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Diamondback Jubilee Rodeo Queen

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Let the games begin

Wayne Belyeu throws out the ceremonial first pitch to start the baseball and softball tournaments at the Diamondback Jubilee.

GOP picks state convention delegates

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reform with limitations on property tax valuations to include voter approval of increases over 2 percent." Resolutions passed at the county level are forwarded to the Republican Party of Texas for possible inclusion in the state platform. That document is intended to show lawmakers what their constituents' priorities are. Elected officials are not bound by the party platform, however. Another main item of

business during the county gathering on March 24 was the naming of delegates to the state convention. Republicans across Texas will meet June 14-16 in San Antonio. Twelve delegates were named. They are Skipper Wallace, Marcia Wallace, Natalie Bennett, Wendy Daugherty, John Daugherty, Shirley McClintock, George McClintock, Ross Oliver, Joe Petronis, Mary Petronis, Joe Young and Patricia Young. Eric Metcalf was named an alternate.

Results listed from Lometa's Diamondback Jubilee

Florence High School senior Sierra Murphy was named Diamondback Jubilee Queen during the festival rodeo on Saturday in Lometa. Following are other results from the annual Diamondback Jubilee.

SNAKE CONTEST

The rattlesnake roundup at Saturday's Lometa Diamondback Jubilee included 573 snakes -- for a total weight of 862 pounds. Allen Reed of Hamilton caught the longest rattlesnake -- 66-1/2 inches. Reed also had the second-longest diamondback, which measured 65 inches. Reed donated his winnings from the contest back to the Lometa Lions Club, which organizes the annual Diamondback Jubilee. Third place in the contest went to Jake Hail, whose rattlesnake was 63-1/2 inches.

CHILI COOKOFF

For Cowgirl Chili, first place went to Debora Terry. Other team members were Alison Weir and Ashlyn Weir. For Cowboy Chili, the winning team was Waterloo Chili. Team members were Jason Terry, Julie Brooks and Katelyn Terry. Second place went to Lowlife Chili Team of Lometa. The Terry family won the Best Camp Award.

Democratic resolutions address solar energy, emission controls

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statewide would benefit."

PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM

"Be it resolved that Texas public schools provide a curriculum to students to teach them the skills needed for the designing, manufacturing and application of clean energy technology in order to prepare students for jobs in the 21st century."

SOLAR ENERGY IN SCHOOLS

"Be it resolved that solar panels be installed on all public school buildings in order to minimize the cost of utilities."

FOSSIL-FUEL DONORS

"The Texas Democratic Party should cease taking any money from companies in the fossil fuel industry which engage in the sale, transfer, generation or dissemination of fossil fuels, or in which fossil fuels make up 51 percent or more of their product."

The resolution calls for the change to be completed by 2020.

OIL AND GAS CONTROLS

The Lampasas County Democratic Party stated its opposition to "the rollback of the NSPS [New Source Performance Standards] oil and gas controls proposed by the EPA [Environmental Protection Agency] and the rollback of the Bureau of Land Management Methane and Waste Prevention Rule for oil and gas development on public lands being considered by the U.S. EPA, U.S. Department of the Interior and the Trump Administration."

The resolution adds that the EPA "should move forward with requiring and implementing air emissions controls on oil and gas wells including the capture of methane, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management should move forward with strict air emissions and methane controls required for oil and gas production on federal and tribal lands, which will have positive health, environmental and economic benefits for Texans."

GUN LAWS

This resolution urges state and federal legislators

to support what it describes as "broadly popular, common-sense legislation that strengthens federal background checks, requires background checks at gun shows, bans the sale of assault rifles, high-capacity magazines, bump stocks and all modification devices which make a weapon fully automatic, eliminates agency loopholes allowing for the sale of firearms to criminals, and increases the minimum age for firearm purchases to 21."

The resolution also expressed the Lampasas County Democratic Party's "solidarity with student leaders, concerned parents and activists involved in March For Our Lives demonstrations."

Referring to recent mass shootings, a separate resolution called for Congress to ban the sale of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. The resolution also called for "closing the loophole in our background check law that allows dangerous people who shouldn't be allowed to purchase firearms to slip through the cracks and buy guns online or at gun shows."

PUBLIC BROADCASTING

"Be it resolved that the state fund public broadcasting, including public television and radio."

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

"The Texas Democratic Party and all of its elected officials shall be committed to enacting laws and taking all appropriate action to ensure that marriages between same-sex couples be afforded all the rights and privileges afforded any other marriage."

GENDER IDENTITY

The resolution calls for the Texas Legislature and Congress to pass "comprehensive non-discrimination legislation that would make an individual's gender identity respected at face value" with regard to the use of public facilities.

IMMIGRATION

The local Democratic Party passed two immigration-related resolutions. One referred to the Deferred Action for

Childhood Arrivals program for undocumented immigrants who arrived in the United States as young children. Those immigrants often are called DREAMers -- an acronym based on the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors [DREAM] Act.

The resolution calls "for Congress to take action to protect DREAMers, so they can move forward with their lives and put an end to the fear that they will be deported." The resolution adds "that Congress should debate comprehensive immigration reform to address issues that affect the larger community of immigrants and support a path to citizenship for DREAMers."

The other immigration resolution "calls on local elected officials to: support policies that limit collaboration between local governments and federal immigration agencies to the fullest extent allowed

by law; support criminal justice reform efforts to reduce disparities and minimize the likelihood that an arrest results in deportation, especially for minor offenses; advocate for the opportunity of all people, regardless of immigration status, to understand their constitutional rights and have a fair shot to defend their innocence before a court of law; and support government funding of immigration legal services organizations, especially those engaged in removal defense."

The resolution also "calls on all elected officials to oppose policies like [Senate Bill] 4 that amplify Trump's deportation agenda, further criminalize people of color; and undermine the ability of local governments to affirm that communities are strongest when the inherent dignity of all community residents, regardless of immigration status, is respected."

HEAD START

TAKING APPLICATIONS!!! (No Transportation Provided)

Lampasas Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Head Start is a pre-school offering excellent educational opportunities along with medical, dental, developmental, and nutritional benefits at no cost. The Head Start approach of individualized care and guidance is well suited to helping children with disabilities. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 may be eligible. There is no charge for participation in Head Start. Pick up your application now at the Head Start Center at 500 E. 8th Street. For more information, call your local center at 512/556-6781 or Hill Country Community Action Association at 325/372-5167.

HEAD START

ESTA ACEPTANDO APLICACIONES!!! (Ningun Transporte Proporcionado)

Lampasas Head Start esta aceptando aplicaciones para el ano 2018-2019. Head Start es una escuela para niños de edad 3-5 años que califican. Head Start ofrece oportunidades excelentes para educación y tambien beneficios de medico, dental, desarrollo, y de alimento. Head Start ofrece mucha ayuda para niños y familias. No cuesta nada para que su niño atienda el programa de Head Start. Puede usted recoger ahora una aplicacion para solicitar un puesto en Head Start. Para mas informacion llame a la Head Start, 500 E. 8th Street, # del telefono: 512/556-6781 or Hill Country Community Action Association at 325/372-5167.

Hats in the Ring for: Republican Party Runoff May 22

State Representative, District 54

	Republican Candidate Dr. Brad Buckley	
Pol. adv. paid for by Dr. Brad Buckley campaign, Wayne Zeh, Treasurer.		
	Republican Candidate Scott Cosper	
Pol. adv. paid for by Scott Cosper Campaign, Christy Cosper, Treasurer.		
County Judge		
	Republican Candidate Randy Hoyer	
Pol. adv. paid for by Randy Hoyer, Diana Jackson, Treasurer.		
	Republican Candidate Larry Allison	
Pol. adv. paid for by Larry Allison campaign fund, Mike Atkinson, Treasurer.		
District Clerk		
	Republican Candidate Trina Hudson	
Pol. adv. paid for by Trina Hudson Campaign.		
	Republican Candidate Edith Wagner Harrison	
Pol. adv. paid for by Edith Wagner Harrison Campaign.		
County Commissioner, Pct. 2		
	Republican Candidate Jamie Smart	
Pol. adv. paid for by Jamie Smart, Brenda Thompson, Treasurer.		
	Republican Candidate Ron Farr	
Pol. adv. paid for by Ron Farr, Haylee Brewer, Treasurer.		

Early Voting: May 14-18
Runoff Election: May 22

Bloomin' Fest

Saturday, April 7, 2018
10 AM - 5 PM

Lampasas, Texas
Historic Courtyard Square

Don't Miss This Springtime Extravaganza featuring tons of arts & crafts booths, great food, gardening booths for all of your springtime planting, and exciting children's area.

Spring Sip 'n Stroll
\$20 per person

Includes: Souvenir Wine Glasses & Tastings. Purchase Tickets at the Door.

Lampasas County Museum
1st Anniversary Grand Re-Opening
303 S. Western St. Lampasas, TX 76550

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