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More than 200 residents receive Covid vaccine

By Jason Chlappek

More than 200 Polk County residents have already received the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

The two-dose vaccine has been available since last week at CHI-Livingston, Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the three Brookshire Bros. locations in the county — Corrigan, Livingston and Onalaska. Patients who received the vaccine must wait three weeks in between doses.

"Right now, we received a limited supply from the state," Polk County Office of Emergency Management coordinator Courtney Comstock said. "(The vaccine

providers) are working with the health district to complete Phase 1A of the state Covid vaccination plan in Polk County."

According to the Department of State Health Services, 241 Polk County residents have received the first dose. None of the recipients have received the second dose of the vaccine.

"Once Phase 1A has been accomplished and more supplies of the vaccine have been received, we will transition into Phase 1B," Comstock said. "We're hoping more providers will be approved, which will make them able to receive the vaccine. There's a state registration for providers such as clinics, doctor's offices, health districts

and pharmacies will be approved so more places can receive the vaccine. It's coming in little by little."

Phase 1A is available to direct care employees. Employees of hospitals, EMS 911, home health, ER/urgent care facilities, pharmacies, last responders, school nurses and long-term care facilities, as well as residents of long-term care facilities are eligible for the vaccine under Phase 1A.

Phase 1B of the vaccine is available to residents 65 or older and residents who are 16 or older with at least one chronic medical condition. The chronic medical conditions include cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD, heart conditions, organ transpor-

tation, obesity, Type 2 diabetes, sickle cell disease and pregnancy.

"The state health department is trying to make Texans more comfortable with wanting to receive the vaccine," Comstock said. "They're advocating for it for sure. It is a voluntary vaccine, but the state health department is advocating that Texans receive it."

Polk County also has two Covid-19 testing sites set up in the next week. The first will be Saturday at the Polk County OEM, located on 602 E. Church in Livingston; and the second will be on Tuesday at the Corrigan Activity Center, located on 603 S. Matthews in Corrigan.



Photos by Jason Chlappek | PCE

A two-car accident caused a delay on US Highway 59 Monday evening just south of Livingston.

Accident sends 4 to hospital, delays traffic

From Staff Reports

A two-car collision south of Livingston sent four people to the hospital and delayed traffic for a couple of hours Monday evening.

A 2016 Toyota Avalon sedan and a 2011 Chrysler Town and Country minivan collided on U.S. Highway 59 just outside the entrance to the Lakeside Village subdivision. Three children — all minors — who were passengers in the Avalon, and the driver of the Town and Country were all taken to CHI-Livingston with minor injuries that were not life-

threatening.

At approximately 5 p.m. Monday, the Avalon traveled northbound on US 59 before the Town and Country pulled out of the Lakeside Village entrance. The Avalon struck the rear driver's side of the Town and Country, causing it to spin.

Allegiance Ambulance Service, the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department, Polk County Sheriff's Office and Texas Department of Public Safety were all dispatched to the scene. Northbound traffic on US 59 was delayed until the debris from the accident was cleaned up.



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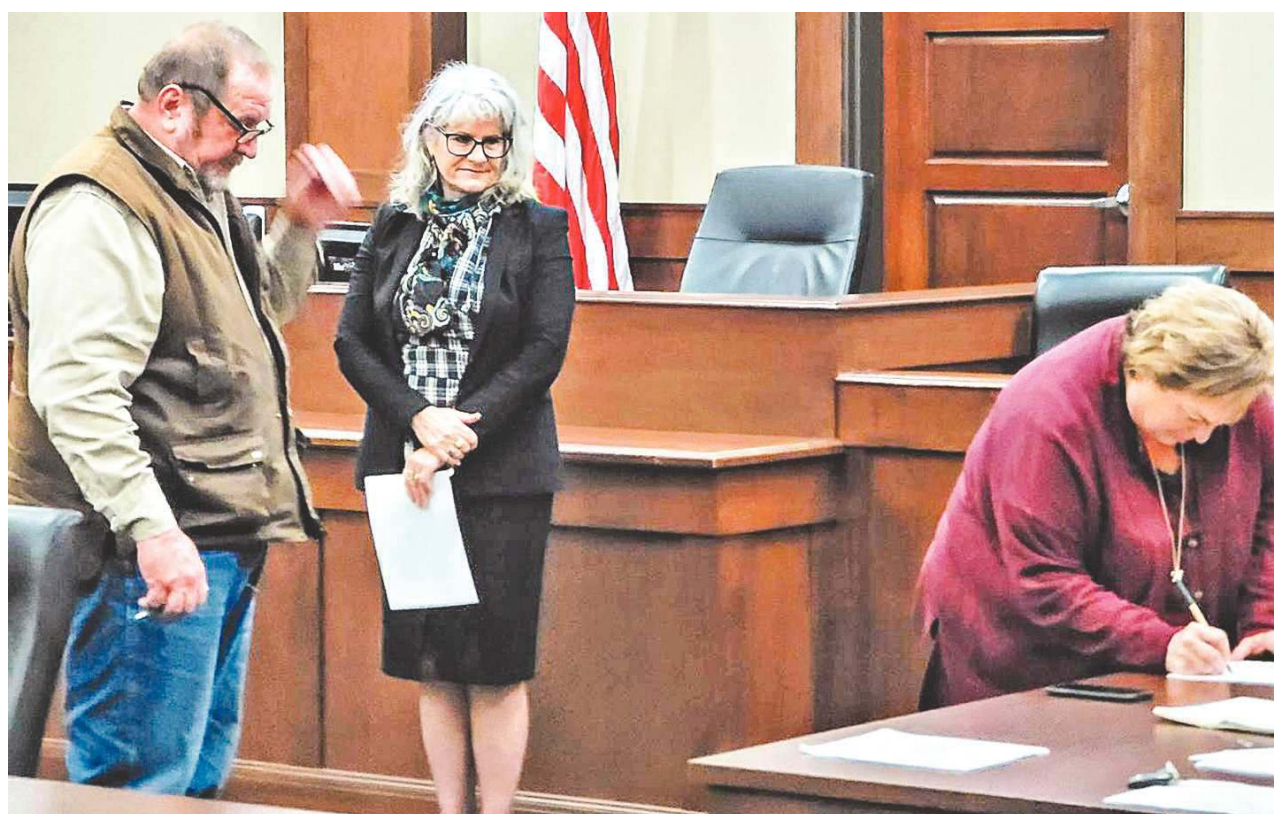
SWEARING IN

From left, Milton Purvis (Precinct 3 Commissioner), Leslie Jones Burks (Tax Assessor-Collector), Guylene Robertson (Precinct 1 Commissioner) and Byron Lyons (Sheriff) swore in to their offices last Thursday at the Polk County Courthouse.



Polk County Sheriff's deputies swear in Friday morning.

(LEFT) Polk County Sheriff Byron Lyons (right) swears in to his new position as head of the Polk County Sheriff's Office as his family looks on.



Polk County Precinct 1 Commissioner Guylene Robertson (right) signs her oath as Precinct 3 Commissioner Milton Purvis (left) and Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy look on.

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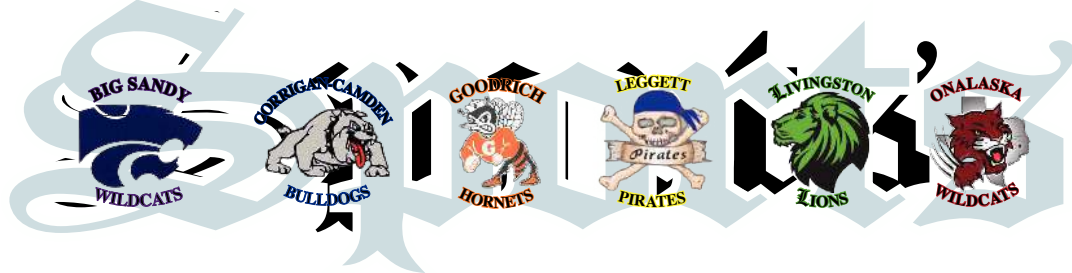
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Lady Lions toppled by Hargrave



Zakia Carter leaps for the layup.

Photos by Brian Besch

By Brian Besch
pcnewsroom@gmail.com

The Livingston Lady Lions struggled in their first game of 2021, dropping a district contest to Huffman Hargrave 48-20 Tuesday night.

"There are no words after tonight's game," Livingston coach Brittney Jefferson said. "I just didn't have my big (post player). She sat out — didn't play. She played the first couple of minutes and then — if you are not going to do what you are supposed to do, then I can just use what I've got on the bench. I'm not going to say those girls didn't try hustling back on defense, but the offense is just killing us. They just make it so hard on themselves to make a good pass and try to cut out all the turnovers. We did, at least, set up in our offense."

Livingston failed repeatedly to advance the ball beyond half court on offense. The times the Lady Lions were successful in setting up an offense, they rarely found good shots or a shot at all before Hargrave took possession.

Leading 10-6 after a quarter of play, the Livingston failed to register a point in the second period. Meanwhile, the Lady Falcons had their best quarter, registering 18 points for a 24-10 lead going into the locker room.

Mia Poncho drilled a 3-pointer for the Lady Lions on their first possession of the second half, but it would be the only points put up for the green and white in the third period.

Desiree Cardenas scored a dozen points, Kelly Farrell at 11 and Casey Warren added eight for Hargrave.

Livingston was led by Natavia Davis with seven points. Miles had four points, while Poncho and Kaaliyah Youngblood had three each.

Jefferson said the showing versus Hamshire-Fannett on Dec. 30 was a much better one.

"The first half, it wasn't so great," the coach said. "They had us by 16. In the second half, we came out and gave all the effort and there was a lot of energy. We looked up and beat them by three. We came back from a 16-point lead with what I have now and beat them by three."

"Tonight's game, they (Hargrave) were beatable. It is just energy. We have to come out on both ends of the court. We have to have someone on our team that will talk, a leader, and lead by example. We all just have to come together."

"A lot of them are sophomores and I've got about two seniors, but your grade isn't anything (in determining a leader). I don't care if you are a freshman or sophomore or junior; it means nothing. If you will go out there and give me all of your effort, I will take it. If you go out there and do nothing, I can't take that."

The coach said Z Garner has been a bright spot on the team, showing the effort she is seeking.

"She came from not getting playing time at all, to now, she is playing darn near the whole game. She is really making me proud because she gets tons of rebounds and deflections and steals. She has come a long way."

The Lady Lions are next scheduled to play just down Highway 59 at Shepherd on Friday.

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LIFE TRIBUTES

Mike Caldwell

LIVINGSTON — Funeral services for Mike Caldwell, 71, of Livingston, Texas, were held at noon Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 in the Life Vine Church in Livingston, Texas with Bro. Simon Geller officiating. Interment followed in the Camp Ruby Cemetery in Livingston, Texas.

Visitation was held Monday from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., before the service began in the Live Vine Church in Livingston, Texas.

Mike Caldwell was born Sept. 11, 1949 in Poteau, Okla., to parents Henry Featherston Caldwell and Frances America (Derryberry) Caldwell and passed away Dec. 31, 2020 in Livingston, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Caldwell is survived by his wife, Beverly (Higinbotham) Caldwell of Livingston, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Kristy Murphy and Danny of Livingston, Texas; sons and daughters-in-law, John Caldwell and Stacy of Livingston, Texas, Joseph Caldwell and Linda of McDill Airforce Base, Tampa, Florida; grandchildren, Kaleb Murphy, Mae-gan Murphy, Ethan Murphy, Josie Murphy, Jaren Caldwell, Joey Caldwell, Justin Caldwell, Jace Caldwell,



MIKE CALDWELL
...Services held Monday

Brookelyn Caldwell, Kacey Jo Caldwell, and Joseph Caldwell, Jr.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Lynda Gaither and Norman of Kerrville, Texas, Suzanne Wright and Ronnie of Crosby, Texas; honorary son, Jose Bautista of Chesapeake, Va.; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers included John Caldwell, Joseph Caldwell, Danny Murphy, Kaleb Murphy, Ethan Murphy, Jaren Caldwell, Joey Caldwell, Jose Bautista and Wayne Higginbotham.

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

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Reba Geraldine Griffin Hooper

LIVINGSTON — Reba Geraldine Griffin Hooper, 83, of Hoop and Holler (Rye, Texas) died, Dec. 30, 2020, after a long battle with cancer.

Reba was born on May 12, 1937, in Wewoka, OK, and was a resident of Hoop and Holler, Texas for 23 years, coming from Palm Beach County, FL.

Reba was a member of Holly Grove Baptist Church in Holly Grove (Livingston, Texas). Prior to the COVID Pandemic, she loved singing with the Victory Singers at different nursing nHomes and playing Bunco and other games with friends and family.

Reba never met a stranger, she loved everybody and would give her last nickel to help someone out or bake them a cake, a pie or make them a pot of homemade dumplings or noodles.

Survivors include one sister-in-law, Dorothy Griffin of Wharton, Texas; one sister, Alta Benjamin and husband, Chuck of Sebastian, FL; brothers, Jimmy Griffin and wife, Carol of Livingston, TX and Jerl Griffin and wife, Gail of Rye, TX; nieces, Misty Griffin Richardson and husband Ernie of Livingston, TX, Michelle Griffin Anglin and husband Shannon of Rye, TX, Belinda Griffin Manning and husband Jo of Hot Springs, Ark; nephews, Kenneth Allen Griffin of Alvin, TX,



REBA GERALDINE GRIFFIN HOOPER
...Services held Sunday

Jimmy Griffin and wife, Jana of Scottsdale, AZ; many great nieces and nephews; a very special aunt, Norma Jean Morris of Oklahoma City, OK; and a host of family and friends.

Predeceased in death by father, Arthur Griffin; mother, Lorene Griffin Stokes Ladd; brother, Kenneth Griffin; niece, Lisa Griffin Kocurek; nephews, Wayne Griffin, Donald Meredith, Ronald Meredith and Randy Meredith.

Graveside service was held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 at the Holly Grove Cemetery in Livingston, Texas with Bro. Gary Lawrence officiating. Visitation began at 2 p.m. prior to service time.

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

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Louis Harold Fuller, Jr.

LIVINGSTON — Graveside services for Louis Harold Fuller, Jr. of Livingston, Texas, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 in the Old Salem Cemetery in Hempstead, Texas.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas.

Louis Harold Fuller, Jr. was born Sept. 28, 1956 in Houston, Texas to parents Louis Harold Fuller Sr. and Jeanette (Stokes) Fuller and passed away on Jan. 3, 2021 in Livingston, Texas. He is preceded in death by his mother.

Louis is survived by his wife, Cheryl (Bevill) Fuller of Livingston, Texas; father, Louis "Harold" Fuller Sr. of Livingston, Texas; daughter, Rachel Fuller, daughter, Leah Richie and son-in-law, Jim of Onalaska, Texas; sons and daughters-in-law, Robert L. Fuller and Samantha of Livingston, Texas, Kenneth Gurley and Jeanette of Tomball, Texas, Jonathan Gurley and Mary of Foxborough, Massachusetts; daughter and son-in-law, April Spell and Jay of Friendswood, Texas; sisters, Diana Fuller Evans and Larry of Montgomery,



LOUIS HAROLD FULLER JR.
...Services in Hempstead

Texas, Peggy Fuller Ruffin and Richard of Houston, Texas, Laura Fuller Utley and Rick of Livingston, Texas, Jana Fuller Froelich and Ricky of Harper, Texas; and many grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers include Ricky Froelich, Rick Utley, Toby Davis, John Evans, Austin Evans and Cody Parcus.

Honorary pallbearers are Larry Evans and Allen Thompson

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Bonnie Maud Sowell Wiggins

LIVINGSTON — Bonnie Maud Sowell Wiggins, 90, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020 at Memorial Hospital in Livingston, Texas.

She was born in Onalaska on October 12, 1930 to William Charlie Sowell and Leecy Mae Crawford. She attended Onalaska and Livingston ISD. She married her husband Barney Flowers Wiggins in 1951 and raised four children and were lifelong residents of Polk County, Texas.

Bonnie and Barney began their life together as farmers, but after having seven failed crops in six years, they realized they were not well suited for that life. They then went into land development with Wiggins Land Company. Bonnie continued with the business with her son Jobe after Barney's passing until her retirement in 1992.

Bonnie moved from town to a little house next to her daughter and son in-law, Debbie and Jerry LeBlanc in the mid-90s. Family gatherings continued at their home with over 60 people coming together for Christmas. Each year the camera and tripod would have to set-up a little farther away to make sure everyone fit in the picture.

In 2010, Geraldine Halstead began coming to Bonnie's house to help with things like cooking and cleaning through Texas Home Health. Their relationship developed into a strong friendship and they would talk or sit and watch television together. Geraldine continued to visit Bonnie even after she went into the Bradford nursing home in 2018. At the nursing home, the nurses who worked the Mockingbird Lane hallway always went the extra mile to care for her and make sure she had everything she needed.

Bonnie loved her grandchildren deeply and they all enjoyed staying at her house as often as they could. Her grandkids loved to eat at her house. Chicken strips and mashed potatoes were staples of her kitchen, but the number one food for many of the grandkids was her egg sandwiches. Her grandkids also knew that if Bonnie was watching television, it was mostly likely on one of two shows...either MASH or Days of Our Lives and they would join her to watch both while helping shell giant bowls of purple hull peas.

Any time anyone walked into Bonnie's house, they knew right where they would find her, sitting on her "perch" in the kitchen beside the telephone doing word searches. As much as she spoiled them, she was also no-nonsense sort of lady who always said what was on her mind. She cut to the point quickly and would frequently comment "that don't cut no ice" when discounting an excuse.

Bonnie was a strong woman who suffered a broken hip and several bouts of pneumonia. Last year she broke her neck and scalped her head after a fall, but even after all of that, she endured and kept going. She may have looked fragile, but her character was made of steel.

Fred E. Stefka

LIVINGSTON — A private memorial service for Fred E. Stefka, 91, of Livingston, Texas will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas.

Mr. Stefka was born March 11, 1929 in Shiner, Texas and passed away Dec. 31, 2020 in Livingston, Texas. He is preceded in death by his mother, Emily Stefka; wife, Charlotte Stefka; and beloved grandson, Jacob Howard.

Fred is survived by his daughters, Regina Chambless of Livingston, Texas, Monica Edwards of Bryan, Texas, Mitzi Thompson of Crockett, Texas, Lynette Lilley and son-in-law, Richard of Kingwood, Texas; grandchildren, Charlene Palmeri of Melbourne, Florida, Erica Giove and Jason of Livingston, Texas, Michael Chambless and Theresa of Midlothian, Virginia, Kyle Schaeffer and Nicole of Cocanut Creek, Florida, Lindsey

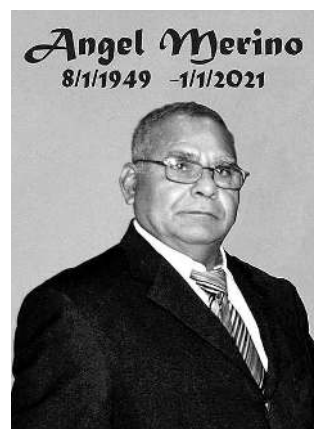
Angel Merino

LIVINGSTON — Funeral services for Angel Merino, 71, of Livingston, Texas, were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas with Bro. Carney and Bro. Sandoval officiating.

Interment followed in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Livingston, Texas. Visitation was held Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, from 5 - 9 p.m. in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas.

Angel Merino was born Aug. 1, 1949 in Oaxaca, Mexico to parents Bonifacio Merino and Virginia (Romero) Merino and passed away on Jan. 1, 2021 in Pearland, Texas.

Mr. Merino is survived by his wife, Altagracia Petra (Machuca) Merino of Livingston, Texas; daughter, Ana Merino of Livingston, Texas; son, Albino Merino and Raquel of Spring, Texas; sons, Alfredo Merino of Ft. Walton, Florida and Juan Merino of Livingston, Texas; daughters and sons-in-law,



ANGEL MERINO
...Service held Tuesday

Elizabeth Arredondo and Rogelio, Claudia Merino and Rey, all from Livingston, Texas; son, Ismael Merino of Livingston, Texas; daughter, Elisa Merino of Livingston, Texas; 26 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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James Edward Dominic Olsovsky

LIVINGSTON — James Edward Dominic Olsovsky was born in Houston, Texas on Sept. 27, 1944, son of George Joseph and Hattie Hrnir Olsovsky.

James attended St. Rose of Lima Catholic School and St. Thomas High School, graduating class of 1964. He attended Texas A&M and was in the Corps of Cadets.

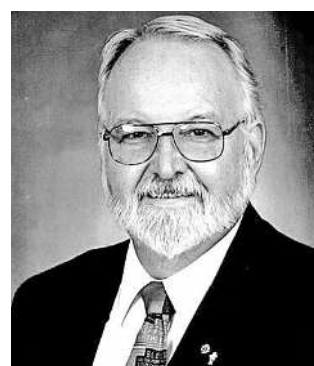
After a year at A&M, James entered St. Mary's Seminary and University of St. Thomas, graduating in 1967. James was selected to attend the Pontifical College (North American College) in Rome, Italy, graduating in December 1970. James was ordained a Priest for the Diocese of Galveston - Houston and served the Diocese in many areas, touching lives and hearts of many for over 10 years. In 1981 James decided to pursue a career in real estate earning his real estate and broker's license, eventually working for Circle K Corporation.

In 1982 James married Donna Decuir in Louisiana. James and Donna moved to Livingston in 1993 purchasing a farm where they raised goats and a menagerie of animals. In 1995 James' employer relocated to Austin. James attended SFA University pursuing a masters in Bilingual Education. After recovering from an illness, James was hired as the church secretary for St. Joseph Catholic Church and was appointed director of religious education for children and adults. James served The Diocese of Beaumont for 18 years.

James was involved in the Polk County community thru Habitat for Humanity, hospice volunteer, Mannafest, Knights of Columbus and was chosen senior citizen of the year for 2006 for Polk County. James was also a certified chaplain assistant for TDC and served the inmates at the Polunsky Hnit for several years. James continued to serve the Catholic community of St. Joseph until his retirement in 2014.

James was preceded in death by his parents, George and Hattie Olsovsky; sister, Marcelline Story; brother-in-law, Howard Story Jr.; and many other relatives, friends and pets.

James leaves to cherish his memory, love and Christ's teachings his best friend, wife, and supporter of 38 years, Donna Decuir Olsovsky RN; brother, Reverend George



JAMES EDWARD DOMINIC OLSOVSKY
...Funeral Mass set Friday

Olsovsky Jr., Houston; nieces and nephews, Susan Story Davis, Howard and Kathy Story, Sharon and Patrick Jozwiak, Michael and Tammy Story, Jan and Richard Southerland; sister-in-law and special caregiver Catherine Diane Lange and friend Tony Montalvo; sister in law Wilma Jean Jenkins, and Elizabeth Lacombe; special nieces and nephews, Kim and James Williamson, Michael and Mandy Bott, Tina Bott, Sherry McMickin; special friends, Rev. Msgr Michael Servinsky, Doctor Andres Guerrero, Preston Peltier, Michael Terry, Georgia Charles, Melissa Aubert, family friend and caregiver. James had many other family and friends around the world, and special pet Cecil the Cat that James rescued and stayed by his side 24/7 thru his illness.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all those who did not abandon James during his long illness. Through calls, cards, prayers, and especially visits, and the staff of Harbor Hospice for their care of James, and his family. You will always remain in our prayers and thoughts. Asking you to remember James' favorite saying "God Provides Always".

Donations may be made to Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Alzheimer's Association or SPCA.

A visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 from 5 to 8 p.m. with a Rosary at 6 p.m. at Pace Funeral Home, 200 FM 350 North, Livingston, Texas 77351.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2590 Hwy 190 West, Livingston, Texas 77351 with Father Tarsisius Puling, SVD officiating.

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Save our Stages, yes; trash brisket, NO

By Chris Edwards
Tyler County
Booster Editor

I was going to open this with some variation of the old adage about a broken clock, but, nah, it's a new year and new beginnings and whatnot.

Re-elected Senator John Cornyn's piece of legislation from last year, the Save Our Stages Act, is already helping many live music and entertainment venues across the country.

It's especially noteworthy in Texas where live music is a giant part of our history, lifestyle and economy and many historic venues and the artists/bands who play them were hit especially hard from the pandemic.

It's definitely worthy of a big kudos to Cornyn, who co-wrote the bill with fellow senator Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) The bill gathered an armada of co-sponsors before its passage and is a good example of bipartisan collaboration in this ridiculously divided time.

But there is another recent development with Cornyn that must be addressed and is certainly not representative of this great state. You see, folks, the senator posted a photograph to social media on Christmas Eve that might just rank among the most un-Texan of things that many people will ever see.

It was heinous and it was disgusting. The photo featured a Pyrex casserole dish full of what looked like either raw pork ribs covered in ketchup, or maybe meatloaf under a blanket of something red.

The accompanying text proclaimed it to be a "brisket family tradition." The next day, he tweeted that the brisket was the best that he'd ever had and cited his wife for the recipe, which, get this: has a cook time of three hours in the OVEN.

Now before you jump to conclusions and start in with assumptions like "that mean old Chris Edwards is just a barbecue snob," one thing Cornyn did not do is use the sacred and holy name of Barbecue in vain.

I know, also, that there are more ways to cook a brisket than bathing it for hours and hours in post oak smoke in an offset smoker, but here's the rub: John Cornyn is a representative of Texas, which is not just the greatest state in the

union but has the greatest barbecue in the world and smoking long and slow with woodsmoke is the only way to cook brisket around here.

The art of barbecue was perfected in the Lone Star State. Credit it to the influx of German, Czechs and Hispanics, all of whom contributed to the greatest culinary artform the world has ever seen and will ever know. Texans do barbecue the right way (like everything else we set out to do) and Texas barbecue will set anyone's life on the correct path. The crème de la crème of this artform is smoked brisket.

No less an authority than the great Guy Clark, who was a true representative of this great state, made mention of barbecue first in his classic song "Texas Cookin'," which celebrates all of the great delicacies one can find between the Red and Rio Grande.

Nevertheless, Cornyn was just elected to a fourth term to represent Texas in Congress's upper chamber, and his Lone Star bonafides are such: he was born in Houston and grew up in San Antonio. The emphasis, with regard to brisket knowledge, should be placed on that latter aspect. As part of the central Texas region, San Antonio is home to some of the world's greatest brisket, and unless he grew up under a rock, there's no way he couldn't have tasted great brisket.

So, here's an offer to Sen. Cornyn: I will gladly give you a demonstration on how to prepare and cook a brisket the proper and true Texas way if you will offer your much-needed support to another important cause: Rep. Brian Babin's H.R. 759, which would help our neighbors, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe and, ultimately, the regional economy here in East Texas.

If Dr. Babin's bill gets through the Senate (it already gathered a huge swell of bipartisan support in the other chamber and passed) it would put the AC tribe on equal footing with other tribes across this great land.

Save our Stages is a great thing to help out entertainment venues all over the country, so why not help out with a big entertainment option here in Texas? I get that gambling isn't everyone's bag, but everything is a gamble when it comes right down to it, right?



Photo by Brian Besch | PCE

The original building of the Polk County Enterprise, located on the corner of North Tyler Avenue and East Polk Street in Livingston, is one of many historical landmarks in Polk County. Each week, the Enterprise will feature a historical landmark in Polk County to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the county and the 175th anniversary of the state of Texas.

New year can't yet shake focus from COVID-19

It's a new year, but the news out of the capital continues to focus on COVID-19.

Gov. Greg Abbott tweeted last week that "a significant portion of vaccines distributed across Texas might be sitting on hospital shelves as opposed to being given to vulnerable Texans. The state urges vaccine providers to quickly provide all shots. We get plenty more each week."

Many health providers and county health department officials responded that they were working as quickly as they could to give shots to front-line health care workers and lacked the doses necessary to move to what Texas calls phase 1B recipients. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, phase 1B recipients include those 65 and older and those 16 and older with medical conditions that would put them at greater risk from COVID-19.

Various state news outlets reported Texans in phase 1B could not find any vaccine available to them yet. The state health department encouraged the public to check its website weekly for updates on vaccine availability. In the meantime, people should continue wearing a face mask when in public and follow all social distancing guidelines, health officials said.

AG blocks Austin

The city of Austin and Travis County tried to impose New Year's weekend restrictions on restaurants, but Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and Gov. Abbott won the final round of a legal battle. The local officials' order limited restaurants to drive-thru, curbside pickup, takeout and delivery services between 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. from Dec. 31 to Jan. 3. Austin Mayor Steve Adler and Travis County Judge Andy Brown imposed the three-day restriction to limit

State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler
Texas Press Association



social gatherings over the holiday weekend after the state reported a record number of hospitalizations and new cases.

"Mayor Adler and Judge Brown do not have the authority to flout Gov. Abbott's executive orders by shutting down businesses in Travis County and our state's capital city," Attorney General Paxton said in a statement.

District Judge Amy Clark Meachum denied Paxton's motion, saying the state had not shown "imminent and irreparable harm." The AG immediately asked the 3rd Court of Appeals to block the order, but that court rejected his appeal. Paxton then went to the Texas Supreme Court for an emergency stay of the order. The high court granted the injunction late Jan. 1 without comment.

Food benefits increased

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission will provide \$204 million in emergency SNAP food benefits during January as the state continues its response to the pandemic.

Recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program also will see an additional 15 percent in their total benefits in January because of recently passed federal legislation. "As we continue through the new year, these benefits offer nutritious food to those who need it most, especially in these trying times" Wayne Salter, of HHS, said in a statement.

The state received federal approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to extend the maximum allowable amount of SNAP benefits to recipients based on family size. The emergency January allotments are in addition to the almost \$2

billion in benefits previously provided to Texans between April and December.

Beginning in January, recipients will receive a 15 percent increase in their total benefits, which will continue monthly until June 2021. The additional 15 percent increase and the emergency allotment amount should appear in recipients' accounts by Jan. 23. Administered by the state agency, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to 1.7 million eligible low-income families and individuals in Texas.

Texans in need may apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at YourTexasBenefits.com.

'I know Chuck'

The new year brought another California company's headquarters to Texas.

Financial services firm Charles Schwab recently announced a \$26 billion merger with TD Ameritrade. As part of the merger, the combined company's headquarters officially moved Jan. 1 from San Francisco to Schwab's \$100 million campus in Denton County.

In a press release, Schwab said the Westlake location and facility in Denton were chosen and designed as a more centrally located hub for Schwab's nationwide operations. Before the merger, Schwab had more than 2,500 employees at its Westlake campus, and about 2,000 employees worked at TD Ameritrade's location in Southlake.

Gov. Abbott welcomed Charles Schwab in a tweet last week and reassured Texans that the influx of California companies wouldn't change the Lone Star state.

"I've talked to Chuck, I know Chuck," Abbott tweeted. "He wants to keep Texas, Texas."

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS — Eating healthier foods is often at or near the top of the list of New Year's resolutions. Experts advise Texans to keep their goals realistic.

Proper mindset is key to keeping 2021 New Year's resolutions

COLLEGE STATION — Having realistic goals and expectations, especially with the limitations brought on by the pandemic, and being emotionally ready to change, are essential to keeping New Year's resolutions, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"Three reasons why people don't keep their New Year's resolutions are that the resolution isn't realistic, the person expects an unrealistic benefit, or the person wasn't prepared to make the change," said Jenna Anding, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension nutrition specialist, Bryan College Station.

Anding said most adults tend to shy away from resolutions and those who take up the challenge are more likely to be younger or middle-aged.

"Statistics also suggest older adults who do make resolution are not very successful at keeping them," she noted. "But that's not to say resolutions don't work. In fact, those who make resolutions tend to have more success at changing behaviors as compared to those who don't make resolutions."

Some of the top New Year's resolutions include:

- Eating healthier/losing weight.
- Getting more exercise.
- Spending less/saving more.
- Being more organized.
- Dedicating more time with friends and family.
- Finding more "me" time.
- Quitting smoking or drinking.

Zeroing in on your resolution

Anding said one way to approach successful resolution making is for people to first list the three behaviors they most want to change.

"Such behaviors could be eating better, getting more exercise, saving more money or working on personal relationships," she said. "Look at the behaviors you have identified and choose the one you most want to concentrate on improving. Then

take a close and realistic look at the behavior you have chosen, then think if a specific goal that would reflect where you would like to be through modifying that behavior. Write down that final goal, making sure it is both realistic and achievable."

The next step is to make a plan and come up with a series of smaller, attainable goals leading toward the final goal, she said.

"For example, if the goal is to run a marathon but right now you can't run to the end of the block, consider starting with a more realistic goal of walking for 30 minutes a day three to five days a week. Once that's a regular habit, set another goal to run a 5K within three to six months and then a 10K, gradually working up to a half-marathon and then a full marathon."

Anding said it is important to remember achieving a final goal does not have to fit into a rigid timetable.

"Just keep planning and meeting those mini-goals as steps toward the final goal," she said.

However, she said, people should write down and commit to a specific date on which to begin their desired behavior change.

"Pick a date that is important, significant or memorable and put it on your calendar," she said. "It doesn't have to be the exact start of a new year. Once you pick your date, plan how you will accomplish your goal. In other words, identify and write down those specific actions you will need to take to be successful."

Overcoming obstacles to meeting your goals

Anding noted the situation with COVID-19 might impose a challenge in keeping some New Year's resolutions for 2021 more difficult, especially at the first of the year.

"People likely will continue to stay at home more, which could lead to more trips to the refrigerator. Gyms or studios where people can exercise may continue to be

closed or limited in capacity. Don't let this dissuade you. Set out a plan for eating healthier meals at home and cutting down on junk food. And instead of going to the gym, exercise at home or go on a long walk or bicycle ride."

Improving eating habits is usually one of the top New Year's resolutions, but that resolution too should also be taken in small bites, Anding said.

"It's best to break this into mini-goals such as committing to eating one more vegetable or fruit each day or switching sugar-sweetened beverages to water or other healthier options."

Anding said there will invariably be challenges on the journey toward meeting both smaller goals and your ultimate New Year's resolution goal.

"So, it's important to think ahead, be flexible and have a contingency plan to deal with whatever obstacles may present themselves as you strive toward meeting that final goal."

Involve others and reward yourself

Anding said it is also a good idea to share the New Year's resolution with friends or family and ask for their support.

"List the names of people you want to know about your resolution, and ask for their encouragement and help," she said. "It's easier to keep your resolution if you have others supporting you, plus involving others makes you more accountable."

Finally, Anding said, those who meet their set goals toward reaching their New Year's resolution should find ways to reward themselves for their progress.

"Do something nice for yourself like treat yourself to some music or read a good book," she said. "Or you can indulge in a guilty pleasure so long as it doesn't sabotage your efforts. It's also fine to share your successes with others as a means of self-validation."

Volunteer event planned for Big Thicket

KOUNTZE — Big Thicket National Preserve is looking for volunteers on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 18, for the annual Longleaf Pine Tree planting event. This event has been taking place at Big Thicket National Preserve for over 10 years and organizers are looking forward to another successful event.

Due to current COVID-19 conditions, Big Thicket has modified the event to allow for volunteers to participate in a safe manner. **The following measures will be in place to keep everyone safe:**

— **Volunteers will** have to pre-register for the event and sign-up for an arrival time, starting on the top of the hour from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

— **No more than 10** volunteers will be allowed to sign up for each hour which will allow for smaller groups of volunteers to remain at a safe distance while planting.

— **During planting,** volunteers will be planting in spaced out areas and will be

collecting planting materials from multiple locations throughout the planting area.

— **Tools used** during the planting event will not be shared between volunteers and once a tool is returned, preserve staff will be sanitizing the tools before use by another volunteer.

— **Water coolers** will not be provided to re-fill water bottles, but water will be available for volunteers at locations throughout the planting area.

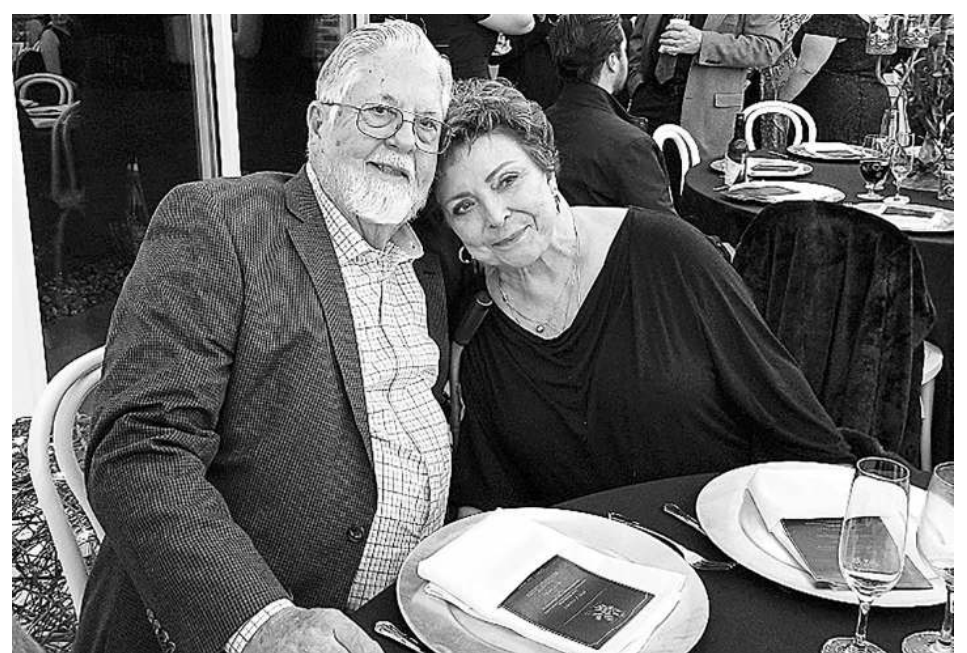
"We feel confident with the safety precautions in place we will be able to provide volunteers a meaningful way to contribute on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, similar to previous years," said Superintendent Wayne Prokopetz.

To sign up for the event, call the Big Thicket Visitor Center at 409-951-6700 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. seven days a week. Once registered, volunteers will receive the location of the event and volunteer's paperwork to be filled out before their arrival.

Big Thicket National

Preserve is located in Southeast Texas, near the city of Beaumont and 75 miles northeast of Houston. The preserve consists of nine land units and six water corridors encompassing more than 113,000 acres. The Big Thicket, often referred to as a "biological crossroads," is a transition zone between four distinct vegetation types – the moist eastern hardwood forest, the southwestern desert, the southeastern swamp, and the central prairies. Species from all of these different vegetation types come together in the thicket, exhibiting a variety of vegetation and wildlife that has received global interest.

For general information about Big Thicket National Preserve, visit www.nps.gov/bith or call the preserve visitor center at 409-951-6700. Visit the preserve on Facebook www.facebook.com/BigThicketNPS, Twitter www.twitter.com/BigThicketNPS, and Instagram www.instagram.com/BigThicketNPS.

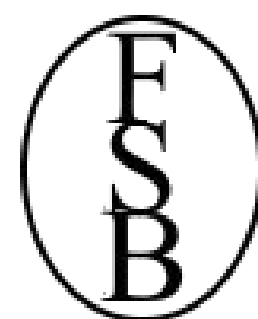


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60TH ANNIVERSARY

Jan and Walt Russell of Arlington and formerly of Livingston will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Jan. 10. The couple was united on Jan. 10, 1961 in Fort Worth. They moved to Livingston in 1995 and in 1998 purchased the Rocking Double R Ranch on JW Reneau Rd in Livingston, where they lived until February 2019. They are the current owners of Daylen's Storage company. Mrs. Russell was a member of the Polk County Garden Club for many years and is an avid bridge player. They have two children, Shelley McNamara and Cindy Corbitt; four grandchildren, Cason Corbitt, Brandon Lewis, Austin Corbitt and Alex McNamara; and three great-grandchildren, Colby, Zac and Rosalie.

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Temporary hunting closures set for Big Sandy Creek Unit

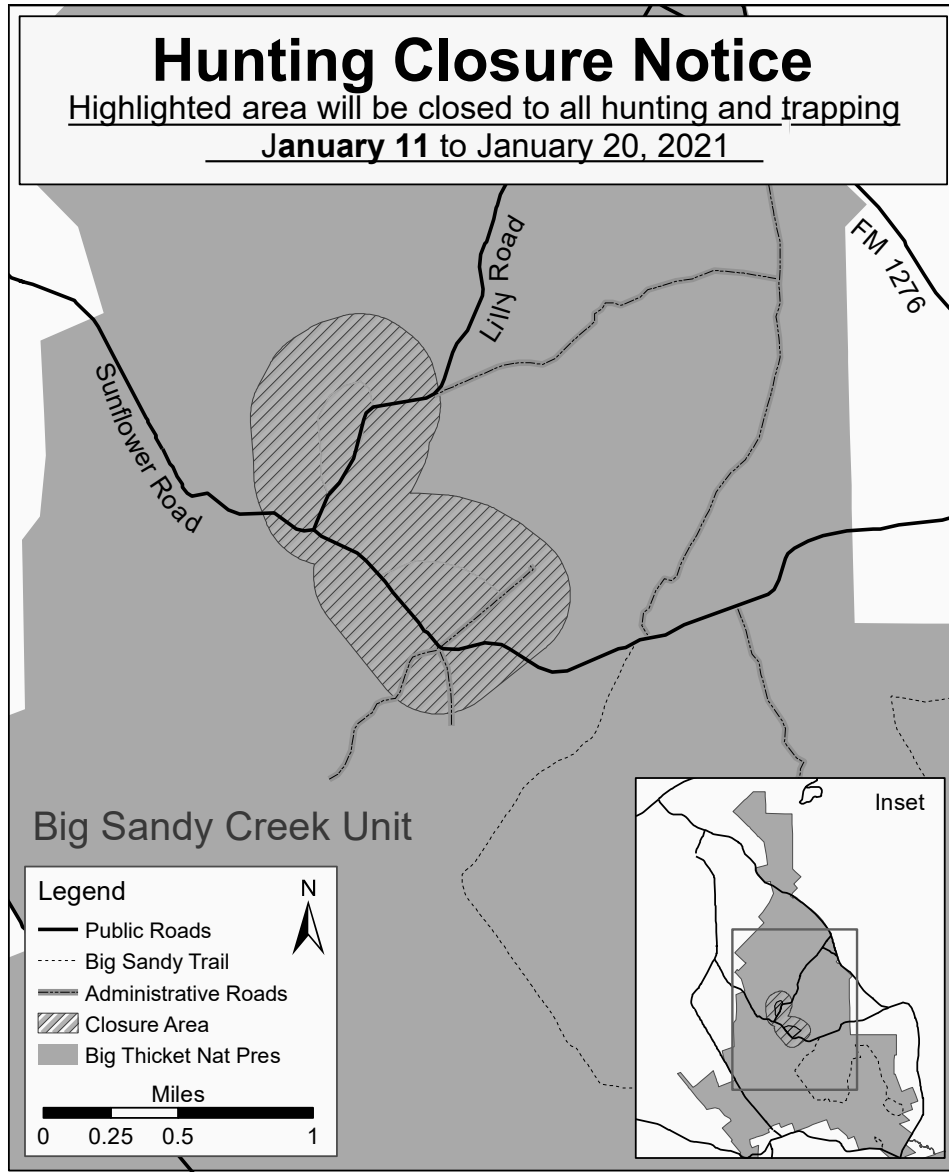
KOUNTZE — Big Thicket National Preserve has issued two temporary closures of approximately 566 acres in the center of the 10,688-acre Big Sandy Creek Unit hunting area in southeastern Polk County.

Starting Jan. 11 and ending on Jan. 20, this closure is in place to facilitate an important resource management survey and study at these two locations. No additional hunting areas are affected by this temporary closure. All other parts of the Big Sandy Creek Unit remain open. Hiking, camping and other recreational activities can continue while this work continues, the closure only effects hunting activities.

“Our primary responsibility is the safety of our visitors,” said Big Thicket National Preserve Superintendent Wayne Prokopetz. “We’re striving to minimize that impact this important survey and study work has on the hunter experience.”

Big Thicket National Preserve offers many opportunities for recreation and volunteer work in a natural environment. Hiking, hunting, and trail adoption are just a few examples of what visitors can get involved in at Big Thicket.

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ton. The preserve consists of nine land units and six water corridors encompassing more than 113,000 acres.

For general information about Big Thicket National Preserve, visit www.nps.gov/bith. Visit the preserve on Facebook www.facebook.com/BigThicketNPS, Twitter www.twitter.com/BigThicketNPS, and Instagram www.instagram.com/BigThicketNPS.

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Entergy filed application to amend TCRF rate with PUC

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On October 19, 2020, Entergy Texas, Inc. (“ETI”) filed an application to amend its Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (“TCRF”) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Commission” or “PUC”). The application was assigned PUC Docket No. 51406. The proposed TCRF is requested in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act § 36.209 and 16 TAC § 25.239. A TCRF allows a utility to recover its reasonable and necessary costs that have occurred since the end of the test year in the utility’s last base rate case for transmission infrastructure improvement and changes in wholesale transmission charges to the electric utility under a tariff approved by a federal regulatory authority. In its requested amendment, ETI is seeking recovery of costs for transmission capital investments it incurred from July 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. ETI also seeks to recover approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through rates.

The proposed TCRF as amended would result in total TCRF retail revenues of approximately \$51.0 million, which is \$31.6 million in incremental annual TCRF revenue beyond ETI’s currently effective TCRF. This \$31.6 million amount would be a 3.3% increase in ETI’s annualized non-fuel revenue requirement as compared to revenues approved in Docket No. 48371, ETI’s most recent base rate case, and a 2.1% increase in ETI’s overall annualized revenue requirement including fuel costs as compared to such revenues as approved in Docket No. 48371. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

The effective date of the proposed rate change would be the date that a Commission order adopting the proposed TCRF is issued. ETI has requested that, if no hearing is requested, the Commission adopt an order approving the proposed TCRF at or before its currently scheduled open meeting on February 25, 2021. All customers in ETI’s Texas retail rate classes are affected by this request.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this filing may contact ETI at Entergy Texas, Inc., Attn: Customer Service—2020 TCRF Case, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call 1-866-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed above.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 51406 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech- impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the commission. However, ETI has requested that the deadline be extended to January 19, 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the preferred method for you to file your request for intervention is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the “PUC Filer” on the Commission’s website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at: http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_filer_Presentation.pdf.

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David Brian Stutts, assault by physical contact.

Alesha Jean O'Bannon, dog at large.

Victor Antuan Ruiz, driving while license invalid.

Christian C. Knight, driving while license invalid.

Bonds set

Christopher L. King,

tamper/fabricate physical evidence, \$15,000.

Christopher L. King, possession of controlled substance, \$10,000.

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Tyler Dean Warren, bond revocation – manufacture/deliver controlled substance, no bond.

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Tyler Dean Warren, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, no bond.

Tyler Dean Warren, violation of conditional bond, \$5,000.

Tabatha R. Gregory, bond revocation – hinder apprehension, no bond.

James Daniel Simpson, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, \$15,000.

James Daniel Simpson,

fail to identify, \$2,000.

David Lamar Hale, possession of controlled substance, \$10,000.

David Lamar Hale, theft of property, \$10,000.

David Lamar Hale, possession of marijuana < 2 oz., \$1,500.

Gleen K. Pillows, motion to revoke probation – unauthorized use of vehicle, no bond.

Douglas A. Perkins, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500.

Lorenzo A. Johnson, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500.

Jimmy Carroll Day, indecency with child, \$25,000.

Jasmine D. Crawford, probation violation – DWI, no bond.

Melissa R. Vanwinkle, fraud use/possession of identifying information, \$5,000.

Candice D. Hawkins, credit/debit card abuse, \$10,000.

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Kenneth Ray Beal, theft with two previous convictions, no bond.

Christopher Kelley, bond forfeiture – possession, \$2,500.

Christopher Kelley, bond forfeiture – forgery, \$2,500.

Christopher Kelley, bond forfeiture – fraud, \$2,500.

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Christopher Kelley, bond forfeiture – assault, \$10,000.

Crandall Solomon, possession of controlled substance, \$15,000.

Levi Dean Patterson, criminal trespass, \$2,000.

Levi Dean Patterson, probation violation, \$1,000.

Chase Ryan Hardin, assault causing bodily injury/family violence, \$2,000.

Gabriel K. Jernigan, assault causing bodily injury/family violence, \$1,500.

Loretta Naomi Hardin, assault causing bodily injury/family violence, \$2,000.

Loretta Naomi Hardin, resist arrest, search or transport, \$2,000.

Gabriella J. Garcia, theft, \$500.

Gabriella J. Garcia, bond forfeiture, \$4,000.

James Daniel Simpson, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, \$1,500.

Regina Marie Banks, motion to revoke probation – theft of property, no bond.

Thomas E. Marshall, theft of property, \$2,000.

Joseph D. Valentine, pos-

session of controlled substance, \$20,000.

Joseph D. Valentine, manufacture/deliver controlled substance, \$20,000.

Joseph D. Valentine, possession of marijuana, \$1,500.

Dustin Shane McCoy, accident involving damage, \$1,500.

Justin Taylor Sanders, tamper/fabricate physical evidence, \$15,000.

Justin Taylor Sanders, manufacture/deliver controlled substance, \$20,000.

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Christopher L. Wyatt, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, no bond.

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Tremayne Omar Holman, assault family/household, \$10,000.

James Allan Wiggs, motion to revoke – possession of controlled substance, no bond.

Denise Hawkins, credit/debit card abuse, bond not determined.

Anthony Dale Johnson, theft of property, \$10,000.

Tremayne Omar Holman, assault, no bond.

Brittney F. Dawson, possession of controlled substance, \$10,000.

Charles Edward Lord, possession of controlled substance, \$10,000.

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Any error on a bordered ad must be brought to the attention of the classified department immediately. A correction will run in the following issue.

It is the intent and goal of this newspaper to have each advertiser who wishes to place an advertisement in the newspaper comply with Fair Housing laws. Any advertisement, which is perceived to contain language contrary to these laws, will be rejected or changed to remove the offending statement.

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES: Classified deadlines are 12:00 noon Tuesday for Thursday's issue and 12:00 noon Friday for Sunday's issue.

PENNSAVER DEADLINES: Ads appearing in the Penny-saver must be called in by 12 p.m. Friday for the following Thursday Penny-saver.

LEGAL DEADLINES: Deadline for Legal Notices are Monday at 4 p.m. for Thursday's edition and Thursday 4 p.m. for the Sunday edition.

Public Notice

POLK COUNTY SPCA urges everyone to do their part to control the pet population in Polk County. Have your pets spayed and neutered to avoid dealing with unwanted puppies and kittens. To adopt a pet, come by SPCA at 802 South Houston, corner of Mary St. and Hwy. 146 or call (936)327-7722. (1-TFN-NC)

Personal Notice

IN MEMORY of Gene Brooks, my good friend that passed away 12-31-2020. He's with his wife now, he was my beer drinking, story telling friend. I will truly miss him but, will never forget him. Until we meet again, Big George. (1-1-P)

Instructions/Lessons



Bear Arms
936-967-3633
We are open for business
Tuesday-Saturday
10 am - 5 pm
Sales & Gun Range
Full service gun shop
LTC classes
(45-TFN-B)

Auctions/Sales

LOOK Really Big Estate Sale
Fri. Jan. 8th
Sat. Jan. 9th
8 am - 4 pm
280 Crestmont Pt. Lookout
Pt. Blank, 77364
Everything Must Go
We practice social distancing and encourage everyone to wear a mask
No children allowed inside.
All sales final
Everything sold as is
Bring your own load out help
Cash, check, credit cards accepted.
936-329-0671
facebook.com/estatesbylou
(53-1-B)

ONALASKA SENIOR Citizen's Resale Shop, open Monday through Friday, 9am-1pm. First full week of the month everything is 1/2 price! Located in the old Boles Market shopping center. 936-646-3003. (1-TFN-NC)

Habitat for Humanity of Polk County Resale Store Open
600 S. Washington
Next to the Polk County Mission
Tuesday-Saturday
10am - 4 pm
Building materials, housewares, appliances, furniture, jewelry, tools, art, knick knacks
Volunteers needed daily to process incoming donations.
All proceeds go to helping build Habitat Houses.

Auctions/Sales

Call or Come by Today
Livingston Senior Citizens Country Store
1310 North Houston
Open 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Weekdays
Open during noon hour
Come by for bargains anytime

LOOK 3 Big Estates by Lou Upcoming Events
Jan. 1st & 2nd Leggett 77351
Jan. 8th & 9th Pt. Lookout Coldspring 77331
Feb. 5th & 6th Memorial Point Livingston 77351
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(53-1-B)

Liquidation Sale
on all clothing in Chic Boutique
Monday-Saturday
10 am - 6 pm
1402 North Washington
(53-5-B)

Lost & Found

LOST BLACK and white Border Collie, missing from Rock island Road, Moscow. If seen please call (936)239-7364 or (281)702-9643. (1-1-P)

Work Wanted

FENCE WORK: Replace and/or repair chain link, wooden and barbed wire fencing. Call (936)328-1679. (53-4-P)

CHIMNEY SWEEP clean & repair, stop chimney leaks, reasonable prices. Call (936)328-1679. (52-4-P)

Plumas House Leveling w/Water Level & Concrete
20 Yrs Exp, Senior Citizen Discount Insured
936-433-6304
if no answer call for appt
936-223-1167
Plus More
(1-TFN-B)

ROOFING & METAL Work, all types, of roofing, leak repairs, custom metal work, buildings and carports. Call for free estimates, Scott (936)433-0058. (1-TFN-B)

HANDYMAN SERVICE w/40 years electrical experience. Commercial & residential. Will put up/take down Christmas lights. Also offering pick-up and delivery service. Call Freeman (936)563-2543. (50-4-P)

Home repair specialist Flooring, painting, roofing and remodeling. J. W. Kolb 936-200-1254 References available. Free estimates and quality work. (50-4-P)

JOHN'S LAWN Care; Mowing, landscaping, flower beds, tractor work. Call (936) 329-1484.

Work Wanted

Puga Construction
Roofing, Painting, Flooring, Siding, House Leveling, Home Repair,
Free Estimates
936-239-8238
936-239-4002
(50-4-P)

BOND'S SCREEN WORKS
Built & Repaired STORM WINDOWS
Alum. window screens Alum. screen & patio doors
Wooden screen doors Residential Glass SUN SCREENS
Residential & Commercial Jimmy Bond
936-967-5798
(53-1-B)

Work Wanted

J. P. Lawn Service
Mowing, edging, trimming, flower beds, patio, mulch, clean ups, tree removal, pressure washing
936-933-7057
(50-4-P)

Smith Stump Grinding
Fully Insured
Free Estimates
Call Raymond (281)593-5055
(1-TFN-B)

REACH OVER 25,000 HOMES IN 4 NEWSPAPERS FOR 13 WEEKS FOR ONLY \$30 PER WEEK

- Contract period is for 13 weeks at a total cost of \$390.
- Ad will continue to run until notice of cancelation is received.
- All ads are of the same size with a hairline border.
- Advertiser is allowed one change per month to ad. (Changes or corrections must be called in before 3pm on Friday)*
- A FREE feature story with company pictures and outline information may be requested at the end of the 13-week contract period. (photos may be of your place of business and/or your equipment). Information and photos must be provided by you at this time.

Ads run once a week in the following newspapers:
THURSDAYS San Jacinto News-Times
SUNDAYS Polk County Enterprise
Trinity County News-Standard
East Texas Penny-saver

To advertise in the Lake Area Business Directory, call Madison Bland at 936-327-4357 or e-mail madison@polkcountypublishing.com

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936.327.4357 | JESSICA@POLKCOUNTYPUBLISHING.COM | 100 E. CALHOUN | LIVINGSTON, TEXAS

POLK COUNTY PUBLISHING COMPANY PRINT Shop

- BUSINESS CARDS
- FLYERS
- ENVELOPES
- INVITATIONS
- RUBBER STAMPS
- NCR FORMS
- BROCHURES

SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

How It Works: To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets!

TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "___ it under your hat"
- 5 Goldsmith country FM station
- 6 a suitable radio station?
- 7 ___ Cola
- 8 TXism: "he was around when the Dead ___ was only sick" (very old)
- 9 TX-based "___ Restaurants"
- 15 offering a bilingual Texas educa.
- 16 broadcast at the same time on FM and AM stations in Hidalgo County on U.S. 83
- 21 strange, frightening
- 22 TXism: "as much chance as a steer in ___ 'plant"
- 27 TXism: "___ dance to that tune" (agree)
- 28 TX Rip Torn 1987 comedy film
- 29 a cowboy will ___ hat to a lady
- 30 archival
- 32 James Click to the Astros (abbr.)
- 33 artwork on the wall
- 36 in Hidalgo County on highway 107
- 37 Grand ___ Opry
- 38 with beef, USDA ___ based ___ on marbling
- 39 disintegrated?
- 41 "neither's" sidekick
- 42 "turn of a ___"
- 45 TXism: "enjoyed about all ___ I can stand"
- 46 Exxon ___ station
- 47 "___ fortune"
- 48 James Bond, et al.
- 49 fastening together
- 52 TXism: "up ___ 'em juice" (coffee)
- 53 2,000 pounds
- 54 TX Stuart Hamblen wrote "This ___ House"
- 14 garment worn in India by women
- 15 Texas tornadoes
- 16 dishonest scheme
- 17 TX resident Andy Roddick was a world no. 1 tennis player in 2003
- 18 was full of
- 20 17-down played for the "Austin ___" in 2015
- 22 TXism: "chompin' ___ the bit" (eager)
- 23 domino spot
- 24 score of 5 on the longest golf hole (2 wds.)
- 25 TX-born Claire Chennault was an adviser to ___ Kai-shek
- 26 TXism: "he's ___ ___ rattler" (mean)
- 28 Latin for "unless"
- 31 TX "Pecos Bill" sweetheart was "___-Foot Sue"
- 34 TXism: "the brand ___ still smoking" (rare steak)
- 35 sips of liquor
- 37 this Thorpe helped the Rockets win 1994 championship
- 40 TXism: "happy as ___ in mud"
- 43 country singer McEntire
- 44 a horse is ___ donkey
- 50 large short-haired dogs: "Great ___"
- 51 TXism: "I got the hang of ___"

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