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'IT'S ALL ABOUT UNITY'

Vice President Vance, other GOP officials rally in East Texas for Paxton's campaign



Vice President J.D. Vance waves to the crowd Tuesday during a rally outside a hangar at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport. (Les Hassell/Longview News-Journal Photo)

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TYLER – Vice President JD Vance and a host of Republican federal and state elected officials rallied Tuesday in Tyler for Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton in his U.S. Senate race.

During the rally outside a hangar at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport, Vance also announced a 1950 federal law will be used to boost production at Delek US Holdings, an East Texas oil refinery.

“I’m pleased to announce that the Trump administration, working with the (Delek US Holdings) refinery ... has used the Defense Production Act, and we are going to expand the refinery right here in Tyler, Texas,” Vance said. “We want millions of gallons of commercial grade and military spec fuel to come out of this refinery in addition to what it’s already producing.”

The Defense Production Act is a federal law established during the Korean War that grants the president broad authority to influence domestic private industry to support national defense, supply chain and

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Attendees wait for a speaker Tuesday during a Republican rally outside a hangar at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport. (Les Hassell/Longview News-Journal Photo)

Check out volumes of frights at the annual Haunted Library in Longview

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Every year, the third week-end in October turns horrific at the Longview Public Library.

Since 2013, the library has held its Haunted Library haunted house, during which attendees can walk through various spooky themes.

This year’s event is set for 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 16 and 17, and the library also will be closed those days for regular operations.

“To transform the whole building, we have to limit access,” said Jennifer Eldridge, the library’s director.

The Haunted Library is organized and funded through the efforts of the Friends of The Longview Public Library, a nonprofit organization.

Attendees are charged \$5 admission at the door to help pay for materials used to build the sets and to help fund future events. A limited number of presale tickets also are available at guestlist.co/events/821155.

“Our goal is to lure patrons



Fate Wheat and other staff and volunteers prepare Thursday for the annual Haunted Library at the Longview Public Library. (Les Hassell/News-Journal Photo)

in with fun activities and hopefully get them interested in all the things that we do here,” Eldridge said. “We average at least a hundred volunteers each year. It’s a massive volunteer effort.”

The Haunted Library sees about 1,500 attendees over each of its two days, she said.

“One of the new themes that

we’ve added this year is our spider lair, where we will have an 8-foot spider,” Eldridge said.

Attendees also will encounter killer clowns, creepy dolls, a graveyard area and even a “Five Nights at Freddy’s” section in reference to a popular horror video game and films.

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Patrick rallies rural voters during stop in Hallsville

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HALLSVILLE – Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick stopped this week in Hallsville with a message for rural voters about November’s general election: “This is the third existential moment in American history.”

Patrick, a Republican, has served as lieutenant governor since 2014. He faces Democratic state Rep. Vikki Goodwin on the Nov. 3 ballot.

During the meet-and-greet event at First Baptist Church’s Family Life Center, Patrick spoke about the importance of fighting for religious liberty, why rural communities are important to keeping Texas conservative and the reasons why people should vote in this election.

“The fight for religious liberty in our country is the most important fight we have,” Patrick said.

He said he is part of that fight

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