Recount stories including legends.





Magnets Push and Pull

We usually think of magnetic force attracting options towards a magnet.

But magnets can also repel or push away objects. This is because magnets have a **north pole** and **south pole**.

In short, opposite poles attract, and the same poles repel.

Standards Link: Math: Recognize even



A south pole side of a magnet

will **attract** the north pole

side of another magnet.

AFTER the photograph was taken? Write a story about what is happening in the photograph and what happened before and after.

Standards Link: Writing: Write about imagined experiences or events.



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The verb **repel** means to force back or push away.

My raincoat was able to repel water and keep my clothes dry.

Try to use the word **repel** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

What if one of your

hands suddenly

became a magnet.

Tell about your life

with a magnet hand.

Write On! <

There is an invisible area around a magnet where its pulling force can be felt. Circle every other letter to find out what this area is called. **QMDATGBNYEMTUIACVFLIDEWLND** Standards Link: Science: Understand magnetic forces and earth's magnetic field.

A north pole side of a magnet

will repel (push away)

the north pole side of

another magnet.

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Find the words by looking up,

down, backwards, forwards,

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

LESSON LIBRARY Five Fun Words

Look through the newspaper for five words that are new to you. Look up each word in a dictionary and write the definition of each. Can you draw a picture that also shows the meaning of each?

Standards Link: Language: Determine the meaning of words through reference materials.







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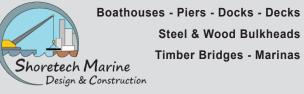
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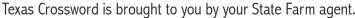


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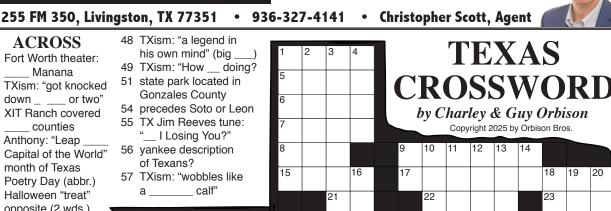
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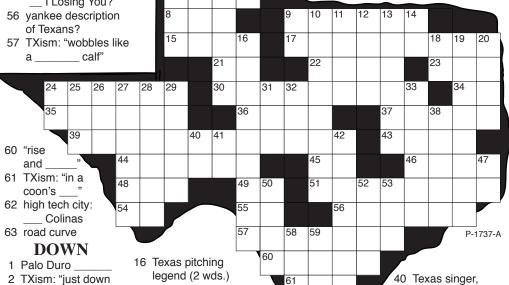
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Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there. TEXAS





24 TXism: "_ wet hen" (angr 30 old series: "Texas

of a ditch"

John 34 Davy's state (abbr.) 35 TXism: "restless as

ACROSS

1 Fort Worth theater:

Manana

5 TXism: "got knocked

6 XIT Ranch covered

7 Anthony: "Leap

8 month of Texas

9 Halloween "treat" opposite (2 wds.)

15 TXism: "never sign anything by the

17 TXism: "could talk _

21 Texas "Pretty Paper"

22 TX George Jones'

23 George H.W. illness

on 1992 Tokyo trip

"The Race_

singer, Orbison (init.)

glow of a ____ light"

counties

Capital of the World"

Poetry Day (abbr.)

or two"

down

- church" 36 Alpine, TX is named for these mountains
- 37 TX comedian/actor, 39 Texas boomtown

hotel: "a cross be-

- tween _ $_{\scriptscriptstyle -}$ a flophouse" 43 TXism: "scared the
- dickens out __ '_ 44 "The Lone
- 45 ex-Mav. Alex (init.) 46 greenish-blue color
- 4 Texas sun
- 9 Ozona High class was misnamed for
- 11 prickly heat 12 TXism: "_
 - lamb" (swindled)
- Norton (init.)
- 2 TXism: "just down the road 3 Cruz & Cornyn sometimes?
- 10 Cannonsnap Creek this in 1837 (2 wds.) 24 "__" Ferguson: first
- sheared like a spring 26 TXism: "shin____ 13 Texas bluebonnet: "EI
- 14 ex-Cowboy LB
- legend (2 wds.) 18 TXism: "pick ___ the litter" 19 TX Cindy Garner
 - book: "The Jokebook About Men" 20 TX Tommy who won ten Tony Awards
 - female governor
 - (big event) 27 loved 28 Texas forage crop 29 TXism: "he's all

show _

- 31 Texas-based "Steak and 25 also known as (abbr.) 32 TXism: "woke _
 - _ bear" (in trouble) 33 TXism: "fast as a
 - rat up a 38 1952 western:
 - "The Texan Calamity Jane"

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Keep your business on track with the

Gilley (init)

41 that is (abbr.)

leader

42 female church

47 Yo __ Digo Creek

52 Texas traditional

knowledge

58 SeaWorld San

(kind)

50 Texas or Iowa town

53 TX Jules Bledsoe's

"Old ___ River"

59 TXism: "got a heart

as ___ Texas"

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