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Public hearing on agenda regarding abandoning maintenance of county roads in Onalaska city limits

From Enterprise Staff

A public hearing is slated during the regular meeting of the Polk County Commissioners Court at 10 a.m. Tuesday to discuss and consider abandoning the maintenance of county roads within the city limits of the City of Onalaska and will consider action on it following the public hearing.

The Court will discuss and consider approval of the sheriff's and constables' fees

effective Jan. 1, 2025, and direct notification to state comptroller, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 118.131.

A memorandum of agreement with The Burke Center for a mental health deputy program will be discussed and considered for approval.

Action regarding approval to advertise a request for bids for the restoration of the creek bank on Kimball Creek at County Line Road in Precinct 4, to be funded from

the Precinct 4 operation budget, will be considered.

The Court will consider a request for the purchase of audio/video equipment and software for the Emergency Operations Center, as included on the fiscal year 2024 capital purchase projections.

A budget workshop is on the agenda, at which time the Court will consider approval of proposed lease rate quotes to be included in the fiscal year 2025 budget; consider ap-

proval to publish the proposed increases in salaries, allowances and other expenses of elected county and precinct officers; and review the fiscal year 2025 proposed budget.

The Court will enter into an executive session to consult with an attorney on a matter subject to attorney-client confidentiality relating to the volunteer fire department funding. Any action, however, will be taken

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Corrigan-Camden's new fieldhouse, junior high gymnasium and coaching offices will overlook Bulldog Stadium. PHOTOS BY BRIAN BESCH

Excitement is palpable at C-CISD

By Brian Besch
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It is an exciting time for Corrigan-Camden ISD Superintendent Brian Aiken. He accepted that job leading the school district in February and now has new surroundings.

Many of those surroundings are getting upgrades, renovations and complete remodels, thanks to a \$21.5 million bond passed in November of 2022.

"A number of our facilities are aging and there has been some time since there have been updates," Aiken said after a successful first day of classes on campus. "I know there was a bond that was passed, maybe around 2016 or so. It was limited, and only so much that was able to be done under that bond. It was time for pretty much every campus around the district to receive some updates and renovations. Some things are cosmetic, and some things are more to help operations of the school."

Aiken's career also received an upgrade during the spring semester, beginning his first job as superintendent in March. The travel was less than an hour down U.S. 287 from Crockett ISD, where he gained experience as assistant superintendent. He is originally from the Baytown area, going to school at Sterling and working in Goose Creek for a number of years.

"I have two boys. One is a freshman this year and one is

a junior. When my wife and our family moved to Crockett, one of the things we all learned was how much we really like small schools, and rural East Texas schools," Aiken said. "It fit with our family and fit with our lifestyle and our values. Whenever I was looking at taking that next step into the superintendent position, we talked about it as a family and one of the things we really identified was working with a small school. We really like getting back to that small-town community, where everybody knows each other and will do anything for each other. I think as a society, we've gotten away from that. That is something we felt going to Crockett and then coming to Corrigan. That was very apparent, just from my interactions and getting to meet people here and learning more about the community."

He said friends always spoke highly of the Corrigan area. The feeling of North Polk County being a good fit for the family was reinforced upon meeting the school board.

"I believe the fit needs to go in both directions. For the superintendent to be successful, it is like a marriage. They need to know who they are getting, and the superintendent needs to know who he is getting in the relationship. My boys started their first day Tuesday, and they love it. They said the students are very friendly and welcoming and teachers also. They had been able to come to the school for summer

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City to award bid for downtown drainage improvements

From Enterprise Staff

The Livingston City Council will review the bids received and consider action to award a bid for downtown drainage improvements during its regular meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Council will discuss and consider possible action on the notification of proposals and authorization for awarding storm-related debris removal, site management, reduction and disposal, as per proposals opened on Aug. 6.

An appeal of denial of sign permit and request for a variance for off-premises signage on FM 350 North will be presented by Henry O. Ager III/IDK LLC/Dwayne Vickery in an item that was rescheduled from the July 9 regular meeting agenda.

Council will discuss and consider possible action on the notification of proposals and authorization for award of the lease of the Livingston Municipal Golf Course as per proposals opened on July 24.

The preliminary budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2024 and ending Sept. 30, 2025 will be presented. Council is slated to call a public hearing on the budget for Sept. 10.

An executive session is on the agenda at which time Council will consult with its attorney and discuss personnel, specifically, the annual performance evaluation of the city manager. Any action, however, will be taken upon return to open session.

The city manager will present his report on projects and events.

Other items on the agenda include approval of the minutes of the July 9 regular meeting and accounts over \$500.

Deadline nearing for FEMA assistance

From Enterprise Staff

Don't wait to apply. FEMA assistance is available to Texans who were affected by the storms and flooding April 26 through June 5 and the deadline is Aug. 15. If you live in one of the 40 counties designated for FEMA assistance you may qualify if you have disaster-caused damage not covered by insurance. To apply: Go online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov), use the FEMA app for smartphones, or call 800-621-3362 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

A FEMA Disaster Recovery Center is located on the second floor of the Livingston Municipal Library located at 707 N. Tyler in Livingston.

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New school year brings safety reminders

From Enterprise Staff

As a new school year begins, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is calling on everyone to be extra cautious in school zones and around school buses to help keep students safe.

As drivers encounter school buses on the road and students loading and unloading at area schools, motorists are urged to stay alert and remember that with the new school year, congestion increases on the roadway.

The most common causes of crashes on the roadway are driver inattention, speeding and failure to yield the right of way. Driving in a school zone or near a school bus brings additional challenges to drivers. TxDOT urges motorists to slow down, pay attention and follow all traffic laws to keep children safe and avoid costly fines and tickets as parents, teachers and students prepare for the new school year.

"As parents and teachers prepare for the new school year, motorists should refresh themselves on safety tips and laws concerning school zones and school buses," TxDOT Public Information Officer Rhonda Oaks said. "We also want to urge parents to review these tips with their school children, whether those children are elementary age or in college."

Back to school safety tips include:

Driving in school zones

Stay alert to new traffic patterns around schools that may have changed since last school year. Put your phone away. Using a handheld electronic device while driving in an active school zone is against the law. Stop and yield

for people in crosswalks. Always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines increase in school zones. Drop off and pick up children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of a road. Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops. Watch for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles.

Drivers sharing the road with school buses

Follow at a safe distance, keeping in mind that school buses make frequent stops. Always stay alert for children around buses and remember that they may not always look for vehicles before crossing the street. Stop for flashing red lights or a stop sign on a school bus, unless you are traveling on the opposite side of a divided highway from the school bus. If travelling the same direction as the school bus, stop and continue your trip once the bus has moved, the flashing lights stop flashing, or the bus driver signals to pass. First offense violations can lead to a fine of up to \$1,250.


Children walking or biking to school


Use sidewalks. If there's not a sidewalk, walk on the left side of the street, facing traffic. Cross the street only at intersections or marked crosswalks. Look left, right and then left again before proceeding. Always obey crossing guards. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you. Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked vehicles. Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road. Follow all traffic rules, signs and signals.

For additional information, contact Oaks at rhonda.oaks@txdot.gov or call 936-633-4395.




The first day of school is usually the hardest for the little ones going into Pre-K, or maybe for their mothers. This mother and son are beginning their journey at Leggett ISD. COURTESY PHOTO





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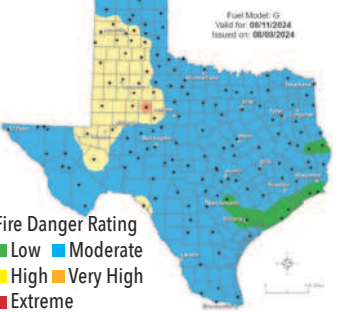
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workouts and band camp, and I think it made them feel better about making that transition.”

The changes are numerous and will impact all in Corrigan-Camden ISD, as each campus will have multiple improvements.

“A big one on everybody’s mind is safety, and there were definitely some upgrades needed related to safety,” Aiken said. “We put in new security camera systems with servers that are able to handle more cameras. We added additional cameras, and we are going from analog to digital. There are several exterior doors around the district that we needed to upgrade hardware to make sure they are latching properly, and we can control access to people coming into the buildings. We have installed a new phone intercom system that includes new speakers, that way everyone can hear announcements, but also everyone in the classrooms can hear updates related to safety.”

Aiken said a few of the buildings weren’t originally designed with some of the safety measures taken into consideration, making updates necessary.

“The big one was the junior high. That facility was previously multiple colors of paint, the ceiling tiles were getting old and dingy. The flooring had extended its usefulness, and really that whole building has gone through new ceiling grid tiles, paint and everything is nice and bright with Bulldog blue accent walls. There is striping in the hallways and nice accent pieces throughout the building, giving it a facelift. There is new flooring in the classrooms, so that building, in particular, was probably the one that had the greatest needs.

“The kitchens at each of the schools badly needed repairs. We are talking about plumbing, drainage, new equipment for cooking and cleaning, serving lines, and much of that has been upgraded. So far, we have updated the elementary kitchen, and we are working on the junior high kitchen right now. Once the junior high kitchen is

completed, then we will switch over and start working on the high school kitchen. That has been a huge deal. We prioritized that over the summer to make sure we had good, operational kitchens.”

The junior high cafeteria will also expand, giving some needed room for one that school employees said were, “bursting at the seams.”

“Once we get all the beams in and everything for that, they will put the roof on it and close it in. Then, they will take out the wall, or at least part of the wall, to open it up to the new area,” Aiken said of the junior high eatery. “That will really expand our capacity there. Right now, all the junior high kids are coming over to the high school and joining lunches with them during the construction. Once we start working on the high school cafeteria, we will probably send kids (to the junior high). Being flexible is the name of the game right now, but we ended the school year with junior high students split between the elementary and high school. Now, they are back on their home campus and teachers are in their own classrooms, so that really helps morale. The kids are excited and the teachers are excited.”

The project has been on budget, according to Aiken, and he is working with the general contractor to make good decisions.

“Anytime you are doing a renovation and you open up a wall, you can find issues. Those are not expected, and the majority of these projects are renovations. There have been some ways that we can cut money and still provide a good product for the community, and there are other areas where we have had to allocate additional funds. Sometimes, if you want to do it right, it is good to go ahead and do it all while you are in construction.”

Day-to-day life in the classrooms will be improved by better lighting, flooring and cleaner rooms, which the superintendent says is his favorite item of the entire bond project.

“To me, providing a fresh learning environment for our kids is exciting. You want kids to be excited to come to

school and be able to look at the facilities and have pride in where they go to school and what they are a part of. That is exciting to me.”

He also points to a new bus lane and new roofs as items that will help operations. New signage on the corner of Highway 59 and U.S. 287 will highlight school activities and get messaging out to the public. The school exteriors will also have a different look.

“The community doesn’t see what’s in the classrooms as often, but they do see what’s on the outside. It was time to give the schools a facelift. That will include all three campuses.”

Parking for athletic events could become problematic with the new fieldhouse on land that was previously used for football and events in the competition gym. However, Aiken said there is a plan to explore those issues in the future.

The soft target is to have most items done by the end of the school year. There are generally delays in any large project, and the superintendent knows construction into next summer is probable.

Athletics will benefit from the bond, with many sports impacted by the changes. Athletic director Brett Ratliff is a Corrigan-Camden graduate, and the enthusiasm in his face shows through when touring the campus.

“When you go into the gym, we’re going to have a brand-new floor, with brand-new paint on the floor with new designs,” Ratliff said. “The walls are all painted and we are getting the bleachers redone and new lighting. The locker rooms were touched up and redone as well, with new showers and completely remodeled bathroom facilities. The offices for coaches were remodeled. This whole gym, even though it is basically still the same brick and mortar, has definitely been upgraded.”

The floor in the competition gymnasium will match one that was recently put down in the high school gym, when water damage made changes necessary in the older facility. Ratliff said the age of the high school gym made other cosmetic changes necessary, but he feels as though the upkeep there has been great. For a

Class 2A school, the improved high school arena could also easily pass for something a varsity team would use daily.

Perhaps the most noticeable of all construction is between Bulldog Stadium and the competition gym, where a large structure has beams in place.

“The tall facility is going to be our junior high gym, so now we will have three gyms. That is going to be more practice-based if our youth want to go and play games in there. If we needed to have tournaments, we would have the facility to now host a huge tournament. The next tallest portion in the middle – the back half is going to be the weightroom and the front half will be locker room facilities. The front will be the foyer going in, there will be offices, and more locker rooms in the back. There will also be a big meeting room in there to study film.”

The current athletic fieldhouse will become an agility room and storage. On Friday nights in the fall, it will house Bulldog gridiron opponents.

“Our new weightroom is going to change our athletic program, being able to get in there and have every athlete able to be in the weightroom at one time,” Ratliff said. “It is going to make it very functional and it is going to help increase our growth. Bigger, faster and stronger athletes are better athletes, so we are really excited about that. It is going to make us a better athletic program.”

The coach said there are 88 high school boys and 54 high school girls participating in athletics. In junior high, there are 45 girls and 60 boys spread across two grades. He said around 65% of the junior high and high school population participate in a sport of some kind. Those that don’t will be able to utilize the new facilities through physical education courses.

“This entire bond project is going to touch every campus and involve every student,” Ratliff said. “That is every student group, every student organization and every personnel staff that is on campus. The bond is awesome, and it will touch everybody.”

Another \$3.6 million would have produced new fencing and new dug-

outs for baseball and softball, as well as turf on the football field. Parking, which is in short supply, would have been asphalted. For a savings of about \$7 more per taxpayer, proposition B failed. Ratliff said the proposition came up short by 11 votes.

Aiken believes there could be a point in the future where the other bond is revisited with modifications to make it more palatable for the community.

Yet, Ratliff is ecstatic with how functional and flexible the new additions make the athletic department. One example is that high school gymnasium, which he said is now used “considerably” more.

“We had to put a new floor in because the old one started buckling from a water leak. When we did, we took advantage and got the new graphics that we wanted down and got the design we wanted. We utilize it a lot more because of that. I think the kids like it, I think our staff likes it, and this is a fun gym. It is a gym that gives me a lot of memories, because there were so many activities in here when I was in school. We had our pep rallies in this gym. Even when we got the competition gym when I was a junior, we still had pep rallies in here. Being able to re-use this facility and with plans to use it even more in the next several years is pretty cool.”

Enthusiasm at Corrigan-Camden is at a high. Aiken has the opportunity to begin a new phase with his family in the rural East Texas school district he desired. He also believes the right group is in place to make it a success.

“I have a terrific team here at the central office and terrific campus leaders. Our teachers and our staff have that community spirit and I feel like we will lean into the things that we are doing well. We will continue to refine our process for providing a better service for parents and students. I just began work with the board in developing a strategic plan, so we are at the early stages of that work. The intent there is to capture our mission, our vision, and the priorities we need to address three to five years from now.”



The junior high cafeteria will feature upgrades in plumbing, drainage, cooking and cleaning equipment, serving lines, and undergo an expansion. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH



All campus exteriors will receive a facelift, as work begins on the high school. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH



The high school gym will be used considerably more, according to athletic director Brett Ratliff, after upgrades following a water leak. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH



The competition gym is nearly complete, with new paint, floor, seating, and lighting. Under the stands, locker rooms and bathrooms have been renovated. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH



The junior high classrooms have new flooring and lighting. PHOTO BY BRIAN BESCH



Corrigan-Camden superintendent Brian Aiken, who took over in March, is with his wife, Brittney and sons Colton (far left) and Camden (far right). COURTESY PHOTO

OPINION

MEETINGS

All government agencies hold regular meetings that are open to the public. Many agencies post agendas and minutes on their websites.

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- **LEGGETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 7 p.m. third Monday of the month, Leggett ISD Board Room.



Gen Z has a lot to teach us ... if we'll just shut up and listen



From the Editor's Desk

By Emily Banks Wooten
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To his credit, my husband has always been a good judge of character in that, basically, he doesn't judge others. He's extremely level-headed and is always willing to look at people/things/issues from multiple points of view, a trait in him that I admire.

He is a community college instructor and has been for roughly two decades so it's fair to say that he has his finger on the pulse of the younger generation, much more so than myself or many of our peers. There's no telling how many times over the years I've heard him comment that if we'll just get out of the way, our daughter and those from her generation will fix the world that we (previous generations) have all but ruined.

While I do not doubt him, it really became even more clear for me after listening to a panel called "Reaching Gen Z in your market" during the Texas Press Association Annual Convention & Trade Show earlier this summer. The panel featured three college senior journalism students and was moderated by Austin Lewter, Director of the Texas Center for Community Journalism and an instructor of journalism and broadcast at Tarleton State University, and Julie Reed, a student media advisor at Baylor University.

Short for Generation Z, Gen Z is the demographic that succeeds Millennials and precedes Generation Alpha. It includes those born from 1997 to 2012.

"Oftentimes, we don't realize how old we are and how young they are,"

Lewter said, starting the discussion. Giving an example, he asked the students what was the first national news story that they remembered. For one, it was the suicide of Robin Williams (2014). For another, it was the Sandy Hook school shooting (2012). For another, it was the SeaWorld trainer that was killed by a captive male orca (2010). I imagine hearing this was as much of a gut-punch for the others in the room as it was for me because for the majority of us, we can vividly remember those three specific events because it seems that they didn't occur that long ago. It was a good lesson in relativity.

Lewter asked the students to share some of the stereotypes and negative generalizations about Gen Z. The answers were interesting:

- "People think we're lazy, and don't want to work."
- "We don't all eat the Tide Pods."
- "They call us whiners, complainers, snowflakes, but we grew up in a world that's so chaotic and we want to change things. It just shows how passionate we can be."
- "You're just glued to your phone, tablet or computer. But we've learned so much through technology, and social media is how we communicate with the community and we're reaching bigger audiences through technology."

As all this was soaking in, Lewter continued, "The Tide Pod generation, the COVID generation, the school shooting generation ... Why are they so anxious? They have a damn good reason. We will be fine if we let them figure it out."

Reed agreed. "These are some of the hardest-working kids I've ever had. Technology-wise, they've learned a lot. And they are very concerned

about mental health," she said.

Reed also noted that 2024 is the first graduating class since COVID. "These students did not have high school graduations, they did not have proms and their college experiences have not been the norm."

In addition to all three students attending classes and working in student media, each holds down two part-time jobs.

"They are so much faster and so much further along," Lewter said.

As I shared the info from the panel with my husband, he wholeheartedly agreed.

"They're very engaged. They understand the problems of the world better than we do and they hold us accountable for not solving those problems, which they should, that we should have been dealing with all along."

"It's a different job market than we had. Nowadays, the same opportunities aren't there for Millennials and Gen Z. I think it's terrible that we ridicule young people for trying to change the world. We were idealistic one time, and now we just project our cynicism on them."

I think of our own daughter, about to leave for college. She's light years ahead of where I was when I left for college. Her knowledge and grasp of current world events continue to amaze me. While it is natural as her parent for me to worry about her, there's another little voice inside my head saying, "She will be fine. They all will be. Just let them."

Like the famous quote from German polymath and writer, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, "There are two lasting things we give our children. One is roots and the other is wings."

Let's step back and allow Gen Z to soar.



Julie Reed, Haeley Carpenter, Jolee Skinner, Reese Keeling and Austin Lewter presented a panel called "Reaching Gen Z in your market" during the Texas Press Association Annual Convention & Trade Show earlier this summer. PHOTO BY EMILY BANKS WOOTEN

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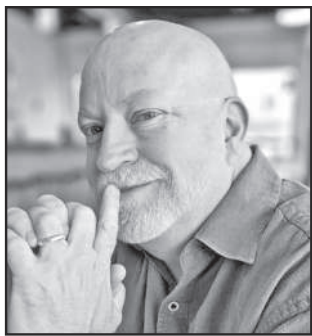


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Thought of the Week: *THOUGHT ON HOTDOGS, BELLYACHES AND SIN*

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9)



By Joel McMahon
First Methodist Church

Growing up as a Methodist preacher's kid, I moved around quite a bit. In fact, I attended 5 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and 2 high schools. In spite of all that moving, there was one constant. My grandparents home south of Cleveland was our "homebase" of sorts. They had quite a bit of land, and I spent lots of time in the woods around their house. It's where I learned to fish, hunt, and swim, and though I

didn't live there, in many ways it served as my childhood home.

One summer, I guess I was about 4 since they had just finished building their new house, I was staying with my grandparents, and I was hungry. So, when Mimmie said I could have some wieners to snack, I sat down on the kitchen floor next to the refrigerator and helped myself. They were probably my favorite food at the time, and I imagine you can see the problem already. I ate wiener after wiener after wiener, straight from the package, until I had polished off two packages! Oh! The belly ache! I was miserable, and let's just say I became very familiar with the new bathrooms...

Something else happened that day. I was nineteen before I could eat another hotdog without getting sick! Even though I had loved them when I was small, I loathed them for years after that. I couldn't enjoy the things I had loved because they made me sick for years. Why? Because I had abused the gift my grandmother had given

me. Out of my own selfishness, I had misused a gift, and that resulted in paying a price for years after that day.

You know, that is how sin works. One definition of sin is, "The misuse of a gift given by God." The gift in and of itself is not bad, but when we misuse the gifts God has given us, we sin. That abuse or misuse usually bears its own penalty - like a bellyache from eating too many hotdogs. So often, though, the results are much longer lasting. Whether we call them consequences or something else, the results of our sin show us why we all need grace.



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Indian Village

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Damascus Missionary Baptist Church

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398-4177, 103 N. Collins, Bible Study 9:45am; Sun. Morning Worship 11am, Wed. Services, Children's Teammates 5:45pm, Youth Night 7pm, Bible Study & Prayer 6pm.

First Baptist of Livingston

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First Baptist Church of Providence

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First Community Missionary Baptist

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Garner Chapel Missionary Baptist

FM 3126 between FM 350 & FM 1988, 967-8216; Sun. School 9:30am; Worship Service 11am; Pastor Eldridge Nickson

Goodrich First Baptist

Pastor Tom Owen; Sun School 9:45am, Sun Morning Worship 11am Traditional Service w/Bible Verse Preaching Sunday & Wednesday 6pm

Holly Grove

Gary Lawrence, 685-4838, Sun. School 9:45am; Sun. Morn. Worship 10:45am; Sun. Eve. Serv. 6pm Worship Service 10:45am.

Leggett Baptist

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Magnolia Hill Baptist

FM 943, 936-685-4493; Sunday Worship 11am

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Colita St., 327-3212. Kenneth Darden, Pastor; Sun. School 9:30am; Sun. Worship 11am; Wed. Night 7pm; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

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Pastor Elder Johnny K. Johnson, Jr.; 308 S. West St, Corrigan; 936-398-4583; Wed Bible Study 6-7:30pm, Sun School 9:30-11am, Sunday Worship 11am.

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New Hope Missionary Baptist

FM 296, Goodrich, 936-365-2052; Pastor: Rev. Paul High; Sunday School 9:45am; Worship 11:30am; Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm; Bible Study 7:30pm; Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm

Onalaska First Baptist

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Smith Memorial Church of God in Christ

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Polk County Cowboy Church

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Ridin' on Faith Cowboy Church

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St. Luke's Episcopal

N. Willis; Sun. School 9:15am; Church Serv. 10:30am, 327-8467

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2023 N. Houston Ave., Livingston; Sunday Ser. 10am; Bishop Steven Crockett (936) 327-5117.

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259 FM 350 N., Sunday Ser. 9:45am Worship 11:00am; Pastor Tommy Bacon (713) 384-9338.

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Lake Livingston Lutheran ELCA

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First Methodist, Livingston

Rev. Joel McMahon, Pastor; 2801 Hwy. 190 W.; 936-327-7100; Contemporary Serv. 9am; Gospel Serv 9am; Sunday School 10am; Traditional Serv. 11.

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Pastor Mike Waters, Sunday service 11 a.m., 101 N. Market; 936-398-2438.

First United Methodist, Onalaska

700 Hwy 355 S. Onalaska; 936-646-5859; Worship Sunday 10am and Facebook Live @OnalaskaFUMC; www.onalaskatxfumc.com

Goodrich First United Methodist

Pastor John A. Moye; Sun. School 9am; Sun. Service 10:25 am; Bible Study, Mon. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 6:30 p.m.; Loop 393, Goodrich, 936-365-2435.

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BITE by BITE

Conquering My Culinary
Bucket List One Dish at a Time
By Emily Banks Wooten

Summer in Westport

Or, What did you do this summer?

Editor's note: The "Bite by Bite" family is on vacation, so we called upon a guest writer to create this week's Bite by Bite. Join **George Hollenbeck** as he shares about his and Ruth's trip to their summer home in Westport, Mass. earlier this summer.

You went WHERE this summer? Westport? Where Paul Newman lived, and doesn't Martha Stewart live there? Didn't F. Scott Fitzgerald and Zelda live there? Yes, but ... that's the wrong Westport! That is Westport, CT. We went to Westport, Massachusetts ... a small "right to farm" community on the shore about 70 miles south of Boston. We first went there in the 1990s, but in 2008 we found our "home." We've gone there nearly every summer.

Where is Westport, Mass.? It is tucked in between New Bedford, Mass. and Fall River, Mass., and Little Compton, Rhode Island. When we think of that area, we think of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. But being tucked in there, many people looking for a shore vacation have never heard of it.

We don't go ALL summer ... can't afford that. We go for a week, or two weeks, or maybe three. We go in late May and early June when the fishing is best and landlord's kids have not descended. June weather can be great ("bustin' out all over"), or it can be foggy and cold and rainy ... we've seen it all.

How did we start going there? It starts with fishing, as many of my stories do. In 2008 we were looking for a place to rent for a couple of weeks, not too expensive, but with lots of things to do for Ruth and guests, and fishing for me. We were lucky and hit the jackpot ... we found a place that met all our needs. It's become our vacation "home."

Over the years, we became friends with our landlord Charles, and his wife Susan and we became more or less their default renters for the end of May and early June. I say "friends" but not exactly "social friends," and they are not exactly farmers as we know it ... say "gentleman farmers." Charles' father bought the original "farm" in the early '70s, and Charles and his brothers and sister and their families live there now - it's more like a compound. These are true northeasterners, schooled and careered in Boston ... really nice people, but not looking for friends. Their house is on the hill and ours is on the water, so we don't see a lot of them. But,

our informal rental agreement includes having cocktails together one evening where we can catch up on the year's events.

What is it that we love about going to Westport? Westport is what a vacation home should be ... far enough away to be "different" ... it is about as different from Texas as you can get ... climate-wise (cool!), geography-wise (a mix of woods and small farms with smooth winding roads yet on the water); people-wise (a mix of Boston-educated types and ordinary people ... the largest ethnic group is Portuguese). A vacation home should also be reasonably easy to get to - a nonstop flight to Boston and a 70-mile drive south. It should have "things to do" within an hour or two (museums, historic houses, whale watching, Cape Cod, Fenway Park, et al.). A must-have for us is good eating, so a good location must have good "food" places (e.g., a great grocery, lobster and seafood, delicious bread and creamy ice cream). It needs good shopping places for Ruth and friends, and last, but not least, easy fishing places for me.

Our house is on the water on the East Branch of the river before it joins with the West Branch and goes into the ocean. The water is saltwater with tides that go in and out with the moon, each branch a few miles across with marsh islands in the shallow places - a perfect place for great scenery and fishing for striped bass.

2024 was a special summer because we weren't sure we would get to go. Fact is, we are not as sharp physically or mentally as we used to be. We don't notice that, but our kids must. They decided that we shouldn't go to Westport by ourselves, they would go with us - they would chaperone us for two weeks ... first week our daughter Deana and the second week our son Bruddy and his wife Paula, with a weekend visit from granddaughter Savannah and her "friend" Jeremy who live in New York.

How did it all work out? Couldn't have been better. The food? Our go-to restaurant is only a couple miles away with lobster rolls to die for. We ate at the Bayside so often that I suspect they ordered lobster rolls or fish and chips and a couple of Golden Flounder beers when they saw us park the car.



Ruth, George and Deana



Paula, Ruth, Bruddy and George





But this was not our only restaurant. We always frequent the Back Eddy at least more than once; located where the East and West Branches of the river come together, it has a great view of the harbor and delicious food and an interesting clientele. Their Bombay Sapphire martinis should not be drunk by old geezers, although one night I did have one with my fresh-caught swordfish. Ruth had fish and chips, and Deana, taking a break from lobster rolls, had lobster mac and cheese! The Back Eddy clientele varies from anglers to aristocrats.

We had a great laugh one rainy night when we were standing under the awning after dinner, waiting for our car. Some fancy city folks came out and one of the ladies looked down at Ruth's sandals – if you know Ruth, you know that she wears sandals all the time, all year round, rain or shine. One woman looked down at Ruth's sandals and said, "My, those sandals are lovely. Who are they?" It took us a minute to realize that she meant "what designer made them." Our car arrived just in time for Ruth to say, "Thank you" and didn't have to explain, "I got them at Payless for \$14!"

We didn't eat out all the time. Our favorite market in the world is Lee's. It caters to people like us who don't care what it costs if it is easy to fix and delicious. Their chicken salad can't be beat; it's the only place we know to get Adamsville Cheddar, and their Portuguese Sweetbread toast is a great way to start the day. They have a great selection of wines also, from our house wine, La Vieille Ferme White, to very elegant reds.

As for things to do, over the years we have seen so many of the sights that we often stayed home this year and watched the tide come and go. Deana had been so busy the week before we left Livingston that she was quite content to slow down and take care of the parents ... as she said on her Facebook log, "Chaperoning parents is hard work!" The Aggies were in the baseball tournament in College Station so one must-do for her was watching the ball games ... Deana had planned ahead and figured out how to get the Aggie channel.

Other than watching the Aggie games, Deana was devoted to doing whatever we wanted. One thing I wanted to do was have lunch with an old friend and his wife who had moved back to the Boston area after retiring from life as history professors at the University of Iowa. When Mac and I planned our annual lunch this year, we both realized we had aged out of meeting halfway at Harry's Bar and Grill. When I told Mac that Deana was with us, he suggested that we should all come for lunch with him and Sarah at their new home, senior living place, Linden Ponds. We could "reunion" and they would get to meet Deana. Much to my surprise, Deana was not only willing, but eager to make the trip (possibly she was thinking "aging parents, senior living"). She asked, "How long have you known Mack and how do you know him?"

"I've known him for over 60 years. One Sunday night in 1957 when we were first-year graduate students at the University of Wisconsin, by chance we both went to the Wesley Foundation seeking a free meal and hoping to meet girls. As it turned out, we did get a free meal but met no girls. Instead, we met each other and have been friends ever since."

The trip to Linden Ponds turned out to be a truly festive reunion and a chance to see a luxurious senior living facility. Linden Ponds exceeded our expectations. With 1,300+ residents, it has five or six restaurants, a branch of the Bank of Boston, a dentist office, a medical center, and just about everything that seniors, at whatever age and stage, would need. Mac said that after owning houses for years, he felt like he had laid his burden down. Their apartment was lovely, spacious, providing room for both of them to have a working space, kitchen, et.al. As we said goodbye, we admitted that

we were impressed, but not yet ready for senior living.

The week couldn't pass without Deana and Ruth having one "mother/daughter bonding day." They lunched at yet another of our favorites, and did some shopping, and even found something to buy at a Westport boutique.

Week 1 came to an end as we sadly put Deana in a car to the airport for her trip home. It was lonely without Deana, but by midafternoon our Week 2 chaperones arrived from Dallas. No surprise, they were hungry, so back to the Bayside and lobster rolls again!

What did we do in Week 2? There is something about watching the tide come in and go out that is hard to leave. An occasional swan, maybe a flock of geese or osprey, and on the weekend maybe a sailboat or a rowing scull. When Paula and Ruth went shopping, Bruddy and I could fish. With a kayak outside the house, I could fish every day, thanks to an 18-footer borrowed from my friend and retired guide whom I had fished with since 1993. When David retired, he put me onto another great guide, Parker Mauck, who took me out in his boat several days. One day Bruddy and I went with Parker to the West Branch where we found a pod of nice strippers. Bruddy had the hot hand and must have landed a dozen.

On Friday, the grandkids arrived, and Savannah and Jeremy drove in from New York, eager for a lobster roll and a trip to Nantucket. They like to get up late and "live large," so we knew just tide watching was over. (How large? One day they arrived home with seven pints of ice cream from our favorite creamery, Handy Hill). Going to Nantucket was a trip we had done several years, but this year everyone agreed that the cobblestones of Nantucket were not for old people. Ruth and I gracefully opted out, and Bruddy and Paula and Savannah and Jeremy took off for a couple of days on the Island, a two-hour ride on the ferry from New Bedford. They had two days doing island things like a bicycle tour of the island, shopping and eating. We were sorry to see them go without us, but to tell you the truth, Ruth and I are not used to being chaperoned 24/7. We enjoyed our time watching the tide and were glad to see them when they came back. Savannah and Jeremy soon took off for their three and a half-hour drive back to New York ... a weekend drive that turned out to be seven hours!

What did we do those last few days? Not much but watch the tide, went over to Tiverton, Rhode Island for lunch (yep, more lobster rolls), and on the way back stopped at Handy Hill to replenish our stock. That place is a disaster for ice cream lovers.

But, all good things come to an end. Our last day, Bruddy and Paula took us to Boston where they put us on our flight to Houston before they took theirs to Dallas.

So, how was the vacation this summer? One of our best vacations ever. How did you like having a chaperone? We loved it ... no decisions, no worries! What was the most fun? The whole thing was delightful, but the really special thing was living every parent's dream – spending a week with each of the kids, and even a couple of days with grandkids. With the schedules that everybody has today, a whole week with each kid is really tough to arrange.

What about next year? Nobody knows what a year will bring. I figure Carpe Diem. Maybe by then we will have aged out of our summer home. Maybe the world will end? Who knows? If you catch that 7:45 a.m. to Boston on May 27, 2025 ... God willing and the creeks don't rise, look for us ... in first class with our chaperone! You might as well go first class too ... your heirs will! ■

HEARING

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upon return to open session.

In personnel matters, the Court will review and consider personnel action form requests submitted since the last meeting and review any emergency hires. Additionally, the Court will consider the appointment of Jay Diehl to the vacant position of Polk County Extension Agent/Agriculture and Natural Resources, as the candidate recommended by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.

Fiscal year 2024 budget revisions and amendments, as presented by the county auditor's office, will be considered for approval.

During informational reports, the Court will hear a report from the Healthy County committee regarding wellness strategy/county-specific incentive program.

In old business, the Court will consider approval of the minutes of the July 11 regular meeting that was rescheduled from July 9.

Items on the consent agenda include:

- Approve minutes of the July 23 regular meeting and July 30 special called meeting;
- Approve corrected minutes of the June 11 regular session;
- Approve schedules of bills;
- Approve order designating surplus property;
- Receive and record personnel action forms submitted by elected officials since the last meeting;
- Approve adoption of the Texas

Health & Human Service Commission indigent health care eligibility standards, documentation and verification procedures according to the act with the addition of the following provision of optional services as allowed under V.T.C.A. Health & Safety Code, Section 61.0285;

- Approve sheriff's request for application to Texas Association of Property and Evidence Inventory Technician grant;
- Approve "no change" in county road and bridge fee (\$10) and child safety fee (\$1.50) authorized by the Texas Transportation Code, Sec. 502.401-502.403;
- Accept payments in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$63,838;
- Accept fiscal year 2024 indigent defense formula grant No. 212-24-187;
- Receive and record district judges' orders setting fiscal year 2025 compensation for the county auditor, assistant auditors and 258th and 411th district court reporters, court coordinators and bailiffs pursuant to Local Government Code;
- Approve joint contracts for election services with Livingston ISD and Big Sandy ISD for the county's provision of election equipment and services for the Nov. 5 general election, as recommended by the county clerk;
- Receive and record agreement between the district attorney's office and the Texas Department of Public Safety, state administrator of the Texas Enforcement Telecommunications System;
- Receive and record non-twenty-

four hour terminal agency agreement between the Polk County Sheriff's Office and Polk County District Attorney's Office;

- Ratify memorandum of understanding between Polk County and Deep East Texas Council of Governments for participation in the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Method of Distribution for Regional Interoperable Radio Communications Project;
- Receive third quarter hotel occupancy tax funds reports from the Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce and the Polk County Higher Education and Technology Foundation;
- Approve 2024 hotel/motel occupancy tax contribution tourism budget from the Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce;
- Receive the treasurer's monthly report for June 2024;
- Receive the treasurer's fiscal year 2024 third quarter report for April through June of 2024;
- Approve addendum to agreement with Network Communications International Corporation for inmate tablet services at the Polk County Jail; and
- Authorize the foremen of each road and bridge precinct to be an "authorized designee" to assist the Office of Emergency Management as needed with evaluating identified trees, limbs or stumps to determine if they are hazardous and should be removed according to State/FEMA debris removal guidance and debris removal contracts.

LIFE TRIBUTE

Joe Lynn Johnson Jr.

Joe was born February 22, 1959 and passed away June 21, 2024.

My beloved Joe lost his courageous battle with cancer Friday, June 21, 2024.

Joe passed away peacefully surrounded by love at home in Houston, Texas.

Joe had a passion for piddling with leather, working on cars and collecting various things that brought him great joy.

Joe was a fierce warrior for our Lord, Jesus Christ. Joe is preceded in death by his beloved brother, Jerry Johnson, his mother, Laura Bell Johnson, and his sister, Jo Hodge Johnson.

Joe is survived by his wife, Margaret Dear Johnson, his beloved brother, Bo Johnson, sister-in-law, Becky Johnson, nephew, Lucas Johnson and niece, Allison Johnson.



Joe Lynn Johnson, Jr.

Special thanks to Livingston First Assembly of God, Joe's best friends, Warren, Jason and Ken, our Celebrate Recovery family in Livingston, Beth Thompson for wrapping Joe and Margaret in love and support through our most difficult time, Vantage Hospice and Claire Brothers for their special care and compassion taking care of Joe and Mary Fox Stilwell and our AA family in Houston, Texas.



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- Monday, August 12, 2024
- Tuesday, August 13, 2024
4:30 pm- LHS- F/JV/V Volleyball vs Splendor
- Wednesday, August 14, 2024
- Thursday, August 15, 2024
LHS- Fall Pictures (9th - 11th)
LHS- Varsity Volleyball- Dayton Tournament
- 5:00 pm- LHS- Freshman/JV Football @ Coldspring (Scrimmage)
- 6:00 pm- LHS- Varsity Football @ Coldspring (Scrimmage)
- Friday, August 16, 2024
LHS- Varsity Volleyball- Dayton Tournament
- 4:30 pm- LHS F/JV Volleyball @ New Caney
- Saturday, August 17, 2024
LHS- Varsity Volleyball- Dayton Tournament
- LHS- Tennis @ Huntsville



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PINEYWOODS FISHING REPORT

B.A. Steinhagen

FAIR. Water stain; 85 degrees; 1.34 feet below pool. Water is being released into the lake from Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Mayflies are hatching, so expect some topwater bass action. Bass are fair on soft plastics in the cuts, or with frogs over grass. Crappie are fair with jigs in flooded timber. Catfish are fair on jugs.

Bob Sandlin

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 93 degrees; 0.22 feet above pool. Summer fishing patterns are holding steady. Big blue catfish up to 30 pounds are in 20-35 feet of water with cut bait. Channel catfish are fair in 15-20 feet of water on baited holes with stink bait. Crappie are good in 30 feet of water, or suspended in 15 feet of water with minnows. White bass are good at night in the lights with a white spinnerbaits. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service. Black bass are feeding early on shad patterns around grass and retaining walls. Main lake points are good for bass using clouser type patterns. Bream are plentiful with wooly buggers and small worm patterns. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. Bass are good on points in 18-22 feet of water using deep water baits like deep diving crankbaits, dropshots and Texas rigs. Night fishing has the best bite and is an escape from the heat and recreational boaters. Sand bass and black bass schooling together near the dam, and bridges. Report by Mike Stroman, R & R Marine.

Caddo

FAIR. Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.50 feet above pool. Caddo is starting to finally look like her normal summer self with the water levels coming down after all the flooding this year. Starting to see more and more lily pads and the grass is thicker in places. Bass are schooling, so keep an eye and ear open on the main lake. Look for the birds to show you where the shad, because bass will be feeding. Fluke, buzz bait, topwater plugs and small rattle traps or spinnerbaits will all work for the schooling fish. In the river a Texas rig, drop shot or shaky head worm will all get bit all day long over the grass and pad lines, and fishing the cuts. This is a great time to come see and fish this beautiful lake that God spoke into existence. Report provided by Vince Richards, Caddo Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

Conroe

GOOD. Water stained; 90 degrees; 0.02 feet above pool. Thermocline is around 30 feet of

water. Catfish are good on baited holes and around structure. Crappie fair to poor on minnows on structure 10-20 feet. Largemouth bass are good up shallow early and on offshore structures and docks by mid morning. Report by Brad Doyle, Bradley's Guide Service. Hybrids and white bass are schooling in 18-26 feet biting live shad or large minnows, or trolling with a deep diver with a pet spoon as a trailer. Some are scattered but also finding schools. Many are jigging spoons too aggressively, getting more hits with a calmer jigging motion, white or chartreuse slabs from MT Pockets has been working well.

Fork

GOOD. Water Stained; 81 degrees; 0.42 feet below pool. Bass are fair in the morning on swimbaits, frogs, and chatterbaits around grass and weeds in 2-4 feet. Offshore bite is best with Carolina rigs in 18-24 feet in big worms and flukes. Crankbaits are still working over deep water humps ms points in 22-27 feet. Shad patterns and chartreuse and blue backs XD 6 and XD 8 best. Report by Marc Mitchell, Lake Fork Guide Service. August brings in hot temperatures. Bass are feeding in 10-12 feet where the thermocline is not present. Look for schooling bass in the open water and creeks as shad hatch is in full swing. Also, check out the brush piles as big bass are using them to feed on crappie. Bream are excellent in the shallows, wooly buggers and small poppers should bring a strike. Report by Guide Alex Guthrie, Fly Fish Fork Guide Service. The crappie fishing on Lake Fork continues to be excellent as we get deeper into the summer pattern. Fish are still stacked up on brush, trees and some lay downs. Best depths are 14-28 feet with a few fish a little shallower and a little deeper. The bite has been somewhat finicky lately. Minnows are a good choice to help overcome the slower bite. You can still catch fish on smaller hand tied baits or soft plastics. I've also noticed that rotating spots or finding new spots with less pressured fish has been important. The catfishing on Lake Fork is excellent like it seems to always be for eater sized channel cats. There are still tons of fish under roosting trees in 14-22 feet of water on the north ends of the lake. Bait a hole with cattle cubes or sour grains to get those fish concentrated. Then use any catfish bait of choice to load the boat. Report by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky Wiggins Guide Service.

Houston County

SLOW. Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.10 feet above pool. Fishing patterns are consistent. Sunfish are good. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Bass are slow midday, with the best bite in the morning.

Lake O' the Pines

GOOD. Water stained; 90 degrees; 0.21 feet above pool. Solid summer pattern is holding steady for the bass. Bass are good with schooling activity starting to pick up. Follow the shad to find the bass. There is still some bass in the bushes along the banks pitching Texas rigged worms and jigs, or wacky rigs. Bass are good on brush piles on points on the south end of the lake in 15-25 feet of water with deep run-

ning crankbaits, jigs, wacky worms and Texas rigs. The north end of the lake is producing catches on the grass and bushes. Report by Mike Stroman, R & R Marine.

Livingston

GREAT. slightly stained; 88 degrees; 0.10 feet above pool. White bass are good and moving quickly in 2-16 feet of water. Shallow early morning and then moving to flats late morning hitting white and chartreuse Duck Tracker slabs. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

Martin Creek

GOOD. Water stained; 94 degrees; 0.30 feet below pool. Bass are good early and late off points and at the edge of the hydrilla on plum worms and under spin swimbaits. Larger bass are on deep brush using deep diving crankbaits. Crappie are excellent, concentrated schools are suspended on brush and standing timber in 25-30 feet of water. Shad colored jigs and minnows are best. Catfish remain good in 15-25 feet on live bait and nightcrawlers. Report by Hambone guide service Report by Hambone Guide Service.

Nacogdoches

EXCELLENT. Water stained; 90 degrees; 0.33 feet below pool. Largemouth bass are excellent on small swimbaits using forward facing sonar in 8-16 feet of water, or off the bottom in creek channel swings with Carolina rigs, or deep diving crankbaits. Crappie are excellent over brush piles and standing timber with light weight chartreuse and natural colored crappie jigs. Catfish are slow on cut bait and live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Nacouiche

GOOD. Water stained; 89 degrees; 0.50 feet above full pool. The water temperature increased quickly over the last week. Continue to keep an eye on the thermocline because this tells you the exact depth to present your offering. Even over deep water, do not go below this line. Numbers of bass can be caught in the 8-10 foot zone with swing-heads, weightless flukes, and jerkbaits, with the Texas-rig stick-bait landing the most catches. When you find schooling bass, chunk an underspin, or a "spook" style topwater. Crappie population is good. Catfish are slow. Report by Eric Wolfe, Naco-Tack Fishing Services. Largemouth bass are excellent on deep diving crankbaits, small swimbaits and Carolina rigs 10-15 feet of water. Crappie are excellent cruising around the timber lines with some brush piles with live minnows or natural colored crappie jigs. Catfish are fair on cut bait and live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Pinkston

GOOD. slightly stained; 90 degrees. Largemouth bass are excellent on dropshots and small swimbaits in 10-18 feet of water, or with deep diving crankbaits on points and edges. Lots of 3-5 pound catches. Water visibility has cleared to about 3.5 feet of visibility. Catfish are good on live minnows. Report

by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Raven

FAIR. Water stained; 83 degrees. We are expecting beautiful, sunny conditions all week with 100 degrees of heat! Anglers are advised to try their luck in the early morning or late afternoon to escape the heat. Water level continues to be high and the water murky. Navigate with caution watching for floating debris. Crappie are fair on minnows and artificial grubs. Bass are fair on soft plastic artificials. Catfish are fair on worms fished off the bottom. Bluegill are excellent at the boathouse dock on crappie bites and worms.

Sam Rayburn


GOOD. Water stained; 89 degrees; 5.35 feet above pool. No water is being released, stoned in the creeks. Bass are slow in shallow water with many smaller fish being caught on frogs, and spinnerbaits. Deeper bass bite is fair with Carolina rigs. Crappie are slow in the morning, but improve midday. Catfish are all over the lake in 20 feet of water and in 12 feet of water in the creek channels. White bass are on points in the south end of the lake near the dam. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. Bass are feeling the heat as well. Lake level is fluctuating due to recent rains. Bass are biting on finesse baits, dropshot or jighead minnow or Carolina rig. Mid lake to north lake is the most productive areas. Lots of fish schooling on main lake flats and ledges. Falling water creates current so fish congregate and now that the lake is risen again the fish are scattered. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Fishing.

Toledo Bend

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 91 degrees; 1.63 feet below pool. Fishing patterns are consistent. Lake is stained in some of the main creeks, but still clear out on the main lake. Crappie fishing is slow with a few catches on deep brush and lighted boat docks at night using live bait. Bass are fair with very few bites on topwater now that all the clouds are gone, best bite still has been from 8-14 feet on Texas and Carolina rig worm and mid-running crankbait. There are few small fish being caught out deeper in 18-25 feet on drop shot and spoons, these fish are small and most are Kentucky bass. With no moon and poor weather the night fishing has slowed down this past week, but a big Texas rigged worm at night in 14-20 feet is hard to beat, especially with the hot daytime temperatures. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

Tyler

GOOD. Water normal stain; 85 degrees; 0.06 feet above pool. Summer fishing patterns are holding steady. Night fishing is good for catfish and crappie in the lights. Crappie are good using minnows and jigs on brush in 16 feet of water. Catfish are fair in 12-16 feet of water shrimp, and liver. Bream are good on red worms off the barge and throughout the lake. Bass are fair biting off the barge with topwater and crankbaits. Carp are slow on dough baits. Report by The Boulders at Lake Tyler.



The Livingston Municipal Library would like to thank all the local businesses who donated coupons for us to hand out to our local children as rewards during our Summer Reading Program. Wal-Mart, Dairy Queen, Chick-Fil-A, and Whataburger donated coupons! The coupons are a great way to reward our young readers for their efforts during our program. On behalf of the library and the children who received these rewards we would like to acknowledge each of these companies and to let them know how much their generosity was appreciated!

Additionally, I need to recognize Wendy Black and her daughters, Molly Black and Jewelanna Aguilar, as well as Katherine Ferguson for their volunteer work during our Summer Reading Program Awards party! Without their help there wouldn't have been a party. The week that we had planned on throwing it the staff member responsible for putting everything together became ill and was out of work for an entire week. Wendy, with the help of her girls, stepped up and put all of the pieces together to pull off an amazing and much deserved party for our local youth! Thanks for all your help!

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From Enterprise Staff

For the past five years, the Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce has held an annual State Championship Barbecue Cookoff, Smoke in the Pines, at Pedigo Park each June and they have been big successes.

The International Barbeque Cookers Association (IBCA) that sanctions the cookoffs will hold its annual showdown competition On Aug. 31 at Pedigo Park, with approximately 100-150 IBCA teams cooking there.

Head Judge Kevin Miller explained what

the IBCA Showdown is.

"In 2017, the International Barbeque Cookers Association (IBCA) held its first showdown event in San Angelo, Texas. This event is for IBCA members only and the event is a way for the organization to say 'thank you' to its members. The event is either a guaranteed payout or 100% payout and the only requirement to participate is to be a member. The board of directors holds this event and volunteers their time to oversee it. The organization has held this event in several locations across the state. They approached Livingston because of the outpouring of support the community

has for the chamber and its annual 'Smoke in the Pines' Barbecue Cook-off. IBCA is looking for a permanent home for its event or at least alternate between chosen locations."

Judges are being sought for the event. There will be no more than 12 boxes on each table of five judges. This means that you will only have 12 bites (one bite from each box). You are welcome to judge more than one category if you choose. The judging times on Aug. 31 are at noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. The items being judged will only be the three IBCA meats – chicken, ribs and brisket.

"The chamber is very fortunate to have IBCA to sanction our cookoffs. This ensures that it will be successful with the IBCA teams following as well as our local teams. We have teams from all over Texas and Louisiana competing for points," Brenda Clifton said. "We are so excited that they have chosen our town and Pedigo Park as their location. This will be great for our community."

Judges must be 18 years of age to judge, and 135 judges are needed for the event. To sign up to judge, contact Brenda Clifton at brenda@polkchamber.com or at 936-327-4929 or 936-328-9892.



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Texas Department of Agriculture Media Release | Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
July, 26th 2024

The Livingston Independent School District announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:

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COUNTY COURT AT LAW Judge Tom Brown presiding. Criminal Docket

Leah Denise Ellis, theft of property. Brittany Leighann Williams, possession of marijuana < 2 oz. Anthony Blake Atchley, driving while intoxicated. Robert Earl Henderson, violate bond/protective order. Emily Vasquez, possession of marijuana < 2 oz. Delvin Dewayne Robins, violate bond/protective order. Delvin Dewayne Robins, possession of marijuana < 2 oz. Jasmine Duarte Crawford, deadly conduct. Delray Tolar, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Jared James McGaha, assault causing bodily injury/family member. Brianna Brooke Jernigan, assault causing bodily injury. Marshall Shane Lovell, evading arrest/detention. Regina Gail Cain, assault causing bodily injury/family member. Danny Ray Lamb, driving while intoxicated - 2nd. Charles Edward Baxley, unlawfully carrying weapon. Dayveon Raykin Wallace, deadly conduct. Dayveon Raykin Wallace, unlawfully carrying weapon. Ronnie Lynn McCarty II, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Allen Randolph Banks, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Dawson Marcus Harris, assault causing bodily injury. Marilyn Marie Wortham, assault causing bodily injury. Mikell Allen Green, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Christal McGovern Harvey, terroristic threat of family/household. Cody Shane Fulcher, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Cody Shane Fulcher, possession of marijuana < 2 oz. Christopher Lane King, assault causing bodily injury/family member. Clayton Edward King, assault causing bodily injury/family member. Tina Louise Schoubroek, criminal trespass. Mason Chap Parker, theft of property. Elmer Wayne Green Jr., theft of property. Alisha Kay Chron, theft of property. James Garland Davis, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Jimmy Ryan Lindquist, unlawfully carrying weapon. Ruby Katherine Pursley, fail to identify fugitive intent give false information. Joseph Kaleb McKeone, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Martha Nava Lopez Ramos, assault causing bodily injury. Telija Monya Miles, unlawfully carrying weapon. Telija Monya Miles, possession of marijuana < 2 oz. Allisa Louise Roback, theft of property. Lizzie Green Levy, driving while intoxicated. Terry John Light Jr., theft of property. Christi Jean Parker, theft of property. Brett Wayne Forrester, theft of property. Kenneth Earl Carter, assault causing bodily injury/family member. Terry John Light Jr., theft of property. Billy Ray Bookman, theft of property. Joe Keith Cooper, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension.

Jason Allen Roberts, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Casey Dean Seek, theft of property. Derrick Remon Wesley Petty II, assault causing bodily injury/family member. Johnny Lee Lawson, display fictitious license plate. Johnny Lee Lawson, possession of controlled substance. Cory Allen Shilling, terroristic threat of family/household. Kari Ann Lafray, assault causing bodily injury/family member. David Wayne Holt II, criminal mischief. Kim Anthony Currier, evading arrest/detention. Kim Anthony Currier, terroristic threat cause fear of imminent serious bodily injury. David Brian Stutts, assault causing bodily injury/family member. Monique Lashon Valentine, possession of marijuana < 2 oz. Eric Dwayne Garner, possession of marijuana < 2 oz. James Alton Moffett, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Hannah Marie Mattox, assault causing bodily injury/family member. Charles Edward Baxley, deadly conduct. Patricia Anne Proctor, driving while intoxicated - 2nd. Brandon Cortrell Lyons, possession of marijuana < 2 oz. Devin Wayne Wright, terroristic threat of family/household. Troy Jamarkus Garner, theft of property. Ronald Joe Rossion Jr., terroristic threat cause fear of imminent serious bodily injury. David Dwayne Darden, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Glennie Grace Gast, assault causing bodily injury/family member. Alice Faye Wallace, assault causing bodily injury/family member. Corey Charles Grimm, possession of controlled substance. Corey Charles Grimm, unlawfully carrying weapon. Christopher Allen Larive Jr., unlawfully carrying weapon. Christopher Allen Larive Jr., tamper with identification numbers. Christopher Allen Larive Jr., possess dangerous drug. Christopher Allen Larive Jr., possession of marijuana < 2 oz. Ross Daniel Rachal, criminal mischief. Evan Anthony Halbert, possession of marijuana < 2 oz. Justin Vincent Wood, criminal trespass. Christopher Neil Dick-ens, false report to police officer. Craig Allen Wilson, boating while intoxicated. Travis Cole Brubaker, criminal mischief. Nicholas Andrew Rivers, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Richard Leslie Rogers, violate bond/protective order. Gary Wayne Heusel, fail to identify giving false/fictitious information. Will Thomas Butler, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Preston Ramsey Scogin, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension. Dakerrian Tavon Wyatt, criminal mischief. Angelica Tovar, assault causing bodily injury/family member. Paula Theresa Lenox, assault causing bodily injury/family member. Shunta Latasha Cooper, assault causing bodily injury/family member. James Alfred Vanhowten Sr., assault causing bodily injury/family member. Debbie Jean Ammons, theft of property.

JAIL REPORT

JAIL REPORT Week of Aug. 2-8 Aug. 2

Binnion, Rhanda, 43 of Houston, possession of a controlled substance. Chron, Alisha Kay, 35 of Onalaska, possession of a controlled substance, theft of property. Pharris, Johnny David, 59 of Onalaska, terroristic threat causing fear of imminent serious bodily injury. Rogers, Ashley Christine, 33 of Cleveland, bond surrender/possession of a controlled substance, bond forfeiture/burglary of a vehicle. Tucker, Frank Glen, 34 of Houston, sex offenders duty to register with previous conviction. McGowan, Ivan William, 36 of Houston, 10-day commitment, driving while intoxicated 3rd or more. Sanders, Carmelius Paige, 45 of Houston, fail to identify fugitive with intent to give false information. Aug. 3 Burch, Terry Eugene, 59 of Leggett, criminal mischief. Denson, Joshua Darrin, 32 of Cleveland, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, Bandera County warrant/failure to appear/criminal trespass, Kerr County warrant/bond forfeiture/possession of a controlled substance. Hernandez, Isaias, 22 of Caldwell, assault causing bodily injury, public intoxication. Ramirez, Aaron, 40 of Livingston, Harris County warrant/bond forfeiture. Ramos, Ruben Ray Jr., 31 of Alice, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility x 3. Silva, Alexis Danielle, 26 of Alice, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility x 3. Square, Lynesha Cne, 27 of Corrigan, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information. Aguirre, Ruben, 64 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest search or transport, tamper or fabricate evidence with intent to impair. Burton, Kory Edwards, 37 of Onalaska, parole violation. Aug. 4 Hollis, Laura Leigh, 38 of Livingston, violation of conditional bond/possession of a controlled substance. Aug. 5 Cubbison, Daniel Alexander, assault causing bodily injury to family member. Merino, Ismael, 35 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance. Ryan, Brittany Renee, 28 of Livingston, bond

forfeiture/possession of a controlled substance, bond forfeiture/abandon or endanger child. Wilkerson, Kimberly Joann, 36 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance, hindering apprehension of known felon sex offender. Aug. 6 Dillion, Patrick Clint, 43 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance, bond forfeiture/manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, bond forfeiture/possession of a controlled substance. Harrison, Ricardo Jermaine, 43 of Lufkin, bond forfeiture/possession of a controlled substance, bond forfeiture/driving while license invalid with previous conviction. Hinson, Trae Randall, 36 of Livingston, motion to revoke probation/tamper or fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair, motion to revoke probation/burglary of a habitation. Parker, Terry Wayne II, 41 of Onalaska, assault causing bodily injury. Stevens, Tena Elizabeth, 56 of Shepherd, motion to revoke probation/credit or debit card abuse. Daniel, Toshiya Rene, 55 of Livingston, indecent assault. West-Shamblin, Clara Byrd, 57 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury. Aug. 7 Carter, Kenneth Earl, 33 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury to family member, bond forfeiture/assault causing bodily injury, parole violation. Lewis, Lawson Lyn, 36 of Woodville, driving while license invalid with previous conviction. McMaster, Leslie Virginia, 52 of Jersey Village, probation violation/possession of a controlled substance. Milburn, Joseph Bradley, 34 of Onalaska, probation violation/possession of a controlled substance. Railey, Albert Lee, 67 of Woodville, TDCJ commitment/driving while intoxicated 3rd or more. Stephens, Sabinetta Paula, 44 of Livingston, hinder apprehension or prosecution of known felon. Zipperer, Christopher Kenneth, 54 of Humble, driving while intoxicated 2nd. Aug. 8 Green, Elmer Wayne Jr., 39 of Livingston, bond forfeiture/possession of a controlled substance, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information. Kelley, Keith Allen, 57 of Livingston, exploitation of child elderly disabled. Vancamp, Kandyce, 40 of Shepherd, driving while license invalid with previous conviction. Yates, Kristi, 42 of Shepherd, parole violation.

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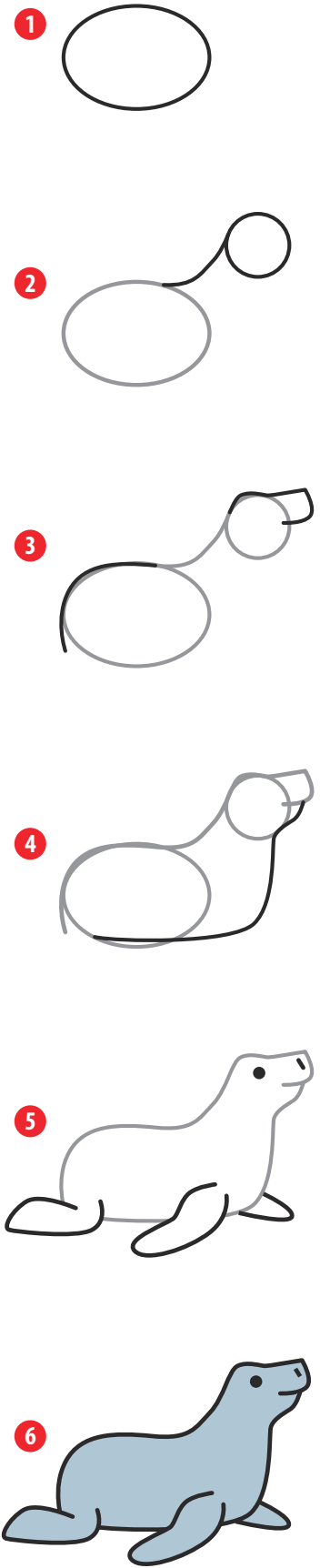
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Kid Scoop Together:

Let's Draw!

Read these facts about Hawaiian monk seals. Then draw one in 4 easy steps!

- **BODY SHAPE:** Their bodies are long and *fusiform*, or torpedo-shaped, which helps them swim quickly and smoothly.
- **FLIPPERS:** They have short flippers to help them swim and spin quickly.



The Monk Seals of Hawaii

Endangered Marine Mammal

Swimming in the warm, clear waters of Hawaii is a cute animal with large eyes. It's called the monk seal.

Unfortunately, the Hawaiian monk seal is one of the most endangered marine mammals in the world.

Hawaiians call the seal *'Īlio holo i ka uaua*.

Circle every other letter to find out what *'Īlio holo i ka uaua* means.

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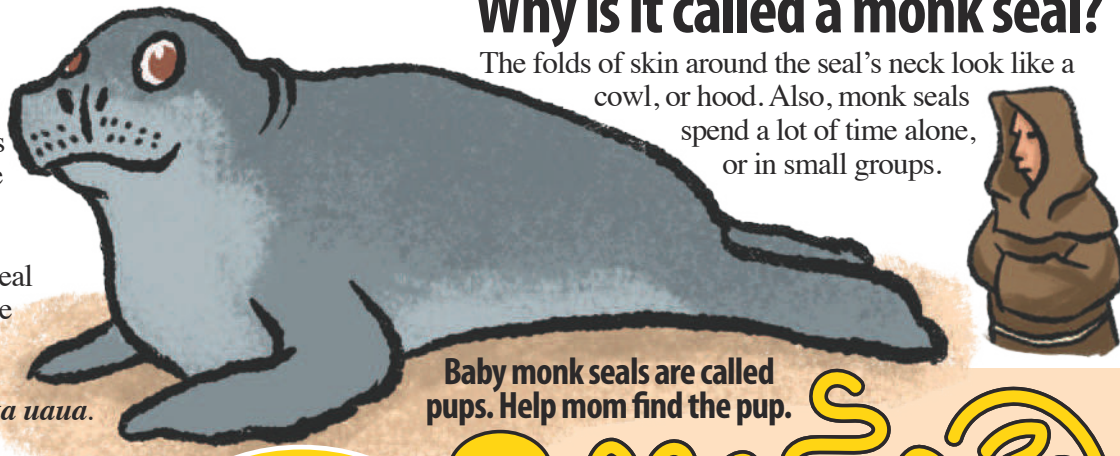
The Good News

When people realized that the number of Hawaiian monk seals was getting smaller, they started taking actions to protect them. In 2022, the Hawaiian monk seal population was estimated to be between 1,512 and 1,743. This was the first time in over 20 years that the population surpassed 1,570.

Standards Link: Understand people impact other living things.

Why is it called a monk seal?

The folds of skin around the seal's neck look like a cowl, or hood. Also, monk seals spend a lot of time alone, or in small groups.



Baby monk seals are called pups. Help mom find the pup.

SIZE: 7.5 feet length

WEIGHT: 500 to 600 pounds

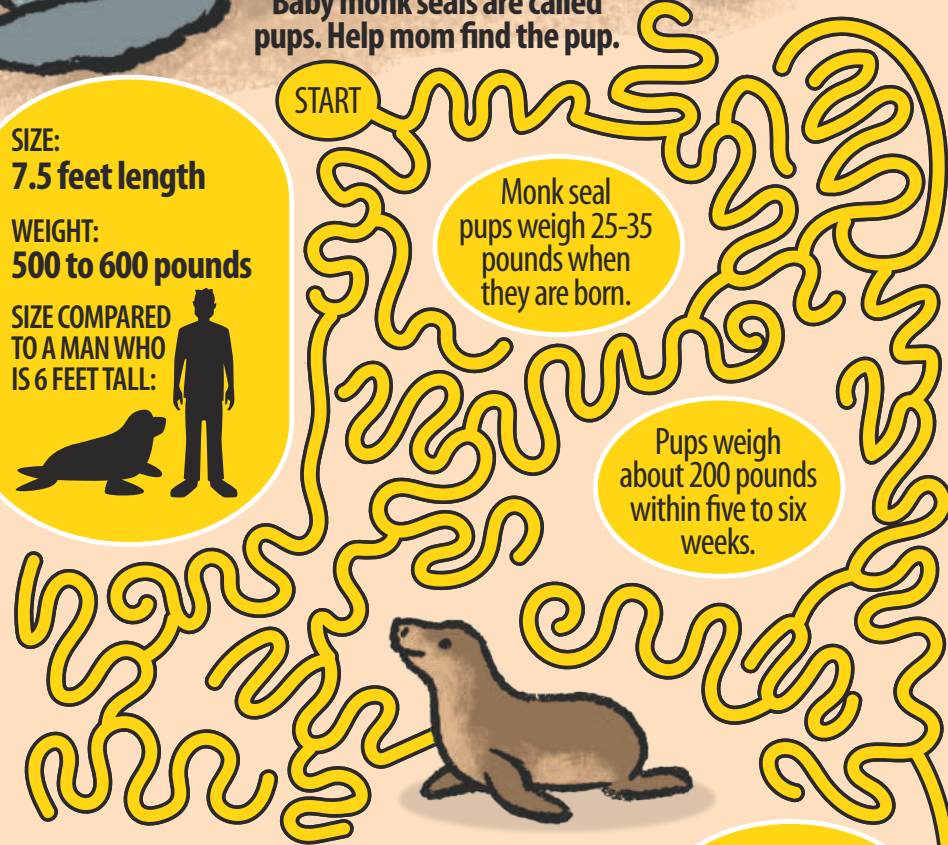
SIZE COMPARED TO A MAN WHO IS 6 FEET TALL:



START

Monk seal pups weigh 25-35 pounds when they are born.

Pups weigh about 200 pounds within five to six weeks.



Monk seal nostrils are small vertical slits. They close when they dive.

Extra! Extra! The Adjective Hunt

The word **marine** is an adjective, which describes the noun that comes after it in a sentence. Select one page of the newspaper and circle 10 adjectives. Underline the nouns that they each describe.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives in use.

Deep Divers

Monk seals can hold their breath for up to 20 minutes as they forage in the coral reef. They can dive deep under the sea to more than 1,800 feet!

How many fish can you find in the coral reef?



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Monk seals are **generalist** feeders and eat different kinds of marine animals. Circle the animals that you think a monk seal will eat. Then, check your answers by doing the math. The items that add up to even numbers are what monk seals will eat.

crab 7 + 4 + 1 =	fish 5 + 3 + 2 =	seagulls 3 + 4 + 2 =	octopus 2 + 2 + 2 =
urchins 4 + 8 + 4 =	eels 8 + 3 + 3 =	corn dogs 5 + 5 + 7 =	shrimp 6 + 8 + 2 =

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that some animals are generalist feeders.

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This week's word: MARINE
 The word **marine** is an adjective that means living in the sea.

The monk seal is a **marine** mammal.

Try to use the word **marine** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Animal Athletes

Look through the newspaper to find four sports. For each one, select an animal that would excel at this sport. Write a story about your four animal athletes.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write stories that have a beginning, middle and end.

What kind of music do seals try to avoid?

ANSWER: Orca-straw music!

Write On!

Animal Family

If you were an animal, which would you be and why? Which animals would be in the rest of your family?

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The LIVINGSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M., 08/26/2024 in LIVINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY LIVINGSTON, TEXAS.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$.7552 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$.1660 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>4.8</u> % increase	or	<u>0.00</u> % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>0.00</u> % increase	or	<u>0.00</u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>4.4</u> % increase	or	<u>0.00</u> % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>3,656,368,472</u>	\$ <u>3,905,161,296</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>87,109,039</u>	\$ <u>77,306,915</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>2,609,891,267</u>	\$ <u>2,787,858,036</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>75,244,298</u>	\$ <u>71,899,599</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
 ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 46,635,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$.75750	\$.16110 *	\$.91860	\$ 5,805	\$ 6,373
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$.78683	\$.16787 *	\$.95470	\$ 6,164	\$ 6,087
Proposed Rate	\$.75520	\$.16600 *	\$.92120	\$ 5,949	\$ 6,092

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 225,796	\$ 230,526
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 108,498	\$ 125,709
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$.91860	\$.92120
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 996.66	\$ 1,158.03
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 161.37

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is .92120. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of .92120.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 27,440,894
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,232,754

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Spring Creek Commercial Park

WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND INTERESTS IN SPRING CREEK COMMERCIAL PARK WHEREAS, on or about November 5, 1985, the undersigned Gregory R. Ogletree and Kathy Ogletree, developers of "Spring Creek Commercial Park" caused to be filed in the land records of Polk County, Texas at Book 524, Page 187, certain restrictions pertinent to the development, use and governance of Spring Creek Commercial Park; and, WHEREAS, the said Spring Creek Commercial Park is recorded among the plat records of Polk County, Texas at Volume 9, Page 52 of said land records and is more particularly described as a 32.0 acre tract of land situated in the George W. Miles Survey, A-413, in Polk County, Texas and described in the Deed from Kickapoo Development, Inc. to Gregory R. Ogletree, dated June 7, 1984, and recorded on June 8, 1984, at Volume 459, Page 408 et seq of the Deed Records of Polk County, Texas, to which deed and its recording, reference is here made for all pertinent purposes; and, WHEREAS, said recorded restrictions granted to the said Gregory R. Ogletree and Kathy Ogletree certain powers, rights, privileges and authority as developers of the said Spring Creek Commercial Park, including, but not limited to the right to serve on the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Commercial Park as described more particularly in said restrictions; and, WHEREAS, the said Gregory R. Ogletree and Kathy Ogletree are desirous of relinquishing their powers, rights, privileges and authority relative to the oversight and participation in the governance, enforcement of restrictions and further development, if any, of the said Spring Creek Commercial Park; and, WHEREAS, the said Gregory R. Ogletree and Kathy Ogletree desire that those individuals owning property within the said Spring Creek Commercial Park have the have unto themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns all powers, rights, privileges and authority relative to the oversight and participation in the governance, enforcement of restrictions and further development, if any, of the said Spring Creek Commercial Park; and, WHEREAS, the said Gregory R. Ogletree and Kathy Ogletree hereby relinquish, abdicate, release, and forever surrender all of our powers, rights, privileges and authority relative to the oversight and participation in the governance, enforcement of restrictions and further development, if any, of the said Spring Creek Commercial Park; and hereby forever relinquish, transfer and convey to the property owners within the said Spring Creek Commercial Park, their heirs, successors and assigns all of our powers, rights, privileges and authority relative to the oversight and participation in the governance, enforcement of restrictions and further development, if any, of the said Spring Creek Commercial Park. This the 29 th day of July, 2024. /s/ Gregory R. Ogletree /s/ Kathy Ogletree Sworn to and subscribed before me the above-named Gregory R. Ogletree and Kathy Ogletree being known to me on this the 29 th day of July, 2024. /s/ Gayla Vance, Notary Public.

BSISD requesting bids for ground services

LEGAL NOTICE Big Sandy Independent School District, P. O. Box 188, 9180 FM 1276, Dallardsville, Texas 77332, Phone 936-563-1000, requests sealed bids for ground services. Bids should be clearly marked as Campus Grounds Services and Athletic Grounds Services and submitted at the BSISD Administration Building on or before August 14, 2024 12:00 noon. Bid specifications can be picked up at the Administration Building. BSISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids will be awarded at the regular board meeting on Monday, August 19, 2024. Sealed bids will be opened August 19, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Administration building located at 9180 FM 1276, Dallardsville, Texas 77332. *** Due August 14, 2024 @ 12:00 noon

TABC application made for X711 LLC.

Notice is hereby given with accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code that X711 LLC, dba X711, LLC, has filed application for Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's Off-Premise Permit: Said business to be located at 1605 W. Church St., Livingston, Polk County, Texas, 77351. X711 LLC, dba, X711 LLC.: A.B. Hemani, Manager

ACIHA accepting construction bids

Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Indian Housing Authority 657 State Park Rd. 56 Livingston, TX 77351 The Alabama-Coushatta Indian Housing Authority (ACIHA) will be accepting sealed bids for the construction of one (1) 4-bedroom home until 10:00am August 19, 2024, at the Housing Authority Office, located at 657 State Park Rd. 56 on the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation, 17 miles east of Livingston, on U.S. Hwy. 190 East. Bid Package information may be obtained at the Housing Authority Office between the hours of 8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm, Monday through Thursday and Friday 8am-12pm. For more information, call (936)563-1130 or (936) 328-0465.

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