



# Babin joins others to discuss Biden's energy policies

From the desk of US Congressman Brian Babin

WASHINGTON, DC — Tuesday, U.S. Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36) joined Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, Rep. Kevin Brady, and members of the Houston delegation on a site visit of the Houston Ship Channel.

While there, they participated in a roundtable with Texas oil and gas officials to discuss the negative impact that President Joe Biden's energy policies will have on Texas companies and workers. Following the roundtable and site visit, they held a Q&A with local and national media.

The Congressman's remarks have been transcribed below:

"Today, we stand together here in Houston, at the epicenter of American energy, to talk about the importance of this country's pursuit of energy independence.

From gas prices, to the cost of electricity bills, to jobs, to food, what happens here in Houston affects every American, every day. But unfortunately, our economic



(ABOVE LEFT) U.S. Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36) , talks with Houston oil and gas workers about recent actions by President Biden regarding the industry. (ABOVE RIGHT) Following the roundtable and site visit, they held a Q&A with local and national media.



bedrock of oil and gas is under attack by an Administration that is eliminating

millions of jobs and leaving our national security open to threats from adversaries.

These measures will destroy our progress in the energy sector and undermine our

prosperity, innovation, and safety.

If we kill oil and natural gas production in the United States by canceling pipelines or forcing adherence to rhetoric-filled climate change measures, we subjugate ourselves to dependence on other countries who do not follow the same stringent environmental regulations we do here in the U.S.

We must continue to protect and promote the resources and infrastructure that make us the greatest nation in the world, and that includes the Port of Houston and the Houston Ship Channel. That is why I am

proud to have helped secure the "New Start" designation for this Channel.

This designation will officially kick-start the highly anticipated dredging and widening of the Channel, which will revolutionize Texas by modernizing and improving our infrastructure. This is a critical step toward advancing America's energy independence and strengthening our national security.

I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in today's events and will continue to be a vocal leader for providing clean, efficient, low-cost, domestically created energy to all Americans."

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## GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. James Warner, Legislative Chair for District 6 of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, was the guest speaker during the February meeting of the Polk County Retired Teachers' Association. Warner discussed the condition of the TRS of Texas annuity funds and health care funds, upcoming legislative issues impacting retired teachers and the Sunset Commission. Warner encouraged



the group to stay up to date legislative bills concerning education, retired teachers and school personnel. He stated that handwritten letters to legislators are most impactful. The Texas Sunset Commission recommended changes for TRS can be found at this site. <https://trta.org/texas-sunset-commission-recommends-changes-for-trs-including-disclosure-of-staff-bonuses/>

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## CONCERNS

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their concern for a software program that they said wasn't working. Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy also had her take on the issue.

"They (JPs) are using Net Data and Icon," Murphy said. "Net Data is a green screen - it's an old, old program. When we agreed to transition, it had to be a transition that benefitted across the board. We had almost a million dollars invested so that's a hard thing to walk away from. We just need for everybody to get on board."

A pair of representatives from Tyler Technologies were present to discuss matters during the meeting and with JPs after the meeting. Tyler Technologies is headquartered out of Plano and has locations in College Station, Longview and Lubbock as well as 18 other states, two Canadian provinces and the Philippines.

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**Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy**

that software," Murphy said. "It has to include the two clerks, the DA's office, the Sheriff, the Jail, the JPs - it has to include everybody. It can't just be one set of elected officials."

In other agenda items, a mutual aid agreement between the county and DETCOG was approved, as was the authorization of fireworks sales from Feb. 25 to March 1 in honor of Texas Independence Day. Commissioners also approved Sheriff Byron Lyons' request to submit a criminal justice grant program application to the Governor's office for a special victims' officer.

The next commissioners court will meet again at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23.

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## SPOOR

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where he was exposed to the unpredictable and rousing Vegas night life. Las Vegas is an exciting city, there is always a plethora of crime and Anthony's time with me was fruitful to say the least. Anthony has the gift of gab, so of course he developed friendships with several of my coworkers, which would later become the basis for his characters.

A couple of months later, I get another call from Anthony asking me to meet him at a well-known Vegas watering hole for some food and football. Unbeknownst to me, it was a rouse to get me to help him finish his pilot script for CSI (Vegas). Several beers and a lot of chicken wings later, a script born. This was my indoctrination into the world of entertainment versus reality.

The interesting part of the CSI (Vegas) franchise was all the initial characters were based on actual investigators that worked with me. Nick Stokes, played by actor George Eads, was based on myself. Gil Grissom, played by actor William Petersen, was based on Daniel Holstein Ph.D. and Catherine Willows, played by actress Marg Helgenberger, was based on Yolanda McClary, just to name a few. The rest of the story is history. Anthony was able to pitch and sell the pilot to CBS spawning multiple future spinoffs.

For every upside, there is an equal and opposite downside. The CSI series were wildly popular and spawned a new interest in the forensic sciences. Uni-

versities and colleges offered new courses of study targeting the different disciplines and a whole new generation of scientists and investigators were born. What was once a silent job in law enforcement saw an explosion of interest and more candidates than ever were testing for limited opportunities. This exploding interest meant police departments could choose the best of the best to fill their vacancies. New training opportunities and organizations formed to help push the science into future rather than merely respond to it.

The downsides created by such a drama series affected the expectations of the viewers. We in the forensic business like to affectionately refer to this as "The CSI Effect." There is a difference between entertainment and reality, and forensic scientists/investigators were challenged to explain the differences when testifying in court. Jurors now had unrealistic examples of timeframes, procedures, equipment and job duties. Additional time had to be spent educating jurors on the realistic aspects and limitations of the science.

Scripts are entertainment and without entertainment they never see the light of day. It is hard to translate forensics into a script without adding that entertainment factor which ultimately diverges away from the real expectations of forensic science. I had a fortunate opportunity to play a small part in something special and help a friend achieve great success, but I spent the rest of my career explaining the difference between reality and entertainment in court.

## VACCINE

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access who do not have someone able to help them sign-up online may contact Emergency Management at (936) 327-6826.

This temporary waitlist will be used by county staff and our partner vaccine providers to distribute the vaccine to the public for a limited time. Please note, this is a waitlist only and not a registration list.

The Angelina County & Cities Health District (ACCHD) is preparing a more sophisticated self-registration and appointment program that we hope will be launched soon. When ACCHD launches their new program, it will be linked to our Facebook page and website so you can sign up. The temporary waitlist will then be discontinued.

## WHITE

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acute care services in addition to emergency care. Acute care services or outpatient care includes radiology, laboratory work, immunizations, and other non-emergency physician services.

HB 472 also clarifies the distinct pricing difference between emergency and outpatient care by prohibiting an emergency facility fee for outpatient services.

"Freestanding Emergency Centers are a high-quality, under-utilized resource in our state that could help with critical access to care and ease the burden on our healthcare system during the pandemic and the vaccination process," White said. "Texans deserve more options when deciding which medical provider to use and the demands of the pandemic have made that clearer than ever."

HB 472 is similar to a bill Representative White filed during the 86th legislative session that was unanimously voted out of the House Public Health Committee, but which never made it to the House floor. If it had been signed into law, FECs would have been able to offer outpa-

tient services throughout the pandemic, greatly easing the overcrowding faced by hospitals throughout the state and providing access to care in rural areas where hospital closures have diminished Texans' healthcare resources.

Freestanding ERs have been recognized by the federal government as a valuable resource during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. In April, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) provided a temporary waiver that allows Freestanding ERs to receive reimbursement for treating Medicare patients during the public health emergency, providing elderly, disabled and under-served Texans with valuable healthcare options, and in December, the U.S. Congress passed a year-end spending package, which included bipartisan language to protect patients from getting "surprise" medical bills. The landmark legislation added Freestanding ERs into federal statute for the first time.

Please do not hesitate to contact Saul Mendoza, Chief of Staff, with questions regarding this release at 512-463-0490 or 409-283-3700.

## LIFE TRIBUTES

### Travis Anthon Mauney Jr.

Memorial services for Travis Anthon Mauney Jr., 74, of Shepherd, was held Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, at 10 a.m. in the Cochran Funeral Home in Livingston, with Rev. Ronald Ellisor officiating. Visitation was held from 5-8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8, 2021 in the Cochran Funeral Home in Livingston.

Mr. Mauney was born Nov. 29, 1946, in Houston, to parents, Travis Anthon Mauney Sr. and Gladene Marie (Daniel) Mauney, and passed away Feb. 3, 2021, in Conroe. He is preceded in death by his parents; and his loving and faithful wife for 50 years, 6 months and 27 days, Mrs. Barbara Jean Mauney.

He is survived by his loving daughters, Kimberly Mauney-Sells of Shepherd, Heather Mauney-Ward and husband, Josh Ward of Montgomery; grandchildren, Lauren Elizabeth Bowen of San Marcos, and Jayce Ward of Montgomery; and sister, Evelyn Mauney Huebner of Spring; along with numerous



**TRAVIS ANTHON MAUNEY JR.**  
... memorial services held

precious nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and a host of friends.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers or food that a love offering for ongoing expenses and loss of income be made to assist the family. Donations can be made by PayPal to kimberlyells72@gmail.com.

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

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### Charles Michael "Mike" Whitmire Jr.

Charles Michael "Mike" Whitmire Jr., born Jan. 14, 1970 in Pasadena, passed away on Feb. 5, 2021, in Galveston at the age of 51 years.

He is survived by his sister, Tammy Rene Denney, niece, Halieyreae Alizabeth Fields; cousin, Darla DeAnne DeRose; numerous other relatives and a host of friends. Mike is preceded in death by his father, Charles Michael Whitmire Sr.; mother, Susan Ann Kirkland, grandfather, Charles Kenneth Roberts; grandmother, Ethel Pauline Roberts; aunt, Sharidee Hudson; uncle, Arnold Hudson.

A Celebration of Mike's Life will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021, at Pace Funeral Home with pastor Matt Ellis officiating.



**CHARLES MICHAEL "MIKE" WHITMIRE JR.**  
... graveside service today

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021, at Calvary Cemetery in Marlin.

To send your online condolences please visit [www.pacefuneral.com](http://www.pacefuneral.com)

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### Peter Seahmer

Funeral services for Peter Seahmer, 48, of Livingston, were held Monday, Feb. 8, 2021 at noon in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, with Sister Carla Busby and Bro. Joe John officiating.

Interment followed in the Alabama-Coushatta Cemetery in Livingston. Visitation was held Monday at 11 a.m. prior to the service in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel.

Peter Seahmer was born May 13, 1972, in Lawton, Oklahoma to parents, Rudolph Seahmer and Maxine (Battise) Silva, and passed away Feb. 4, 2021, in Livingston.

He is survived by his mother, Maxine (Battise) Silva of San Augustine; father, Rudolph Seahmer of Owyhee, Nevada; sister, Jill Seahmer and fiancé, Leland Thompson of Elton, Louisiana; sister, Janet Wheeler and husband, Aaron of Livingston; brothers, Joey Silva and Antonio (Tony) Silva, both of San Augustine, and Bruce Battise of Livingston; 2 nieces, Shailen Seahmer of Chelsea, Alabama and Ava Silva of San Augustine; nephew, Ryan Daniel of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; cousins, Karen Williams and husband, Nathan, Kerri Williams, Regina Thompson and husband, Shannon, Michelle Polite, all from Livingston, Pearl Edge, Kerri Laurenzana, both of Anadarko, Oklahoma, Sheila Alec, Kyle Eagle Williams, Jewelene Williams, Robin Williams, Teresa Battise all from Liv-



**PETER SEAHMER**  
... services held Monday

ingston, Vicki Yellowfish of Dallas, Lisa Battise of Grand Prairie, and Gordon Woodard from Lawton, Oklahoma; special friends and brothers, Jonas Poncho of Livingston, and Hugo Aguirre of Ft. Worth; aunts, Alice Paddyaker of Lawton, Oklahoma and Marilyn Nestell of Anadarko, Oklahoma; uncles, Thomasina Laurenzana of Anadarko, Oklahoma and Bert Laurenzana of Lawton, Oklahoma; along with numerous other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers: Bruce Battise, Jonas Poncho, Ronnie Thomas, Ryan Daniel, Hugo Aguirre, Aaron Wheeler, Matthew Battise and Stewart Poncho. Honorary Pallbearer: Leland Thompson, Delyn Bullock, Nicholas Williams and Xander Williams.

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### Gary Leon Sturgeon

Gary Leon Sturgeon, born Oct. 29, 1942, in Burton, West Virginia, passed away on Nov. 25, 2020, in Houston, at the age of 78 years.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carolyn, daughters, Laura Sturgeon, Holly Riddle and husband Kenneth; sisters, Carol Sturgeon, Connie Sturgeon; grandchildren, J.C. Yopp and Hannah Riddle; and a host of friends. Gary is preceded in death

by his parents, Cecil & Effie Sturgeon.

A Memorial was held for Gary on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, at the Onalaska United Methodist Church in Onalaska. In addition to the memorial, the Masons and Eastern Star brought tributes to their departed brother.

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### Donna Jean Curry McKenzie

Donna Jean Curry McKenzie went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 1, 2021. She was born in Livingston and raised in La Porte, and was a resident of Livingston when she passed.

She is survived by her children, Amber and Matthew; grandchildren Andrew, Cheyenne, Bridgette, Sophia and Sonya; her brothers Adolf Curry Jr. "Fella" and Alvin Curry "Albo," and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Adolf Curry Sr. and Rose Curry Smith; sisters Genevieve Curry Dickerson, Betty Curry Farmer, and Margaret "Nan" Curry McKay.

She lived a wonderful 65 years mostly in her beloved Livingston. She obtained her LVN license and worked as a nurse for many years.

She worked at Walmart in Livingston last and in both



**DONNA JEAN CURRY MCKENZIE**  
... arrangements pending

jobs made many lifelong friends. She loved to sew and make things for her family and friends.

Her grandchildren became her whole world in the last 16 years.

Arrangements are pending at this time. A Gofundme account has been set up to assist with arrangements.

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### Myrtie Mae Hadley

Funeral services for Myrtie Mae Hadley, 90, of Livingston, will be held Friday, Feb. 12, 2021, at 2 p.m. in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, with Donnie Pate and Shirley Shotwell officiating.

Interment will follow in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Point Blank. Visitation will be held Friday, Feb. 12, 2021, from 1-2 p.m., before the service begins, in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Hadley was born Feb. 1, 1931, in Stephens Creek, to parents, Ned Blanks and Texanna (Trawick) Blanks, and passed away Feb. 6, 2021, in Livingston. She was of the Methodist faith. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Raymond Hadley; granddaughter, Kim Lewis; grandson, Kevin Pate; five brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Donnie and Jan Pate; son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Vikki Pate; grandson, Cody Pate and wife, Darlene; granddaughter, Hope Murry; great-grandchild-



**MYRTIE MAE HADLEY**  
... services set for Friday

ren, Ethan, Olivia, Lewis, Colton, Blake, Zack, Regan, Murry, Kevin, and Austin; great-great-granddaughters, Bailey Lewis and Nevach Lewis; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Pallbearers: Scott Allen Winder, Michael Lewis, Ethan Lewis, Buddy Parish, Greg Connor, Austin Pate, Kevin Pate, Colton Murry, Zack Murry, Blake Murry.

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### Charles Ray Parten

Funeral services for Charles Ray Parten, 89, of Livingston, will be held Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, at 2 p.m. in the Midway Community Church in the Midway Community in Polk County, with Bro. Gary Adams and Bro. Robert Smith officiating.

Interment will follow in the Midway Cemetery in Livingston. Visitation will be held Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, from 1-2 p.m., before the service begins, in the Midway Community Church.

Mr. Parten was born March 31, 1931, in the Midway Community in Polk County, to parents, A.C. Parten and Pearl (Polk) Parten, and passed away Feb. 7, 2021, in Conroe. He was a founding member of the Midway Community Church.

He was born and raised in the Midway Community and graduated from Kirby High School in Woodville. After graduating he moved to Pasadena and worked for Champion Papers for 20 years.

He moved back to Polk County before moving to Saudi Arabia while working for Aramco. He then returned to the Midway Community to retire and lived

independently until his time of death.

He loved Christ, his family, and working with millwright friends over the years. Mr. Parten is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Stella Parten; and sisters, Jewell Hunter, Mildred Dickens, and Wilma Adams.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Linda Parten of Houston; son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Liz Parten of Angleton; grandchildren, Ben Parten, Bethany Dublo, Megan and Jordan Fornes, Jim and Shannon Parten, and Derek Parten; special friends, LaJohna and Jim Newbould; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Pallbearers: Jim Parten, Derek Parten, Jordan Fornes, Tim Lambright, Monte Carnes, Marty Carnes.

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# OPINION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Would like to see more fishing coverage

We need more Enterprise articles about fishing, the outdoors and Lake Livingston.

More people participate in fishing than any other sport in our area. Lake Livingston is the economic engine that drives Livingston, Onalaska,

and the surrounding communities.

The Lake alone offers endless opportunity for articles of great interest for your readers. And with fishing and the Lake season nearly upon us, this would be a great time to expand coverage.

*Tight lines,  
George Hollenbeck  
Livingston*

## Hospitalizations drop as COVID-19 vaccine pace rises

The number of people in Texas hospitalized with COVID-19 has declined more than 28 percent in the past month, according to the Texas Department of Health Services.

As of Feb. 7, Texas hospitals were treating 9,957 COVID-19 patients, down from nearly 14,000 a month ago. The number of new cases in the past week was 123,239 — a 22 percent drop from the record high of 158,922 the week of Jan. 10, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

At the same time new cases and hospitalizations were decreasing, the number of Texans getting their first dose of vaccine crossed the 2.3 million mark as of Sunday, according to TDHS. That's 700,000 more initial shots in a week. Those who are now fully vaccinated reached 733,287 as of Sunday.

The state received 401,750 first doses from the federal government this week, which are going out to 358 providers in 135 counties. That includes 85 hub providers, according to TDHS.

### Not everyone is on board to receive the COVID-19 vaccine

About one-third of Texans polled in a recent statewide survey by the University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs say they are unlikely to get the

### State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders  
Texas Press Association



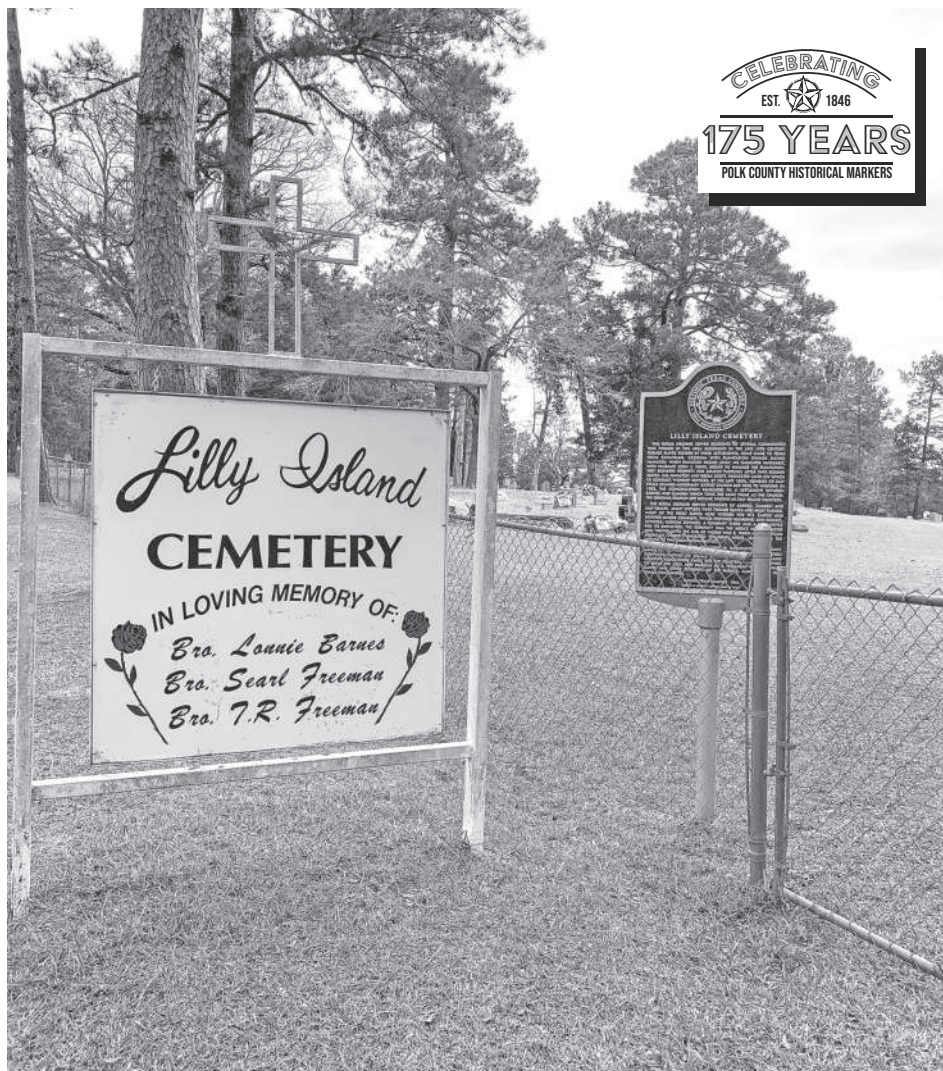
COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. More than one out of five respondents were adamant they will not receive the vaccine.

Kirk P. Watson, founding dean of the Hobby School, said he hopes the survey will help public health officials address concerns of those unwilling to be vaccinated.

"More than 60 percent of people who are hesitant to be immunized had concerns about potential side effects and worried that the vaccine is too new," Watson said in a news release. "Understanding why people resist immunization is an important step in reaching herd immunity."

Most of those polled who say they are certain or likely to refuse vaccination asserted they don't trust the government or pharmaceutical companies to ensure the vaccine is safe. Health experts say that between 70 percent and 90 percent of the population must be vaccinated to achieve herd immunity, according to the press release.

On the flip side, more than 40 percent of Texans say they will get the vaccine when available, or they have already gotten at least one dose, while 18 percent said they would probably get it.



The Polk County Historical commission is working with the Polk County Enterprise to tell our county's story through Texas historical markers. The Texas Historical Commission awards historical markers for structures, cemeteries and people. The process begins with a designation application. For more information, go to [www.the.texas.gov/](http://www.the.texas.gov/) markers or call Polk County Historical commission marker chairman, Joanne Westmoreland, at 936-967-4656.

## History of Lily Island Cemetery

Lily Island Cemetery is the only public facility that has continued to bury family members in Barnes since its inception in 1903. The histories of former slave families and their descendants are revealed by headstones and family burial plots.

The increase in average burial tallies is significant. Current and former families of the area have as many as five generations buried in the cemetery.

There are now approximately 623 memorials. It points out the desire of family members to maintain the family histories by selecting Lily Island Cemetery as their final resting place.

This burial ground served residents of several communities that formed in the area beginning in the late 19th century. Former slaves resided in the settlements, some coming to Texas from

Savannah, Georgia with plantation owner Daniel Hamilton.

When Hamilton passed away, his daughter, Margaret, with husband John S. Havis, began to manage the plantation. They donated property for church purposes after two former slaves, Cal Hamilton and Delila Scott, requested land on which to conduct worship services.

By the late 1880s, members of Lilly Eylan (Island) Missionary Baptist Church met here to worship.

In 1903, the congregation relocated to a settlement between Barnes and Camden, which took the same name as the church. The original church site became known as Lilly Island Cemetery.

The burial ground served residents of Barnes, Camden and Lilly Island. Many settlers were former slaves and most

farmed. Many of the freed slaves also worked for W. T. Carter and Brother Lumber Company, which provided boarding and houses, schools, medical services, a company store and a post office for its employees.

The company was the area's main employer and thrived until the end of World War II, when many African-American workers migrated to urban areas, leading to the decline of the area's communities.

The earliest burial here, of Maurice W. Washington, an infant, dates to 1884. Other informants include veterans of foreign conflicts dating to World War I.

Today, the Lilly Island Cemetery Association cares for the cemetery, which continues to serve the area and remains as a testament to the former slaves and other residents of the Barnes, Camden and Lilly Island communities.

## Hoping the groundhog got it wrong

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Groundhog Day, signaling six more weeks of winter. Since 1887, the groundhog in Punxsutawney, Pa., has been central to the legend of Groundhog Day, celebrated every Feb. 2. Let's hope he's wrong this year.

### Here are five things happening around the state this week:

#### Texas Water Development Board authorized \$44.5 million in flood mitigation assistance

Last month, the Texas Water Development Board approved \$44.5 million in FEMA grants for their Flood Mitigation Assistance program.

The Flood Mitigation Assistance program is a

### My Five Cents ...

By Robert Nichols



competitive grant program that provides funding to states and local communities for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage. TWDB administers the FEMA grant program for Texas.

Eleven grants for Texas projects were approved, including four in Senate District 3. Montgomery County was awarded \$10.07 million for acquisition projects, Orange County was awarded \$1 million for elevation projects, the City of Pearland was

awarded \$1.35 million for elevation projects, and the City of Vidor was awarded more than \$400,000 for acquisition projects.

That totals more than \$12.5 million for Senate District 3 flood mitigation projects, a much-needed investment in our more flood-prone areas.

#### Texas economy ranked ninth largest in the world

According to the most recent GDP data from the International Monetary Fund, Texas entered 2021 as the world's ninth largest economy, overtaking Brazil who was ranked ninth since 2015. This ranking places Texas in front of other large global economies such as Canada, South Korea, and Russia.

Texas has a GDP of \$1.9 trillion, whereas the U.S. total GDP totals around \$21.4 trillion, making it the world's largest economy. It's a good time to be in business in Texas and we look forward to continued growth in 2021.

#### Abbott names broadband as an emergency item

Last week, Gov. Greg Abbott delivered his State of the State address in Austin. During the half-hour speech, he touched on topics ranging from the pandemic and the vaccine effort to the Texas economy and job growth.

In the speech, he named five emergency items, a designation that will allow legislators to vote on and

pass legislation before the 60-day mark.

One of the emergency items was expanding broadband access. Lack of rural broadband has been an issue in the state for a long time and something I've been working on for several years. The global pandemic has only shown us just how necessary high-speed internet is for telehealth, education, and business.

This session I have filed legislation with Rep. Trent Ashby that would expand broadband access. I'm thrilled the governor has made this subject an emergency item and know that we will be working diligently to pass meaningful reform to get rural Texans the high-speed internet they need.

#### U.S. military medical professionals treating COVID-19 patients in Lufkin

Lufkin is one of three cities across the state that military medical personnel are deploying to in response to the ongoing pandemic. They will also be deploying to Abilene and Eagle Pass. The medical personnel will be supporting local hospitals in treating COVID-19 patients.

The military medical professionals will be working at St. Luke's Lufkin. The hospital is also planning to expand by opening a third COVID-19 unit in preparation for another influx of cases. This all comes as two new vaccination hubs opened in

East Texas.

The newest hubs in Jasper and Palestine join existing hubs in Liberty County and Montgomery County.

#### Big Thicket National Preserve issuing free feral hog trapping permits

The Feral Hog Trapping Program is offering free hog trapping permits in the Big Thicket National Preserve. The feral hog population is becoming a problem in that area, which covers parts of Jasper, Polk, and Tyler counties. Feral hogs can be aggressive and outcompete other native animals for food, water, and resources, throwing the existing ecosystem out of balance. Hunters are allowed to trap and kill as many hogs as they can. Last year, around 250 feral hogs were removed and the preserve is hoping for even more removals this year. The program issues 50 free permits on a first-come, first-serve basis. Hunters are allowed to bring one trap and one feeder and hogs in the trap must be killed with a firearm only. No hunting dogs are allowed while hog trapping in the area. The program runs until the beginning of general hunting season in November. Permits are available at the Big Thicket's Visitor Center.

*Sen. Robert Nichols represents District 3, which includes Trinity County, in the Texas Legislature.*

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# Old Spanish Trailride members ride through town

**LOOKING BACK 25 YEARS ...**



By Barbara White

It is hard to know what combination of current events, local and/or national, drove readers of the *Polk County Enterprise* to fill an entire page of the Feb. 4, 1996 issue with letters to the editor. Having a page full of letters was not all that unusual, but there was something about the overall tone that caught my attention as I flipped through the pages looking for items of interest from 25 years ago.

There was clearly something going on. The letter-writers seemed uneasy about the state of affairs.

It was an election year and the March primaries were fast approaching. That might explain part of the unease. President Bill Clinton had a lock on the Democratic Party nomination. The race to become the Republican nominee had drawn candidates as disparate as longtime senator Bob Dole, political commentator and broadcaster Pat Buchanan and magazine owner and publisher Steve Forbes.

The *Enterprise* had also published its annual Business Review and Economic Outlook section the previous week, which generally painted a positive picture of the county's growth and prospects. Some felt things were not as rosy as the statistics indicated.

Take a look at what the local folks were writing about during that first week in February. Warning: It's a bit of a downer.

In one letter, aptly titled "These aren't the good old days," the writer lamented that he had traveled extensively since launching his business career in the 1950s and had always felt safe. He said, with airline passengers being searched to thwart hijackers and bomb-planters — and this was before 9-11 — and constantly being warned to avoid certain areas, he no longer felt safe, even in his own home. He closed by saying, "As for anyone who actually believes we are better off than we have ever been, I have to wonder where they have been for the last 40 years."

The writer of the next letter — titled "Haves versus the have nots" — took issue with a previous letter that had defended tax cuts for the



**CHOWING DOWN** — Members of the Old Spanish Trail trailride chow down at Barney Wiggins Park in Livingston on Feb. 6, 1996, nearing the last leg of their journey from Logansport, La. to Houston. They left Polk County the next morning and arrived in time to participate in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo parade on Feb. 10.

wealthy. "The vast majority of Americans are working harder and making less...." he wrote. "It's high time the wealthier invest more in America and less in their own interests."

Another writer had been impressed by a program County Court at Law Judge Stephen Phillips had presented at an ecumenical Men's Breakfast meeting. While sharing some shockingly sad stories of disadvantaged and homeless youth, the judge said a new Boot Camp program was showing some very positive results. The writer urged churches and individuals to get involved.

Another writer took issue with the way "liberal" had become a dirty word in some circles. The writer mentioned Social Security, Head Start and feeding hungry kids at school among examples of why "liberals" should be thanked and not shunned. "Just call us your fellow man, because that is who we are even though we may vote differently, believe differently, worship differently, dress differently; this is our right."

Yet another letter-writer cited the statistics that pointed to how fast the county was growing and all

the improvements that had been made. Despite having grown up here and getting a good education, the writer had never been able to find a decent job locally. It seems no one wanted to hire a well-educated black woman, but she said younger whites were also leaving the county to find work. She summed up the hiring problem by saying, "It's not what you know, it's who you know."

Jobs were also an issue with another letter-writer, but this one specifically cited the low wages paid to local deputies. He said the county had recently lost eight deputies and six jailers because they were not paid a decent salary. "We are paying to train our deputies, then letting them go to higher paying jobs somewhere else...."

Keep in mind all of these letters were in the same issue of the newspaper. You can see why the overall tone caught my attention. Oh yeah, there was one other letter in that issue. It was written by the mother of Natasha Atchley, a young woman who had been found murdered in 1992. Not unlike some of the other topics addressed in the letters to the editor on Feb. 4, 1996, the murder has still not been solved.



**FARM BUREAU** — County Judge John Thompson signs a proclamation designating Feb. 5-9, 1996 as Farm Bureau Membership Week. He is joined by Polk County Farm Bureau members (l-r) Jay V. Snook Jr., Howard Maxey, Howard Jones and George Harrell.

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## BIG SANDY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT




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**Business Services Marketing**  
Kalyssa Dickens



**Personal Finance**  
Weston Mayer, Brianna Hendrix, Alejandra Barker, Nick Geller, Trevor Quinones

### DECA Students Advance to State Competition

The Big Sandy High School DECA chapter competed at district level competition. These students completed a 100 question test over their subject area and resolved an issue also related to their subject area. The role play situations this year are having to be recorded instead of the typical in-person role play. The nine that have advanced to state will also be having to record their role play situations.

The students who competed at District were as follows and the ones with an \* have advanced to state. **Personal Finance:** Nicholas Gellar\*, Haley Benior, Brianna Hendrix\*, Weston Mayer\*, Ale Barker\*, Marcus Matthews, Trevor Quinones\*; **Business Services Marketing-** Kalyssa Dickens\*; **Apparel and Accessories Marketing-** Taleah Battise\*, Kayla Elliott\*, Macy Hancock\*; **Sports and Entertainment Marketing-** Isaias Ortiz Mrs. Carpenter said that the students have been working hard and she is very proud of them. Good luck to these students at the state competition.



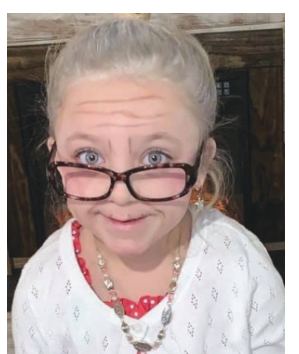
### Junior High Students Participated Remotely in UIL Competition

The Big Sandy Junior High 6th through 8th grade students participated in UIL events remotely during the month of January. The 6th grade students competed in the Elementary division of UIL and placed 1st place overall. The 7th and 8th grade students participated in the Junior High division of UIL also placing 1st Overall. Our students earned awards in various events. There were 29 —1st place, 33—2nd place, 33—3rd place, 15—4th place, 4—5th place, and 5—6th place awards were given to our students. Great jobs students. We are very proud of you!



### Big Sandy Elementary Celebrates 100th Day of School

The students enjoyed dressing up for the 100th day of school, pictured are some of the elementary students that participated.



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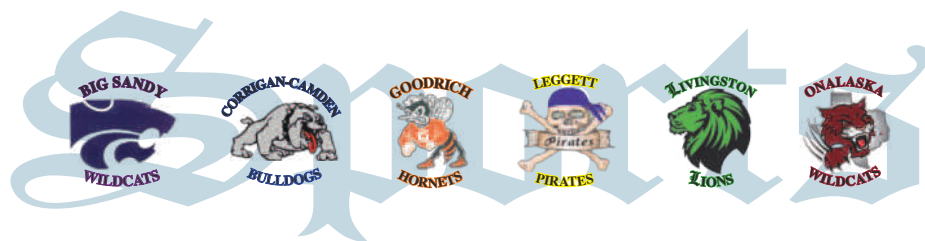
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# Leggett comes up short on senior night

By Brian Besch

The shorthanded Leggett Pirates ran out of gas in their efforts to keep pace with first-place Chireno, dropping a 58-35 game Tuesday in Dudley Dickens Gym.

With a few players not participating Tuesday, the Pirates ran a group of seven out on the floor for warmups.

Just a few minutes into the first quarter, Abraham Diosdado was called for a flagrant foul and disqualified from the game.

Still, Leggett managed to play pressure defense and hit enough shots to remain in the contest.

"The first half was good," Leggett coach Sean Edwards said. "We played off and controlled the tempo. We made them chunk shots from the 3-point line and we got rebounds."

"The thing that was bad was that we stopped blocking out and stop getting rebounds. They got second, third and fourth opportunities to score on us."

The Pirates trailed by a dozen at the half. A half-court trap and careless passes doomed many possessions before the Leggett offense could set up. However, they were still competitive going into the third period.

The advantage widened for the Owls throughout the second half, as they rebounded well and played



Garrett Francois on the breakaway.

tough defense.

"In the second half, we just couldn't do anything right," Edwards said.

Donavon Johnson led the Owls and all scores with 20. For Leggett, Varian Flournoy had 17 points and Josh Perkins had 14.

The loss sets Leggett back a bit more in district play. They will need a win versus High Island Friday.

Burkeville, High Island

and Leggett are all competing to fill the third and fourth seeds. A Burkeville loss to Chireno and Zavalla will also help the Pirates' standing in District 28-1A.



Brian Calderas puts up a shot over a Chireno defender

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Varian Flournoy shoots the jumper.



Josh Perkins gets to the rim.

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**Bonds set**  
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KENNEDY, STEPHANIE MICHELLE, 40 of Onalaska — Possession of a Controlled Substance.  
PHILLIPS, SHANE JEREMY, 41 of Onalaska — Warrants for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, Unwholesome Condition of Household and Refusal to Deposit Garbage.  
ROJAS, JUAN MANUEL, 50 of Lufkin — Bond Violation.  
FULCHER, CODY SHANE, 26 of Blanchard — Probation Violation.  
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III, 20 of Onalaska — Abandonment or Endangering a Child, Fraudulent Use of Identification Information, Manufacturing or Delivery of a Controlled Substance and Probation Violation.  
TEEKAMP, NICOLE LEE, 32 of Willis — Commitment.  
WHITMAN, SABRINA JANE, 36 of Livingston — Abandonment or Endangering a Child, Fraudulent Use of Identification Information and Manufacturing or Delivery of a Controlled Substance.  
CHAPMAN, JENNI-

FER ANNETTE, 17 of Cleveland — Housed for Liberty County.  
CROOMS, WILLIE LEE, 38 of Houston — Commitment.  
FOREMAN, ERIC DON, 36 of Corrigan — Assault.  
GREEN, BRANDY NICHOLE, 40 of Onalaska — Probation Violation.  
RAINS, SHAQUILLE O'NEAL, 27 of Livingston — Assault and Parole Violation.  
SMITH, SHAWN MICHAEL, 36 of Livingston — Theft of Firearm.  
WIGGINS-CAIN, DIANE NICOLE, 36 of Livingston — Probation Violation.

**Feb. 4**  
OXFORD, J FREEDOM, 43 of League City — Probation Violation (2).  
BARRIOS, JACQUELINE ANGELICA, 33 of Livingston — Out of County Warrant for Theft.  
DICKEY, SHAWN BRADLEY, 24 of Livingston — Possession of a Controlled Substance and Warrants for Speeding and No Driver's License.  
H O L M A N, TREMAYNE OMAR, 39 of Livingston — Commitment (2).

**Feb. 5**  
BROWN, BRANDY LYNN, 45 of Spring — Possession of a Controlled Substance.  
DOWDEN, ROY DALE Jr., 26 of Livingston — Motion to Revoke Probation (3).  
HOOD, RICA DANELLE, 29 of Lufkin — Assault and Criminal Mischief.  
HUGHES, ROBERT LYNN II, 48 of Onalaska — Possession of a Controlled Substance.  
LANGSTON, DUNCAN TANNER, 23 of Moscow — Assault.  
PEREZ RAMOS, HUGO, 59 of Huntsville — Probation Violation.

**Feb. 6**  
DUBOSE, VONDA LASYONA, 51 of Dayton — Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana.  
MCCRACKEN, CANDICE MARIE, 38 of

Beaumont — Prohibited Substance in a Correctional Facility, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Burglary of a Vehicle, Criminal Trespass and Failure to Identify.  
SELSOR, SANDRA MARIE, 59 of Livingston — Assault by Contact.  
WALLEN, SHANNON RAY, 48 of Dayton — Probation Violation, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana.  
WILLIAMS, JALEN LEVELL, 19 of Phoenix, Arizona — Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana.  
DILLON, JOANN YNETTE, 33 of Livingston — Possession of a Dangerous Drug, Public Intoxication and Parole Violation.  
MCKNIGHT, JERRY LEE, 50 of Coldspring — Possession of a Controlled Substance.  
MONROY, DAVID JULIAN, 22 of Houston — Possession of Marijuana.

**Feb. 7**  
HON, KENNETH DEWAYNE, 37 of Rye — Bond Forfeiture (2), Capias Pro-Fine and Warrant for Evading Arrest.  
ENGLISH, PENNY ELIZABETH, 39 of Gilmer — Theft.  
JONES, CHABRITTA-NEE CHNEA, 25 of Humble — Probation Violation.  
JONES, SCOTT LEE, 49 of Livingston — Interfering with an Emergency Request for Assistance.  
RODGERS, THAD EUGENE, 52 of Livingston — Parole Violation.

**Feb. 8**  
FIGUEROA, LLOYD DYROL, 52 of Fostoria, Ohio — Public Intoxication and Falsified Drug Test.  
GREENBAUM, JOSHUA PAUL, 30 of Woodville — Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana.  
PADILLA, BENJAMIN, 21 of Nacogdoches — Warrant for Possession of a Controlled Substance.  
LIPE, JOSHUA AUSTIN, 21 of Livingston — Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana.  
LIVINGSTON, JACORIAN ANGELO, 28 of Livingston — Possession of a Controlled Substance.

MUHAMMAD, ISHMAEL RASUL, 19 of Corrigan — Warrant for Burglary of a Vehicle.  
ORTIZ, JESSIE WARE, 19 of Livingston — Probation Violation (2).  
QUICK, JILL MARIE, 61 of Livingston — Criminal Trespass.  
W A S H I N G T O N, LATASHIA SHREE, 41 of Livingston — Bond Surrender and Aggravated Assault.

**Feb. 9**  
AWAN, ADAM TAHIR, 23 of Livingston — Possession of Marijuana.  
BERGERON, JEREMY GLEN, 37 of Livingston — Capias Pro-Fine.  
GUILBEAU, TYLER JEROME, 47 of Livingston — Criminal Trespass.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Bailey estate files notice**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Georgia Elizabeth Bailey, Deceased, were issued on the 4th day of February 2021, in Cause No. 10926, pending in the County Court at Law of POLK County, Texas, to: Debra Jenke.

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: Representative, Estate of Georgia Elizabeth Bailey 164 Domy Lane Livingston, Texas 77351. DATED the 4th day of February, 2021. /s/ Bobby L. Phillips Bobby L Phillips Attorney for Debra Jenke State Bar No.: 24088223 419 North Washington Ave. LIVINGSTON, TX 77351 Telephone: (936)327-5619 Facsimile: (936)327-5610 E-mail: bphil-lips@polk-countyattorneys.com (6-1-B)

**Entergy files to implement interim fuel refund**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT INTERIM FUEL REFUND**

On February 5, 2021, Entergy Texas, Inc. (ETI) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to implement an interim fuel refund to refund over-collected fuel and purchased power costs as of October 31, 2020 (Application). This filing was made pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin Code § 25.237(a)(3)(B). ETI's filing affects only the recovery of fuel and purchased power costs and does not affect base rates that are currently in effect. All residential, commercial and industrial customers whose electric service rates include charges for fuel pursuant to Rate Schedule FF, entitled "Fixed Fuel Factor and Loss Multipliers," in all territories served by ETI, are affected by the Application.

The total amount of over-recovery balance to be refunded through the proposed interim fuel refund is approximately \$74.5 million, including interest. According to the Texas Utilities Code and Commission rules, ETI may not earn a profit on fuel and purchased power expenses and may only pass actual fuel and purchased power costs through to its customers. ETI proposes that customers on Rate Schedules GS, LGS and LIPS at a delivery voltage of 69-kilovolts (kV)/138-kv or 230 kV, LIPS at a primary delivery voltage and seasonal agricultural customers be given a one-time credit (or assessed a surcharge, if applicable) during the billing month of March 2021, based on each customer's historical usage. ETI proposes to implement the refund for all other Rate Schedule FF customers over a six-month period, beginning with ETI's first March 2021 billing cycle.

The effect of the refund on customers' bills will vary depending on the rate schedule under which they take service. For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh a month, the interim refund will result in a \$9.08 reduction in the customer's bill for each month of the refund, or a net decrease of approximately 7.5 percent as compared to current charges. Additionally, transmission voltage level customers and seasonal agricultural customers as a group will receive a net refund; however, certain individual transmission voltage level and seasonal agricultural customers may experience a surcharge based on historical usage. ETI's fuel and purchased power expenses will be subject to final review by the Commission in a future fuel reconciliation proceeding.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Entergy Texas, Inc. at Attn: Customer Service - Fuel Refund, P.O. Box 2951, Beaumont, Texas 77704, or call 1-866-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the filing is available for inspection at ETI's Beaumont office located at 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 51762 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding or who wish to express their comments regarding this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Consumer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120, or toll free at 1 888-782-8477. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) at 1-800-735-2989.

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7 walk heavily

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23 1970s bumper sticker: "I'm \_\_\_ Eddiel"

24 TXism: "mud \_\_\_" (wasp)

29 late TX actor, Rip

30 some Texans fish for yellowfin \_\_\_ in the Gulf

31 Tex-\_\_\_ Weekend

32 Texas \_\_\_ is roughly 29 million

34 TX stand-up comedian, Vidale

35 DFW Airport secur.

36 certain prayers

37 TXism: "jump \_\_\_" (escape)

38 TXism: "\_\_\_ like death warmed over" (sick)

39 ample portions of TX beef (2 wds.)

41 TXism: "\_\_\_ barn burner" (exciting)

42 Texas is number \_\_\_ in cattle production

43 a Great Lake

44 branding implements

45 TX Anderson, director of "Moonrise Kingdom"

46 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse \_\_\_"

47 tapered wood wedges

48 TXism: "\_\_\_ squirrel up a tree"

50 large antelope you can see at a Texas zoo

51 TX Willie's dad

52 TX singer, Stuckey

53 dir. from New Baunfels to Gonzales

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1 Greg Abbott list: "schedule \_\_\_"

2 grooves on knife blades

3 "Cheeseburger Capital of Texas"

4 in Parker County on FM 1187

9 TXism: "study up"

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13 two men of this name collaborated on the "Walker Colt"

14 TXism: "plucked cleaner \_\_\_ Thanksgiving turkey"

15 soft drink

18 \_\_\_ Gov. Dan Patrick

19 TXism: "\_\_\_ a goose"

20 what yankees think Texans say (2 wds.)

22 male chicken

24 15-down created in TX (abbr.)

25 early internet and email provider

26 a raise in poker? (2 wds.)

27 "it's not whether you win or lose, \_\_\_ you play the game"

28 John Steinbeck's Texas wife

29 cowboy bolos

30 TXism: "enjoyed about all \_\_\_ I can stand" (bored)

33 "\_\_\_ Tok," a video-sharing service by a Chinese company

34 "\_\_\_ a bow"

35 persons with ages 13 to 19

37 TXism for "go fishing" (3 wds.)

38 TX Nanci Griffith sang "\_\_\_ Distance" (1988)

40 rub out writing

41 a Greek team for ex-Mav Roy Tarpley

44 TX Trini's "If \_\_\_ a Hammer" (1963)

47 where Cruz and Cornyn serve

49 TX Charley Pride's "My Eyes Can Only See as \_\_\_ You"

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**FULL-TIME SERVICE** technician needed, must have your own tools. Apply in person at Economy Housing of Goodrich, 6541 Hwy 59 South, Goodrich. (3-TFN-B)  
**WANTED- FRAMING** crews, carpenters and helpers, I have two houses in Glendale, TX right now. Call (936)295-8459. (6-3-P)

**Employment/General**

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

Apply at **www.burgerworkshr.com**  
 (1-TFN-B)

AMBURN AC now hiring Service Techs and Installers. Pick up application at 3470 St. Hwy 146 South. (1-TFN-B)

**Notice of Position Opening**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**  
 February 5, 2021

The CITY OF LIVINGSTON is seeking an individual for the position of Telecommunications Officer for the Livingston Police Department. Experience preferred, but not required. Basic TCOLE certification required. Candidates must be willing to work nights and/or weekends and are subject to emergency call-in. This is a full-time position with benefits. Applications will be accepted at the Police Department, 208 W. Church Street, Livingston, Texas from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. The deadline for accepting applications will be Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. For job description, starting salary, required knowledge and training requirements, please contact Trisha Stinson, Telecommunications Supervisor, at 936.327.3117. The City of Livingston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. (5-3-B)

**Employment/Domestic**  
 NEED CARETAKER for elderly parents 20-30 hours per week. Call (832)928-1556. (6-2-P)

**Employment/Medical**  
**Private Duty Nurse, LVN or RN**  
 up to \$500 Referral up to \$3,500 Bonus for pedi patient in the Livingston area  
**Sun-Fri 8pm-8am & Sat 6pm-8am**  
 Advanced Pediatric Care, Inc  
**409-832-3304**  
**Fax 409-835-2799**  
**Email**  
**elise@apcare.com**  
 (52-8-P)

**Pine Ridge Health Care, L.L.P.**  
 US 59 North, Livingston, TX  
**936-327-5415**  
**Fax 936-327-7849**  
 Pine Ridge is seeking energetic, hard working and caring individuals for the following positions:  
**PRN Dishwasher**  
 Please apply in person at **1620 US 59 North Livingston EOE**  
 (6-TFN-B)

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**The Bradford at Brookside** has openings for  
**CMA** 2p-10p  
**SIGN ON BONUS**  
**LVN/RN** 6pm-6am  
**\$1,500 Sign on bonus**  
**Part-time Certified Beautician**  
**Call for more info**  
 Apply in person at:  
**310 W. Park Dr., Livingston**  
**936-328-5021**  
**Business Services**

**EASTEX TAX Service,** 3450 State Hwy 146 South. Great rates, E-file. Covid safe office (936)328-3845 (1-6-P)

**Business Opportunity**

**INVESTORS WANTED:** We have several rent houses on the market. All in the Onalaska area. They have good rental history. Call for details and prices. Swann Lake Properties (936)646-5253. (5-2-B)

**Rentals-Houses**

**HOMES APARTMENTS COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS**  
**For Lease**  
 Visit us on Facebook  
**Entrance Drive Apartments**  
**936-327-8262**  
 (1-TFN-B)

**SMALL 2-BEDROOM** 1-bath cottage, washer/dryer connections, outdoor storage building, \$1,000/month plus deposit (936)967-8141. (6-TFN-B)

**Rentals-Mobile Homes**

26' **FIFTH WHEEL** with slide-out, \$450/month lights and water paid, \$150/deposit. Call (936)328-6304. (4-TFN-B)  
**2-BEDROOM** 1-bath in Onalaska, no appliance, \$486/month plus deposit. Call (832)3189208. (5-TFN-B)

**Rentals-Apartments**

**2-BEDROOM 1-BATH,** upstairs \$625/month plus electricity \$500/deposit (936)328-9079. (45-TFN-B)

**Want to Rent/Lease**

**CHRISTIAN SENIOR** veteran seeking small place or RV site in the country to live in by 5/15/2021, good water and roads. Leave message for Jim (936)510-2784. (6-1-P)

**Misc. Sales**

**FOUR YARDS** mushroom compost delivered in the Livingston area \$175.95. Mulch2Go (936)327-1000. (1-TFN-B)

**FULL SIZE Loft bed** with desk underneath, has mattress, paid \$1,500 at Pedigo Furniture asking \$500, (936)433-6766. (5-2-P)

**FIVE YARDS** crushed concrete or limestone delivered in the Livingston area \$435.94. Mulch2Go (936)327-1000. (1-TFN-B)

**Lots**

**FOR SALE;** Mobile home lots, full utilities, Magnolia Ridge Subdivision, Onalaska. Owner financing. No credit check. (713)385-8112 or (281)356-8266. (1-TFN-B)

**Want to Buy**

**WANT TO BUY AN Alliant 2000** M.R. Call (936)328-9006. (4-3-P)  
**2020 HARLEY DAVIDSON** soft tail, low miles \$16,500. Call (713)502-1962. (5-2-P)

**Notice of Sale**

**Notice of Public Sale of property to satisfy a landlord's lien.**  
 Sale to be held at Lakeview Boat/Rv Self Storage at 14804 US Hwy 190 WOnalaska TX, 77360 on March 10, 2021 @ 10am. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale. Unit items sold as-is to the highest bidder. Property includes the contents of spaces of the following tenants -  
**Nathon Shelton:**  
 pressure washer, bed frame with drawers, washer, dryer, dresser, saddle, bed slats and tables. Lee Ashby - treadmill, bench, washer dryer, boxes, table, desk, bags, tackle box, printer, clothes and misc items. (5-2-B)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:** Storage Plus of Livingston unit contents of the following customers containing household and other goods that will be sold for cash by Storage Plus of Livingston to satisfy a lien starting on February 12th, 2021 and ending on February 26th, 2021 at approx. 12:30 pm at **www.storageetreasures.com** (Maggie Parrish aka Maggie A. Parrish; Christopher J. Walton). (6-2-B)

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