

QUARTERLY ISSUES

APRIL 2018

- 1. Williams in Stephenville Today: (April 2, 2018, 8am-:30)** – Texas' 25th District Republican Congressman Roger Williams will meet with the owners and staff of Fibergate Composite Structures to discuss small business legislation and regulations, as well as how the new tax laws will impact their business. As a small business owner for his entire working life, Representative Williams will provide first-hand knowledge when meeting with the owner and employees. The Stephenville Small Business Tour begins this morning at 900 FM 205 in Stephenville.
- 2. Hoax Bomb at Dublin High: (April 6, 2018, 8am-:30)** – The Empire-Tribune reports that two students are in custody after a bomb threat led to the evacuation of Dublin High School, and a hoax bomb was located inside a backpack on campus Thursday afternoon. Dublin ISD Superintendent Dr. Rodney Schneider said [quote] "...Dublin Police Department received an anonymous call from a parent saying she had seen a picture of a bomb at the school," [end quote] Schneider said within 45 minutes, police located the hoax device. However, they did run the bomb dogs through, as a precautionary measure. The student's names were not released.
- 3. Stephenville Evening Lions' Upland Bird Extravaganza: (April 17, 2018, 8am-:30)** The Stephenville Evening Lions Club recently had their 23rd Annual Upland Bird Extravaganza, raising funds for the youth of Erath County. Justin Haschke (HAS-key), the chairperson for this year's dinner and auction said [quote] "We want to say a huge thank you to the community of Erath County and all the sponsors for their continued support of our event. It is both humbling and an honor to see such a great commitment to our cause, and the belief the donors have in our youth" [end quote] They raised over \$205,000 to meet the needs of the children in Erath County for another year.
- 4. Early Voting Begins Today: (April 23, 2018, 8am-:30)** The Empire-Tribune reports that early voting begins today. Municipal and school election ballots may be cast this starting morning, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., through this Friday at the Erath County Courthouse and from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on Monday April 30 and Tuesday May 1st, in advance of Election Day on Saturday, May 5th. Headlining the local ballot is a \$60.8 million school bond referendum that includes across-the-board improvements to Stephenville High School, as well as campus security upgrades. There are also two contested races for school board and three contested races for Stephenville City Council.

- 5. TX Gas Prices Still Rising: (April 26, 2018, 8am-:30)** – Stephenville continues to see prices rising at the pump. Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen more than 2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.50 a gallon yesterday, according to a daily survey of over 13,000 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased almost 3-and-a-half cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.75, according to the website GasBuddy.com. Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were well over 25 cents higher than this day one year ago and 14 cents higher than a month ago.