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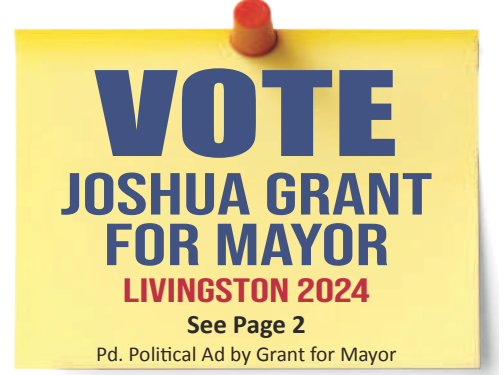
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## Student threat leads to police investigation

From Enterprise Staff

Earlier this week, a student at Corrigan-Camden ISD privately made a comment to another student at Leggett ISD, which was then reported to authorities.

The Corrigan Police Department deemed the comment from the high school student a threat and investigated the incident.

Corrigan-Camden ISD later released comments addressing the matter and possible steps taken when dealing with threats.

“Safety in schools, hospitals and other public spaces has become the focal point of attention for many in recent years. Unfortunately, young people today have had to become more aware of potential environmental dangers. However, this awareness can help promote prevention.

“This past Monday, a student in another district informed the authorities of a potential shooting threat in Corrigan-Camden ISD. The Corrigan Police Department quickly responded, working with the high

school administration to investigate the report.”

The release stated that when the district knows a potential threat, a series of steps is followed to ensure a thorough investigation and response.

“We collaborate with law enforcement, conduct a threat assessment, and then develop an appropriate action plan.

“Not only can this behavior result in a placement in the District Alternative Education Program, but students may also re-

ceive criminal charges.”

Also stated in the release was that the school district works with parents and other agencies to address the students’ mental health needs.

“We encourage parents to talk to their children about appropriate conversations with others and the potential consequences of their speech. Be involved with your children, ask questions, talk through challenges they may be experiencing, and support them.”



It's not too late to register for classes at the Texas State University System (TSUS) Polk County Center. Representatives of Lamar Institute of Technology, Lamar State College Orange and Lamar State College Port Arthur held an open house at the Polk County Center on Sept. 17 to meet with prospective students. Continuing education courses available include adult education (both GED and ESL), maritime, phlebotomy, CDL/truck driving, CPR, Excel and QuickBooks. College credit courses available include general education courses, nurse aide, teaching, criminal justice, business management, construction management and business cosmetology. The TSUS Polk County Center is located at 1015 US Hwy. 59 Loop North in Livingston. For additional information, go to [www.pcc.tsus.edu](http://www.pcc.tsus.edu). PHOTOS BY EMILY BANK WOOTEN

## Center provides recycling, educational opportunities

By Emily Banks Wooten  
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Kari Miller, a founding member of Polk County Recycling & Beautification (PCRB) and its current president, recently presented a program to the Rotary Club of Livingston about the Polk County Recycling Center and the ongoing efforts of PCRB. Assistant to the county judge, Miller also serves as the county liaison for PCRB and has been instrumental in getting the recycling center operational.

“PCRB is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that was formed by community members to run the Polk County Recycling Center and the Onalaska Loop Recycling Drop-Off. These facilities were built by Polk County, utilizing surplus waste management revenues, with the goal of responsibly managing waste that can be diverted from the landfill. In 2021, Polk County partnered with PCRB to build Polk County’s recycling programs and to operate these recycling facilities. PCRB hired Brian McNinch part-time to manage the operations and coordinate volunteers. The recycling center opened in November 2021, and the Onalaska drop-off opened in October 2022.

“Everyone here has the ability to help in some way. That can be by bringing clean and dry recycling materials that we can accept, participating in litter clean-up efforts, volunteering time or monetary contributions to keep the facilities running, or even just talking to people about the recycling opportunities in our community. Our recycling center accepts corrugated cardboard, single-use plastic bottles and jugs without caps, and aluminum cans and steel cans. Other items we currently take include old athletic shoes, and batteries, and I’ll expand on all of that in just a bit.

“At the recycling center, we have equipment that the county purchased with grants. Initially, we purchased a baler and a forklift with a grant from DETCOG, funded by TCEQ. This baler is ideal for baling cardboard, creating bales roughly 1,100 pounds each. Once we have approximately 42,000 pounds of baled material, we are able to load it onto a truck bound for a paper mill, which PCRB has received anywhere from \$1,100 to \$2,500 for, depending on the cardboard prices at the time of sale.

“In our second year of operations, Polk County made application to Keep Texas Recycling for additional equipment for processing recyclable plastic. This grant was funded by Coca-Cola Southwest Beverage Company. While this baler is also ideal for baling cardboard, it works for plastic but is unable to produce plastic bales that weigh as much as cardboard bales. A bale of plastic, which is roughly the same size as a bale of cardboard, holds about 500-650 pounds, and so we are able to ship out a load of plastic when we have accumulated about 19,000 pounds. This isn’t a heavy enough load to be shipped direct to a mill, so plastics go on to another facility for further processing first.

“In addition to a second baler dedicated to plastic, we were able to purchase a portable loading dock with our grant funds from Keep Texas Recycling. Plastic has to be loaded into enclosed trailers, making the loading dock necessary.

“Each type of material that we accept that cannot be recycled locally, like the aluminum and steel cans are, has to be shipped out by material. Meaning, we need to be able to store at least a full truckload of each type of material that has to be shipped. We’ve recently sold a load of cardboard and a load of plastic, so it is much less crowded inside than it was before, and we are getting ready to ship out a second load of



Kari Miller

plastic, hopefully next week. The first load of plastic that we sold netted PCRB a little over \$1,900.

“PCRB has made every effort to maximize recycling opportunities in Polk County, and we have learned a lot about what works and what doesn’t work, mostly by trial and error. For a time, we had a buyer that could accept all single-use plastics, and better yet, they said they could accept it in small quantities, meaning they would send a truck when we

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## TxDOT closing crossovers near Corrigan

From Enterprise Staff

Beginning Monday, crews will close the crossovers on US 59 on the north and south ends of the Corrigan Relief Route construction project in Corrigan.

As construction progresses on this project, the closures are necessary to improve safety and allow construction to proceed. Drivers will detour to the nearest crossovers outside the project limits, or within Corrigan city limits to make a turnaround.

“This construction project is progressing well, and work is going smoothly,” Rhonda Oaks, public information officer for the Texas Department of Transportation, said. “Closing these crossovers is a necessary part of upgrading US 59 and continuing the median construction. Motorists should expect additional traffic changes to come in the near future as work progresses.”

Construction began on the Corrigan Relief Route in late 2023 after Texas Transportation Commissioners approved

the \$172.8 million construction for Polk County.

James Construction Group LLC out of Baton Rouge, La. is serving as contractor for the project that will bring US 59 to interstate standards with construction of new US 59 northbound and southbound lanes with controlled access around the City of Corrigan.

The seven-mile project will include overpasses at the United Pacific Railroad, US 287 and Union Springs Road; entrance

and exit ramps at US 59 tie-ins and at the US 287 overpass. The project is being built to interstate standards and will enhance safety, improve emergency evacuations, and support freight transport.

Motorists should obey all traffic controls, reduce speed, and stay alert for moving equipment and workers near the lanes of traffic through this work zone. Traffic fines double when workers are present.

For more information, contact Rhonda Oaks at [Oaks@txdot.gov](mailto:Oaks@txdot.gov) or call 936-633-4395.

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# Goodrich receives good financial news

By Brian Besch

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Thursday's regular meeting of the Goodrich ISD School Board was highlighted by reports from finance, as well as upgrades in maintenance and operations.

Goodrich ISD brought in \$63,737 in the most recent quarter. The district also received funds in their settle up with the Texas Education Agency, good for \$570,000. The agency paid Goodrich for their original numbers in the American Disabilities Act but owed the district the difference for their growth and attendance.

"Attendance really matters for our income," Finance Manager Sarah Bacica said. "So we are really excited about that number. We're about \$360,000 from this budgeted year to roll over in the fund balance. If you add that \$360,000 plus the \$570,000, we're at about \$930,000 to roll into fund balance at the end of this year."

Cameras have now been installed on route buses. The new devices will pick up license plates. There have been issues with vehicles running school bus stop signs, and those can now be identified.

Library doors have been installed, and Goodrich Superintendent Daniel Barton said the process has been

around six months. The outer fence has been repaired. New access controls for school doors are currently being installed.

The district also received good news on their roof at the old gymnasium.

"I spoke to Dr. (Ray) Luna, who was the original person who donated the solar panels and the new roof that is on there," Barton said. "He was over here the other day, and we had a conversation. I told him that we appreciated it, but that we were going to have to pull them all off and replace it. I told him a price point on it, which was around \$167,000, the only bid that we had at the time. He

called me two days ago and said, 'I have a non-profit, and I just want to let you know we are going to pay for that.'"

Board members were also shown blueprints of the ag building's renovations.

A used John Deere Gator utility vehicle will be purchased for \$3,500 for use by the maintenance crew.

October's regular meeting is scheduled during a conference the superintendent will attend. The new date for the meeting will be Oct. 24.

In action items, the board approved putting a radio in all buses for communication.

"When our buses are in route, if

there is an issue, they can radio when there is an emergency," Barton said. "The system will include a repeater, because we can't communicate within our buildings sometimes when we are too far apart. We have an analog system that is not antiquated, but it is older."

Funding for the radios will come from a grant already obtained. It will also give the district a means of communication if cell phones go down.

Each year, Goodrich ISD is granted a waiver for class size. The waiver is a requirement for any class over 22 students in pre-K through fourth grade. Goodrich has three grade levels with classes above 22 students.

# Historical commission to receive distinguished service award

From Enterprise Staff

The Polk County Historical Commission will be recognized and presented with the annual Distinguished Service Award during the regular meeting of the Polk County Commissioners Court at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The Court will discuss and consider action on a request from Fidem Energy to prepare a draft application for the Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant to fund a landfill gas energy project at the Polk County Landfill.

Contracts with Sitek Omni for the demolition of homes in the GLO-DR buyout program 20-066-018-C125 will be considered for approval.

The Court will discuss and consider approval of a warranty deed transferring ownership of the parking lot behind the Polk County Tax Office to the City of Livingston.

A special session to canvass results of the Nov. 5 General Elec-

tion will be scheduled for Nov. 18.

A resolution in support of Operation Green Light for Veterans will be considered for approval.

In personnel matters, the Court will review and consider personnel action form requests submitted since last the meeting and review any authorized emergency hirings; consider the re-appointment of the Polk County fire marshal for a two-year term beginning Oct. 1; review and consider personnel changes as requested by Sheriff Byron Lyons; consider request and action to pay out straight-time hours earned by the emergency management coordinator as of Sept. 24, utilizing available funds from the emergency management salary line item; and review and consider approval of the redrafted personnel policy manual.

Requests for revisions and amendments to the budget will be considered as follows: fiscal year 2024 budget revisions and amendments and fiscal year 2025 revisions as presented by the county auditor's office and a resolution

authorizing the certification of surplus depository interest revenues to fund fiscal year 2024 capital purchases.

A request for a capital purchase to be included in the fiscal year 2025 budget will be considered, specifically, a tax office server from Harris Govern, in the amount of \$25,488.07, to be paid from the information technology capital outlay.

The Court will consider action regarding the annual bids for the purchase of: road materials for Precincts 1-4; the bulk purchase of limestone road base; tires; oil, grease, gasoline and diesel; pest control services; motor grader blades; and material hauling.

In old business, the Court will consider approval of the minutes of the Aug. 27 regular session.

Items on the consent agenda include:

- Approve minutes of Sept. 10 regular session;
- Approve schedules of bills;
- Approve order designating

surplus property;

- Receive and record personnel action forms submitted by elected officials since the last meeting;
- Receive county auditors monthly report, pursuant to Local Government Code Sec. 114.025;
- Receive treasurer's monthly report for August 2024;
- Approve order designating the regular terms of commissioners court for fiscal year 2025;
- Approve order setting terms of the constitutional county court;
- Approve resolution in support of fiscal year 2025 indigent defense formula grant application;
- Approve submission of fiscal year 2025 rural law enforcement grant applications for the district attorney, sheriff and constables' offices;
- Approve update to master street address guide to add Jack Moseley Blvd. as a city street in the City of Livingston;
- Accept 2025 retiree plan rates (TLIC medical and retiree RxCare prescription coverages) from Texas Association of Counties, Silver

Choice;

- Approval renewal of supplemental gap insurance policy with Zurich American Insurance Company;
- Ratify agreement between the Precinct 3 justice of the peace and Veritrust for shredding services;
- Approve hotel/motel occupancy tax agreement between Polk County and the Livingston-Polk County Chamber of commerce;
- Approve hotel/motel occupancy tax agreement between Polk County and the Polk County Higher Education and Technology Foundation;
- Approve agreement with the City of Livingston for (LVFD) fire-fighting services;
- Approve transitioning recently vacated legal assistant/abstractor position from county employee to employee of Lineberger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson; and
- Authorize Goodwin Lasiter Strong to advertise for construction bids for Onalaska for WSC Plant 3 elevated storage tank tie-in, funded by 2021 ARPA-SLFRF.

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**LIFE TRIBUTES**

**Melva Whitehead**

Melva Ray Yates Whitehead went to be with the Lord on September 18, 2024. She was born on August 7, 1933, in Polk County, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Willie Hayne Whitehead; her daughter, Lynda Whitehead Crofford and her husband, Rick; her son, Craig Whitehead and his wife, Kim; and her son, Bruce Whitehead and his wife, Courtney. She also has nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Melva was an extraordinary person in so many ways. She always put the needs of others before her own. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and dear friend to many people. She had a difficult childhood where she was responsible for much of the household cooking, cleaning, and caring for her younger brother, but she still excelled at everything she did. After graduating from high school at age 15, she attended nursing school and graduated at the top of her class. She was selected to be the surgery scrub nurse for Michael DeBakey, who did the first heart transplant.

She and her husband, Willie, were married for 73 years. Melva was a devoted wife and mother. Her faith was essential to her. She laid a solid spiritual foundation for her children and displayed her faith daily in many practical ways. During her life, she was involved in numerous church and community activities, holding multiple leadership positions. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, and cooking. One of her grandsons said that she was a compulsive cookie maker. She was also passionate about genealogy



**Melva Whitehead**  
Memorial service Wednesday

and compiled over 17,000 names in her and Willie's family tree. She was blessed with an almost photographic memory and could easily recall many dates and facts from multiple generations.

Melva will be greatly missed, but there is no doubt that she is looking down from heaven and cheering us all on to finish well. A memorial service will be held at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel at 212 Old Groveton Rd., Onalaska, Texas, on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 2 p.m. A visitation will be held at 1 p.m. before the service.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at [www.cochranfh.com](http://www.cochranfh.com).

**Bill McIntyre**

Funeral services for Bill Maurice McIntyre, 67, of Cebu City, Philippines will be held Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Providence in Livingston, Texas with Bro. Robert Murphy officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery in Livingston, Texas. Visitation will be held on the day of service, from noon to 1 p.m., at the church.

Bill was born December 9, 1956, in Corona, California and passed away September 7, 2024, in Cebu City, Philippines. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Glenn Stokes; father-in-law, Pablo O. Mique; and grandparents, Sherman McIntyre and Mary Lee Lofton.

He is survived by his wife, Maryanne McIntyre of the Philippines; mother, Sherma Lee Stokes of Livingston, Texas; daughter, Shannon Denise McIntyre of Lufkin, Texas; son, Patrick McIntyre of Colorado; daughter, Darbie McIntyre of Colorado; son, Tanner McIntyre of Colorado; daughter, Heart Angel McIntyre of the Philippines; son, Marchie Lian McIntyre of the Philippines; grandson, Dakota Michael Chapman of Lufkin, Texas; granddaughter, Isabella Rochelle Breaux of Lufkin, Texas; sisters, Angela M. Soliz and husband Frank of Liv-



**Bill McIntyre**  
Funeral services Sept. 28

ington, Texas, and Belinda Rogers of Henderson, Texas; and mother-in-law, Daylinda A. Mique of the Philippines; along with numerous other relatives and friends.

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**Oct 5 10-1pm Patch Opening** — Hayrides, Piñatas Wet Sponge Toss & more

**Oct 12 10-3pm Paws in the Patch** — SPCA Pet Adoption, Chipping & Custom Dog Tag Engraving.

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**Oct 19 10-1pm Fall Festival**—Children & Youth Games, Activities, Hayrides & more

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# OPINION

## Growing old isn't for the weak ... and it sure isn't for sissies



### From the Editor's Desk

By Emily Banks Wooten  
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*"Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late." – Benjamin Franklin*

I celebrated a birthday recently. And I'm using the term 'celebrate' very loosely. I woke up sick that day, spent the bulk of the day lying in bed and didn't really start feeling better until about a week and half later. I probably should get used to that. I fear it may be the new norm. I seldom get sick, but I've discovered that the older I get, the harder it is to rebound when I do.

As family and close friends can attest, I'm no picnic to be around when I'm sick. (But then, who is?) My preferred method of getting through illness is to load up on meds, go to bed and not interact with anyone or get up until I'm feeling better – whether that takes hours or even days. In other words, don't look at me and don't talk to me. Just stay away from me and pretend that I don't exist while I attempt to hibernate my illness away.

Several days later, after I'd returned to the land of the living and was much more pleasant to be around, I began

weeding through the emails that had stacked up in my inbox during my illness.

There were five birthday greetings and as I read them all, I couldn't help but laugh as I began to see the pattern forming. The emails were from Audiological Services, Church Street Financial Services, AARP, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and Baylor University. Additionally, I received an actual birthday card in the mail from State Farm Insurance.

In the event you don't see the pattern, I'll spell it out for you. I'm officially old.

Audiological Services is a place I went to last year when my dear family was convinced that I was going deaf. And of course I wasn't. In fact, the audiologist said my hearing was perfect. (I may just have a case of selective hearing when it comes to my dear family.)

Church Street Financial Services manages a retirement account and an IRA for me. I also enjoy their coffee and fresh baked cookies.

AARP is self-explanatory. But for the uninitiated, it's the acronym for American Association of Retired Persons. Between the time one turns 40 and 50, AARP begins flooding your mailbox with mailers. Suffice it to say that I've been on their mailing list for quite a while now. But that's okay. Once you suck it up and join, members get fairly decent discounts on ho-

tel reservations and rental cars. (Trying to look at the bright side here.)

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and I go way back. I give blood regularly. There's a tremendous need and I just feel like it's the least I can do. Besides, they love my O-positive ... and they tell me this every time they text me ... which seems to be three or four times a week. I'll never forget my first experience with them years ago. A family friend had been severely injured in a motor vehicle accident and was needing blood. Of course, I'd be happy to give. The only problem was ... I didn't meet the weight requirement. You have to be a minimum of 110 pounds to donate – which I wasn't at the time. Obviously, that has not been an issue for some time. In fact, at my present weight, I'm probably eligible to donate twice as much each time I enter the donor coach.

Baylor University is my beloved alma mater. I received a first-class education there and had a heckuva good time as well. But I'll just be blunt about it. For the amount of money that education cost, they doggone better send me happy birthday wishes each year.

I can't honestly say that I enjoy getting older, although I do know that it beats the alternative. Plus, many lessons and much wisdom have been gained along the way. And contrary to the wise words of Mr. Franklin, I don't think it's too late.

### MEETINGS

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:

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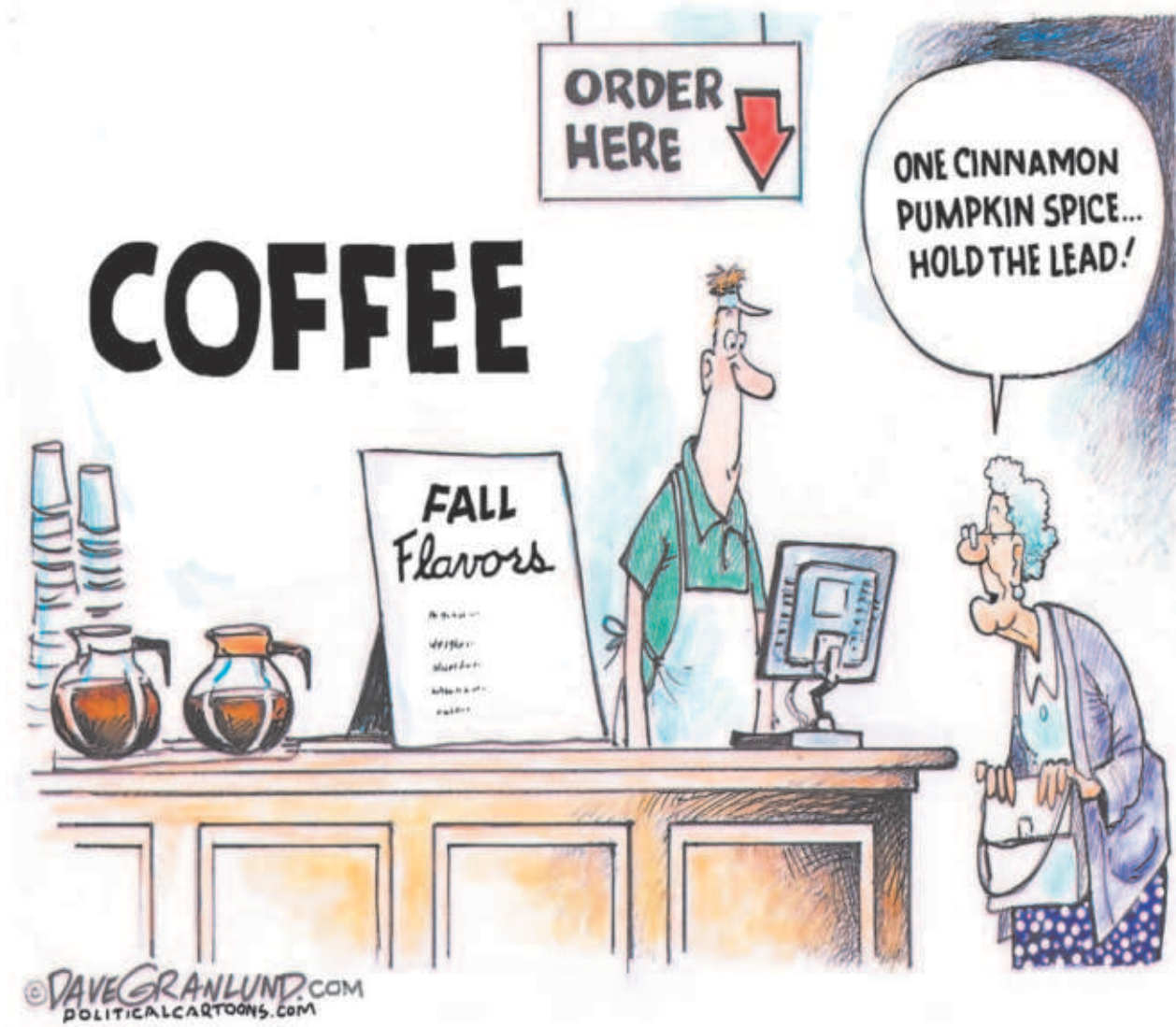
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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## National Recovery Month celebrates gains made

To the Editor,

As we observe National Recovery Month this September, it's essential to highlight the significance of this initiative in our communities. This month serves as a powerful reminder that recovery from substance use disorders is not only possible, but a reality for many individuals and families. National Recovery Month encourages us to celebrate the gains made by those in recovery, just as we would celebrate

improvements made by those managing other health conditions. The observance reinforces the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover.

By sharing stories of resilience and hope, we can help to reduce the stigma associated with substance use disorders and mental health issues. This month is an opportunity for everyone

– families, friends, community organizations, and healthcare providers – to come together and advocate for policies and resources that support recovery efforts. Together, we can create an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and supported on their journey to recovery.

Brooke Cook  
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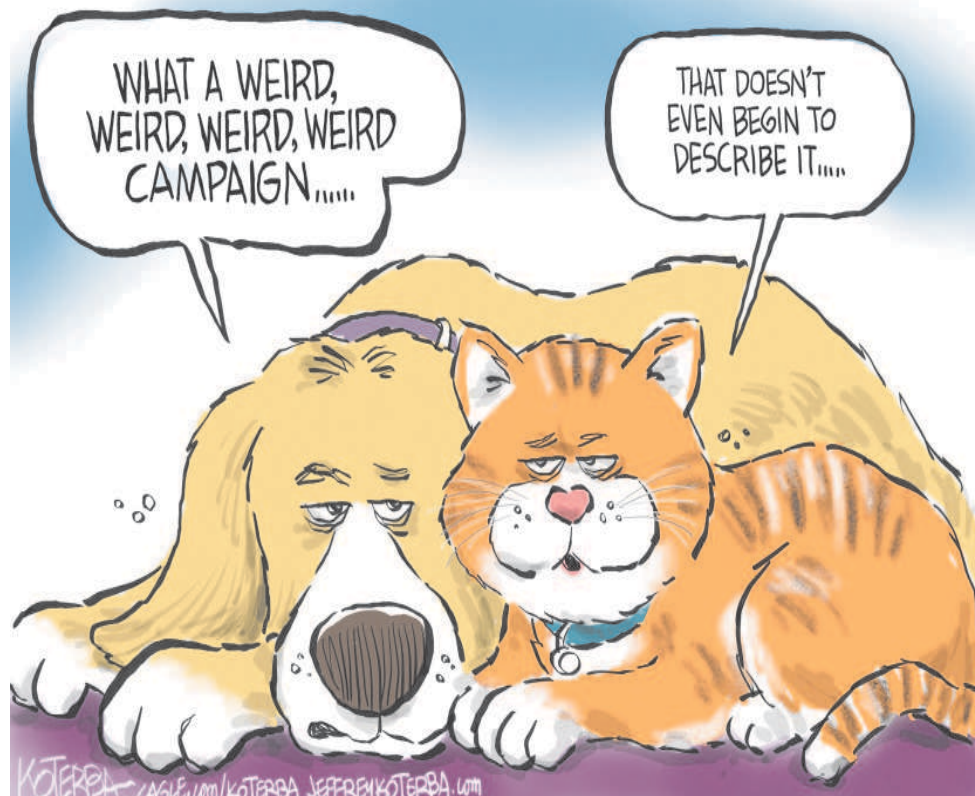
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Ringling Bells Across America is how the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) remember and celebrate Constitution Week. Vice Regent Phyllis Harrell of the Robert Rankin Chapter of the DAR presented the history of the Constitution to the Onalaska Elementary School and Regent Nancy Hawkins rang bells with Harper Meeker, Avery Cowart, Hayley Hudson and Remi Hodge and the other students to celebrate this great document. COURTESY PHOTO

### JAIL REPORT

Week of September 13-16

**September 13**  
**Maddox, Savanha Carroll**, 32 of Lufkin, credit or debit card abuse elderly.

**Schiele, Jason Winfield**, 48 of Livingston, burglary of a habitation.

**Blackmon, Jennifer Leigh**, 44 of Livingston, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, parent contributing to non-attendance x 2, capias pro fine/parent contributing to non-attendance x 2.

**Rushing, Kristie Renee**, 37 of Onalaska, felony escape while arrested or confined, theft of property with two or more convictions x 2.

**September 14**

**Hill, Chase Martin**, 37 of Livingston, injury to child elderly disabled reckless bodily injury, assault causing bodily injury to family member.

**Preciado, Alejandro**, 17 of Livingston, aggravated assault with deadly weapon x 2, burglary of a habitation.

**Robles, Alexis**, 38 of Livingston, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, warrant/parent contributing to non-attendance.

**Smith, Cameron Wade**, 29 of Leggett, indecency with a child sexual contact, speeding, no driver's

license.  
**Wallace, Alice Faye**, 56 of Leggett, warrant/possession of a controlled substance.

**Lester, Jessica Seagroves**, 44 of Livingston, warrant/unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, warrant/failure to appear, warrant/parent contributing to non-attendance.

**September 15**

**Edwards, Colton James**, 29 of Livingston, assault causing bodily injury to family member.

**Phelps, James Cooper**, 74 of Livingston, driving while intoxicated.

**September 16**

**Felipe, Norma Graciela**, 35 of Corrigan, motion to revoke probation/manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, motion to revoke probation/abandon or endanger child.

**Galloway, Brock DeWayne**, 35 of Livingston, assault on a peace officer, resisting arrest search or transport, parole violation.

**Nix, Shawn Andrew**, 43 of Onalaska, motion to revoke probation/possession of a controlled substance, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear x 2, driving while license invalid.

**Tedeschi, Julissa Katerina**, 17 of Livingston, terroristic threat imper-sonate public servant.



The Livingston Lions Club recently made a contribution to Goddell to aid in its mission of providing shelter and vital services to those in need. (l-r) Bonita Woodmansee, Nancy Gentry and Lion President Paula Harvey. COURTESY PHOTO



The Livingston Lions Club recently made a contribution to the Boys and Girls Club of Polk County to help support their ongoing efforts to empower and uplift area youth. (l-r) Unit Director Brandon Reece and Lion President Paula Harvey. COURTESY PHOTO

## Need help paying electric bill? Call us

From Enterprise Staff

With the conclusion of summer, some low-income households may be struggling with the impact of high summer cooling bills. Funding is available for eligible households in Polk, San Jacinto and surrounding counties. The program targets the elderly, disabled and the working poor. Households in threat of disconnect may also qualify. The Greater East Texas Community Action Program administers the program in East Texas. Face-to-face appointments are not required. Eligibility is based on household income, citizenship and circumstances.

Individuals may apply by mail, online or by calling. The website is [www.get-cap.org](http://www.get-cap.org). Applications are also available at the Polk County Regional Health Building located at 410 E. Church St. in Livingston. When the required information is mailed, emailed or done by alternate methods the individual is contacted by telephone and the case can be completed.

"Households who are struggling should not wait until the electricity is disconnected as deposits cannot be paid with this funding. Individuals must find ways to pay the deposits and GETCAP may help with arrears and current bills," Division Director Teresa Land said.

"Polk and the surrounding area residents have embraced our mail-in and online process. It is not necessary to go to an office and physically see a staff person. Residents are encouraged to act soon," Executive Director Karen Swenson said.

To obtain the application or additional information, visit the website at [www.get-cap.org](http://www.get-cap.org) or call 800-621-5746. There may be a high call volume so multiple attempts may be needed. GETCAP programs are available to all regardless of race, color, creed or national origin.



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# COMMUNITIES DEPEND ON LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

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Source: America's Newspapers 2023 Local Newspaper Study conducted by Coda Ventures.



## EDUCATION

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had 8-12 bales accumulated. And, better yet, everything could be mixed together. So, we started collecting all single-use plastic, numbers 1 - 7 except Styrofoam. We separated the plastic film, because we got so much of it, and it was ideal for baling separately. We also kept our #1 and #2 plastics separate to continue selling that to Keep Texas Recycling to honor our grant agreement. Eventually, we met with someone higher up in the company, and they informed us that they would not send transportation until we had a full truckload. That left us scrambling to figure out how to get rid of this material, since we don't have enough space for it. Fortunately, #3 - #7 plastic is not nearly as common, so we didn't yet have a lot of it. What we did have was taken to another collection facility in Kingwood.

"For a time, we were also accepting bottle caps, which a company in Indiana will turn into benches for a fee. We collected enough to make a trip, and we are working on the logistics of that now. Once we have them, we will open these up to sponsors that want to purchase a bench and place it within the community. This is another program that we are hoping to open back up once we get back from dropping off the first load of caps, but we will need to really emphasize education with this. To be accepted for recycling, the bottle caps must be clean and dry.

"On what we do accept, some of the most common examples are plastic bottles, jugs and jars. Caps and lids should always be removed. For one, we cannot process con-

tainers with them on and leaving them off helps the items fully dry out before we get them. Food and drink residue should be completely removed. I can tell you from experience, if it looks or smells like trash, it is going to be trashed, and our staff should reject these items for various reasons. First, we are hand-sorting these materials, and leftover food and drink waste that has been sitting in the recycling bin gets gross pretty quickly. Milk and creamer are especially bad if not fully rinsed out. Second, we're going to be stuck with these materials for a while until we have enough to sell, and we do not want to invite bad smells, mold, or vermin into the facility. Third, the recyclability of these materials depends on the state that they are in when they get to the next processing facility. It's important to remember that items that are treated like trash will end up in a landfill rather than risking contamination of other recyclable materials.

"When you come out to the recycling center, you will see cages outside for accepting cardboard and aluminum cans. Please ensure if you put items directly into these cages, it's only cardboard or aluminum cans. Cardboard should be broken down, not just crushed, to help us efficiently collect as much cardboard in each cage as possible. We do pride ourselves on making very compact, very stable bales, which makes storage and transportation as efficient and as safe as possible. An unstable stack of bales could lead to serious injury or even death.

"As I mentioned earlier, we do also accept athletic shoes. Got Sneakers is a company that sends us FedEx bags to load up with sneakers, which they then recycle and send us back a little bit of money for them. It's

not a lot, but it doesn't cost us anything and it beats throwing them in the trash when they're too far gone for donations. Shoes we get that are still in relatively good condition do get donated to someone in need, so it's a win-win for everyone.

"The recycling center also accepts non-rechargeable batteries, though there is a charge for these, at \$2.50 per pound, which is about what it costs us to recycle them. We can't accept lithium batteries or button batteries, and it's important to make sure they are not corroded before dropping them off. Corroded batteries are dangerous to handle.

"I am so pleased to be able to share that we are going to be hosting an electronics collection event for Texas Recycles Day on Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Polk County Recycling Center. We will accept all items with a plug, cord or battery compartment (batteries removed). To help us prepare and coordinate a successful event, we are asking everyone that wants to participate to pre-register for the event on our website, PCRBTexas.org/electronics. This is a great opportunity to get rid of old electronics and other e-waste that are wasting away in drawers and closets. To recover our costs, there will be a charge for all TVs, monitors and printers, but everything else will be accepted at no charge.

"Our drop-off facility in Onalaska is located next to the Onalaska Loop Citizen Collection Station. It is open every first and third Friday from October through May, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Due to various limitations, this site does not accept cardboard or batteries, and it also does have to close when there are severe weather conditions.

"We are always eager for new folks that want to volunteer. New volunteers should

be able to commit to at least one day per month to stay up to date with training. In addition to recycling, Polk County Recycling & Beautification also gets involved with clean-up events. We clean up a stretch of Hwy. 146 that we adopted, and we are working on coordinating future clean-up events in other parts of the community. We welcome anyone that would like to get involved in that way.

"PCRB has two annual events that we put on. We have folks actively working now on our third annual art contest, where art is produced out of materials that would otherwise be thrown away or recycled. We welcome individuals and groups of all ages to participate, and we have cash prizes for the winners. Those submissions are due on or before Oct. 29 at the recycling center. There are a few rules regarding the size and stability of the art, so that it can be safely transported to Tempe Creek Vineyard & Farms where it will be displayed on Nov. 3. We had a great turnout at that event last year, and hope to do so again this year, so save the date - Nov. 3 from noon to 3 p.m.

"Our big annual event is our Annual Earth Day Fundraiser. We have live music, auctions, raffles, good food, and lots of goodies to buy. It's been a fantastic event that we really look forward to. We'd love to have you out for that on April 13, also at Tempe Creek. And, we welcome anyone looking to sponsor these events or donate to our auction or raffle. We rely on the money we raise at these events to keep our operations going.

"I encourage everyone to visit our website and our Facebook page to stay up to date on all the great recycling opportunities we are offering," Miller said.



## KNOW THE FACTS:

### WOMEN'S PROTECTION UNDER ROE V WADE (14<sup>th</sup> Amendment on Right to Privacy), 1972\*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester (0-12 weeks) the decision to carry the fetus is strictly left to the mother, her doctor, and her family – **GREATER THAN 80% OF ALL PREGNANCIES**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester (13-24 weeks) a government entity could regulate (**BUT NOT BAN**) a decision made by the mother, her doctor, and/or family to have an abortion.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester (25 to 36 weeks) a government entity could prohibit an abortion to protect the fetus if, and only if, it could survive on its own outside the womb, except when the mother's health is in danger; - **A DECISION TO ABORT IN THIS TRIMESTER CONSTITUTES LESS THAN 5% OF ALL ABORTIONS**

### FURTHER FACTS

1. There are **NO** Post-Birth Abortions. That is called murder and murder is a crime, it has been a crime since the Magna Carta.
2. Not all women are biologically, emotionally, or physically capable of carrying a pregnancy.
3. Over 20,000 Women of Texas are pregnant today due to being raped (majority of these rapes are committed by a family member or someone they know.) \*\*
4. Texas is ranked #2 in the country as the most dangerous state in rapes and sexual assaults, sadly many are not reported.

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## BITE by BITE

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

### Baked Shrimp Mac And Cheese

From [afarmgirlsdabbles.com](http://afarmgirlsdabbles.com)

16 oz. cavatappi pasta  
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 teaspoon onion powder  
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
½ teaspoon black pepper  
¼ cup all-purpose flour  
4 cups half and half  
12 oz. (about 3 cups) shredded gruyere cheese – use a box grater to shred  
12 oz. (about 3 cups) shredded white cheddar cheese  
2 pounds medium raw shrimp, peeled and deveined, tails off, patted dry  
¼ cup panko breadcrumbs  
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan  
Fresh chopped parsley, optional garnish

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Measure out the half and half, and set aside. Lightly spray a deep 9x13-inch baking dish, and set aside.

Cook pasta per package directions, to slightly less than al dente. Drain very well; set aside.

In a Dutch oven or large skillet over medium-low heat, add 4 tablespoons of the butter and melt. Add garlic powder, onion powder, cayenne pepper, salt, and pepper to the butter. Stirring constantly, “toast” the spices in the butter for 30 seconds, until fragrant.

Add flour to the pan and whisk to combine. Cook for 2 minutes, stirring fairly constantly. Slowly stream in half and half, whisking constantly, until lump-free. Turn up heat just a bit, between medium and medium-high. Bring mixture to a simmer and simmer until thickened, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes.

In a large bowl, mix together gruyere cheese and white cheddar cheese. Remove Dutch oven from heat and add half of the mixed cheese. Fold until cheese is melted.

Add shrimp and cooked pasta to the Dutch oven, and fold to combine with the sauce. Transfer mixture to prepared baking dish.

In a small bowl, melt remaining 2 tablespoons of butter. Add breadcrumbs and grated Parmesan, and stir to incorporate evenly.

Add remaining cheese to the top of the dish. Sprinkle breadcrumbs evenly over the top. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until bubbly and the top is golden brown. If desired, place dish under broiler for a couple minutes to toast the breadcrumbs even more. Remove from oven and let sit for about 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle parsley over the top, right before serving, if desired.

#### My Notes:

- I didn't have cavatappi pasta, so I used rigatoni instead.
- I couldn't find gruyere, so I substituted Swiss and mozzarella for it.
- I added a tablespoon of Old Bay to the other spices. I used two and a half pounds of medium/large shrimp, about 37.
- It just so happened that my panko was roasted-garlic-flavored, so that added some additional flavor as well.

**“Food is the most primitive form of comfort.”**

– Sheilah Graham Westbrook

## SHRIMP IS A NICE ADDITION TO THE BLANK SLATE THAT IS MAC AND CHEESE

There's nothing like a big dish of mac and cheese to bring one comfort. Over the years we've seen and enjoyed a variety of add-ins to the humble dish – from bacon to lobster to chorizo to the burnt ends of brisket. However, I had never had shrimp mac and cheese and decided that needed to be remedied.

I Googled it and then studied several recipes that appeared, landing on one that appealed to me and received good reviews. And now's as good a time as any to mention this. When making mac and cheese, while it may be tempting to buy the packages of pre-shredded cheese at the grocery store, please don't. These are packaged with anti-clumping agents that don't melt well and can sometimes result in a grainy taste. Your cheese sauce will be so much better – and so much creamier – if you buy the cheese and shred it yourself. I typically use a box grater, but on occasion have been known to use my food processor also.

This is a good basic recipe for mac and cheese and is basically a blank slate in which you may add anything you'd like. As I read the reviews, some people added bacon, some added bacon and chicken, one added scallops and another added lobster.

More and more when I cook, I'm learning to reserve some of my pasta water before draining it, regardless of what I'm making. The starch in it can help make your sauce creamier. For example, when I got to the part where I was toasting the spices in butter and then adding the flour, I added some of my pasta water – approximately ½ cup – before adding the flour. I found that it made whisking in the flour a little easier.

As you can see, and as I've written here many



times before, a recipe is just the starting point. You know what you and your family like so you may adjust it, tweak it, add ingredients or subtract ingredients until it's the perfect fit for you. I most definitely recommend that you try this. It came together easily and can be dressed up with a variety of sides for a fancy dinner. Or, you can do what we did and just pile it in a bowl on a Wednesday night to enjoy as you begin Season 2 of “The Old Man.” ■

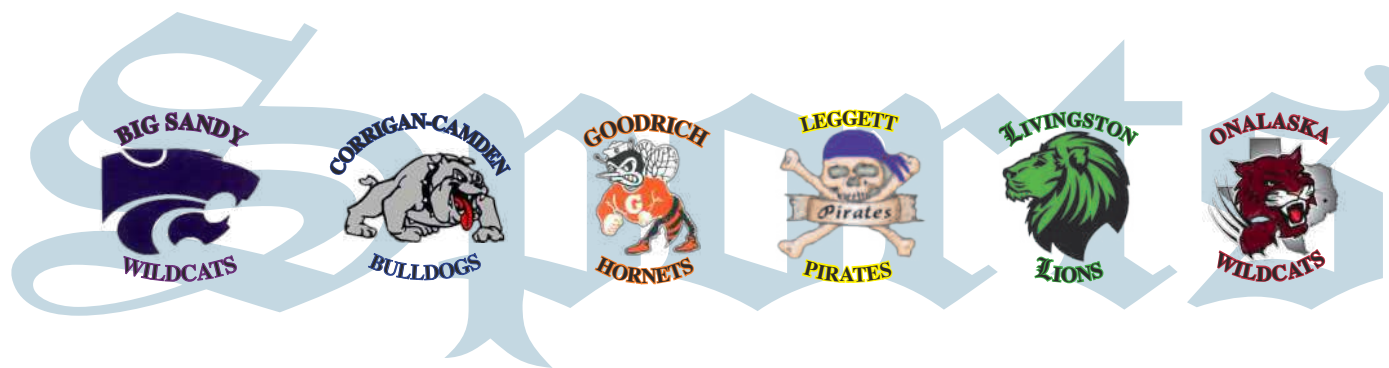
**“All I want ... is mac and cheese.”**

– Kurt Cobain

**“The smell of shrimp is comforting.”**

– Lennon Parham





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Bulldog junior quarterback William Ratliff breaks away for a long touchdown run early versus Elkhart. COURTESY PHOTOS



Elkhart junior receiver Johnny Franklin is tackled at the end of a kickoff return.



Bulldog sophomore back Derrick Reagie refuses to go down on a run gain.



Elkhart senior receiver Jayden Chapman avoids a major loss in the backfield.



Bulldog sophomore running back Derrick Reagie is brought down by multiple defenders on a kickoff return.

# Defense sets the tone

By Albert Trevino

The Corrigan-Camden Bulldogs earned a 21-8 victory at home over the Elkhart Elks on Friday.

The Bulldog defense was the driving force and stepped up in key moments during the non-district grudge match from last season's loss at Elkhart.

"We took control and made plays when it mattered," said Bulldog head coach Brett Ratliff. "Defense sets our tone and makes our offense play tougher. We showed that tonight."

Much of the heavy load on the ground was handled by Bulldog sophomore running back Derrick Reagie. Corrigan's hard run game wore down the Elk defense and opened up plays for the rest of the offense.

"Reagie is a special back and has a great future ahead. He has started to figure it out after having just a

couple of carries last year," Ratliff said. "We also had great pieces of the puzzle with him tonight. Being able to mix things up like that helps us out. Finding that balance will be the key for us."

Corrigan's offense started with decent field position and moved the sticks into Elkhart territory, but would fall short on a fourth-down run to turn the ball over near the red zone.

The Bulldog defense started strong, forcing a quick three-and-out by Elkhart. This helped set up another short field for Corrigan going into the second quarter.

This first Bulldog scoring drive included big gains from Reagie and a crucial first-down pass reception by junior Mason Murphy.

The drive was capped off by Bulldog junior quarterback William Ratliff on a 29-yard rushing touchdown to put the Bulldogs up by seven.

Elk sophomore running back Dalton Walker would try to get things going for Elkhart with a huge run into Bulldog territory. However, the Elk offense dropped a pass, missing a touchdown opportunity.

Corrigan gave up good field position late in the half on a turnover near midfield, then a Walker run got them near the red zone.

Ratliff would later make a clutch interception on third-and-goal to prevent the potential score from Elkhart before halftime.

The Elk offense started strong in the third quarter, moving the sticks on the ground to drive past midfield. However, a defensive stop by Murphy in the backfield helped force another Elkhart punt.

Murphy caught a first-down pass, then got his facemask pulled to put the Bulldogs further into Elk territory on the following drive.

Bulldog senior quarterback Mi-

chael Sullivan followed that up with a 64-yard bomb to junior receiver Paden Walker to the end zone for another touchdown, extending Corrigan's lead.

Elkhart immediately responded with a long pass from senior quarterback Trystyn Tidrow to Walker that quickly set the Elks up inside the red zone.

Elk senior receiver Cody Thomas would run hard up the middle to get Elkhart to the two-yard line, then punched it in for the short touchdown. This made it 14-8 with the successful two-point conversion.

A pass interference call set up the Bulldog offense in a strong position on the next possession. Reagie then exploded up the middle for a 35-yard touchdown run to make it a two-score lead again for Corrigan late in the fourth.

Elkhart got deep into Bulldog territory with the help of a pass

interference call, but was forced to pass on a fourth-and-long, turning the ball over in the final moments.

Corrigan would work to eat up the clock on the ground and the closing moments to secure the victory.

Ratliff noted the team's improved ball security this week, but still hopes to capitalize more inside and near the red zone. The offense will need to be at full strength with just three weeks until the district schedule.

"I think we definitely limited our offensive mistakes with no fumbles. We still have those other things to fix, especially inside the scoring zone," said Ratliff. "We are going to keep working on cleaning up the rest to get ready for district."

The Bulldogs will travel for their last non-district game this Friday versus the Joaquin Rams. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. at Ram Stadium (Joaquin High School).



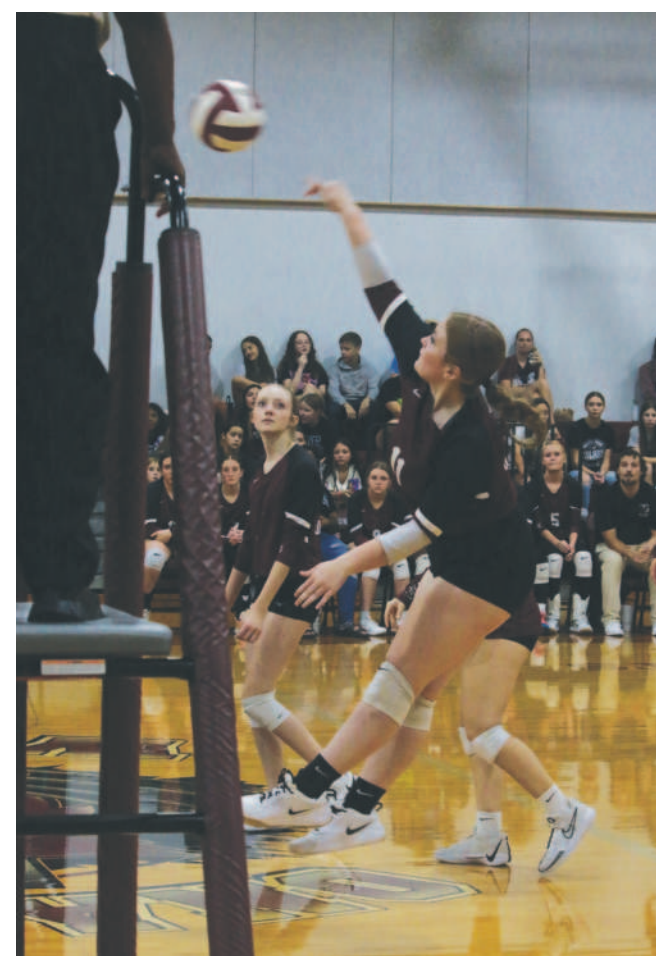
The Lady Cats celebrate after scoring the winning point Friday. COURTESY PHOTO



Kelli Arce collects a kill. COURTESY PHOTO



Senior libero Lindsey Wurm gets the dig. COURTESY PHOTO



Chloe Mitschke delivers the spike. COURTESY PHOTO

# Going the distance

By Brian Besch

Onalaska made Friday a little more exciting than their coach wanted, but came away with a five-set victory over Kennard. The Lady Cats took a 25-20, 25-14, 23-25, 16-25 and 15-13 win.

Onalaska established a lead early and would hold on to it throughout, taking the first set by five. The second set was filled with lead changes early, but the Lady Cats began to separate themselves after a tie at eight. A 10-2 run would be enough distance to put the home team up two sets.

A hard fought third set was tight until the end, when Kennard began to pull away at 24-18. However, Onalaska looked to rally, bringing the score all the way back to 24-23. After a Lady Tiger time out, they would get the point needed to extend the night.

"We had some mental lapses, and

that is our main thing," Onalaska coach Megan Nichols said. "I tell them all the time that volleyball IQ wise, we are so young. Most of them haven't played on varsity before. Any game that we go five and win, it shows that they are getting there and that they didn't give up. We are really happy about that at least."

The team seemed a bit lost in the fourth set, and did not have an answer for Kennard's big hitters.

"I write that down often — great moments," Nichols said of the inconsistency. "What we have been saying and working on is next-play mentality. I told them multiple times this game that serve-receive is not a skill issue, it is just mental. I am just glad that they locked in and pulled it off."

"When I coached at Chester, (Kennard) always got second in our district. Then, they were in our district last year at Neches, so we have seen them a lot.

They are very scrappy and their outside hitter had some big swings."

It looked like more of the same when the Lady Tigers took a 6-1 advantage, and remained in front at 10-5. They later led 12-8, needing just a few bounces to go their way. Yet, that is the point Onalaska locked in and scored seven of the next eight points, ending the game with smiles and celebration.

"Taylor Hudson and Kelli Arce are both sophomores. Kelli plays on the outside and she was on hitting today. Taylor was huge at the net playing in the middle. She had multiple big blocks that we needed from her."

"Lindsey Wurm is our only senior and libero. She will have games when we are playing bigger schools, where they are swinging at us and she will have 30-plus digs, because she is working so hard on defense."

Onalaska played up in classification

the past couple of games versus Huntington and Livingston. They were swept by Livingston, but played them tight in a few sets at 25-18 and 25-17. The coach said she was pleased with her team's performance over the week.

"We're happy to see teams that are hitting at us, because district is one game away now. I feel like we are further ahead. I won't say that we have peaked yet, because that is not what we want. We are ready for what is coming in district, for sure. It is so funny, because I tell them all the time, serve-receive and passing is the hardest skill in volleyball. We have improved so much on it. Now, we have to produce in hitting, which is a much easier skill, I think. It is still learning all of that basic information."

The Lady Cats will travel to Goodrich before starting district Friday at Crockett. Their next home game is the following Tuesday versus Trinity.

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# PINEYWOODS FISHING REPORT

**B.A. Steinhagen**  
**FAIR.** Water stain; 85 degrees; 0.16 feet below pool. Water is being released into the lake from Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Mayflies are hatching, so expect some top-water 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 juglines.

**Bob Sandlin**  
**GOOD.** Water slightly stained; 85 degrees; 0.51 feet below pool. Channel catfish are fair in 25 feet of water on baited holes with stink bait. Crappie limits are possible in 25 feet of water on standing timber with black and green jigs. Channel catfish are fair in 25 feet of water on baited holes with stink bait. White bass are fair at night in the lights with a white spinnerbaits. Report by Joey Crews, Lake Bob Sandlin Chubby Chaser Guide Service. Water clarity is 2-4 feet. Large-mouth bass and spotted bass are excellent throwing a walking top water bait near the dam, and good numbers can be caught in shallow pockets and along sea walls with a white buzzbait. Report by Blake Doughtie, Lake Country Lunkers.

**Caddo**  
**GOOD.** Water stained; 80 degrees; 0.01 feet below pool. Bass are schooling, so be looking for that and listen for them. When you hear the lily pads popping, slow down targeting the area with a shad or bream color frog or a swim jig and bounce it over those pads. Frog, buzzbait, Pop-R, fluke and spinnerbait will work around the grass lines and pads on the main lake and river. A Texas rig, drop shot or a shaky head should work well when fish are on the bottom in all the cuts along the river. Go with a junebug or watermelon red color worm when you fish the river in September. After the flooding we received this year conditions and water level on the lake are good for this time of year compared to years past. Come visit and fish this majestic lake that God spoke into existence. Report provided by Vince Richards, Caddo Lake Fishing & Fellowship.

**Conroe**  
**GOOD.** Water stained; 84 degrees; 0.52 feet below pool. Catfish are good all over and we are catching better keepers as the water cools. Fish in 10-30 feet of water with Catfish Bubblegum, liver, worms, and punch bait. Bass are good early and late up shallow, and offshore mid-day on structure and ledges. Crappie are still poor but some can be caught on structure 12-25 feet of water. Report by Brad Doyle with Bradley's Guide Service. Hybrids have been scattered in 16-24 feet trolling with a deep diver and a pet spoon trailer, or using slabs from Bradley Outdoors to jig for them. Always wear your life jacket and stay hydrated in this heat. Report by Mike Cason, Fishical Therapy. There is a good morning bass bite in the grass with swimbaits, swim jigs, spooks in white colors, or slow your approach down and throw wacky rigged stick baits in black. Look for bait and bird activity. Activity can last all day when there is cloudy or cooler conditions. When it is sunny and warm go to docks in coves and throw a black Texas rigged worm or a wacky stick baits. Report by Hugh Cosculluela, Hugh Fishing Guide.

**Fork**  
**GOOD.** Water Stained; 81 degrees; 1.59 feet below pool. Bass are good with numbers of fish shallow in 1-2 feet of water around grass hitting spinnerbaits, chatterbaits, and choppo. Shakyheads are good around wood and docks in 5-10 feet. Carolina rigs fair offshore on points and humps 12-18 feet of water. Deep crankbaits, DD-22 and XD 6, are fair over humps and channel swings in 22-25 feet. Report by Marc Mitchell, Lake Fork Guide Service. Lake Fork crappie

fishing has been up and down this past week. Best bite has been on timber around creek channels in 18-28 feet. Some fish are on brush piles in 14-22 feet, but some days they will bite and some days they lock up. You can find a few fish on bridges but not huge numbers. The white crappie fishing has been the best lately and the black crappie just have not shown up in huge numbers like they will when the water cools off more. We are seeing great quality fish being caught daily. The minnow bite is still very good. You can catch some fish on jigs in both hand ties and soft plastics. The catfish bite is excellent around timber in 20-28 feet. When you find an area holding some fish you just need to tie up to a tree and start fishing. The fish will find you shortly and in huge numbers. You can still use cattle cubes or some sour grain to draw even more fish in or hold fish to your area. Any prepared catfish bait will work to load the boat and load it fast right now. Report by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky Wiggins Guide Service.

**Houston County**  
**SLOW.** Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.01 feet below pool. Fishing patterns are consistent, but this should change as the weather begins to cool. Sunfish are good. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Bass are slow midday, with the best bite in the morning.

**Livingston**  
**GOOD.** slightly stained; 82 degrees; 0.45 feet below pool. Catching a lot of white bass shallow in 2-6 feet of water. Later in the mornings fish are hanging off of wind blown points. Ducktracker slabs white and chartreuse has been the go to. Report by Michael Richardson, Lake Livingston Adventures.

**Martin Creek**  
**GOOD.** Water normal stain; 89 degrees; 1.19 feet below pool. Bass have been good down the edge of hydrilla with swimbaits, weightless senkos and Texas rigged plum colored worms. Bass have been schooling late afternoon near the dam biting 1/4 ounce chrome rattletails and white buck tailed underspin jigs work good. Crappie are excellent in suspended timber in the 25 feet

range. Minnows are best but pin-tail jigs work too. Reports given by Hambone guide service.

**Nacogdoches**  
**GOOD.** Water stained; 80 degrees; 1.13 feet below pool. Large-mouth bass are excellent for numbers from the bank to 12 feet on a dropshot, straight tailed worm with a light weight, lightly weighted Texas rig, and white and chartreuse spinnerbaits. Crappie are excellent, catching numbers of keepers to fill the freezer on brush piles and standing timber in 12 feet of water. Catfish are fair on cut bait or live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

**Nacoinche**  
**GOOD.** Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; 0.00 feet full pool. The cooler air temperatures have brought the surface temperatures down quite a bit. This has the fish in a weird mood and they cannot decide if they need to stay or transition from their typical summer haunts. Expect the temperatures to rise back to the mid 80s before heading down to set off the fall turnover. Keep an eye on the thermocline because this tells you the exact depth to present your offering. Even over deep water, do not go below this line. Fishing a squarebill crankbait in 5 feet of water has been the most productive approach. If you find bass hugging the bottom in 8-10 feet of water, dragging a Texas rig Mag-worm can be effective. Crappie population is good. Catfish are slow. Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services. Report by Eric Wolfe, NacoTack Fishing Services. Largemouth bass are good from the bank out to 12 feet on dropshots, lightly weighted Carolina rig, and large swimbaits. Quality fish between 2-6 pounds are possible. Crappie are excellent with light white crappie jig on a split shot rig. Big black crappie up to 1.5 pound are phenomenal. Catfish are fair on cut bait, stink bait or live minnows. Report by Cal Cameron, Cal's ETX Guide Service.

**Sam Rayburn**  
**FAIR.** Water slightly stained; 82 degrees; 0.35 feet below pool. There continues to be a shallow and a

deep bass bite with some schooling action. Bass are fair in shallow water over grass with topwaters, or on secondary points Carolina rigs and dropshots. Crappie are fair on 15-27 feet on brush piles with minnows over jigs. As the weather cools crappie will transition up the river on stumps. Blue and channel catfish are fair in 15-25 feet of water on cut bait and minnows. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. Lake level is holding steady, but expect the lake to drop to 5-7 feet low to continue to work on the dam in the future. Fish are in all stages of the transition. Target bass with jig head minnows and forward facing sonar. Bass are suspended at the mouth of creeks and on off-shores flats chasing bait. When bass are schooling on the bottom cast a Carolina rig, dropshot, and shaky head. There is an abundance of shallow fish and this pattern should continue through the fall. Target the hay grass and flooded bushes early in the morning to catch bass chasing bait using a chatterbait, swim-bait or frog. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Guide Service. Fishing Guide.


**Toledo Bend**  
**FAIR.** Water normal stain; 82 degrees; 3.99 feet below pool. Bass fishing is improving on topwaters and frogs first couple hours at day light. Once the sun rises switch to swim jigs and wacky worms. Deep fish are coming on Carolina rigs and few on spoons. The quality of fish is small right with very few keepers. Crappie are slow. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

**Tyler**  
**FAIR.** Water normal stain; 84 degrees; 0.61 feet below pool. The mild weather has brought more anglers to the lake. Night fishing continues to be the best for catfish and crappie in the lights. Crappie are fair with minnows on brush in 16-25 feet of water, and off the barge. Catfish are fair in 16 feet of water cut bait and nightcrawlers. Bream are slow on red worms off the barge and throughout the lake. Bass are slow in 10-12 feet of water crankbaits, spinnerbaits and frogs. Report by The Boulders at Lake Tyler.

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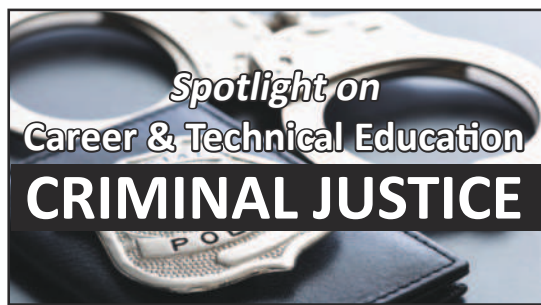
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## Criminal Justice courses expand at Livingston High School



Meyah Escobedo, Brianna Nelson, and Ethan McWhorter

Sandra Gutierrez, student chief deputy of the program leads other LHS criminal justice students in a cell extraction exercise for an upcoming competition.



Livingston High School students are offered many opportunities in the criminal justice field. Instructor Mr. Young teaches four Career & Technical Education dual credit courses to freshman and sophomore students through Lamar State College-Orange. There are two classes of Law Enforcement I and Principles of Law. The other Career & Technical Education courses in criminal justice include Law Enforcement 2 and Counseling & Mental Health. Young shares, "I appreciate everything Mr. Thornton, LHS CTE Coordinator, does for our program. I'm proud of how much the program has grown and of how well the students lead in their

roles." Criminal Justice students share information about the different competitions in which they participate. Eleventh grader Meyah Escobedo is taking Law Enforcement II this year. She received her first aid and CPR certification last year and is the student lead for mock trial competitions. LHS Senior Brianna Nelson is a third-year criminal justice student who plans to major in psychology next year at Navarro College. Last year, Nelson took the counseling and mental health course and spent time researching the Darlie Routier case by watching interview videos and studying her body language during the trial. Senior Ethan McWhorter participates in mock trial competitions through the Dallas Bar Association. He

looks forward to receiving the Mock Trial case in October. The LHS students will work with local attorneys in preparation for the February competition. LHS Senior Hayden Carr is the leader of the SWAT team competition. Carr also uses a robot with a camera for rover investigations. This year, LHS will have two teams competing in the spring. LHS will host the regional TEPSA competition. LHS senior Sandra Gutierrez serves as the criminal justice chief deputy, which is the student lead of the whole program. She also competes on both the cell extraction team and in crash investigations. Senior Jeweleanna Aguilar draws out crime scene investigations. After reading a case, she sketches out the outline of the crime scene including the case number and location. She creates a legend of key evidence found, a call log and an evidence recovery log.



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**Wednesday, Sept 25, 2024**  
**Thursday, September 26, 2024**  
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## When Pigs Fly

The idiom "when pigs fly" means something is very unlikely to ever actually happen. Can you find the flying pig that's different from the others?



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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **MEANING**  
The noun **meaning** is the definition of a word.

Today, I learned the **meaning** of the word idiom.

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

### Secret Talent

What is a secret talent you have that no one else knows about?

## Money Talks!

"Money talks" is an **idiom**. An idiom is a saying that means something different from what the words actually say.



The idiom **money talks** means people often listen and pay attention to someone who has a lot of money. It suggests that money gives people power.

## Idioms Are Fun!

Money idioms aren't the only type of idioms. Look at the pictures below and see if you can translate them into the idioms they represent. Add the missing vowels to find out what the pictures are saying.



Being careful about what you say or do:

"I **was** w\_lk\_ng  
\_n\_ggsh\_lls."



To accidentally reveal a secret:

"I sp\_i\_l\_l d th\_b\_n\_s."



When it's raining a lot:

"It's **ra**i\_n\_g c\_t\_s  
\_n\_d d\_g\_s."

Standards Link: Spell grade level words correctly.

## More Money Talk: A Two-in-One Activity!

- Use the code to complete the phrase shown in each picture.
- Then draw a line from each phrase to the box with its meaning.

**SECRET CODE:**

- = earned
- = money
- = cash
- = grow
- = save
- = parted
- = priceless
- = stretch
- = pincher



A penny saved is a penny \_\_\_\_\_.



Money doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ on trees.



Time is \_\_\_\_\_.



A fool and his money are soon \_\_\_\_\_.



\_\_\_\_\_ for a rainy day.



\_\_\_\_\_ your dollar.



I'm a penny \_\_\_\_\_.



That's \_\_\_\_\_!



It's a real **cash** cow.

- Time is a valuable thing that, like money, should not be wasted.
- Money shouldn't be wasted or taken for granted.
- It's important to save money in good times so you'll have some in difficult times.
- Something that is more valuable than money; an act of kindness, love, etc.
- Being careless can make you lose or waste your money.
- Making your money go farther by finding good deals.
- An idea that brings in a lot of money with little work.
- Saving money instead of spending it adds up over time.
- Someone who is extremely careful or reluctant about spending money.

Standards Link: Recognize common items.

## Extra! Extra! Money Words

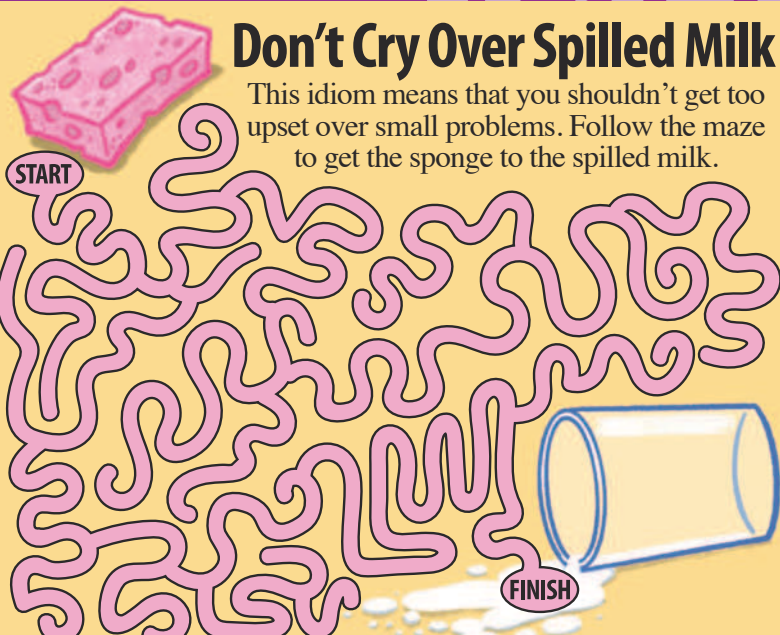
Find three examples of prices written in numbers. Rewrite each of the amounts of money in words. For example, \$21.95 would be "twenty-one dollars and ninety-five cents."

Standards Link: Write numbers in words.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk

This idiom means that you shouldn't get too upset over small problems. Follow the maze to get the sponge to the spilled milk.



Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

- BUSINESS
- BUY
- DEALS
- EFFORT
- FLY
- GOOD
- GROW
- LOSE
- LOVE
- MONEY
- PENNY
- STRETCH
- TIME
- TREES
- WASTE

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

J B W O R G O O D V  
X Z U E S E E R T M  
L M V S E F F O R T  
E O S T I R G W I E  
L N S R W N P M Y T  
P E R E S D E A L S  
S Y W T F Y N S O A  
O Q A C P L N F S W  
G P L H S T Y U B C

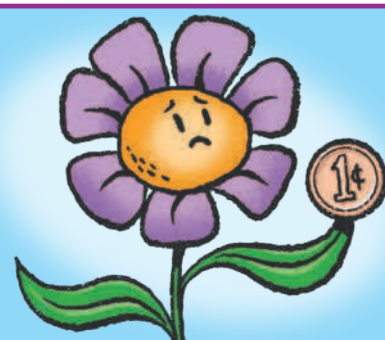
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Picture This

Look through the newspaper for an idiom. Draw a picture showing the literal meaning of the idiom. Then discuss what the actual meaning is or could be.

Standards Link: Explain common idioms.



Why couldn't the flower buy a large pizza?

ANSWER: Because it only had one cent!



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Legal Notices

Online auction on Oct. 2

LEGAL NOTICE - NOTICE OF AUCTION The City of Livingston, Texas will be conducting an online auction for the sale of surplus machinery, equipment, vehicles and miscellaneous items. The Auction will begin on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 and will start ending Friday, October 18, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. The inspection dates and times to physically view and inspect items

will be listed on the auction website. To view the item descriptions including photographs and to bid online go to AuctioneerExpress.com. For more information call AuctioneerExpress.com at (903)572-4975, Dale McGonagill - TX13801. CITY OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS /s/ Ellie Montaux, City Secretary & Assistant City Manager

Estate of John Strong Burch

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of John Strong Burch, Deceased, were issued on September 4, 2024, in Cause No. 24-CC-PB-0123, pending in the County Court at Law of Polk County, Texas, to:

Donna Burch. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Dana T. Williams Attorney at Law 310 W. Polk St Livingston, Texas 77351

Estate of James Darrell Fullerton

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JAMES DARRELL FULLERTON, SR., Deceased, were issued on August 20, 2024, in Cause No. 24-CC-PB-0110, pending in the County Court-at-Law of POLK County, Texas, to: Tammy L. Fullerton. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them

to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: BRAD ELROD Attorney at Law 130 South Charlton Street WOODVILLE, TX 77664 th DATED the 20 day of August, 2024. Blehl BRAD ELROD Attorney for Applicant State Bar No.: 24087471 130 South Charlton Street WOODVILLE, TX 77664 Telephone: (409) 283-8288 Facsimile: (409) 283-8078 Email: brad@elrodlatw.com

Citation by publication

CITATION BY PUBLICATION-TRC 109 & 114 Cause No. CIV24-0136 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC VS. JOSEPHINE VILL HAYDEN AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF RONNIE JEARLD HAYDEN 258TH DISTRICT COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF RONNIE JEARLD HAYDEN NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at Texas LawHelp.org. You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday October 21, 2024 before the Honorable 258th District Court of Polk County, at the Courthouse in said County in Livingston, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed in said court February 27, 2024 in the above entitled cause. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer

with the clerk. Find out more at Texas LawHelp.org. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: SEE ATTACHED as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Original Petition on file in this suit. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Livingston, Texas on this 4th day of September 2014 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF OR PLAINTIFF: SARAH A. TRAD 20405 STATE HIGHWAY 249 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77070 (281)925-5200 CLERK OF THE COURT: BOBBYE J. CHRISTOPHER, DISTRICT POLK COUNTY, TEXAS BY MADISON CAIN TO WIT: PLAINTIFF NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC., BY AND THROUGH ITS ATTORNEY OF RECORD, JUANITA M. DEEVER OF CODILIS & MOODY, P.C., 20405 STATE HIGHWAY 249, SUITE 170, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77070, BROUGHT SUIT UNDER CAUSE NO. CIV24-0136 IN THE 258TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR ENFORCEMENT AND FORECLOSURE OF DEED OF TRUST LIEN ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY OF WHICH DEFENDANTS, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF RONNIE JEARLD HAYDEN, ARE POTENTIAL PARTIES IN INTEREST: LOTS NINETY SIX (96) AND NINETY SEVEN (97), SECTION THREE (3) OF LAKE LIVINGSTON VILLAGE, A SUBDIVISION IN POLK COUNTY, TEXAS AS SHOWN BY THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE VOLUME 10, PAGE 16-17 OF THE PLAT RECORDS, POLK COUNTY, TEXAS. Commonly known as 197 Saint Regis, Livingston, Texas 77351.

Legal Notices

Commissioners Court requesting bids for drain repair

NOTICE OF BID #2024-24 The Polk County Commissioners Court is requesting sealed Bids for "Tunnel Drain Repair at 1733 N. Washington in Livingston". Eligible bids must be sealed, identified on the exterior of the envelope as "BID #2024-24" and submitted to Nacole Reeks, Purchasing / Procurement Coordinator - 602 E. Church St. Suite 120, Livingston, Texas 77351 prior to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 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-

ing the Polk County Purchasing Office at (936)327-6849, option 2, or from the "Bid Notices & Proposals" tab of the County's website - www.co.polk.tx.us. Proposals will be reviewed by the Polk County Commissioners Court and considered in a regular session to be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at 410 East Church Street, Livingston, TX 77351. The Polk County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject in whole or in part any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal deemed to serve the best interest of the County and reserves the right to negotiate any final contract which may result from a successful proposal.

Estate of Charles Ernest Bowman

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charles Ernest Bowman, Deceased, were issued on September 11, 2024, in Cause No. 24-CC-PB-0133, pending in the County Court of Polk County, Texas, to Charles Douglas Bowman, Independent Executor. The address to which claims should be submitted is as follows: Charles Douglas Bowman, Independent Executor c/o Joshua L. McMahon IV Skelton Slusher Barnhill Watkins Wells PLLC 501 W.

Church St. Livingston, Texas 77351 All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are hereby notified to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 17 th day of September, 2024. Respectfully submitted, Skelton Slusher Barnhill Watkins Wells pllc 501 W. Church St. Livingston, Texas 77351 Phone (936) 327-8215 By: Joshua L. McMahon IV State Bar No. 24088030 JMcMahon@SSBWW.law Attorneys for Applicant



Notice to City of Livingston Water Customers October 1st, 2024

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires by law that all public water supply systems maintain a disinfectant residual in their drinking water to protect public health. TCEQ recommends that, as part of a proactive maintenance program for water distribution systems, public water supplies that utilize chloramines for disinfection should switch to a free-chlorine disinfection process on a periodic basis. This change of disinfection, coupled with a rigorous flushing program, will maintain the ability of the system to deliver clean, safe water to its customers.

The Trinity River Authority (TRA), as the operator of the system that supplies and treats water for the City of Livingston, the TDCJ Polunsky Unit and IAH Detention Facility has notified City officials that beginning Tuesday, October 1st through Monday, October 28th, a **temporary change** will be made in the disinfectant that is used in treating the City's water supply. TRA will begin feeding free chlorine as the primary disinfectant instead of chloramines. In addition to the change in disinfection procedures, crews from the City of Livingston will be flushing the water distribution system by opening fire hydrants in various parts of the city during the early morning hours to minimize inconvenience to our customers.

As the temporary change in disinfectant and the flushing of the system occur, customers may experience some minor changes in the taste and odor of the water. This is normal and should only last for a short time.

Both the Trinity River Authority and the City of Livingston continually monitor the quality of the public water supply through regular, routine water sample analysis, in accordance with state requirements, to assure the continued safety and quality of our public drinking water. The water is and will continue to be safe to drink during this process. There are no associated health risks with this change in our treatment process. The Trinity River Authority has notified the TCEQ Regional Office in Beaumont and the main office in Austin of its intention to make the changes to the disinfection process.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact City Hall at 936.327.4311.



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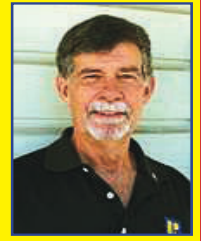
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**REDUCED**

**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**



**PENDING**

**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**



**WATERFRONT**

**REDUCED**

**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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Nestled within a secluded gated waterfront community, this delightful 2/2 home encompasses three spacious lots, ideal for a weekend retreat or year-round residency. Super cute home and recently added large storage building 35'x25' enclosed with 12'x45' attached lean-to you can park your boat, 10'X25' front porch, new concrete driveway with RV hookup 50 amp & sewer. 12'X16' storage building and ,10'X12' building with 12'X25' carport. Also new hot water heater, new laminate flooring throughout the house. Enjoy the club house, pool, park, and enjoy driving your golf cart in the community, enjoy the subdivision fall festivities. Launch your watercraft from the subdivision boat launch. There are many species of fish to catch. Enjoy the beautiful sunsets. MLS#27712789.....\$310,000

## House Hunting Check List



If you're searching for a new home, use this helpful checklist to compare information on promising houses and help you make the best decision.

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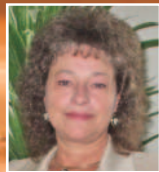
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Pristine home in beautiful Westwood Shores on Lake Livingston! This Lakefront home has been updated to the point that it looks brand new! You are going to love the high ceilings, open concept living, kitchen, and breakfast room. Home overlooks the lake. Water views from breakfast nook, living, and primary suite. Primary bath has separate vanities, a fabulous walk in closet, linen closet, and wonderful walk in shower! Living has a fireplace. There is a 5th BR/office, formal dining, and 3 guest rooms - 2 with direct access to the guest bath. Tons of closet space. Granite countertops. 3 car garage with bonus man cave/she shack, and an RV port. Too much to list here. See photos for more details! Many more amenities such as: Alarm system, Outside security cameras, Full Yard Sprinkler system, Spider B Gone System and a full house filtration system. Call today to schedule your private tour!  
**MLS#78592278.....\$499,900**



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**Waterfront Luxurious Penthouse on Lake Livingston!** One of the Largest Units in Bella Vista. Over 1,700 SQ FT. 3BR-2BA w/ Large Loft. Take the elevator or stairs to your private front porch. Private boat house with electric lift. Gated Community, Pool, Beach, Boat Ramp and Beautiful Green Spaces. Enjoy every minute have fun or just down time with out all the worries of maintaining it all, spending one whole day mowing, cleaning and all the up keep, this is the place for you. Owner Financing Term Available! **MLS#29588161..... \$439,500**



**REDUCED**

**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.....\$410,710**



**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**



**REDUCED**

**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.....\$249,900**



**REDUCED**

**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.....\$379,000**



**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**



**Lake access!** Your forever home sounds wonderful! With its recent construction in 2022 and thoughtful design features, it seems perfectly suited for comfortable living. The inclusion standout feature is the small mother-in-law home or guest house located just off the back porch, providing additional living space for guests or extended family. The home's accessibility features, such as the entrance ramp and wide doors, ensure that it is accommodating for all residents and guests. Situated in a waterfront subdivision, this home is just a short walk from the stunning Lake Livingston, offering beautiful views and offers great opportunities for outdoor activities and scenic views, and lots of wildlife to watch. This property boasts a spacious corner lot in the heart of Onalaska school district, close to the lake and local shopping. **MLS#10520733.....\$210,000**



**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**



**Lake Access!** Make this charming house your new home today! The open concept living area is perfect for entertaining guests or enjoying a cozy night in. Large windows fill the space with natural light, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. The kitchen is a chef's delight, featuring modern appliances, ample counter space, and plenty of cabinets for storage. It seamlessly flows into the dining area, making meal preparation and serving a breeze. The master bedroom is a true retreat, complete with an ensuite bathroom. Enjoy your private oasis with a spacious layout, large closet. Two additional bedrooms provide ample space for family, guests, or a home office. Situated in a small neighborhood, this home is close to local amenities, schools, and recreational areas. Enjoy easy access to Lake Livingston for boating, fishing, and other outdoor activities. **MLS#87023130.....\$172,000**




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**MLS#2485709** - Experience country living just minutes from town in this charming three bedroom, two bath home on 1.79 acres (per CAD). The spacious living area flows seamlessly into the kitchen, complete with a breakfast bar and breakfast room. Fresh interior paint (9/2024), new carpet in two bedrooms (9/2024), and laminate flooring in the third bedroom. Fresh paint on the exterior trim (9/2024). HVAC is approximately 2 years old. The land is mostly cleared. Home has an attached carport and detached metal carport. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make this your own peaceful retreat! ..... **\$224,900**



**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#98845684** - Incredible views and amazing sunsets await you! Great back yard birding right from your deck! 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 brand new roof (8/2024). 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. Year round flowering plants. 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!..... **\$565,000**



**MLS#44298987** - Welcome to 187 Kathy, a stunning new construction located in a waterfront community. This 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home is a real gem, boasting a brick exterior with stone accents and a range of luxurious features. Inside, you'll find 9' ceilings with crown molding, custom cabinetry with soft close features, and quartz countertops throughout. The primary bedroom and living room feature beautiful trayed ceilings, while the primary bathroom offers dual sinks and an oversized shower with dual rain heads. Other highlights include ceramic tile flooring, LED lights, and pre-wiring for cable and alarm systems. Preventative termite treatment done. Seller offering StrucSure 1-2-10 Home Warranty. Outside, the property features a landscaped yard, rain gutters, and a garage with an epoxy painted floor. Don't miss the opportunity to make this exceptional home yours!..... **\$299,000**

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**MLS#27672529** - CITY OF LIVINGSTON - Country Living with all the City Conveniences - Lovely 3800+ SF home is situated on 45.497 acres of pasture and wood lands. 3/3, family room, formal dining, breakfast room, study/den, plus a flex room that could be used as a fourth bedroom. The is a great pantry and separate utility room with space for freezer. Everything is spacious about this home from the foyer to the primary closet to the port cochere and oversized garage. In addition to the main dwelling there is a 1486 SF farmhouse built circa 1930. This home could be made into a guest cottage with a little love and care. This property offers pasture and woods and would be a great place for horses, cattle or other farm animals.....**\$1,099,000**

**MLS#88018392** - Welcome to the country!! This 38 + acres has a great stand of marketable timber and is a recognized tree farm. Along with a beautiful stand of Pine trees there is a small area with Pecan trees. Property has 1500 Sf metal building with living quarters built inside, a 1848 SF building for garage, workshop or storage and a wood barn. Great property! Call us for more details.



**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. New interior paint and new vinyl plank in carpet areas. ..**\$389,000**

**MLS#51843204** - This 4 BRM home offer 2 full plus 2 half baths along with formal dining, spacious family room and a great kitchen, along with oversized two car garage.nLocated on Hwy. 190 East of Livingston this property also offers a guest cottage that could be two bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, kitchen/living area, utility plus workshop all on 1.55 acres. This property is a great buy with recent price reduction to .....**\$430,000**



**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**

**MLS#75990055** - Hwy 287 East of Corrigan- Check out this 9.51 acres with over 750 feet of frontage on US Highway 287. This tract would make a great future homesite and is wooded with some cleared trails for easy viewing. Priced to sell at .....**\$99,900**





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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#61549464** - Shiloh Ridge - Newly listed 3/2/2 manufactured home on 3 lots. Home has recently been painted inside and offers stove, dishwasher, and refrigerator. The oversized two car garage offers ample space for vehicles, storage, and workshop area. Property has RV cover with electrical hook-up and a recently updated aerobic septic system. Great front porch with wheelchair ramp just adds to the appeal of this property. Very close access to Lake Livingston State Park and fishing below the dam. A great listing price of ..... **\$175,000**  
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**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**

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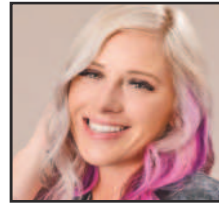
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# Tricks to Finding the Right Home



**SOLD**

**(Family Features)**

For those beginning the process of home buying, there are many factors to consider. Keep these ideas in mind as you conduct your search – whether it’s online or at a series of open houses.

**Consider Future Needs**

Because life is always evolving, it’s important to move into a home that has enough space for your family’s anticipated changes. While features and space are always prime considerations, don’t forget to, look into the area schools, day care options, parks and other kid-friendly amenities if you plan to grow your family in your next home.

**Look for Flexible Spaces**

Seek homes that offer rooms with multiple functions. For example, an office area may be suitable for a small child’s room, or a sunroom may be converted to a laundry area down the road. Unfinished basements are also blank canvases that can be customized to meet your family’s wants and needs.

**Get to Know the Area**

The purchase of a home goes well beyond the property line. Be sure to examine the neighborhood in which the house is situated. From the condition of the neighbors’ houses to highway access and the proximity of necessities like grocery stores and gas stations, be sure to take every factor into account to help ensure you’re selecting the right location.

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Come enjoy this recently renovated 3bed/2bath home! This property offers a large covered front porch running the full width of the house - giving you plenty of space to enjoy the peace and quiet that this neighborhood guarantees. Inside you'll find fresh paint, recently installed floors, updated kitchen & appliances, and an additional covered porch on the back of the home. Notice that there are trees on the back and right side to offer additional privacy. Don't forget to check out the oversized garage (35x21)! You can fit multiple vehicles in here, or keep some added space for a workshop. The opportunities are endless. This home is conveniently located near schools, shopping, hospitals, restaurants, and Lake Livingston. Come check it out! MLS#92845407 ..... **\$199,900**



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# Residential Refresh Personalized touches for your home

## Family Features

Your home is an expression of you, your personality and your lifestyle. When it comes to personalizing your home's aesthetic, try leaning into your senses to inspire change within your space.

Inspiration can be found everywhere around you – from taking cues from Mother Nature to “shopping” your own house or, with a little help from Air Wick, finding and incorporating your home's signature scent.

Give yourself a residential refresh with these tips:

### Rearrange Living Spaces

Breathing fresh air into a room doesn't always require a complete overhaul, or even any construction or DIY projects. Sometimes all you need is a little rearranging. Shifting furniture to better suit your needs or let more natural light in can significantly improve the space's aesthetic.

Additionally, the items you currently own are most reflective of your style; try “shopping” your own house by repurposing items from other areas or rooms to give them a fresh feel. When decor pieces are overused in one spot, they may feel brand new in a different space. These are practical and cost-effective tactics to create a new and inviting space for both you and any guests entering your home.

### Introduce Plants and Greenery

When sourcing your design inspiration from nature, adding greenery is an inherent way to bring in the beauty and freshness of the great outdoors. To personalize your home with plants, visit a nursery or local flower shop and choose ones that are appealing to you based on their shape, color or size. Live plants offer multiple benefits, like naturally purifying the air, and studies have shown numerous therapeutic benefits of spending time with nature. Therefore, designing with natural elements, like house plants or flowers, can bring a sense of serenity into your home.

### Find Your “Scentscape”

A home upgrade rooted in nature includes more than just what you can see and feel, it also includes engaging the sense of smell. One of the latest home decor trends, “scentscaping,” is growing in popularity as a way for individuals to enhance the ambiance of their homes through tailored scent.

“Scent is an often-overlooked aspect of design,” said Egypt Sherrod, HGTV

personality who is both an interior designer and real estate broker, and Air Wick partner. “People tour homes and experience spaces with all their senses. It adds a new layer to home personalization, as an authentic fragrance experience often heightens the aura of your space beyond its physical layout. Scentscaping is the perfect way to add a bespoke vibe for your home that reflects your personal style, in turn creating a welcoming atmosphere.”

With innovative devices designed to deliver carefully blended scents like Air Wick's Advanced Plug-In Scented Oil, you can enjoy long-lasting pulses of scents inspired by nature in the comfort of your home for up to 60 days on low setting. With anti-fading technology, an on-demand boost button and adjustable intensity settings, you'll notice the fragrances from the first drop to the last.

### Update Colors

Introducing color to a room can transform its look, and the scale of change is up to you. You might repaint the entire space, simply paint an accent wall or even just spruce up a corner with a pop of color. Incorporating accessories or decorative elements with new colors can also create some variety, such as including pops of seasonal-inspired colors in artwork and textiles.

### Switch Out Light Fixtures

A room's lighting is an important detail for personalizing the type of mood and ambiance you are trying to achieve. Swapping out light fixtures for dimmers, for example, can create a brand new atmosphere, allowing you to adjust the light to the time of day and for your intended experience. Consider updating old lighting fixtures with new ones to enhance the presence of natural light or changing the bulb wattage to further impact the mood.

### Embrace the Scent of the Season

If you tend to make frequent edits to your home's design, you may also find the idea of experimenting with different fragrances appealing. A short-term scent can be ideal for seasonal swaps, like trading fresh spring blooms for sweet summer citrus, for example. Lasting for up to 45 days on low setting, Air Wick's Essential Mist Diffuser fills the room with a gentle, fragrant mist with natural essential oils so you can set it and forget it. Adjustable settings are included on the device, and the cordless and portable design allow it to blend seamlessly into any home decor.

## Scentscaping to Give Your Home a Personalized Style

Achieving your perfect scentscape begins with nature-inspired fragrances, including classics like White Sage + Mahogany, Lavender + Waterlily and Eucalyptus + Wild Berry. If sweeter scents are your preference, consider enticing blends like Pink Watermelon + Mimosa, Lush Honeysuckle + Raspberry or Hawaiian Guava + Tropical Flowers.

To establish a one-of-a-kind scentscape for your home, start with these tips from Sherrod:

1. Identify your scent preferences, whether leaning toward citrus, spicy, fruity, floral or woody notes.
2. Consider the scent's intensity and the scent level you and your guests find pleasing.
3. If you plan on creating room-specific scents, or want to use different fragrances in each room, consider how these scents interact with one another to harmonize the scents with contrasts that add dimension.
4. Consider rotating your seasonal scents to freshen up your home and bring new energy to your space at different times of the year.
5. Maintain a scent balance so different scents do not overpower each other. Rather, create a soft and pleasing aroma that establishes inviting spaces throughout your home.





# Throw a Party Like a Pro

(Family Features)

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or simply catching up with loved ones, playing host can be as demanding as it is enjoyable. Before gathering your crew for your next event, make a plan to ensure you get to enjoy the day as fully as your guests.

## Keep the Menu Simple

An ornate spread may be impressive, but your guests are just as likely to appreciate a less demanding menu with a few standout dishes. Offer a single main dish, a couple of tried-and-true sides, some finger foods for snacking and a seasonal dessert. Beverage staples like tea, lemonade and water are all you really need, but if that feels too basic, you can offer a flavor station with fresh fruit like berries and lemon wedges, flavored syrups and other sweeteners. If you'll be serving alcohol, don't try to cater to everyone's favorite. Select neutral white and red wines and one or two beer varieties. A signature cocktail you can premix and serve is another way to add a special touch.

## Set a Thoughtful Theme

One area many hosts go overboard is theming their events. While setting a theme can be a fun idea, it doesn't have to be fussy or complicated, and your decorations don't have to be over the top. Subtle color, centerpieces and serving pieces are all places you can inject some thematic vibes without investing too much time or money. You can also let your theme influence any games or activities you plan, as well as other entertainment like background music.

## Anticipate Guests' Needs

Thinking ahead about your guests' comfort can prevent scrambling once the party

is underway. Consider needs like seating, where you'll keep extra food for quick refills and essentials like more toilet paper in the guest bath. Also anticipate accidents like spills and have supplies ready to efficiently correct inevitable incidents. Remember to plan for extra trash bins and if guests will be congregating outdoors, provide extra sunscreen, bug spray and fans.

## Organize Entertainment

Depending on the purpose of the party, your entertainment may be pretty clear, but if it's a casual gathering, you'll likely want to provide guests some ideas for passing the time. Board games and backyard games are almost always a hit. A playlist that fits your theme can add ambiance and provide background for conversation, but you can also inject some musical fun with karaoke. If you'll have kids in attendance, provide age-appropriate options for shorter attention spans, too.

## Make Cleanup Easy

After the last guest leaves, you may be ready to call it a night, but taking care of a few quick chores can make cleanup easier in the morning. Load the dishwasher and set it to run overnight, leaving any tough dishes to soak in hot, soapy water. Check for any spills or stains that need immediate attention and get a jump start on the floors. For a convenient hands-off experience, try the Eufy S1 Pro Robot Vacuum and Mop, which achieves a 99.99% sterilization rate when mopping and, using automated sensors, elevates the mophead and converts to powerful suction for carpeted areas. After cleaning, the robot docks to automatically empty its dustbin, dispose of wastewater and clean its mopping pads, drying them with hot air to inhibit bacterial growth and odors.

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