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Looking for something meaningful to do? Become a CASA advocate

By Natalie Thornton

Executive Director, CASA of the Pines

Recently, I was talking with a new CASA advocate who just completed training and is starting her first case. I asked her why she wanted to be an advocate. She pondered the question, then stated, "I signed up to help with CASA because I wanted to do something meaningful and not just sit around looking at my phone all day."

One of the gifts I have received from working at CASA is witnessing how people come to certain opinions and conclusions. I have learned and observed that people form their opinions and recommendations for children due to many factors. For example, a child may have two placement options: to live in a foster home or to live with a grandmother. Maybe the CASA advocate recommends the foster home while another person, possibly the child's attorney, recommends the grandmother's home.



Natalie Thornton

The recommendations are often influenced by factors such as the individual's training, upbringing, or view on life.

Who is right? Who is wrong? The answer is neither. Knowledge is limited and people do not have crystal balls or time machines. They are doing the best they can with the information they have. CASA advocates are trained to offer recommendations based on facts, not gut feelings. They are additionally trained that if someone else has a different recommendation, that is ok. The other person is not "the bad guy," and we are not

bound to be in agreement constantly. The judge receives all of the evidence and rules based on presented information. CASA advocacy requires active, critical thinking skills. Furthermore, they do not include a smartphone or a screen.

To add to this, guess what is the major difference in a CASA advocate recommendation and a person's random opinion? The information is actually being requested.

It is easy to sit behind a smartphone or a computer screen and have ideas about how the world should be and start typing away. As we all know, we live in a very digital age where people are super comfortable expressing their opinions electronically, usually with the goal of receiving validation.

I, and surely lots of you, have known people and witnessed the way they communicate their thoughts, opinions and feelings on social media, and wondered, who is the real person? Is the real person the kind and compassionate person that I regularly engage with, or is the real person the boisterous, opinionated person that, in protection of really getting to a point of truly disliking

them, they become part of the Facebook "Snooze for 30 Days" Club. I like to think of it as the social media equivalent of 'Maybe we need some space.'

These kids today can't put down their phones is yet another overstated opinion. It is easy to rebuke a different generation and ignore your peers' problems, or maybe even your own. News flash for us all, including myself - it is not just the younger folks. This passive activity is a problem for all generations.

Coming full circle, I am leading to this question. Would it be nice to become engaged in an activity that will keep you from repeatedly checking your phone? Do you want to give opinions that people actually request? Would you like to give advice to someone who might actually listen?

This time, I do challenge you to pick up your phone, not to browse social media, but to utilize your phone for something meaningful. Take the first step in becoming a CASA advocate. Visit www.casapines.org for more information on how to begin your CASA journey.



FOOTBALL PREVIEW EDITION

Football is now off and running. Non-district games to open the regular season begin Friday, and the Polk County Enterprise has your football preview in this newspaper. (In picture) Jose Olivares finds running room in a scrimmage versus Coldspring. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

FEMA continues to assist Texans recovering disasters

From Enterprise Staff

Since May, FEMA has approved two major disaster declarations for Texans impacted by the Spring severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding, and Hurricane Beryl that followed in early July. As Texans work to recover, nearly 700,000 individuals and families have been approved for disaster assistance following the Spring storms and Hurricane Beryl, surpassing \$844 million across both disasters.

While the deadline to apply for federal assistance for the Spring storms has ended, there is still time for Texans who may need assistance following Hurricane Beryl. It's been nearly six weeks since the disaster declaration for Beryl, and FEMA has worked with the state to expedite Serious Needs Assistance to help more than 602,000 Texans thus far for a total of more than \$451 million in financial assistance.

FEMA specialists continue working in the 22 counties impacted by the hurricane to help people apply for assistance. They have visited more than 95,000 homes and 1,189 public locations. FEMA has operated 33 Disaster Recovery Centers visited by more than 30,000 residents. More than 900 families with 17,000 members have stayed in hotels temporarily at FEMA expense because they could not return to their homes.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$162.5 million in low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations, and businesses.

There is still time to apply for assistance. Homeowners and renters in Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Walker, Waller and Wharton

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ELECTION CANDIDATES

Grant seeking mayor's seat

I'm Joshua Grant, and I am running to serve Livingston as mayor. I believe our city is at a critical turning point, with real risk of losing our identity to rapid growth and poor engagement. My mission is to protect what makes Livingston special while encouraging thoughtful, sustainable development. I'm looking toward a future where transparency and open dialogue form the backbone of our local government, ensuring that everyone's voice is heard and respected.



It's time to turn the focus of discussion and action to the concerns our citizens have raised:

- Aggressively seek solutions with TxDOT to address 190 and downtown traffic
Fix our crumbling streets and sidewalks
Make our utility rates transparent
Work with LISD to find solutions to school pickup/drop-off traffic
Stop the inflow of homeless into our city and collaborate with our local charitable organizations to

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Dickerson seeking council seat

My name is Corey Dickerson, and I am seeking your vote for Livingston City Council. As a lifelong resident of Livingston, I have deep roots in our community.



I graduated from Livingston High School in 2008 and went on to earn a B.S. in Psychology with a minor in General Business from Stephen F. Austin State University, where I attended on a full athletic scholarship for football and won back-to-back Southland Conference titles.

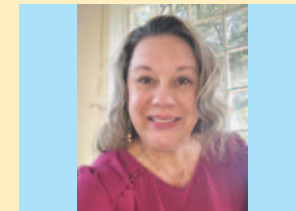
After my time at SFA, I moved to Houston to build a career in professional recruiting and start a family with my wife, Brianna. The pandemic brought unexpected changes, allowing me the opportunity to return to Livingston in 2021 with our son, Jack. Moving back has rekindled my love for this town but has also opened my eyes to the changes it has undergone.

Livingston once thrived with cultural events like the Folklife Festival, Pinecone Festival, and Ghostbuster's Trail. Today, our community is focused on bringing in commercial chains, overshadowing the unique

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Andjelic seeking council seat

My name is Jennifer Andjelic, and I am a dedicated resident of Livingston, having called it home for the past five years. With a rich background in education and leadership spanning 30 years, I have served in various



roles including teacher, instructional coach, and administrator at both campus and district levels. (You can learn more about my journey by reading my leadership blog at jenandjelic.com.)

Alongside my professional endeavors, I am grateful for the opportunity to be a wife and mother, while embodying the values of service and dedication within my family and community.

Driven by a passion for community betterment, I have decided to step forward and run for city council. My platform centers around key principles of transparency, community education, service to others, and collaboration. I deeply appreciate our city's history and value its cultural heritage. Becoming more involved with businesses and organizations in the area has strengthened my desire to help others and be a

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Weak infrastructure, distrust make communication during natural disasters hard on rural Texas

When disaster strikes, Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy takes command of her county's emergency communication channels, including a text service and Facebook page.

From The Texas Tribune

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Beryl, Marilyn Mayville wasn't sure where to get help.

The 72-year-old East Texan was without power and reliable cell service. Her phone was quickly running out of power. A heat wave had settled in. A nephew in Dallas eventually reached the widow and told her about a cooling center just on the other side of Highway 59 from her apartment.

"I didn't really know what to do, but it gets pretty warm at night," Mayville said. "He's in Dallas and he knows more than I do."

On that first day after Beryl, Mayville said she was one of just five people at the cooling station. If Beryl was quick to drench Livingston, a town still recovering from a rash of floods earlier this year, news of community resources was slow to reach residents.

By the next day Mayville was joined by dozens of other Livingston residents.

At the cooling station, Mayville kept up with neighbors and her church family in those periods where cell service returned.

Communication is key for keeping residents safe during a disaster. Rural communities, especially in East Texas, start from a deficit. Much of the region lacks quality broadband and cellphone access making it difficult for residents to track developments from news organizations online.

And there is a growing distrust in institutions such as the news media and government.

It comes as no surprise to Jen-

nifer Horney, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Delaware and former associate professor at Texas A&M, that rural residents say they feel uninformed during and after disasters.

"When official notifications come out, people either don't trust it or they believe that their local knowledge is more accurate than a recommendation from the state or federal government," Horney said.

Rural residents often prefer to find their information through social media, friends and neighbors, Horney said.

Most residents in Deep East Texas, which includes Polk County and Livingston, should receive alerts through the Genasys Mass Notification System operated by the Deep East Texas Council of Governments, a coalition of local governments.

"The Genasys Platform utilizes voice, text and email messages as well as geofencing to select certain areas of a city or county to be targeted for messages," said Lonnie Hunt, the council's director. "The Genasys Platform sends messages to landline phones, obtained through an interlocal agreement with the DETCOG Regional 9-1-1 Program, and the numbers are updated quarterly."

It is also very common for the counties to maintain active social media accounts, even if just to share information from the National Weather Service, Texas Storm Chasers or the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Polk County also utilizes its own text message system, AlertMePolkCounty, and County Judge

Sydney Murphy keeps the messaging consistent across platforms and news releases. As the county's chief executive and head of emergency management, she believes her job is to keep residents informed when disaster strikes – which it has multiple times this year.

Regular posts with information ranging from weather alerts to opportunities for assistance litter the emergency management Facebook page in a bid to keep residents safe, but also help them rebuild.

"I'm the one that's sitting there, answering questions and sending out information to make sure that it is immediate," Murphy said. "The minute we receive notice that this road is caving, or that road is closed, we immediately send out the notification so there's no confusion about it."

Beryl, the most recent storm to roll through East Texas, was the second natural disaster to hit the community in a matter of months and followed a stormy winter season that kept Polk County residents on alert.

But these attempts at communication can only go so far as infrastructure allows. Whether it is a news organization posting regular updates online, or a county judge making Facebook posts, someone without service won't see it. Likewise, systems like AlertMe or Genasys can relay information quickly and effectively, but only if the person on the receiving end has actual cell service.

A lack of access to broadband has long beleaguered communities like those Murphy serves. The

council conducted a broadband study in partnership with inCode Consulting, a global telecommunications consulting firm in 2019.

The study determined that broadband only effectively served 15% of what was actually needed. High speed internet was most accessible near schools and utility co-ops but was limited otherwise.

Texans approved \$1.5 billion in tax dollars to expand broadband access and emergency communications in 2023. The federal government allocated billions more. So more of the state should be on the path for connectivity, but developing that infrastructure will take time.

Furthermore, cellular service – which is reportedly better than broadband through the region – is still unreliable, especially in the unincorporated communities between established towns.

Murphy is actively expanding broadband across the county to provide full coverage for all her residents. Polk County parlayed a grant to multiple telecommunications providers to expand broadband to the entirety of Polk County.

"By the end of 2025, Polk County will have full fiber connectivity north to south and east to west and redundancy," Murphy said. "No other rural community around us has that right or even or even as close to it."

And Polk County used American Rescue Plan Act funds to construct a 440-foot communications tower that cellular providers can rent space on to provide better cell service.

Building trust is a different challenge.

There are still days when Murphy's inboxes are filled with people complaining about how things are handled. Which she tends to ignore, unless they're in regard to something she can actually fix. But there are also moments when residents ask a poignant question that would benefit the rest of the community to know, so Murphy does her best to answer those effectively and broadcast them.

She has found that her methods of communication have established some trust not just among her constituents, but of those in surrounding communities. After each disaster, she sees an uptick in subscriptions to the county's text service and followers on social media.

"We have a lot of people that follow our Facebook page that are from San Jacinto County, Tyler County and Trinity County," Murphy said. "During the pandemic and during (Hurricane) Harvey, we even had people from Harris County sending us questions."

Polk County residents, Marissa Suski and her husband, Brian, felt lost about who to believe as Hurricane Beryl began to turn north.

The path of the hurricane had changed and was barreling directly toward them. Further exacerbating their worries, rumors of the Lake Livingston Dam failing had spread like wildfire.

"One person says one thing and you call and another person says something else," Brian Suski said.

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Business Spotlight • Ribbon Cutting in Livingston



Members of The Polk County Chamber of Commerce participate in a Ribbon cutting Ceremony celebrating the grand opening of The Angler by Ascend Hotel. The Angler by Ascend Hotel is located at 1510 Hwy 59 Loop S Livingston, Tx 77351. Photo by Madison Bland.

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LIFE TRIBUTES

Kara Gwen Battise

Funeral services for Margaret Louise Brown, 85, of Crosby, Texas, will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas with Rev. David Fauss and Rev. Tommy Jackson officiating. Interment will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Rosewood Cemetery in Houston, Texas. Visitation will be held Monday, August 26, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home in Livingston, Texas.

Margaret Louise Brown of Crosby, Texas, left this earth to go home to her loving Savior on August 17, 2024, at 85 years of age. Louise was born in Houston, Texas, on November 14, 1938, to Gus Rider and Margaret Mooneyham Rider.

Louise is survived by her four adult children: Catherine Lozano, Thomas Brown and wife, Sandra, Robin Hodges and husband, Randy, and Kim Fults and husband, Steve. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren: Roy Pickett, Andrew Pickett, Rhonda Nunley, Howard Brown, Kristel Ward, Amy Leonard, Daniel Pickett, Ryan Hodges and Derek Fults. Louise's legacy will continue in her extensive family, including 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Cecile Dotson, and husband, Charles, brother-in-law, Herbie Middleton, nephews, nieces, cousins, and lifelong friend, Louise Hughes.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Gus and Margaret Rider, her beloved husband of 52 years, William Brown, great-grandson, Justin Pickett, and four of her sisters: Betty, Mary-Jo, Lillian, and Barbara.



Margaret Louise Brown
Visitation Monday, funeral Tuesday

Louise's family meant everything to her, and she selflessly loved them and her countless dear friends. She will be deeply missed by the many who knew and loved her – until we meet again.

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

Truman R. "Pick" Bland

Memorial services for Truman Roger "Pick" Bland, 80, of Goodrich, Texas will be held Sunday, August 25, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas with Bro. Wayne Bland officiating.

Pick was born September 6, 1943 in Beaumont, Texas and passed in peace Wednesday, August 21, 2024 in Goodrich, Texas. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Bland, Sr., and mother, Melba Bland Guillory.

He is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Mary Alice Bland; son, Roger Wayne Bland and wife, Debbie; daughter, Rhonda Bland and Jimmy; grandchildren, Buddy and wife Tabby, Buck and wife Brittany, Hunter and wife Melanie, and Courtney; great grandchildren, Dustin, Cayden, Case, Hoyt, Huck, Haus, June, and Aspen; brothers, Carl Jr. and wife Pam, and Carlos and wife Linda; sisters, Velma Hollis, Carlyne McCall, Carla Gutierrez, and Sherri Bates; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Pick loved his family and friends and everyone who knew him loved him. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed the outdoors. His career as a commercial fisherman in Livingston, Texas began around 1978. In 1986, he and Mary opened Pick's Fish Market. It became the go-to place for fresh fish. By word of mouth, people came from all the surrounding cities to shop at the market.

Pick was a man of great faith. He was instrumental in leading many people to salvation. Pick and Mary have been attending Riding on Faith Church since 2013. There he served as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and part-time preacher. He loved his



Truman R. "Pick" Bland
Memorial service Sunday

Lord and Savior and told anyone who would listen about his personal salvation. With every opportunity, he encouraged people and shared the Word of God. He was a prayer warrior. It was not unusual nor a coincidence that customers at the fish market would ask Pick to pray for them.

He will be greatly missed in our lives, but the memories will live on forever.

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

Janice Lynn Townsend

Funeral services for Janice Lynn Townsend, 65, of Livingston, Texas, will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston, Texas with Ginger Olivares officiating. Visitation will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2024, from noon-2 p.m. before the service begins at the Cochran Funeral Home in Livingston, Texas.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at the Brookside Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Townsend was born July 24, 1959 in Bellaire, Texas and passed away August 18, 2024 in Livingston, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents, Jackie George Greenhaw and Wilma Joyce (Rush) Greenhaw; husband, Danny Townsend; sister, Jacklynn Caruso; and brother, Jeffrey Greenhaw.

She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Jones of Houston, Texas; daughter, Jessica Contreras and Anthony of Conroe, Texas; son, Daniel Townsend and Cristen of Livingston, Texas; daughter, Jana Garcia and Ricky of Houston, Texas; significant other, Jerry White; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jay and Karen Greenhaw, Jerry and Jenifer Greenhaw, and Justin Greenhaw; special lifelong friend, Kathy Cross; 13 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; many special friends and bingo buddies at the American Legion; along with numerous other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers: Drew Contreras, Anthony



Janice Lynn Townsend
Funeral Tuesday

Contreras, Ricky Garcia, Cameron Garcia, Daniel Townsend, Evan Stafford, Austin Foster, Eleazar Olivares.

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

Rodney Bruce Hoot

Rodney Bruce Hoot, 57, of Dodge, Texas passed away on August 16, 2024. Born on April 4, 1967, in Houston, Texas, Rodney was a beloved figure in his community, known for his deep passion for bucking bulls and the rodeo lifestyle.

Rodney is preceded in death by both of his parents, Leonard Nelson Hoot Sr. and Mary Ann Brown Hoot; twin sister, Rhonda Hoot; and brother, Tiger Hoot. He is survived by his son, Cody Hoot and wife Brooke; granddaughter, Jemma Hoot; son, Tyler Phillips and wife Dayle Anne; granddaughters, Rae Anne and Tobi Phillips; brothers, Leonard Hoot Jr. and wife Kelly, Terry Hoot Sr. and wife Catherine, Darrell Hoot and wife Kristy; nephew, Cole Hoot; niece, Leslie Hoot Pulido and husband Jorge; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

His presence in the arena was both commanding and inspiring, earning him respect and admiration from all who knew him. Rodney had the best personality and most infectious laugh, which will forever leave a lasting impression on this Earth.

A celebration of Rodney's life was held on August 21 at Oakhurst Full Gospel Church. Visitation began at 1 p.m. with services following at 3 p.m. Graveside service was held at the Hoot Family Cemetery located at 53 Brown Rd. Huntsville,



Rodney Bruce Hoot

Texas. He will be dearly missed, but fondly remembered for his passion, spirit and the positive mark he left on all who knew him.

FEMA

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counties with uninsured losses from Hurricane Beryl who have not yet applied may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

Homeowners and renters have several options to apply for FEMA assistance: Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov; Download the FEMA App for mobile devices; Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or

other service, give FEMA your number for that service; Visit a Disaster Recovery Center. To find a center location near you go to fema.gov/drc.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations and businesses of any size. Applicants may apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at SBA.gov/disaster or by calling 800-659-2955. SBA representatives are available to provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants at the Disaster Recovery Centers throughout the affected area.

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OPINION

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

• **POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT:** 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the third floor Commissioners Courtroom at the County Courthouse at Washington and Church.

• **LIVINGSTON CITY COUNCIL:** 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at Livingston City Hall, 200 West Church (at the corner of Church and Jackson).

• **ONALASKA CITY COUNCIL:** 5 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Onalaska City Hall on FM 356 South.

• **CORRIGAN CITY COUNCIL:** 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Corrigan City Hall, 101 West Ben Franklin.

• **GOODRICH CITY COUNCIL:** 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Goodrich City Hall, 1003 Loop 393.

• **SEVEN OAKS CITY COUNCIL:** 7 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at Seven Oaks City Hall.

• **LIVINGSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6 p.m. third or fourth Monday of the month at Livingston High School Campus, 400 FM 350 South.

• **ONALASKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6 p.m. third Monday of the month at the OISD Administration Building, 134 North FM 356.

• **CORRIGAN-CAMDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at Corrigan-Camden High School Library.

• **GOODRICH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month in the Goodrich ISD Administration, 234 Katie Simpson Street.

• **BIG SANDY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** 6:30 p.m. second or third Monday of the month in the Big Sandy ISD Board Room, 9180 FM 1276.

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



Though called ‘fantasy,’ the highs and lows couldn’t be more real



From the Editor's Desk
By Emily Banks Wooten
editor@polkenterprisec.com

It's that time of year again – preparing for the drafts in my fantasy football leagues. And yes, that's leagues with an 's'. This fall marks my 16th season of playing fantasy football and for the last six years, I've played in two different leagues.

In recent years, by the end of the season, I'm usually convinced that I won't participate the following year – that it's too time-consuming or too stressful. But then late August rolls around and I'm lured back by that old familiar siren song.

I've no idea how many years my husband has participated, but I know that he did for many years prior to our union. It's amazing how into sports one gets when their partner is a huge sports fan. One April during our courtship many years ago, I watched the entire three-day NFL draft with him, never once complaining. In fact, I got so into it I even suggested that we needed spreadsheets and should consider that for the following year's draft. He's said many times since, that that weekend was when he knew I was "the one."

The NFL draft became a ritual for us, something that we put on our calendars and planned our schedules

around. For many years, the ritual also included me preparing a nice dinner to enjoy prior, although that has kind of fallen by the wayside in recent years with us opting to just "graze" instead, usually on cheese and crackers, or pretzels, or nachos or sausage wraps that Hubby has prepared.

Fantasy football was something he had enjoyed for years, although I was not familiar with it at all prior to becoming involved with him. As time passed, however, it wasn't unusual to find me hanging over his shoulder, eyeing the computer screen as he made moves on his roster, with the plays and resulting points being documented before our eyes. Over time, I became so into it that I would often suggest players to play or bench and maybe even question him regarding his choices and strategy.

While he was thrilled with my interest, I think he finally reached the point of frustration with my incessant suggestions one day when he said, "I think next year we'll create your own team for you." Cool. Sounded good to me.

That following year, because I wasn't truly familiar with the players or their strengths and weaknesses, I opted to auto-draft. And it actually worked out well. The year was 2009 and my auto-draft resulted in a pretty decent roster. I ended up with Donovan McNabb and Kurt Warner for quarterbacks; Steven Jackson, Clinton Portis and Ladell Betts for running backs; Devin Hester, Vincent

Jackson, Larry Fitzgerald and Hines Ward for wide receivers; Greg Olsen and Mercedes Lewis for tight ends; and Nate Kaeding and Matt Prater for kickers.

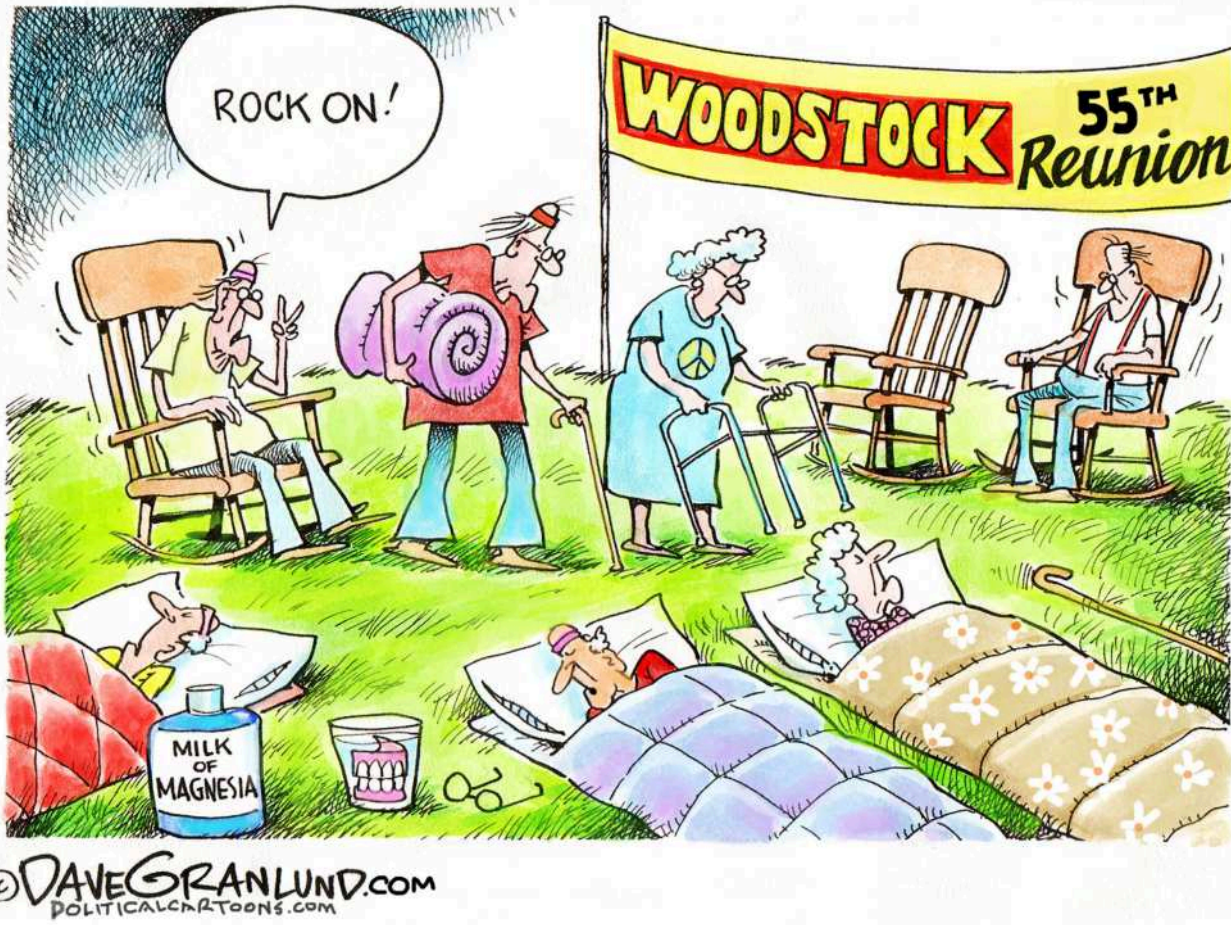
I truly don't remember where I fell in the rankings at the close of that first season. I do know that I had a blast, really enjoyed it and could barely wait for the next year to roll around.

That first year was the last time I auto-drafted. Every year since, I've studied, done my homework, read the works of Fantasy Football Guru Matthew Berry as if my life depended on it and made my own picks – good and bad – during the draft.

I've had successful seasons, as well as seasons that just plain sucked. And I've even been the league champion a few times. I had thought I wouldn't participate this year, but when commitment time rolled around, I was like "Heck yea, I'm in."

Our respective drafts have been scheduled and are on the calendar. One is at 5 p.m. today (Sunday) and the other is slated for 7:45 p.m. on Sept. 3. The fantasy football drafts are always a lot of fun and there's never a shortage of smack talk. I'm already studying the rankings and the depth charts and will probably participate in a mock draft or two or three, just to see if the people's choices coincide with the rankings.

Okay, so I'm hooked. And by the way, don't even think of trying to reach me tonight or on the evening of Sept. 3. I'll be otherwise engaged, drafting my teams.



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A word from one of our local pastors

God's Gift of Friendship

During challenging seasons, an illness or a loss, often there is a statement spoken that goes something like this: "I don't know how I could have made it through if it had not been for my friends." Sometimes a friend comes in the form of close confidant or childhood relationship.



Sonny Hathaway
Pastor of Central Baptist Church

Sometimes friends come in the form of a close family member or church family member. Regardless, there is great value in friendship.

God's Word points to the value of friendship as well. Proverbs 17:17 says, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." Proverbs 18:24 says, "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." In John 15:12-15 Jesus is quoted as saying, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

In the book, Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis writes, "(Christ) works on us in all sorts of ways...he works on us through nature, through our own bodies, through books, sometimes through experiences...But above all, he works on us through each other." Lewis knew the value of strong relationships

that count as friendships.

Friendship is a gift from God. Our friends take the time to demonstrate how much they care about us and encourage us when life becomes discouraging. Our closest friends both value us and give us counsel. They are patient, giving us space to fail; but they also provide a listening ear and a compassionate heart when thoughts need to be worked out. Our best and true friends are willing to love and forgive our faults and challenge us by speaking truth into our lives.

Cultivate friendships in your life. You can take the initiative by sending a card, scheduling a visit, or making a phone call. You can invite someone to lunch or dinner or even coffee. Take walks together. Go work on a project in your yard together. Take the time to remember birthdays, anniversaries

(of any type), and special days that mean a lot to them. For those that have lost spouses, remember those important days both by praying for them, sending them a word of encouragement, or visiting them.

Let's celebrate what the Lord has gifted us with. Find someone to "befriend" and stay intentional to reach out to them.



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Blanchard Baptist
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First Baptist of Livingston
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First Baptist Church of Providence
Bro Robert Murphy, Pastor; 898 Providence Rd (off Hwy 146 S); Sunday School 9:45am, Sunday Worship 10:45am, Sunday Bible Study 6pm, Wednesday Youth Disciple Class 6pm.

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Holly Grove
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Leggett Baptist
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FM 943, 936-685-4493; Sunday Worship 11am

Macedonia Baptist Church
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Mayo Chapel Baptist Church
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Winnie Street Baptist
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- Episcopal - St. Luke's Episcopal
N. Willis; Sun. School 9:15am; Church Serv. 10:30am, 327-8467

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

- Lutheran - Lake Livingston Lutheran ELCA
FM 3152 at 190 W. Onalaska, 646-5681. Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 9:30am; Worship 11am

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First United Methodist, Corrigan
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Rev. Robert Alexander, Pastor, Services held at Pleasant Hill United Methodist 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sun. 11:15am

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2747 Glory across from corner Texaco; 967-0717; Sun. School, 9:30am; Morn. Worship 10:30am; Evening Worship 7pm; Wednesday Evening Worship 7pm

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FM 1988; Sunday School 10am, Morning Worship 11am; Sunday Evening 5pm; Wednesday 7pm Pastor Wayne Landrum.

Indian Springs Chapel
Indian Springs Chapel: the Rev. and Pastor: Raymond Harrington, 11386 U.S. Hwy. 190 East Livingston, Texas 77351. Prayer Group: 9:00am, Sun. School 9:45am, Church 11:00am, Children Church 11:20am, Sun. Evening 6:00pm, Wed. Evening 7:00pm

Life Vine Church
203 East Calhoun, Livingston, pastor Simon Geller, Sun. 10:10am. Nursery & Children's classes, 936-931-8212; www.lvtcx.com

Lighthouse Revival Center
1505 N. Washington, Livingston. Sunday Worship Service, 10:30am, Mid-week service, Wednesday 7pm; Pastors Ron and Gloria Richardson 936-327-7402.

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Hugh Klodzinski, Pastor; 6 miles east of Livingston on Hwy. 190; Sun. 10:30am Thursday Night 7:30pm; 563-4386

Living Word Church
201 Pan American Dr., Livingston; 936-327-7466. Pastor Danny Moye; Sunday 10:30am; Wed. 7pm

Midway Community Church
Pastor Quentin Matthews; 20 miles E. of Livingston on Hwy. 190; Sunday School 10:00am; Morning Worship 11:00am

Moscow Full Gospel Church
Hwy. 59 Moscow across from post office; Sunday School 10 a.m., Morning Worship 11am, Sunday evening 6pm

New Beginnings Church
Reverend Eric and Rita Essery, Sun. Morning Bible Study 9:45am, Sun. Morning Worship 10:45am, 6952 Hwy 190W, Livingston. 936-827-7594.

New Beginnings Outreach Church
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3166 US 59 North, Livingston, 936-327-3747. Sundays 10:15AM & 6:00 PM, Wednesday 6 PM.

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The Church By Christ Jesus
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The Next Level Spirit Filled
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GRANT

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address the needs of the ones already here

- Expand the city pool's months of operation and water aerobics
- Expand Hometown Christmas and encourage other events and festivals
- Collaborate with Economic Development to recruit new restaurants and recreational venues
- Bring closer collaboration with Main Street for our downtown revitalization
- Bring our city workers' salaries up to market rates

I'm not looking to be a figurehead mayor. I aim to actively engage the citizens, address these issues in collaboration with city council and the city manager, and bring actionable solutions back to the people, communicating our progress every step of the way through regular town halls, social media and news, and roundtable discussions with our businesses.

Our city is growing, our citizens have serious concerns, and our local government should be working tirelessly to make sure their ideas and concerns are solicited, heard, and addressed. Having served this country honorably and with distinction for ten years in the Navy, owning an international business in Indonesia, and now owning a small business in Livingston, I'm bringing a host of experience, perspectives, and fresh ideas to the table. Being already actively engaged in our community through various clubs and organizations, I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and fight for what you, the citizens, want to see and make sure our local government is representing your interests.

I ask for your vote in November and let me be your champion as we work on tackling our issues together as a community.

DICKERSON

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character that once defined us. I believe we can do more. By expanding events and encouraging tourism, we can stimulate our economy, boost sales tax revenue, and invest in our town's infrastructure.

I am also committed to improving communication between our city's leadership and its citizens. The current lack of direct access to our Mayor and City Council members is unacceptable. These roles are elected by the people, and it is crucial that citizens have a clear and open line of communication to voice their concerns and stay informed about the city's plans.

But communication is not a one-way street. While elected officials should be reachable, I want to see a more proactive and holistic approach from our local government with providing information to Livingston and Polk County. Whether it's emergency alerts, events, or infrastructure updates, we deserve to understand our town around us better.

While it's impossible to address every issue in this brief format, I invite you to connect with me on my Facebook campaign page. Transparency is key, and I want you to know who you're voting for. I promise to approach every decision with the integrity and best interests of the people, businesses, and the town of Livingston in mind.

Together, we can preserve the character of our community and create a future we are all proud of. I am Corey Dickerson, and I would love your vote for City Council!

ANDJELIC

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part of the solution, rather than a bystander.

With the growth our city is experiencing, I have several ideas for addressing this in addition to using proactive planning to help us catch up and stay ahead of the curve. I believe a demographic study would allow us to get a better idea of projected growth for the next 10 years. With this study, we can create a long-term plan addressing infrastructure needs and budget implications. This information would also be shared with the public, allowing an opportunity to gather feedback and answer questions as we work through this together.

In addition, the importance of transparency is paramount. I would like to see public forums included in our monthly city council meetings, a continued, growing presence on social media, and regular town hall meetings for updating the public and gathering feedback from citizens. We also need to regularly involve our business leaders in open dialogue and problem-solving from their perspectives. The input they offer is invaluable and necessary.

Furthermore, I would like to address other issues that could help our city be great:

- Animal welfare
- Homelessness
- Competitive pay for our city workers
- Ensuring the most up-to-date technology and supplies for our first responders
- Events and opportunities for families and kids around the city.

It is truly my desire to lead and serve the people of Livingston. Let's take Livingston to the next level! Thanks for your support!

DISASTER

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"One person said the dam was going to fail. Another person said no, we're just taking precautions to notify everybody. It was a lot of back and forth."

They looked to news outlets, social media and made

their own calls to government agencies but felt the answers were different from every source.

The one system they found had the most reliable information were text messages that came unbidden to their phones. The Suskis didn't know where the texts were coming from, but they told them about boil-water notices in the past and kept them up-to-date with

the flooding in April. Following Beryl, they learned quickly about the Polk County cooling stations, what help the state was sending and where to pick up MREs.

"I'm not going to lie, believe it or not, I trust those things more than what's coming out of a human's mouth," Marissa said. "They've been pretty right on key."

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FOOTBALL
PREVIEW



**2024 LIVINGSTON LION
 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Aug. 31	at Ft. Bend Austin	6 p.m.
Sep. 06	Needville	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 13	at Nacogdoches	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 20	OPEN WEEK	
Sep. 27	at Hardin-Jefferson	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 04	Liberty	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Cypress-Mauriceville	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Bridge City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Huffman	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Lumberton	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 08	Vidor	7:30 p.m.

0	Drake Valderez	JR	TE/LB	51
2	Damorian Hill	SR	QB/LB	52
3	Deondrae Walker	SR	WR/DB	53
4	Tristen McCue	JR	WR/DB	54
5	Javion Haynes	SR	WR/DB	55
6	Sean Martin	SR	RB/LB	56
7	Deondre Johnson	SR	TE/DL	58
8	Tyler Soza	JR	QB/DB	59
9	Jose Olivares	JR	RB/DB	60
10	Uriel Tatum	SR	TE/DL	62
11	Jaykwon Farr	JR	WR/DB	63
12	Hunter Carr	SO	RB/LB	64
15	Carson Pipes	SR	WR/DB	65
16	Leonidas Mindiola	SR	WR/DB	66
17	Brayden Carr	JR	QB/DB	67
20	Nolan Winsch	SR	RB/LB	68
21	Alessandro Lopez	SR	K	69
22	Trenden Williams	SR	RB/DB	70
23	Angel Vila	SR	RB/DB	72
24	Ja'tarius Randolph	SR	TE/DL	74
28	Jerren James	SR	RB/LB	75
31	Ja'kegdrick Walker	SO	RB/DB	76
32	Justin Lawrence	JR	RB/DB	77
33	Trent Stinson	JR	WR/DB	78
34	Luis Trevino	JR	K	80
35	Roper Wood	FR	QB/DB	84
42	Bruce Montgomery	FR	K	85
44	Karson Nielsen-Allen	SR	RB/LB	86
45	Zyleer King	FR	RB/LB	88
50	Tylen Wyatt	SO	OL/DL	90

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JR	OL/DL	51	Bradley Livingston	JR	OL/DL
SO	OL/DL	52	Kyle LeBlanc	SO	OL/DL
JR	OL/DL	53	Jamarion Hill	JR	OL/DL
SO	OL/DL	54	Carlos Parades	SO	OL/DL
JR	OL/DL	55	Alex Perez	JR	OL/DL
JR	OL/DL	56	Kaidence Cook	JR	OL/DL
SO	OL/DL	58	Jacob Blackmon	SO	OL/DL
SO	OL/DL	59	Samuel Champagne	SO	OL/DL
SR	OL/DL	60	Luke Bass	SR	OL/DL
SO	OL/DL	62	Tyler Westerman	SO	OL/DL
JR	OL/DL	63	Xavier Landers	JR	OL/DL
JR	OL/DL	64	Santiago Dominguez	JR	OL/DL
JR	OL/DL	65	Lisandro Dominguez	JR	OL/DL
SR	OL/DL	66	Haydyn Beadle	SR	OL/DL
JR	OL/DL	67	Ryan Figgs	JR	OL/DL
SR	OL/DL	68	Zachery Dillard	SR	OL/DL
SO	OL/DL	69	Elijah Nash	SO	OL/DL
SO	OL/DL	70	Tobias Johnson	SO	OL/DL
JR	OL/DL	72	Roman Ontiveros	JR	OL/DL
SR	OL/DL	74	Juan Merino	SR	OL/DL
SO	OL/DL	75	Landon Galloway	SO	OL/DL
SO	OL/DL	76	Dalton Welch	SO	OL/DL
JR	OL/DL	77	Robert Meeks	JR	OL/DL
SO	OL/DL	78	Ty Thomas	SO	OL/DL
SO	TE/LB	80	Brice Lucas	SO	TE/LB
JR	TE/DL	84	Michael Godinez	JR	TE/DL
JR	TE/LB	85	Isaiah Frank	JR	TE/LB
SO	WR/DB	86	Jaydon Jules	SO	WR/DB
SO	TE/DL	88	Zayden Martin	SO	TE/DL
FR	WR/DB	90	Andrew Preciado	FR	WR/DB

CORRIGAN-CAMDEN BULLDOG ROSTER

2	Zakariah Rigby	RB/LB
3	Mason Murphy	RB/LB
4	Nehemiah Marshal	RB/LB
5	Tahj Thomas	TE/DL
8	Derrick Reagie	RB/DL
9	Michael Sullivan	QB/DB
10	Ishmael Santoyo	K
11	Nehemiah Love	WR/DB
13	Damere Arneson	RB/DL
15	William Ratliff	QB/DB
21	Braylon Levy	TE/LB
44	Layton Cox	TE/DL
45	Preston Heath	WR/DB
50	Coty Nesmith	OL/DL
51	Thomas Purvis	OL/DL
55	Elliott Long	OL/DL
56	Kayden Burks	OL/LB
57	Aden Standley	OL/DL
60	Bernardo Navarro	OL/DL
61	Kody Johnson	OL/DL
64	Carlos Gallegos	OL/DL
70	Roman Ramirez	OL/DL
72	Jimmy Bazata	OL/DL
75	Jay Purvis	OL/DL
78	Clarke Evans	OL/DL
80	Matthew Cole	WR/DB
88	Paden Walker	WR/DL

**2024 CORRIGAN-CAMDEN BULLDOG
 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Aug. 30	Tarkington	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	at Hardin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	at Kirbyville	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Elkhart	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Joaquin	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	OPEN WEEK	
Oct. 11	Groveton	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Hearne	7 p.m.
Oct. 25	Normangee	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Leon	7 p.m.
Nov. 8	Centerville	7 p.m.



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LIVINGSTON LIONS FOOTBALL

Counting on depth, experience

LIVINGSTON'S VETERANS SHOULD LEAD TO SUCCESS ON GRIDIRON

By Brian Besch

Coming off a season of mixed results, Livingston Lion football is ready to take a step forward in 2024. The team's record was nothing they will celebrate, but landing in the playoffs is something to build from. They were competitive for a half in the postseason match versus state-ranked Kilgore, and more is now expected within the walls of DeWalt Field House.

"We've got a great group of kids, and there is 40-46 that we are really seriously considering right now," Livingston coach Finis Vanover said. "We are kind of in a quandary trying to get the right groups. There are 112 out there on the field (including junior varsity and freshmen). We have a full group at all three levels."

Each year since Vanover's arrival, the Lions have run an intra-squad game along with the two scrimmages to get the most film as possible on players' abilities. The coaching staff has had great teaching sessions off those recordings.

"We like the way this bunch feels. They are very resemblant of the 2020 (district championship) bunch, talent wise," Vanover said. "We don't have the explosive athlete at quarterback that we did (in 2020's Damian Ruiz), but we've got three young men right now that are efficient at what they do. All three of them are very capable of being frontline players at most positions. They all three will play three or four positions, both offensively and defensively, over the

course of a ball game. They are that talented and can do many things to help us."

Vanover points to 2021 to highlight the importance of signal caller depth. That team began 4-1 and had its starting quarterback go down to injury, then proceeded to a 1-4 mark in district play.

Depth is a word thrown around the coaching offices frequently, and it is likely because the Lions have more of it than at any point in recent history.

"People don't understand and ask, 'Why are you so excited? You went 2-9 last season.' But it is the third playoff season in the last four years. I don't care about the other part — I understand. We did what we had to do to get in. The one year that we didn't was the 4-1 to 1-4 deal, where we were devastated with injuries. Those last two games, we had five starters on the sidelines with casts or knee braces. We don't want to get caught in that situation again."

"We are two-deep at every position on the offensive and defensive line, and better than we have been. Our backups are pretty dadgum good. We've got three tight ends out of the six that are drawing lots of attention. They can play. They are great defensive linemen too. They religiously showed up to summer practices, they worked like crazy this spring, and they've got a grasp of this thing."

"The running game will really stretch them out because we are doing so many things well with our power running game, and

when we get our misdirection rolling, it will add to it and open up our receivers. We're not going to win a 100-meter dash contest. We aren't going to line up in a track race and beat everybody's defensive backs. We've got to run great routes and block for those running backs when they break open. All of our great runs will be behind a great wide receiver block downfield when the tailback makes his second cut. That's the kind of tailbacks we've got now. There are five there right now and we've got two fullbacks that aren't quite as shifty and fast, but could probably play tailback for a lot of folks."

Nearly 4,000 yards and 40 touchdowns return to the Livingston offense from 2023.

Vanover also points to an experienced defense, where nine starters return and three others played extensively. He said there is more confidence on that side of the ball. Every defensive back on the two deep all played varsity ball last year. A linebacker and defensive lineman were lost to graduation, but Vanover says their replacements have the ability to pick up where they left off.

The head coach has also seen leadership from his players. He points to a few scuffles from the Coldspring scrimmage where upperclassmen pulled players aside to settle conflicts. He believes his team, more than any other he's had at Livingston, possesses a tough culture where players are policing themselves.

"Every great championship

team that I've been on or a part of as a coach or a player, the coaches never had to do anything (for discipline). They set the tone for their team, it is their deal, and they handle it. Both of the little flare-ups on the field have been taken care of by the players on the sidelines back behind us. There is some buy-in there that we haven't had before."

As mentioned, the Lions are stocked at every position with players the staff feels comfortable deploying at any time. That begins at quarterback, where three could see the field in a game.

"Demorian Hill is a returning starter. He battled his demons last year with injuries and mistakes, and never quit. He has a total grasp of everything. He made a couple of bad reads (in the Coldspring scrimmage), but he made some great plays too. He threw a couple of good strikes, just like Tyler Soza."

Hill played most of last year on a hobbled leg and is someone the team will look to as a leader. Soza, a junior, will also see time at wide receiver and was one of the leading tacklers from 2023. Brayden Carr is a third quarterback with junior varsity experience, but coaches like his progression. They feel all the quarterbacks have improved footwork and are seeing the field much better, making better reads.

The situation may be even better with ball carriers.

"We've got a stable full of running backs and our kids can go. We've got five running backs, and are sound and solid there with

Ja'tarius Randolph, Jerren James, and Trendon Williams."

Those seniors will combine with junior Jose Olivares, who is said to have outstanding feet and could fight for carries, as will Sean Martin.

The Lion passing game will look to move the chains more than stretch the field. Yet, because of all the underneath routes from backs, tight ends and receivers, deep touchdowns can occur from blown coverages. Receivers will not see the field if they are unable to block. The coach brags on the strength and speed of Javian Haynes, intelligence and hands of Carson Pipes, and athletic ability of Soza.

Six players are expected to see time at tight end. If that sounds like a lot, keep in mind each will also spend time at fullback, wide receiver, on defense or even the offensive line if injuries were a factor. It gives the Lions flexibility in formations without need for substitution, while also creating mismatches in certain spots of the field.

Even with six, last year's starter, Randolph, is now lining up at tailback. Deondre Johnson is an emerging star and should start at the position. Uriel Tatum, Isaiah Frank, and Drake Valderez will also be in the mix on the end of the line. The coach said his backups are both intelligent and athletic.

New names litter the offensive line, which will be a complete

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overhaul. Coaches say that is not a bad thing, and feel as good as possible with so much inexperience. Most have developed physically over the spring and summer, and there may not be a starting senior. Vanover likes how the group has bonded with pancake meals and pool parties, and is impressed with how quickly they have picked up on nuances of the position.

Ryan Figgs is a big bodied junior left tackle with great potential, according to offensive line coach James Herrera. He has kicked inside from tight end, has spent some time on the basketball court, and should provide athleticism while protecting the quarterback. Alex Perez, a junior, played in limited action last season at guard to provide a bit of experience. Roman Ontiveros was a sophomore tackle on the junior varsity a year ago, but will touch the ball every play of offense at center. He is working on consistency when snapping in shotgun. A position battle is taking place at right guard, with sophomore Samuel Champagne and junior Bradley Livingston. Champagne added 30 pounds over the summer and coaches say he has the versatility to plug in anywhere along the line. Livingston is a returning letterman from the defense. At right tackle, there is another battle between junior Robert Meeks and sophomore Ty Thomas.

"Last year I had the five starters with a couple of guys I could throw in," Herrera said. "This year, we have five starters, plus at least four other guys ready to go. As a group, they are right on par with last year's group. Size wise, they don't pass the eye test like last year's group. These guys are 5-foot-10 and 5-foot-9, but they are strong and hardworking. They are a little quicker than last year's group and move better."

Vanover added that two of the tight ends could also slide inside in emergency situations.

In his seventh season at Livingston and fifth as defensive coordinator, Dalton Murray said he feels most comfortable with the group he has for 2024.

"The last team that we had that had this much returning production was the team that won the district championship," Murray said. "Even then, we didn't have as much as we do now. It was like six or seven returners and then guys with significant playing time filled

those other roles. Now, we have all the secondary that came back except one. We've got guys that have a considerable amount of playing time."

Murray said players will need to take advantage of the time they are allotted on the field, because there is a competition for those minutes. His starting lineup has changed multiple times over the previous two weeks. Starting lineups may not matter as much as they have in the past, with so many able to contribute off the bench. Coaches say the depth is quality, with students who have been in the system multiple years.

"It really makes a difference when every kid you've got has been a football kid the whole time," Murray said. "They've gotten all of that playing experience and all that development that comes with the commitment they have given us for the past several years. These kids that we are playing on the varsity level have gone through our program since seventh grade. That is why the competition is so close now."

"On the defensive line, we have Zachery Dillard, who is a returning nose, or with our even front, he is a tackle in more of a one tech or three. He is huge and hard to move. He bench presses close to 400 pounds and squats over 600. He is a wide load and about the size of a door. Alex Perez, Roman Ontiveros, Ryan Figgs, Bradley Livingston, Kaidence Cook and Samuel Champagne are on the line. We have Uriel Tatum and Deondre Johnson returning. All (Johnson) has done is get faster and stronger. He is basically a man amongst boys now. If we can get his pass rush going, we are going to be pretty good. I could see him being a defensive MVP if he goes like we think he is going to go. He is a longer and taller Connor Starr (who is now playing college ball at Southern Arkansas)."

Top performers at linebacker include Randolph and Karson Nielsen-Allen. Hill practiced and played a lot at linebacker his sophomore year, but was limited on defense because of his responsibilities as starting quarterback.

"He is one of the most athletic guys we have," Murray said of Hill. "Drake Valdez and a whole bunch of other kids are stepping up from the J.V. level that are doing surprisingly well this fall camp. There are at least six linebackers that are going to get a considerable amount of time, when we usually only have two or three."

The coach said to also look for Brice Lucas at linebacker, who could contribute as a sophomore.

The defensive coordinator credits the 7-on-7 program for developing his defensive backs over the offseason. He hopes the secondary can be aided by a pass rush this season with improved play on the first two levels. The man defense Livingston employs can expose cornerbacks that are not able to stay with bigger or faster wide receivers. Giving the quarterback less time in the pocket is one way of battling that issue.

"Last year, we couldn't get a good rush. Our line just wasn't getting it done. That makes it where you have to blitz a lot. When you blitz a lot and they throw the quick game, that means you are open over the middle with shorter routes and slants. That's what we are trying to eliminate right now. What we are working on is getting a better pass rush. If we can get that with four or five guys, we are going to be good."

Murray said he needed to send more bodies to the quarterback and gamble often in years past.

"It's not a true defense, you are just blitzing to save your own life and to cover up our weaknesses. This year, we are setting up in the defense and we play. If I send a blitz, it's a surprise. The element of surprise will be more in our favor than it ever has been. We've got everything that we have always done, but when you play fundamental football on defense, it looks like you are blitzing. The kids have gotten what we are doing, they understand, and it is allowing us to play faster and more calm. We are pretty excited about it."

Williams is a returner and was first team all-district last year at safety. Soza at safety and Haynes at corner were also all-district performers. There is one corner spot still up for grabs, where Murray says he has received solid play from Brayden Carr, returning varsity letterman Deondrae Walker, Hunter Carr and sophomore Ja'kegdrick Walker.

Quarterbacks Soza and Hill will also handle punting duties for the Lions. Anyone who has attended games knows Livingston is not timid about punt fakes, and having those two in the backfield on fourth down will give opposing teams second thoughts. Alessandro Lopez and freshman Bruce Montgomery are expected to compete for kicking duties.

"This is the strongest group of

40 players we have had in this program," Vanover said. "Team wise, we are close to being as explosive as we were in 2020. It's a whole different style of athlete, but there is a ton more depth at some really key positions like quarterback, running back, tight end and our defensive front. If we can keep those offensive linemen progressing and they don't have to all start and play a ton on defense, we are going to be hard to handle."

Like many prognosticators, Vanover believes Little Cypress-Mauriceville and Vidor will compete at the top of District 10-4A Div. I.

"We are in the top four. Don't underestimate Bridge City. They have a long-standing tradition. They are tough and physical and love to play the game. They are new, so they will be coming in with a big axe handle, thinking that everybody forgot about them way down in the south-east."

Defending district champion Lumberton lost a bundle of talent to graduation and will have a new coach this season. Huffman Hargrave had a very young team in 2023 and could be the surprise of the district. Liberty and Hardin-Jefferson are both new entries along with Bridge City and looking to make their mark.

"LC-M, Vidor, us, Bridge City and Huffman are probably going to be the ones everybody is going to have to beat to get in," Vanover said. "There won't be any more two wins to get in. If we can stay healthy and keep going like we're doing, we can match up with any and all of them. Wouldn't it be great, Vidor and us playing right here on the last game of the season for the championship?"



Ja'tarius Randolph is now a tailback, after moving from tight end late last season. PHOTO BY ENTERPRISE STAFF



Deondrae Walker will contribute as a defensive back and receiver in his senior year. PHOTO BY ENTERPRISE STAFF



Jerren James will again be counted on for his big-play ability in the backfield. PHOTO BY ENTERPRISE STAFF



Damorian Hill will look the toss the ball more in 2024 PHOTO BY ENTERPRISE STAFF



Tyler Soza was one of the Lions' leading tacklers in 2023. PHOTO BY ENTERPRISE STAFF



Javian Haynes was an all-district performer at cornerback. PHOTO BY ENTERPRISE STAFF

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Building culture at Corrigan-Camden

BULLDOGS LOOK TO YOUNG TALENT FOR SUCCESSFUL SEASON

By Albert Trevino

With an established identity, the Corrigan-Camden Bulldogs are set to start a more experienced group of players looking to enter their prime in the 2024 season.

It was during the 2020 pandemic that former Bulldog athlete Brett Ratliff returned to Corrigan to transition the program swiftly into a new offensive scheme, focused more on speed and skill playmaking.

Since that time, Ratliff has worked aggressively to build a social dynamic between the team and community to create a strong culture that still respects the tradition of years past.

"I have always been very open, while trying to bring excitement and energy. We give the fans, parents, players and all stakeholders in the district as much info so they feel involved in everything we are doing," said Ratliff. "It was important to do that, coming into a new program and trying to create something different, but built on the great things that have always been here."

In addition to a new offensive framework, the Bulldog defense has also been a team strength under the leadership of coordinator Amaro Villarreal, who was also Ratliff's colleague coaching in Navasota.

Most notably in the 2022 season, Corrigan's defense gained a reputation with district opponents, compiling four consecu-

tive shutouts against Normangee, Leon, West Hardin and Groveton.

"Our strong culture comes from Coach Ratliff. The players work their tails off," said Villarreal. "This year, we are switching up our defensive scheme a bit to fit our personnel. I got a lot of that experience adjusting schemes as defensive line coach under Bill Hoppers in Navasota."

Last season was not as competitive overall for Corrigan, partly due to a young offense trying to find a consistent identity. The Bulldog offense would often rotate quarterbacks or use direct-snap schemes to help find soft spots in tougher defenses.

Corrigan did manage to finish with a 2-3 district record to get to the postseason. However, the Bulldogs suffered a 68-7 loss against the eventual state champion Timpson Bears in the bi-district playoff round.

The benefit to such a tough season for Corrigan was the earned player improvement each week. Although some of the early non-district matchups were big losses, both the offense and defense developed during the district schedule.

It was enough to take home a 38-14 road win against the Normangee Panthers and deliver a 43-0 shutout at Bulldog Stadium over the West Hardin Oilers.

This year, the 'Dogs appear confident with a more experienced core group of players. The varsity team primarily consists of juniors,

with sophomores and seniors sprinkled in.

If the recent scrimmage versus the Buffalo Bison was any indication of improvement, this looks to be a strong comeback season for Corrigan. The Bulldogs reportedly scored seven times in that scrimmage, surrendering just one to the opposition.

"Buffalo was a good test for us and we handled it well. We were in great condition," Ratliff said. "Our playmakers are dynamic right now. We are stronger and faster than ever since I have been here."

"It is scary. We had a good sophomore group our first year. That team turned out to be really good. This group is just different," said Villarreal. "They have athleticism and speed, but they also love and play for each other. They just want to win."

Bulldog senior Michael Sullivan will return again as starting quarterback after a promising effort last season. Sullivan's throwing ability opened up the opportunity for dynamic pass plays that help extend crucial drives.

Similar to last year, junior receiver William Ratliff will be featured as a skill player in different positions within the offense. Junior Paden Walker will also line up as wide receiver.

"[Sullivan] is poised and has a great grasp of our offense. William is our starting receiver, but is also our all-around utility athlete that will move all around the



Mason Murphy will help the Bulldog defense at linebacker and tote the ball at tailback. PHOTO BY ALBERT TREVINO

field," Ratliff said. "Our offensive line is tenacious and plays as a strong unit."

Ratliff looks to rotate a deep lineup of running backs to handle different looks from opposing defenses this year. The pack includes

junior Mason Murphy, along with sophomores Derrick Reagie, Damerne Arneson and Nemo Marshall.

"We have four good running

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Derrick Reagie will star at running back and outside linebacker. PHOTOS BY ALBERT TREVINO



Michael Sullivan is back to lead the Bulldog offense at quarterback.



Damere Arneson looks to follow a promising freshman year at running back.



William Ratliff will be a utility weapon for the Corrigan-Camden offense.

BULLDOGS

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backs and they all bring something different to the table. We are excited to utilize their abilities to exploit the defense in different ways," said Ratliff.

Senior lineman Elliott Long and junior lineman Roman Ramirez will help lead upfront on both offense and defense.

"Our defense is going more into a split look, but the players have bought into it, and I have that trust in them. They are making their own calls, and I do not have to do as much," Villerreal said. "One thing we do not change is flying to the ball and creating turnovers."

Corrigan's defense will feature sophomore Reagie at outside linebacker, William Ratliff at safety and junior Preston Heath at inside linebacker. Marshall and Murphy will also play on defense as linebackers.

Junior Tahj Thomas, who missed most of last season with a broken hand, will also return to play an important role as a linebacker.

"[Thomas] had a great scrimmage. I was really impressed," Villerreal said. "He has been out a year and now I think he will be a big part of what we are doing defensively."

Seniors Aden Standley and Benny Navarro, along with junior Kody Johnson will also be rotated within the defensive line.

The Bulldogs will have two non-district rematches from last year versus the Kirbyville Wildcats and Elkhart Elks, where Corrigan suffered losses to both.

Three new matchups during non-district include the season opener at home against the Tarkington Longhorns, week two at the Hardin Hornets and a road matchup versus the Joaquin Rams.

Ratliff and the coaching staff feel the team's sense of unity is its biggest strength that will translate on the field this season. This has also been vital to keeping Corrigan's football culture strong.

"They have that trust in us, and we have trust in them. Things are good and we are blessed to have smart enough kids," said Villerreal. "They do not care who gets recognition. That is hard to find nowadays."

"This is a fun team to coach. They want to be successful for each other," said Ratliff. "I do not have to worry about someone getting a lot of touches or having a superstar. It is hard in the game of football to not have egos, and I truly believe this team does not. They want to be successful for each other."

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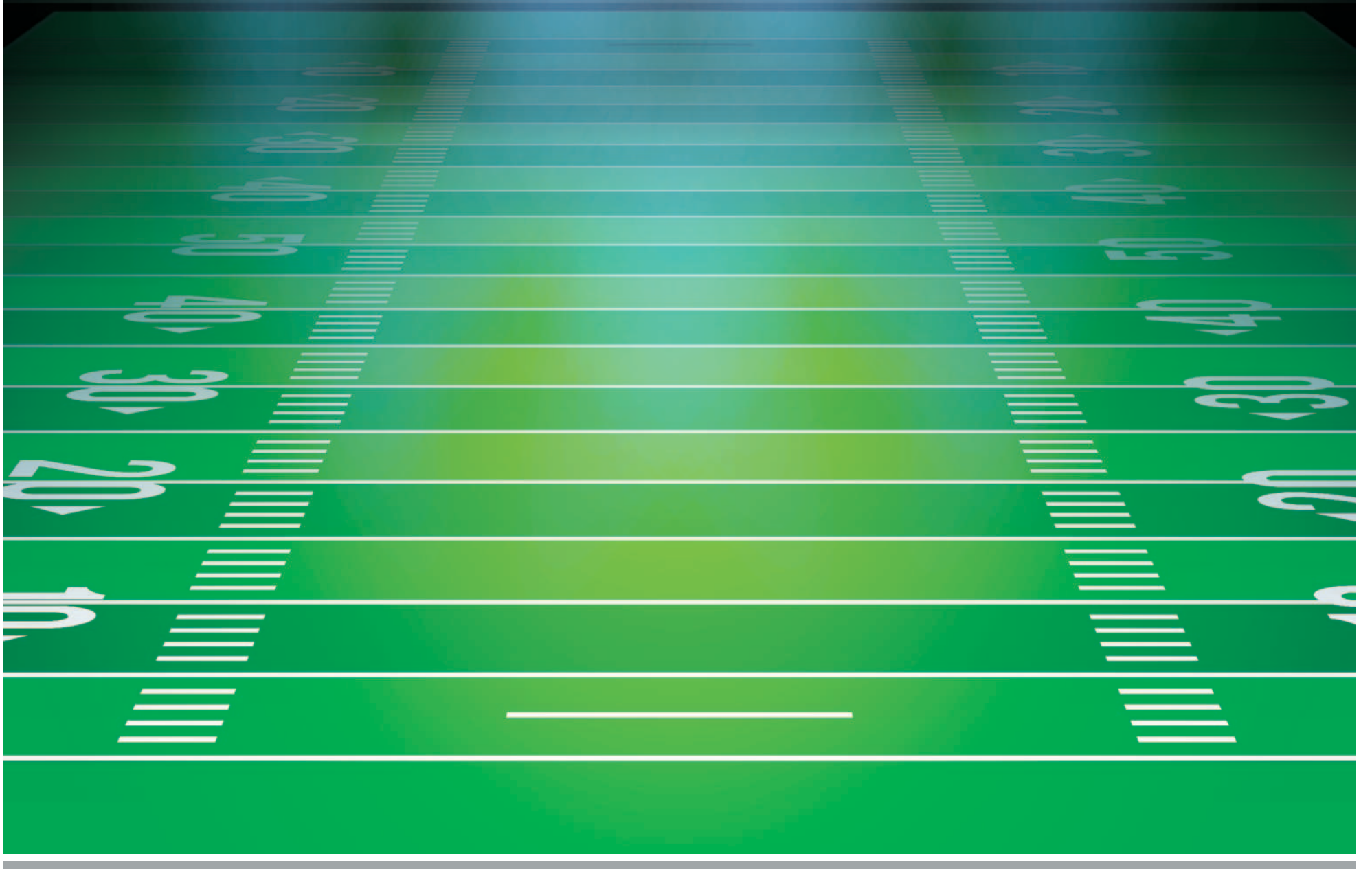
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BITE by BITE

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

"I don't have much patience for people who are self-conscious about the act of eating, and it irritates me when someone denies themselves the pleasure of a bloody hunk of steak or a pungent French cheese because of some outdated nonsense about what's appropriate or attractive."

– Anthony Bourdain

STILL TRYING OUT 'SUMMER RECIPES' EVEN THOUGH SUMMER'S ALMOST OVER



Please don't be put off by this picture. Although we prefer our steak medium rare, this turned out a little too rare even for us. After taking the picture, I put the steak back on my grill pan and cooked it a little longer. However, I failed to retake the picture because we were too anxious to dig in.

I can't believe how fast this summer has flown by and I haven't finished trying all the "summer recipes" I've been bookmarking.

A friend turned me on to Deb Perelman and her blog, smittenkitchen.com, a number of years ago when she gifted me one of Deb's cookbooks. The blog quickly became one of my favorites and over time I've made many of her recipes – with a 100% success rate, I might add. She explains things well and none of them have been super difficult. So when I was scrolling through her blog one day several weeks ago and came across "Summer Steak with Corn & Tomatoes," it nearly took my breath away because the picture was so beautiful and colorful. It truly looked like summer on a plate.

An added benefit of her blog is that she also has a fun sense of humor. Check out her comments about this particular recipe:

"This has been my go-to summer steak for the last several years and I have some audacity to have gate kept it for so long. Mostly, we've been too busy eating it for me to grab the camera and shoot it and then sit down and write the recipe, which is hilarious as that's, like, my whole job. But my brain softens in the summer, especially when my kids are away at sleepaway camp, as they are now, and we quickly lose whatever tethers we had to things like to-do lists, responsibilities, and adulting. And while I do not expect a skirt steak with a cherry tomato and sweet corn salad to shake the cooking internet off its axis, there are a bunch of tips tucked into this recipe that make it a reliable favorite, and I hope become part of your repertoire too."

It was quick and easy to make and as for the corn and tomato salad, you can really put just about anything you want to in it. The steak may be prepared on the grill or in a grill pan on the stovetop. I made ours on a cast-iron grill pan on the stovetop.

We thoroughly enjoyed it and will definitely add it to the rotation. However, there is one confession I have to make. Don't be frightened by my picture. Although we prefer our steak medium rare, this turned out a little too rare even for us. After taking the picture, I put the steak back on my grill pan and cooked it a little longer. I failed to retake the picture because we were too anxious to dig in. Try it. I think you'll like it. ■

"I've prioritized taking care of my mind, having fun, and doing things that make me laugh. And eating well – as in, really good food, like steak or pasta or fresh vegetables or an amazing dessert. You know, 'treat yo'self.'"

– Phillipa Soo

"Everybody has to put purees underneath everything now. It's like people think we need the steak, and then we need some baby food with it."

– Wolfgang Puck

SUMMER STEAK WITH CORN & TOMATOES

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Steak:

1¼ - to 1½ -pound skirt steak
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon sweet or hot smoked paprika
Freshly ground black pepper

Salad:

2 ears fresh corn
2 tablespoons olive oil
4 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
1 teaspoon kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 clove garlic, minced
4 scallions, thinly sliced (white and green)
2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved or quartered
1 jalapeno, seeds removed, finely chopped
1 cup finely-chopped fresh herbs such as parsley, mint, basil, chives, or a mix thereof

Prep the steak: Pat steak dry and place on a plate or tray. If your grill or pan for cooking is smaller than the length of it, cut the steak into segments that will fit. Combine sugar, salt, paprika, and many grinds of black pepper in a small bowl then sprinkle half of it over the top of the steak; flip steak over and repeat on the second side. Transfer to the fridge and let chill for 30 minutes or up to a few hours, until you're ready to grill.

I do this uncovered to encourage the edges to dry out, which is just my preference; loosely covered works too.

Make corn and tomato salad: Cook the corn your favorite way; I use the grill. Heat your grill to a high heat. Shuck the cobs, removing any stringy bits, and lightly oil the cobs. Place directly on the grill and cook until charred spots form, rotating the cobs as needed. This can take about 5 to 10 minutes, depending on how robust your grill is. Set the cobs aside to cool slightly while you make the dressing.

Pour olive oil, cider vinegar, kosher salt, many grinds of black pepper, and minced garlic in a medium-large bowl and whisk to combine. When corn is cool enough to handle (with a towel, if needed), cut the kernels from the cob and add to the dressing in the bowl. Scatter tomatoes, jalapeno, scallions, and herbs on top of the corn in layers, but I don't bother mixing it at this point. I like the corn to marinate and gently pickle in the dressing while I cook the steak.

Do ahead: Corn salad can be made 1 hour in advance. If you'd like to make it even earlier, I'd leave the herbs off until right before serving so they don't discolor.

Cook the steak:

On a grill: Heat your grill to high for 10 minutes before

using it. I like my (small, gas) grill as ripping hot as I can get it for a skirt steak, since it's so thin and I want to get color on the outside before it overcooks in the center. Lightly oil the grill and the steak, cooking for 2 minutes on the first side, then flipping it and cooking it for 2 minutes on the second side for medium-rare. Transfer to a cutting board to rest for 5 to 7 minutes.

On the stove: Heat your heaviest skillet, ideally cast-iron over high heat for several minutes, until the pan is smoking hot. Lightly coat it with a neutral oil and add the steak. If you had to cut yours into a few segments, you might only be able to cook two at a time. Cook for 2 minutes on the first side, then flip the steak and cook it for 2 minutes on the second side for a medium-rare steak. Transfer to a cutting board to rest for 5 to 7 minutes.

Assemble and serve: Stir tomato-corn salad to mix the ingredients and taste, adjusting seasoning if needed. Once the steak has rested, cut it across the grain into ¼ - to ½ -inch thick slices. Arrange steak fanned on a serving platter and drizzle any juices that have collected on the cutting board over it. Season lightly with additional salt and pepper. Spoon some tomato-corn salad over it, leaving the rest in a bowl on the side for adding more at the table. Eat right away.

JAIL REPORT

Week of August 16-22 August 16

Lynch, Kenneth Lamar, 29 of Conroe, theft of property, burglary of a building.
Paul, Dolton Keith, 31 of Livingston, bond forfeiture/assault causing bodily injury.
Smith, Cameron Lee, 17 of Onalaska, warrant/assault causing bodily injury.
Turner, Lorenzo Juawan, 27 of Porter, probation violation/unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon
Lenox, Paula, 57 of Onalaska, violation of bond or protective order.
Pursley, Jonathan Brian, 23 of Livingston, criminal trespass.
Quinlan, Steven Louis, 47 of Willis, motion to revoke probation x 2.

August 17

Accutoroop, Duane Kelly, 28 of Livingston, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, warrant/ no driver's license x 5, warrant/possession of drug paraphernalia x 3, warrant/fail to maintain financial responsibility, warrant/failure to appear, warrant/display expired registration.
Barker, Cassidy Kathleen, 29 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury.
Brown, Raymond Joshua, 36 of Onalaska, unlawful possession of firearm by a felon, evading arrest or detention, warrant/non-payment child support.
Goss, Christopher Blaine, 30 of Huntsville, criminal mischief.
Guevara, Priscilla Selena, 25 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury, speeding, no driver's license.
Hernandez, Christien Naddely, 23 of Onalaska, assault causing bodily injury.
Nace, Stephen Paul Jr., 44 of Livingston, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance.
Plymale, Cynthia Ann, 25 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury.
Sirmons, Clifton Lee Jr., 53 of Livingston, driving while intoxicated/open alcohol container.
Smith, Shelbie, 22 of Goodrich, assault causing bodily injury.
Valdez, Crystel Evelyn, 39 of Onalaska, possession of a controlled substance, failure to appear x 2, defective tail lamps, no driver's license x 2, fail to maintain financial

responsibility.
Green, Sebastian Xavior, 32 of New Caney, theft of property, possession of a controlled substance x 2, evading arrest or detention with vehicle, warrant/theft of property.
White, Kyle James, 33 of Onalaska, assault peace officer x 2, resisting arrest search or transport, violate bond or protective order.

August 18

Bush, Jennifer Marie, 43 of Livingston, assault on a peace officer, attempt to take weapon from an officer, resisting arrest search or transport.
Gates, David Neal, 40 of Onalaska, possession of a controlled substance, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, warrant/unauthorized use of a vehicle.

August 19

Kolojaco, Jacob Joe, 60 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury to family member.

August 20

Barber, Blaine Lee, 33 of Groveton, motion to revoke probation/possession of a controlled substance.
Barnes, Kevin Wayne, 49 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance, engage in organized criminal activity, burglary of a vehicle x 2.
Barnes, Ryan Cain, 27 of Livingston, engage in organized criminal activity, credit or debit card abuse, burglary of a vehicle x 2,
Butler, Julius Richard, 42 of Humble, tamper or fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair, driving while intoxicated.

Daniels, Steve Anton, 66 of Livingston, credit or debit card abuse, theft of property.

Harrell, Norris Bernard, 53 of Livingston, bond forfeiture/manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, bond forfeiture/criminal trespass x 2, bond forfeiture/possession of marijuana.

Hernandez, Christien Naddely, 23 of Onalaska, motion to adjudicate/criminal mischief, motion to adjudicate/assault causing bodily injury.

Nelson, Patrick Michael, 35 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance x 2, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Knighton, Garland Lee Jr., 37 of Corrigan, assault family or household member with previous conviction.

Kolojaco, Denise Rose, 53 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury.

Renner, Patrick Henry, 56 of Onalaska, possession of a controlled substance.

Shaffer, Ashley Nicole, 28 of Livingston, motion to revoke probation/unauthorized use of a vehicle, probation violation/resisting arrest search or transport, probation violation/criminal trespass.

Wilkes, Juan Jesus, 30 of Dickinson, warrant/assault causing bodily injury.

Armstead, Ashley Nicole, 32 of Livingston, probation violation/driving while intoxicated 2nd.

Armstead, Linda Carol, 32 of Lufkin, probation violation/driving while intoxicated 2nd.

Ruddle, Gary Steven, 56 of Livingston, theft of property with two or more previous convictions x 2.

Whately, Jeremy Paul, 41 of Livingston, public intoxication.

August 21

Baker, Naomi Kinnison, 48 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance.

Gregson, Heather Lynn, 27 of Onalaska, bond forfeiture/theft of property.

Marlow, Kyle Anthony, 26 of Trinity, violate bond or protective order two times within 12 months.

Ping, Ervin Ronald III, 22 of Onalaska, motion to revoke probation/aggravated assault causing bodily injury.

Kinard, Kevin Kurt, 42 of Coldspring, unlawfully carrying a weapon, driving while intoxicated/open alcohol container.

Stutts, Kelly Deann, 53 of Livingston, bond violation/assault public servant, bond forfeiture/threat of family or household.

August 22

Bearss, William Malcolm, 40 of Livingston, possession of a controlled substance x 2.

Clements, Alicia Michelle, 44 of Splendora, probation violation/possession of a controlled substance.

Dupre, Berkman Lewis III, 24 of Livingston, warrant/no proof of financial responsibility, warrant/no driver's license, warrant/expired registration, warrant/theft of property.

Foreman, Marcus Dwayne, 51 of Corrigan, burglary of a habitation.

Wootton, Joshua Duane, 43 of Livingston, warrant/possession of a controlled substance



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sophomore



Luisa Perez Montes
sophomore



Edward Turk
sophomore

Four Livingston High School FFA students are starting the year with their entries in a major state-level competition, the Speaking Development Event for the State Fair of Texas. Annabel Rasberry, Luisa Perez Montes, Kyle LeBlanc, and Edward Turk were able to choose a topic from eight different categories in the agricultural field where they selected natural resources, horticulture,

and agricultural technology. Ag Teacher Mrs. Gracie Whisenant shares, "This is a great group of speakers returning from last year. They began their process of researching agricultural topics that they were passionate about and are required to deliver a 6-8 minute presentation. These students have worked very hard in writing and learning to deliver their presentations in a span of two months."

"The first round of the State Fair Public Speaking Contest involves submitting an unedited video. The next round is scheduled for October 10th at the State Fair, where students will compete for a \$5,000 scholarship to support their further education. We are excited to compete at majors this year in Dallas, San Antonio, and Houston. This talented group will also participate in FFA competitions in the

spring, presenting their speeches at the district level. To advance, they must place in the top three, from there they will need to place first at the Area competition to qualify for State. Last year, Annabel Rasberry and Edward Turk represented us at the State level, and we are hopeful for more success this year. These exceptional speakers are proudly representing Livingston FFA."

LION COUNTRY CALENDAR

- Monday, August 26, 2024**
4:30 pm- LJH- Volleyball @ Shepherd
- Tuesday, August 27, 2024**
4:30 pm- LHS- F/JV/V Volleyball @ Coldspring
- Wednesday, August 28, 2024**
LHS- Tennis vs Hamshire Fannett
- Thursday, August 29, 2024**
4:00 pm- LJH- 7th/8th Football vs Liberty
5:30 pm- LHS- Freshman/JV Football vs Ft. Bend Austin
- Friday, August 30, 2024**
4:30 pm- LHS- F/JV/V Volleyball vs Dayton (JH Night)
4:30 pm- LJH- Volleyball- Junior High Night at LHS
- Saturday, August 31, 2024**
6:00 pm- LHS- Varsity Football @ Ft. Bend Austin



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FAIR. Water stain; 85 degrees; 0.33 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; 0.12 feet below pool. Summer fishing patterns are holding steady. Big blue catfish 15 feet or less. 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. A few catches of white bass while targeting crappie with a crappie jig and white curly tailed jig. 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

GOOD. Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.02 feet above pool. Schooling bass are surfacing for some good topwater action with topwater lures or flukes. A Texas rigged worm, dropshot or shaky head will do the trick as the sun rises and heat sends the fish to the bottom. You can get in the river or bayou with a light Texas June bug or red bug worm targeting the grass and lily pad lines. Lake level is getting low but with all the rains from this spring we are still at decent levels but you need to be safe and smart in some areas as in some boat runs your less than 2 feet deep so pay attention to your lower unit and your water pump. Always a good time in August to come see this majestic lake that God spoke into existence as the lily pads are really starting to show off. Report provided by Vince Richards, Caddo Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

Conroe

GOOD. Water stained; 96 degrees; 0.29 feet below pool. Water temperature is 92 degrees in the morning reaching up to 98 degrees in the afternoon. Catfish are fair at best with fish scattered now that the spawn is over and the water is hot. There are a lot of tiny catfish mixed in with the good eaters, and a few trophy fish roaming baited holes as well. Report by Brad Doyle with Bradley's Guide Service. Largemouth bass fishing is good fishing offshore structure



with brush nearby using crankbaits, football jigs, and worms. Some bass are also starting to suspend chasing balls of bait in creek channels. Report by Roy Crush IV fishing. Crappie fishing has been hit-or-miss in 13-21 feet of water. Hair jigs from Lone Star Crappie Jigs have been producing better than plastics. Once you catch a few you might wanna move to the next spot, they have been turning off quickly. Hybrids and white bass are schooling in 14-23 feet of water. Use live bait such as shad, or large minnows, or troll with a deep diver with a pet spoon as a trailer. White or chartreuse slabs from MT Pockets have been working well, vertical jigging. Always wear your life jacket and stay hydrated in this heat. Report by Mike Cason, Fishical Therapy.

Fork

GOOD. Water Stained; 81 degrees; 0.93 feet below pool. Bass are good early morning around bream beds in 3-6 feet with chatterbaits and square bills crankbaits. Shaky heads are also good. Offshore bite is best on points, humps and creek channel swings in 12-22 feet. Carolina rigs and big shaky heads with big worms best with a few on football jigs. Deep crankbaits are still good around roadbeds and humps and over deep crappie brush puked. 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 has been improving as we approach the later part of summer. We still are seeing tons of crappie on brush piles and lay downs. Those fish bite some days and lock up some days. They are mostly black crappie as well. We are also seeing white crappie on timber in 18-32 feet. Those fish may not be in huge numbers but the bite is way better. There are also some fish on certain bridges and you can pick up a few fish on the right column. Minnows are the dominant bait for this time of year. Small hand tied jigs and soft plastics will also catch some fish. The

catfish bite continues to be excellent on baited holes around timber in 13-20 feet. Look for roosting overnight birds and drop some cattle cubes or sour grain. 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 below 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; 0.18 feet below 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 running crankbaits, jigs, wacky worms and Texas rigs. The north end of the lake is producing catches in the grass and bushes. Report by Mike Stroman, R & R Marine.

Livingston

GOOD. slightly stained; 89 degrees; 0.07 feet below pool. Catching a lot of white bass in 8-12 feet of water with white and chartreuse slabs. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

Martin Creek

GOOD. Water stained; 95 degrees; 0.77 feet below pool. Bass are fair with the early bite the best. Swim baits and weigh less senco's over the grass will work well. Crappie are excellent on brush piles in 25-30 feet using Bobby Garland jigs in screamer color and minnows. Catfish are good on jug lines using live bait. Report by Hambone Guide Service.

Nacogdoches

GOOD. Water stained; 93 degrees; 0.75 feet below pool. Largemouth bass are excellent on deep diving crankbaits and Carolina rigs in 18-22 feet of water. Lots of quality fish are in the 2-4 pound range. Crappie are fair in brush with live minnows, and a 1/16 or 1/8 ounce white crappie jigs. Catfish are fair on cut bait and live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Nacoinche

EXCELLENT. Water stained; 92 degrees; 1.00 foot below pool. Keep an eye on the thermocline, as this tells you the exact depth to present your offering. Even over deep water, do not go below this line. The jerkbait Jr. Plus-1 got the most bites over the weekend for bass. If you find bass hugging the bottom in 8-10 feet dragging a Texas rig or Swing-head can be effective. Crappie population is good. Catfish are slow. Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services. Largemouth bass are excellent in the timber on Carolina rigs and large swimbaits in 8-10 feet of water. Fish might be suspended over 20 feet of water but they

are 8-10 feet below the surface. Crappie are excellent on light weighted crappie jigs or live minnows. Catfish are slow on cut bait and live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water stained; 90 degrees; 1.88 feet above pool. Water is dropping, with no big changes to the summer pattern. Bass are slow in shallow water in brush with many smaller fish being caught on frogs, and spinnerbaits. Deeper bass bite is fair with Carolina rigs. Crappie are slow moving to and from the brush to timber. 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 normal stain; 92 degrees; 3.26 feet below pool. The best bite is at night and with the full moon this week, bass fishing has been on fire. With lots of bass caught up to 9 pounds. These fish are coming on Texas and Carolina rigs in 12-18 feet of water on main lake ridges and river drops. Anglers are reporting the best bite between 1-3 a.m., but there is always a great bite in the last hour of daylight and first couple of hours after dark. The day bite has been slow, with a few fish coming on big crankbaits on main lake ridges. The better bite is midday, but with the Texas heat, it can be hard to stay on the water. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

Tyler

GOOD. Water normal stain; 91 degrees; 0.34 feet below 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 good out to 16 feet of water with topwaters, spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Report by The Boulders at Lake Tyler.

Welsch

FAIR. Water stained. 106 degrees. Few reports from anglers.

Wright Patman

GOOD. Water stained; 83 degrees; 0.87 feet above pool. The lake level is high and water is being released. Be sure to check ramp status before heading out.

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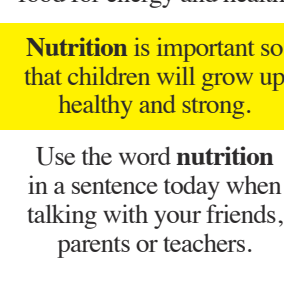
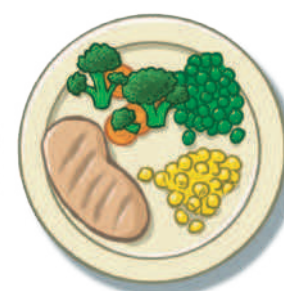
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NUTRITION: A National Concern

PARENTS: Children don't yet realize that weight is more about having a healthy body and less about how that body looks. To put it into perspective, explain that carrying extra weight means the body must work harder—and that extra work can keep a person from feeling their best.

Comparing Apples and Oranges

$1 \text{ orange} = 53¢ + 17¢ + 64¢$
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Grocer Joe is thinking about the price per pound of apples and oranges. Which costs more? Write the price per pound on each crate.

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums using money.

Nutrition Maze

Our bodies need different kinds of nutrients to perform at their peak. The different nutrients we need come from different kinds of food.

Look at the nutrients below. Then follow the maze to find out what each nutrient does for your body and what foods provide each nutrient.

Protein
We get these by eating bread, cereal, pasta and other foods made with grains. These give us energy.

Carbohydrates
We get this from meat, fish and beans. In order for our muscles and organs to grow and be healthy, our bodies need this.

Vitamins
Fruits and vegetables are an important source of these. They make our hair shine, our eyes sparkle and our bodies healthy.

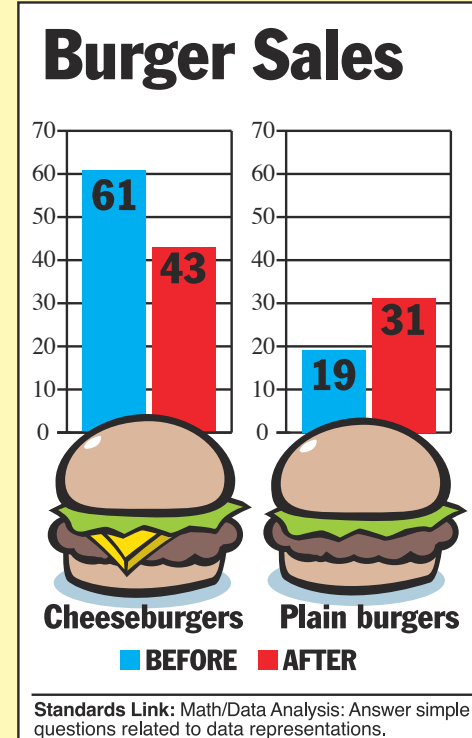
Calcium
We can get this from a variety of foods including dairy products, dark green leafy vegetables, soy beans, almonds, figs, broccoli and butternut squash. Our bodies need it to grow and keep our bones strong.

Extra! Extra!
Carrot Classified
Make up a Classified Ad to sell a bunch of carrots. Look at the Classified Ad section of the newspaper to get ideas on how these ads are written.

Standards Link: Health: Students know the nutritional value of foods.
Writing Applications: Write simple expository descriptions of things.

Posters Make a Point

When a high school in Pennsylvania put up posters telling students how much fat was in different foods, the students changed what they ate for lunch.



Look at the graph that shows what kinds of food they chose *before* and *after* the posters were put up. Then answer these questions:

How many fewer cheeseburgers were chosen after the posting of the nutrition posters?

How many more plain burgers were chosen than cheeseburgers after the posting of the nutrition posters?

What do you think the nutrition posters said about the fat content of cheese?

Important Ingredients

Good nutrition is a key ingredient for good health. But there are two more important ingredients you need as well. Use the code to discover them.

SECRET CODE:
A C D E F I L N O P R S T X Y

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Double Double Word Search

NUTRITION
APPLES
POSTERS
BREAD
HEALTH
SHINE
CHEESE
ORGAN
OBESITY
BEANS
FISH
CALCIUM
LUNCH
BURGERS
BONES

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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C	H	A	E	E	T	A	T	G	E
L	S	E	P	I	D	A	E	R	B
A	H	H	R	P	H	L	R	O	O
C	T	T	I	H	L	S	S	Y	N
E	U	A	T	N	W	E	I	E	E
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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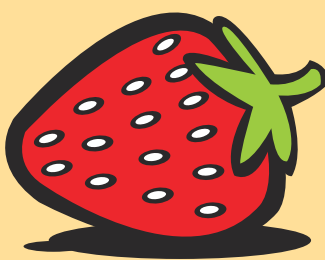
Use the word **nutrition** in a sentence today when talking with your friends, parents or teachers.

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Talking Heads

Look for newspaper pictures of people's heads. Cut some of these out and glue them onto a piece of paper. Write down something for each one to say about eating well. Draw a bubble around the words to make the pictures look like comics. Ask if you can post these in your lunchroom!

Standards Link: Health/Nutrition: Students know healthy eating practices.



How do you make a strawberry shake?

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signed within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Seth Evans Attorney at Law 507 North Washington Avenue Livingston, Texas 77351 st DATED the 21 day of August, 2024. Seth Evans Attorney for The Estate of Robert LaVerne Moore State Bar No.: 24045852 507 North Washington Avenue Livingston, A 77351 Telephone: (936) 327-0232 Facsimile: (936) 327-0233 Email: evanslawyers@gmail.com

Sealed bids requested for erosion restoration

NOTICE OF BID #2024-22 The Polk County Commissioners Court is requesting sealed Bids "Erosion Restoration of a section of Kimball Creek located in Precinct 4". Eligible bids must be sealed, identified on the exterior of the envelope as "BID #2024-22" and submitted to Nacole Reeks, Purchasing / Procurement Coordinator - 602 E. Church St. Suite 120, Livingston, Texas 77351 prior to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. No facsimile transmittal of Bids will be accepted. Bids will be opened and publicly read in the Polk County Purchasing Office at 2:00 p.m. on the deadline date. A copy of the Bid Packet may be obtained by contact-

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in said road; Thence S25W 120vrs to Corner; thence S31W 280 vrs to corner; thence S50W 390 vrs to beginning. (2b) Tract 32 of ABST 179, Legal Descrip: 1.5 acres of land, conveyed by Mrs. O.A. Gas-siot et al to J.C. Mills record in V125 P59 of the Polk County RPRs (3) Located in Polk County Texas (4) Undivided Interest in Real Property; and (5) Rocking E Services, LLC 2719 Bay Laurel Ln Conroe, TX 77304

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MLS#4180025 - This well-maintained Log Home features an inviting interior with high ceilings and large windows, flooding the spacious floor plan with natural light. 3 bedroom 2.5 bath with 1,660 SF of living space inside makes for an oasis of peace and relaxation. Situated on a generous .75 acres total, the property offers canal front, stunning views and plenty of room to make it your own. Enjoy the outdoor lifestyle with a large covered back porch with double glass sliding doors connected to the kitchen/dining area, ideal for outdoor living and hosting. Enjoy your morning cup of coffee on the open, covered front porch. Complete with a 2-car detached garage, this serene retreat is situated in a peaceful Lake Livingston neighborhood. Waterfront living at its best. This home has been slightly lived in as the owners use it as a vacation/weekend get-away home that's barely been used **\$390,000**



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MLS#78592278.....\$499,900



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Water View home with inground pool overlooking Lake Livingston! 4 bedroom, 2 bath, one level home on over half an acre with a 4 car garage and an inground pool. Beautiful home offering an open floor plan. Kitchen with custom cabinetry, breakfast bar and a large walk-in pantry. Spacious dining area and family room are great for entertaining. Family room opens up onto the screen porch and has views of the lake. The bedrooms are split with two on each side of the home. The primary bedroom has an en-suite bath with a large shower & walk-in closet. From the primary bedroom there are 2 large doors that lead directly to the large screened porch. This is the perfect place to enjoy your morning coffee, take in the views of the lake and hear the waves crashing. The garage is perfect for your cars, jet skis or even a workshop. The screened in pool is the best place to relax the day away. This home was completely renovated in 2016 and is in move in condition. Great home for permanent living or a vacation home.
MLS#21899776.....\$424,710



Acreage! Nestled on a serene cul-de-sac, this spacious 3-bed, 2-bath home rests on 4 lots. With vaulted ceilings, French doors opening to a large deck, and a wet bar with a wine fridge, entertaining is a delight. The primary bedroom boasts an oversized closet, sitting area, and private deck access. Enjoy sightings of deer in the area. Shopping in Livingston is just 15 minutes away with plenty of dining options. Onalaska offers local shopping and amenities like gyms and the Heritage Society. Room sizes are approximate. This property offers a peaceful retreat with ample space for relaxation and leisure.
MLS#11099016.....\$509,000



Waterfront on Lake Livingston! Very neat and clean waterfront home. Home has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths with an extra room for an office, family room with a wood burning fireplace, and an island kitchen. Wonderful decks on the front and back of the home. Deck on the lakeside of the home is partially covered and great for entertaining or taking in the beautiful open views of the lake. Situated on almost a half acre. Wood bulkhead and boat lift that is equipped for 2 jet skis which are included in the sale. Great location on Lake Livingston. Rare find on the water for the price.
MLS#51557508.....\$254,900



Waterfront! Nestled on a serene cove on Lake Livingston, this charming waterfront home boasts genuine hardwood floors, ample windows, and lush shade trees. Enjoy the tranquility on the spacious front and back decks. Large kitchen and dining room is an entertainer's delight. The split-level layout offers a cozy living area with a stunning water view. Two bedrooms and a full bath on the first floor, while the second floor features a primary suite with a walk-in closet, full bath, and a cozy sitting area. Experience lakeside living at its finest in this peaceful retreat.
MLS#43692092.....\$425,000



Lake Access home on over an acre. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. Property fronts 3 streets (on 2 corners). Island kitchen. Primary bedroom is on the 1st level. Office or second bedroom is also on the 1st level. Half bath and laundry off of the kitchen area. Upstairs is an open bedroom with a full bath. Large front porch. Plenty of storage under the backside of the house. Include a large storage building. Call today for an appointment.
MLS#2902256.....\$229,900



Waterfront on Lake Livingston! 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with attached carport. Perfect for entertaining family and friends. Home offers spacious kitchen with large island, granite countertops, stainless appliances, walk-in pantry, large family room with separate den, 4th bedroom or office. Primary bedroom with en-suite bath, guest bedroom and 2nd full bath on 1st floor. Large 3rd bedroom or game room with half bath upstairs. Located on a deep water cove. New boat house with sitting area, boat lift, double jet ski lift, rope swing and storage room. Enjoy the beautiful view from large rear deck, second story balcony or sitting area on the dock. Perfect for a vacation rental and can be sold furnished. Great location close to restaurants and shopping.
MLS#61102479.....\$479,999



REDUCED

Lake Access! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 1 level home with attached 2 car carport. Home sits on one lot with fenced back yard and includes a second lot. Home is in move-in ready condition. Open concept. Covered front porch, screened in back porch, firepit in back yard and large storage building. Comes with some furniture and includes appliances. **MLS#37940273.....\$189,900**



Waterfront on Lake Livingston! 3 BR, 2 ba townhouse. Open concept with spacious living area perfect for entertaining guests. Family room with fp, dining area/sunroom with natural light, updated island kitchen with plenty of storage space. Primary bedroom is downstairs, has rear deck access. Enjoy morning coffee or the breathtaking sunsets on your large partially covered deck overlooking the lake. Beautiful shade trees around the house provide shelter from the summer heat. Assigned boat slip, and boat parking on premises. Walk out to the boat dock and enjoy the tranquil ambiance of the water or take your water toys for a spin! Community has 800' of community owned waterfront. Fish anywhere along this area or off of 1 of 2 piers. The townhome is located in a quiet and friendly community, offering two community pools and a peaceful reserve to take walks. This townhome is the perfect place for full-time or weekend living. No yard work except the flower beds! Comes mostly furnished! **MLS# 86475529.....\$299,900**



Lake area. 3 BR- 2.5 BA - 1 Car Carport, double wide concrete drive. Completed Remodeling 6-2024. Very nice take a look at this one. **MLS# 91789294 \$229,000**



Waterview! 2 Bedroom + Loft, 2 Bath home, built in 2022. Two lake view lots. 24' x 40' shop, foam insulated with central air and heat. Home offers an open floor plan. Island kitchen with granite countertops. Family room with fireplace. Primary suite with soaking tub, double sinks and walk-in shower. Guest bedroom and guest bath. 15'x14' loft is great for game room, office or additional bedroom. Enjoy breath taking sunset from the covered patio. Central utilities (no septic). Gated subdivision with many amenities. **MLS# 56381442.....\$349,900**



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MLS#5234282 - TWO lots in the gated lakeside community of Holiday Villages! Make this your own private retreat for weekend getaways or vacations. RV's can be left for your enjoyment, but not lived in full-time. Utilities and culvert are already in place. Mostly cleared with some mature trees left to provide shade. These lots would also be a great place to build your dream home or install a manufactured home. This golf cart friendly community offers year round social activities including fun runs, cook offs, car shows, music, fireworks, and more! Amenities include community boat launch, covered fishing pier, waterfront pavilion, clubhouse, several playgrounds, sandy beach, swimming pool, and other perks for your enjoyment. Be sure to bring your Real Estate Agent with you for entry to this gated community. Don't let this one get away!\$58,000



MLS#98845684 - Incredible views and amazing sunsets await you! Nestled on two waterfront lots with lush shade trees, this split level home on Lake Livingston offers spacious living. Boasting three to four bedrooms, two full baths, and a versatile extra room, perfect for a game room or additional bedroom. Upgrades include Low E windows, a recently replaced HVAC system (2022), PEX plumbing (exterior lines 2021), and a soon-to-be-new roof. Enjoy the convenience of a downstairs refrigerator, French drains, a partially finished attic that is climate controlled, RV pad with 20 AMP plug, greenhouse, and leaf guard gutter system. Stay cozy with a wood-burning fireplace featuring an electric insert that can easily be removed. VRBO friendly neighborhood. Boat available for purchase. Make your appointment today and come take a look!\$575,000



MLS#80875938 - 4.76 acres of UNRESTRICTED land nestled at the end of a quiet country road! The front of the property is mostly cleared with fruit trees and a mixture of scattered hardwoods towards the back & right side. Electricity, water well, and an aerobic septic system have already been installed. It includes a 2 bed/1 bath mobile home, 2 camp houses, & 12 RV hook-ups that have water & electricity. This property was previously used as a hunting camp. It provides endless possibilities for the next owner, depending on your needs! It could be restored to a hunting camp & the RV spaces could be leased. There are multiple homesite options to build your dream home and plenty of room to add a shop or barn. Perfect for a full time residence, weekend escape, or a great place to raise animals. It is within 30 minutes of Livingston for boating/fishing, shopping & restaurants. 25 minutes to Naskila Gaming. Located in the highly sought after school district of Big Sandy. Make your appointment today!\$178,500



MLS#24443591 - Beautiful country home situated on a large corner lot. As you enter the front door of this 3 bedroom/2 bath home you'll notice a large open concept living and dining area that provides plenty of space. The split bedroom floor plan offers additional privacy. The U-shaped kitchen and large bathrooms had previous updates to the fixtures, plumbing, and wiring. New roof installed May 2024. Almost an acre of land provides country living with the convenience of being close to town. The home is nestled among well established trees with a side yard and huge back yard. The front yard is fenced and there is a 12' x 20' storage building/workshop in the back yard. Plenty of parking in the front plus extra parking in the back with access from Snell Rd. This property is within 2 miles of the city of Livingston with easy access to parks, restaurants, schools, and shopping. 15 min or less to Lake Livingston. Don't miss the opportunity to make this your new home! Schedule your appointment today!\$250,000



MLS#89155111 - Country living just minutes from town. Acreage property in the popular FM350 N location!! Spacious 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home with office situated on just over 9 acres of beautiful wooded property. Great floorplan with formal living and dining as well as large den. Two circle drives; one to the front and another leads to the rear of the home and attached carport. Separate metal shop with carport (perfect for that tractor!). Area around the home is partially cleared and the rest is beautifully wooded. Make your appointment to tour this property today!.....\$499,000



MLS#78894029 - 14 acres located just off Hwy 190 W 8.5 miles from Livingston and just minutes from Lake Livingston. Property sits behind new truck stop on Hwy 190 with 2 access points to the Hwy. Call for more details \$675,000



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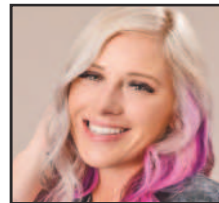
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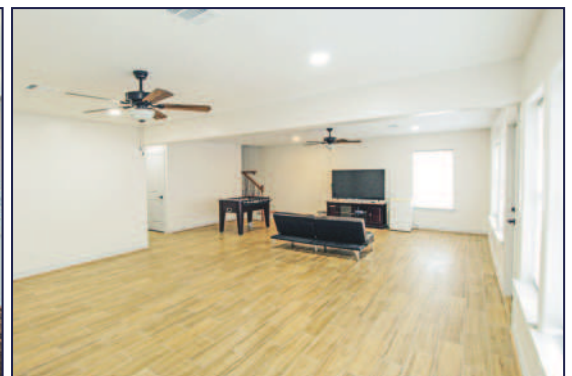
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MLS#39636687 - CITY OF LIVINGSTON - Elegant 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers a formal living area with high ceilings, crown molding, and fireplace with gas log. The open kitchen, dining and breakfast concept offer a great area for entertaining your guest. All kitchen appliances will convey. There is a extra room adjacent to kitchen that can be used as office/study or library. The primary en-suite offers double sinks, whirlpool soaking tub and separate shower, along with a spacious walk in closet. The home has a two car attached oversized garage. The home has a screened porch, open patio and open deck and a brick workshop build-ing. Situated on two lots, home is situated on one lot and additional lot is vacant **\$409,000**



MLS#32034808 - Waterfront - Cedar Point - This Newly constructed home (2022) is located on an open cove facing the Kickapoo bridge, with awesome views of Lake Livingston from all three levels! The main level offers open concept with living, dining and kitchen area, primary en-suite and powder room. Upstairs, there's two bedrooms and one bath and downstairs there is an oversized game room, private bedroom, full bath, and utility room. Great covered porches to entertain your guest! Call us for a viewing today! **\$929,000**



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MLS#10827317 – This Waterfront Custom built home offers over 5300 SF of living areas and has spectacular views of Lake Livingston. The main level offers living room, den, primary bedroom, guest bedroom, and spacious kitchen and dining area. This level offers four fireplaces and 2 full baths and 2 – ½ baths. On the lake level you will find another living area with fireplace, open kitchen/dining and two bedrooms, with two full baths plus a ½ bath. Adjacent to living area is a spa room with a 10 seat hot tub. Situated on two lots this property offers open decks, double carport, great porches, workshop, storage and a boathouse with boat and jet ski lifts. Call us for more information.



MLS#5770941 - Bold Springs Area- Located just off FM 350 North a short distance this 3 BRM, 2 Bath Brick home is situated on 12.8 manicured acres. Property offers two ponds, water well and community water, shop with garage door, greenhouse, shed, dog pen and RV Hookup. Home has a spacious family room with stone fireplace, kitchen and dining room, oversized primary en suite with whirlpool tub, two vanities with sinks and large walk in closet. There has been recent foundation repair and home has a lifetime transferrable warranty. Exterior has recently been painted. This property won't stay on the market long at the price of**\$449,000**

MLS#4983777 - Corner of Matthews and Oakhurst - You will find this 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath manufactured home with add on garage, storage area and carport. Home has recently been leveled with new skirting installed and New outside CA unit. This home is located near Matthews Street Park and would make a great investment property to add to your rental portfolio. Priced to sell at**\$119,900**



MLS#46030808 - COLITA LOOP - LIVINGSTON - You will feel right at home at this 31 plus acre ranch that offers a beautiful 3/2.5 home. Front porch runs the width of the home & beckons you to enter through a spacious foyer into a living area designed to entertain your guest. Open living, dining & kitchen concept provides ample seating for every-one. Breakfast bar with seating for six & the kitchen offers antiqued cabinets, granite counters, custom made wood vent hood, island with vegetable sink, a six-burner propane cookstove, an abundance of cabinets plus a pantry. The living area has coffered ceilings, and fireplace with gas log. Back porch that spans the entire length of the home. Covered B-B-QUE pavilion.....**\$849,000**



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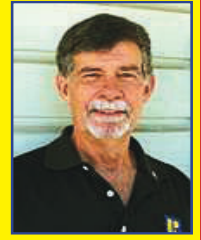
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MLS#58099219 - Nice 3/2 Palm Harbor home Model TL1372F4, single wide 1260 sq.ft. 72'x17.5'. Good layout, AC vents in ceiling, primary bath has double sinks and separate shower and garden tub. Storage shed is 8x12, Garage/shop is 12x23 with roll up door and extra wide walk in door. Entire yard is low maintenance with weed barrier covered with white rock. No lawn mower needed here. Quiet end of gated subdivision. Has rec center with large pool, bath house, party/meeting room, exercise room, snack bar. Subdivision also has fishing pier, boat ramp with park area..... **\$149,900**



SOLD

MLS#15619766 - Great property, unrestricted, 9.5 acres, 5 bedrooms 3 full baths. Living/dining area, large kitchen with lots of cabinets and counter space, pantry. Home is located on a very private location but close to town, shopping and schools. Small creek runs through property. 10x6 front deck and 8x16 side deck. 12x24 storage/workshop with lofts for storage on each end. New gravel on entry drive, new A/C, inside and outside units June 2023. Great place for kids and grandkids to enjoy exploring and watching the wildlife..... **\$299,900**



SOLD

MLS#12723763 - Nice and clean double wide in Holiday Village. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully fenced, nice covered front porch for relaxing and watching neighbors go by. Subdivision is golf cart friendly, has boat ramp, fishing pier, rec center with exercise room and pool. Gated entry. Home has attached and detached carports, storage shed/workshop has another full bath but water is not turned on..... **\$164,000**



MLS#98334545 - Waterview lot in Yaupon Cove has slab where house was before 2020 tornado. Subdivision has public water, public sewer, natural gas, and 3 boat ramps for residents use. No manufactured homes in this section of subdivision **\$45,000**



SOLD

MLS#16961621 - Lots of potential with 208' Hwy 190 frontage. 3 parcels, just over 2 acres. UNRESTRICTED Residential or commercial has drives in place off of Hwy 190 and Vivian. 20x30 Shop could be converted to living quarters, great RV cover. Has RV hookups, 30amp and 50amp with sewer connected to septic system. 16x28 storage shed on back of property. Has slab where home was prior to fire with separate aerobic sewer system in place. 2 water meters in place. 50x50 slab includes 20x20 carport, 20x30 shop, and 50x30 RV cover which has 14' height clearance for RV.. **\$150,000**



REDUCED

MLS#32607831 - Lot in Yaupon Cove, has electric, water, and sewer connections in place. 10x30 slab where mobile home used to be. Subdivision had 3 boat ramps for resident's use, public water and sewer. Mobile homes allowed in this section..... **\$12,500**



MLS#73533722 - Holiday Village, 2 large lots approx 200' deep in Sec. J. Partially cleared, electric installed with two 30amp hookups for RV. Subdivision boat ramp, fishing pier, rec center with pool. Gated subdivision..... **\$65,000**



MLS#7650114 - 4 nice partially cleared lots in Putnam's landing. Ready to build on or bring your manufactured home. Subdivision is close to Lake Livingston State Park and Beacon Bay Marina. Also has private boat ramp and park area for subdivision residents use, just across FM 3126 **\$32,000**



SOLD

MLS#27342116 - Like new 1 bedroom 1 bath 2021 manufactured home would be great home or weekend getaway. Super clean, oven and dishwasher have never been used. 25x12 RV or boat cover with 30amp hookup. 20x30 shop area with roll up door and side walk in door. Has unfinished room with many possibilities. Game room craft room or bunk room. All on cleared lot with great views of wildlife from covered front porch or covered side porch. Subdivision has 3 boat ramps for resident's use. **\$145,900**



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MLS#81820272 - Great Waterfront Lot on Kickapoo Creek with views of creek, cove, and Hwy 190 bridge over Kickapoo Creek. Very private and quiet on cul-de-sac and peninsula, Wonderful full time living or weekend retreat. This property previously had a home that was destroyed by tornado so utilities in place and piers for stilt house if you desire. Has pier and boat lift. Condition of lift, lake water pump, and sprinkler system not known because no electricity since tornado. No mobile homes allowed in this section of Yaupon Cove. 3 boat ramps in subdivision and park area. Close to grocery, hardware, dining and Onalaska schools. Water is low in pictures because of drought..... **\$140,000**



SOLD

MLS#75696779 - Great lot to build on in Memorial Point, a gated subdivision on Lake Livingston. Subdivision has Clubhouse, boat ramp, tennis/pickleball courts and playground. Lot is level and completely cleared. Has limited waterview. **\$26,000**



SOLD

MLS#61263626 - Very nice and clean lakehouse in quiet subdivision. Limited waterview has 1 or 2 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths. Updated kitchen and main bath with granite and tile. Room on back has been used as bedroom. All concrete drive, carport, wraparound porch and 28x14 workshop/storage shed. Public water and sewer. Wonderful weekend place to gather with the family. Comes fully furnished with all furniture/furnishings and appliances. Subdivision has boat ramp and park area for residents use. 1/2 mile to grocery and restaurants..... **\$149,900**



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- Never apologize for appearance.
- Leave showing entirely to your agent.
- Make sure your lawn and other landscaping is neatly trimmed and mowed.
- Make certain your yard is clean of refuse or leaves.
- Open the drapes and curtains. Clean the windows. Dark rooms do not appeal to most buyers.
- Have your closets clean and organized, so they look as spacious as possible.
- Repair or replace discolored or damaged caulking around bathtubs and showers.
- Give the real estate associate a key for use when you're not there. Remember, a missed showing can result in a missed sale!
- Make sure your property is advertised in the Lake Livingston Area Real Estate Guide by calling:
Polk County Enterprise (936) 327-4357

Tips to Make Selling Your Home a Breeze

- **Select a reputable Realtor with whom you have a good rapport.**
- **Offer the Realtor the exclusive right to sell your home for a limited time period.**
- **Have an independent appraiser calculate your home's estimated worth.**
- **With the help of your Realtor, develop a range of acceptable pricing which falls within a predetermined one, plus or minus the asking price.**
- **Take the first offer that falls within those parameters.**

MOVING SEASON SECURITY

FAMILY FEATURES

It's moving season, which means packing up valuables like tech devices, family heirlooms, jewelry and beyond and trusting they'll make it safely to your new space. Ensuring a new home or apartment is properly secured is top of mind for many homeowners and renters, for both their personal safety and their most prized possessions.

After moving into a new space, there's an immediate need to keep valuables and important documents organized and secure in case of theft, fire or flood. Whether or not a large security system is available on-site, Master Lock and SentrySafe's DIY security and safety solutions equip your home with an extra line of defense and provide new homeowners and renters confidence.

To discover which security and safe storage solutions are right for you, visit [MasterLock.com](https://www.MasterLock.com) and [SentrySafe.com](https://www.SentrySafe.com).

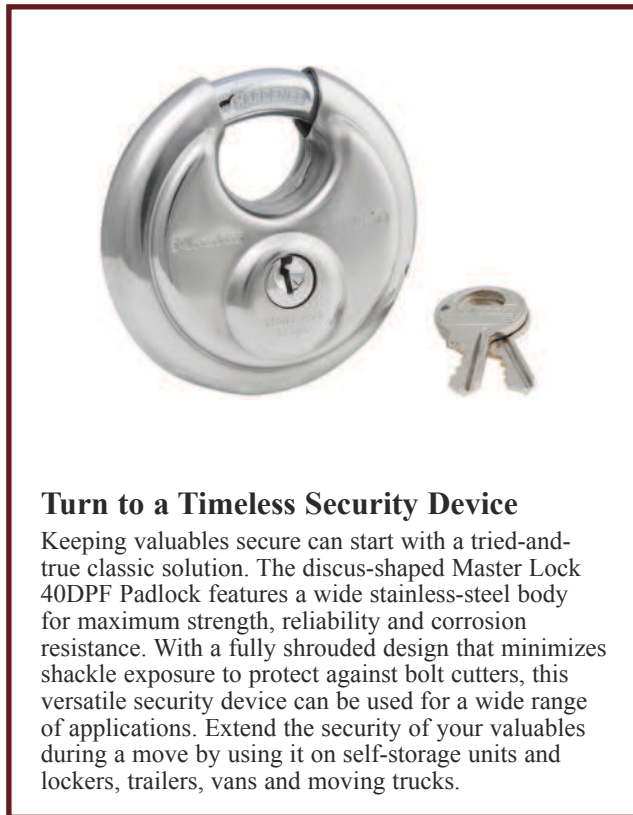


6 solutions to safeguard valuables



Safeguard Documents and Files

Provide yourself an extra line of defense with the SentrySafe FHW40100 Digital Fireproof/Waterproof File Safe that safeguards important documents and records with a durable design and peril protection. Built to hold hanging file folders for easy organization, the safe can be easily transported with its convenient carrying handle when moving into a new home or apartment. It's UL-classified to offer 30 minutes of certified fire resistance at 1,550 F and ETL-verified to protect documents and digital media in the event of a flood for up to 72 hours.



Turn to a Timeless Security Device

Keeping valuables secure can start with a tried-and-true classic solution. The discus-shaped Master Lock 40DPF Padlock features a wide stainless-steel body for maximum strength, reliability and corrosion resistance. With a fully shrouded design that minimizes shackle exposure to protect against bolt cutters, this versatile security device can be used for a wide range of applications. Extend the security of your valuables during a move by using it on self-storage units and lockers, trailers, vans and moving trucks.



Opt for Renter-Friendly Security

Renters who live in a small space may not be ready for a full-sized safe. The lightweight SentrySafe 1200 Fire Chest is an affordable and convenient security solution that safeguards precious valuables and electronics from theft attempts to keep items safe and sound. Its convenient carrying handle allows users to easily move the chest from room to room and seamlessly pack and store their valuables at the end of their lease.



Bar the Door

Designed with customer feedback in mind, the Master Lock 270D Folding Door Bar is a reliable, on-the-go solution that's perfect for securing entry doors during a move-in transition. It offers an updated design from the original – now more compact with a quick-release foldable design for ultimate convenience and portability. Folding to just 16.5 inches and extending up to 43.5 inches, it's small enough to fit in a backpack but strong enough to prevent forced entry on hinged, patio and sliding doors due to the pivoting rubber grips.



Fireproof and Protect Valuables at Home

Consider the SentrySafe FPW082HTC Fireproof and Waterproof Safe as your go-to line of defense against fire, water and theft with .81 cubic feet of storage. Weighing roughly 55 pounds, this best-in-class fire and water protection solution features 1-hour UL-certified fire resistance at 1,700 F and ETL-verified protection in up to 5 inches of water for 24 hours. This first-of-its-kind safe with Master Lock security built-in technology offers an advanced, multi-point protection system that effectively resists physical attacks and lock manipulation while its pry-resistant hinge bar in the safe door protects against theft attempts.



Keep Your Property Secure

Ideal for property access control, the Master Lock 5480D Portable Lock Box is the newest lock box and features expanded storage capacity to accommodate keys, fobs and cards, ensuring safety and convenience when accessing a home or apartment. The dials on the lock box are easy to read and grip, providing smooth operation. Built to last, the solid metal body with a rubber bumper protects against tampering while safeguarding surfaces from scratches and damage.

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