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#### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE WM WILL NOT RUN ON November 27th (Thanksgiving Day) December 25th (Christmas Day) January 1st (New Years Day)

#### Oops, we goofed!

In our previous issue of Hometown News, two recognitions from the 15th Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon were inadvertently published without photos. We would like to extend our congratulations once again to The Meadows Apartments, recipients of the Key to the City, and to Crestview Elementary School, honored with the Key to the City and celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

Additionally, the "A Trusted Voice for Live Oak" column by Council Member Aaron Dahl included a duplicated response in error. We regret the oversight and are publishing his full and correct answer below.

We appreciate our readers' understanding and remain committed to accurately sharing the accomplishments and voices that make Live Oak such a remarkable community.



Q3 - Tell us about your hobbies or what you do in your spare time.

"I enjoy spending time with my family and staying involved in the community. Between my work at Acuform and my role on City Council, free time can be limited, but I value creative hobbies, local events, and anything that allows me to unwind and recharge. I also enjoy exploring ways to keep up with trends in architecture and design, which often overlap with my passion for improving our city."

#### THE MEADOWS APARTMENTS

Key to the City 50th Anniversary



#### **CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY**

Key to the City 50th Anniversary



#### **HELPFUL WEBSITES**

#### EDUCATION

Judson ISD - JudsonISD.org Northeast ISD - NEISD.net

Northeast Lakeview College - Alamo.edu/NLC

Wayland Baptist University - wbu.edu/campuses/san-antonio/

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**Bexar County Appraisal District** - BCAD.org

**Bexar County** - Bexar.org

Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center - Home.Bexar.org/drc/ **Emergency Preparedness** - dhs.gov/topic/plan-and-prepare-disasters

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#### **Mayor's Corner**

Celebrating the Season Together

As we approach the holiday season, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to call Live Oak home. This time of year, brings us together with families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues to reflect on the moments we've shared and to look ahead with hope and gratitude.

In Live Oak, we have much to be thankful for. Our city continues to grow and thrive, not just through new development opportunities, but through the strong spirit of community that defines who we are. It's noticed in the way residents support one another, in the pride of our local businesses, and in the commitment of those who serve whether on the front lines of public safety, in our schools, or through countless volunteer hours.

The holidays are a time for connection, reflection, and generosity. I encourage each of you to take a moment to reach out to a neighbor, share kindness, or give your time to a cause close to your heart. Small gestures make a lasting impact, and together, we create a community where everyone feels they belong.

On behalf of the City Council and staff, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a new year filled with peace, good health, and opportunity. We hope you and your loved ones join us for the last event of 2025, Down-Home Christmas, December 10th, 6-8 p.m. in front of City Hall.

Thank you for making Live Oak such a wonderful place to live, work, learn, play, and celebrate life. And as always, the best is yet to come.

Mayor Mary M. Dennis & Council



# 12 Days of Christmas Secret Santa Giveaway



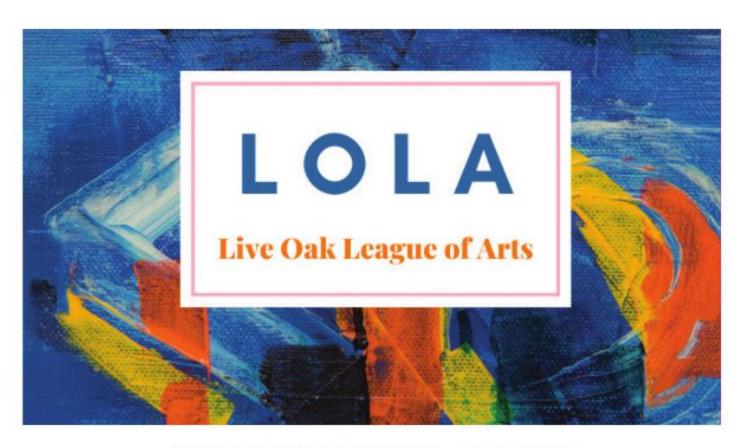
# Live Oak Civic Clubs **Meetings & Events**

All events are subject to cancellation

# Find a Club • Get Involved • Stay Active

Local civic clubs are a great way to get involved and meet your neighbors





#### LIVE OAK LEAGUE of ARTS

Promoting interest in all art mediums through education and to develop our league's artistic skills while exploring new concepts and utilizing that knowledge to promote the arts within our community. We are a group of amateur artists that enjoy art in all its forms.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US ON FACEBOOK

Search Live Oak League of Arts

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Kiwanis



#### **ADVENTURE AWAITS!**

Boys and girls aged 5-17, embark on exciting journeys, learn valuable skills, and make lifelong friends.

We meet at Live Oak First Baptist Church on Monday nights Monday Nights | 6:30pm | Girls and Boys age 11-17 Tuesday Nights | 6:30pm | Girls and Boys age 5-10

JOIN US IN LIVE OAK AND DISCOVER THE THRILL OF SCOUTING!

# FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Contact Frank Herring at 210.548.2693



# **GREATER RANDOLPH AREA KIWANIS CLUB** MONTHLY MEETING

3rd Tuesday of the Month - 6:30pn Tri-County Chamber Office @ 220 Pat Booker Road

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 210.355.8562 | www.graks.org

**NOVEMBER 18th Monthly Meeting** 

**DECEMBER 16th Monthly Meeting** 



# LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

3rd Tuesday of each month - 1:00pm - 3:00pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse

> FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Jo Anna Wheeler at 210.326.3079

# **NOVEMBER 18th**

**Monthly Meeting** 1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

**DECEMBER 16th Christmas Party** 11:30am | Golden Corral

# LIVE OAK TEXAS SUPPORT & EDUCATION FOR THE LOVE OF ALL ANIMALS

# **HUMANE SOCIETY of LIVE OAK**

MONTHLY MEETING

2nd Monday of the month - 6:30pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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#### **NOVEMBER 10th**

6:30pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

**DECEMBER 8th** 

6:30pm | Live Oak Clubhouse



# LIVE OAK CITIZENS ASSISTING POLICE MONTHLY MEETING

3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Justice Ctr Training Room

To become a member you must first attend/graduate from Citizens Police Academy

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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#### **NOVEMBER 19th**

Justice Center Training Room

# **DECEMBER 17th**

Justice Center Training Room



## **SENIORS of LIVE OAK**

For all Live Oak residents age 50 or older. Join us for fun and fellowship at any of our events listed including:

#### Seniors of Live Oak WALK & TALK

- Tuesdays | 9am in Live Oak Park
- · Thursdays | 9am in Woodcrest Park Pets on a leash are welcome

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Pat Perrone at 210.371.1158 or Roger Knisley at 210.241.9384

#### **NOVEMBER 6th**

Soup Night

5:30pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

# **NOVEMBER 10th**

**Games Day** 1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

#### **NOVEMBER 12th**

Lunch

11:30am | Meet at Bella Serra 2921 Pat Booker

#### **NOVEMBER 17th**

**Potluck** 

11:30am | Live Oak Clubhouse

#### **NOVEMBER 20th**

**Games Day** 

1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

#### **NOVEMBER 24th**

**Book Club** 

1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

# **NOVEMBER 26th**

Ladies Breakfast

8:30am | Meet at Picosito's 12102 Toepperwein Rd

#### **DECEMBER 4th**

Soup Night

5:30pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

#### **DECEMBER 8th**

Games Day

1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

#### **DECEMBER 10th**

Lunch

11:30am | Biff Buzby's 12702 Toepperwein

#### **DECEMBER 15th**

**Christmas Potluck** 

1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

#### **DECEMBER 22nd**

**Book Club** 

1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

#### **DECEMBER 31st**

Ladies Breakfast

8:30am | Denny's in Live Oak 12816 I-35

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# City of Live Oak Meetings, Events, & Holidays

# **NOVEMBER 2025**

- **Community Shred Day** See Page 14
- **Day Light Savings Time Ends** See Page 17
- City Council Meeting **Economic Development Meeting** 6pm in Council Chambers
- **Texas Arbor Day**
- **Veterans Day** City Offices Closed **City Council Meeting** Cancelled
- **Economic Development Meeting** Cancelled

**City Council Meeting** Cancelled

- **Thanksgiving Day** City Offices Closed
  - **Thanksgiving Holiday** City Offices Closed

# DECEMBER 2025

- **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day** This Day Honors The Victims Of The Attack
- City Council Meeting 7pm in Council Chambers

**Economic Development Meeting** 

- Down Home Christmas 6p-8p See page 23
- **Christmas Holiday Observed** City Offices Closed
- **Economic Development Meeting** Cancelled **City Council Meeting**

Cancelled

January 1st January 1st-31st

New Years Day - City Offices Closed **Best of Live Oak Competition** 

President's Day - City Offices Closed

SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

**COMMUNITY ONLINE** 

CALENDAR

**ALL EVENTS ARE** 



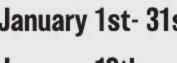
Trash, Recycling and Brush/Bulk Collection Calendar located on page 11

Questions? 210.653.9141



You can Livestream all regular City meetings including City Council, all boards and commissions from our website.

Please call Isa Gaytan at 210.653.9142 with any questions.



February 16th

January 19th

Martin Luther King Day - City Offices Closed

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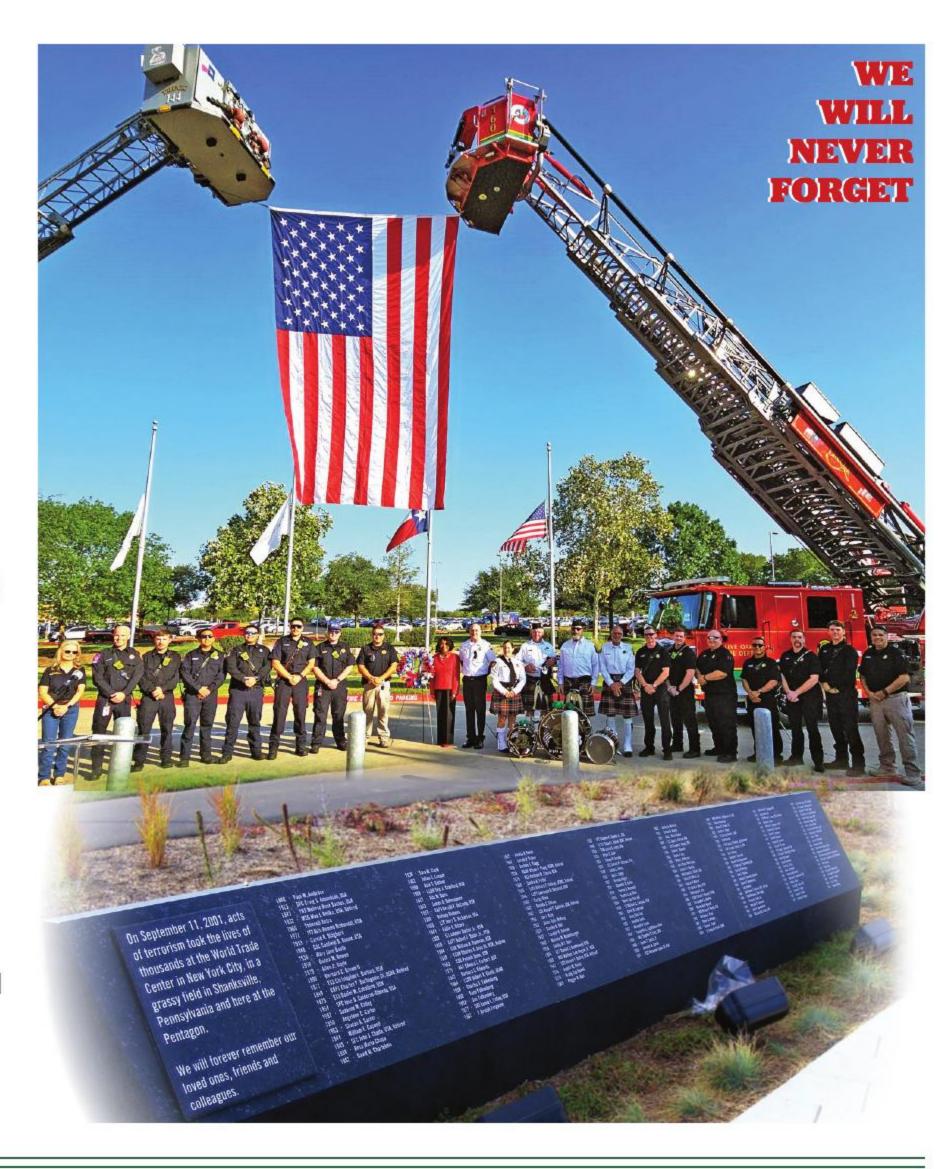
#### 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Honoring Lives, Heroes, and Community

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2025 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, held in partnership with Dr. Veronica Garcia, the Northeast Lakeview College team, and the City of Live Oak.

The program included a heartfelt performance of the National Anthem by Digital Media Marketing student Triniti Robinson and a thoughtful welcome from Student President Megan Larson. Sergeant Jeryl Atkinson shared a personal account from that fateful morning on September 11, 2001, followed by a powerful tribute from the CESO Pipes and Drums with their performances of Amazing Grace, Taps, Scotland the Brave, and Bells of Dunblane.

We are deeply grateful to our residents, local businesses, first responders from across the northeast region, and visiting dignitaries who stood with us to honor the lives lost and the heroes who answered the call. Your presence made this tribute especially meaningful.



## **National Night Out**

A Night to Remember

On Tuesday, October 7th, neighborhoods across Live Oak came alive for this year's National Night Out campaign. From cookouts to driveway conversations, it was an evening filled with community spirit, laughter, and connection.

Neighbors greeted neighbors, kids played together, and families welcomed our police officers, firefighters, and city leaders into their gatherings. It was more than just a night of block parties; it was a chance to strengthen the bond between residents and those who serve our city every day.

Public safety teams enjoyed spending time with families, answering questions, and sharing in the fun. For the little ones, the chance to see police cars, fire trucks, and meet first responders up close was a highlight of the night.



National Night Out continues to remind us that strong communities are built on trust, connection, and friendship. Thank you to every resident, host, and volunteer who made the evening possible. Your efforts turned October 7th into a celebration of everything that makes Live Oak such a special place to call home.





Bring your personal documents for secure, on-site shredding to prevent identity theft and promote recycling.

Saturday, NOVEMBER 1st from 9am-12noon

Sponsored By **RBFCU** 

# NOVEMBER

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# 2025 RECYCLE CALENDAR

**QUESTIONS?** 210.653.9141 See Page 2 For Holiday Schedule

BRUSH & BULK PICK UP Is Shown In The Rectangle

#### RECYCLE DAYS ARE HIGHLIGHTED

And Marked By Letters A - B - C Route "A" is Wed/Sat trash routes Route "B" is Mon/Thu trash routes Route "C" is Tues/Fri trash routes

# **DECEMBER**

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#### **Restaurant Month**

**Bingo Winner** 

Congratulations to Valerie Salazar, this year's Restaurant Month winner. Valerie completed her Diner's Bingo Card by visiting all participating restaurants during July and August. Every finished card went into the hopper for a random drawing and Valerie's card was the lucky winner!

Valerie was presented with her \$500 prize at her favorite restaurant, 54th Street.



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our local restaurants by joining the fun. Your community spirit keeps Live Oak dining strong!

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO LIVE OAK RESIDENT

## Paola "Alex" Villa The lucky winner of a \$100 gift card to BLACK RIFLE COFFEE

#### **PAOLA ANSWERED THESE QUESTIONS & WON!**

Q1. How often do you use the Live Oak LOCAL section of the magazine? I use the local section very often

Q2. What category in the LOCAL section do you reference the most? Recently, I've been looking through the Apartment Communities section but I love reading over Eat & Drink too!

Q3. Where do you keep your copy of the Hometown News? I keep my copies sectioned where all my other magazines are - my nightstand

> Q4. What do you like best about the magazine? I really love the photography and graphics. Whoever is lead design editor, you're doing an amazing job.

Q5. What is your favorite Live Oak business? I LOVE BLACK RIFLE COFFEE!!

Big shout out to James, Mauricio, and Seth! They're some of the best employees on the team



#### **Texas Roadhouse Live Oak**

Celebrates 25 Years

From hand-cut steaks to those legendary rolls (yes, we know the cinnamon butter is calling your name), Texas Roadhouse has been serving up smiles for 25 years!

We're thrilled to celebrate this milestone with our Live Oak location and the team that keeps the fun, flavor, and line dancing going strong. Cheers to owner Matt Sanders and the entire Roadies



Team, here's to the next 25 years of great food, big laughs, and baskets of rolls that never last long.

Even Andy the Armadillo joined the party...though someone should probably remind him not to run with scissors!



Congratulations





### We're especially grateful to the artists who shared their vision and passion with the community. Every piece told its own story, and together they reminded us how art

**Live Oak League of Art's** 

Thank you to everyone who joined us for

the 13th Annual Live Oak League of Arts

creativity, with paintings, charcoal pieces,

photography, and more on display from

Show! It was a beautiful celebration of

**13th Annual Art Show** 

Deep in the Art of Texas

our talented local artists.

connects people and adds color to our city and the great state of Texas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Tullgren was in attendance to honor this year's winners:

1st Place - Rebecca Mire 2nd Place - Abigail Kilpatrick 3rd Place - Jamie McRae **Honorable Mention - Claudia Moriarty** Mayor's Choice - Claudia Moriarty

We thank everyone for their community support which keeps Live Oak's creative spirit thriving. Cheers to another year filled with inspiration, imagination, and the joy of art.



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# A Day of Wings and Wonder

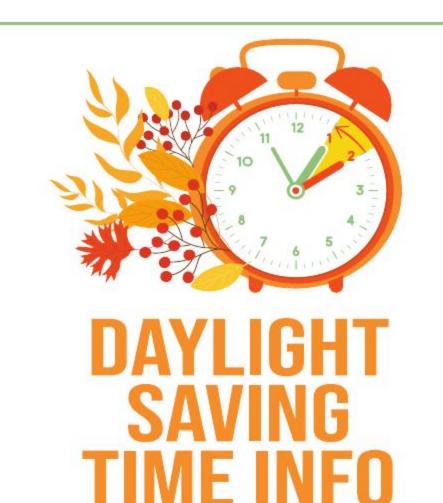
**Butterfly Festival 2025** 

On Saturday, October 25th, the Live Oak Village Garden Club hosted another unforgettable Butterfly Festival at the Xeriscape Garden. Families and friends gathered to celebrate nature's most graceful pollinators with a day full of learning, color, and joy.

Members of City Council joined visitors in enjoying educational activities, admiring the vibrant displays, and experiencing the highlight

of the day, the butterfly releases. Watching the butterflies take flight was a reminder of the beauty and balance they bring to our world.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to the Village Garden Club members for their dedication in planning such a meaningful event, and to all who joined us for making the day so special. The Butterfly Festival continues to inspire a deeper appreciation of nature, and we're grateful to share that experience together.



November 2, 2025 at 2:00 am

- Set your clocks back one hour.
  - Check and replace smoke detector batteries

#### **Paw-sitively Grateful for Pet Pawlooza!**

The Humane Society of Live Oak's Pet Pawlooza on October 18th was a tail-wagging success! From playful Pugs to curious Cocker Spaniels, the day was full of furry fun, friendly faces, and community spirit. Whether strutting in costumes, showing off tricks, or just soaking up attention, our fourlegged friends reminded us why events like this matter.

A big thank you to our wonderful vendors and local business sponsors Outback & Raising Cane's, LOL Liquors, Jordan Ford,

Potbelly Sandwich Works, 375 Social Kitchen, Dunkin Donuts, Marcos Pizza, BJ's, Black Rifle Coffee and Morgan's Nursery and Landscaping for making the day possible, and to the event coordinators who kept everything running smoothly. Most of all, thank you to everyone who joined us; together we turned Pet Pawlooza into a celebration of love, laughter, and wagging tails.



## **Village Garden Club Annual Plant Sale**

Live Oak in Bloom!

A big thank-you to everyone who came out for the annual Plant Sale on September 20th! From swapping gardening tips to picking out the perfect plants, the day was filled with smiles and green thumbs. Special shoutout to the Live Oak

Village Garden Club for all the hard work and heart they put into this tradition. Because of them and you, our community is growing brighter and greener every year. We can't wait to see your gardens thrive. Until next time, keep planting joy!







#### **Shindig Sponsors**

Alamo Community Disc Club Benjie's Munch Biff Buzby's Camp Bow Bow

City of Live Oak Dairy Queen

Denny's

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Dunkin'

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Hat Creek Burgers

Humane Society of Live Oak

Interstate Battery Jordan Ford

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Live Oak Grill

LOL Liquors

Longhorn Steakhouse

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Marco's Pizza

Mellow Day Spa

Methodist Hospital Northeast Olympia Hills Family Dental

On the Grind

Podiatry Group of South Texas Potbelly Sandwich Works

Raising Cane's

Starbucks

Sukhumvit

Tasty Balls & More Texas Pickle Hall

The Break Room

Texas Roadhouse

The Dear Agency-Farmers Insurance Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck

V Dental

Wayland Baptist University William's Confectionery Bakery



#### What A Day!

A huge thank-you to our residents, volunteers, and Live Oak businesses who came out to celebrate the 2025 Shindig on Shin Oak Festival. From carnival rides and the petting zoo, local vendors, face painting, playing games, and bidding in the LOCAP auction, the day was packed with fun. And to top it all off, we had a blast going "back to the '80s" with the Spazmatics!











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SOLO is for all Live Oak residents aged 50 or older. Join us for fun and fellowship at any of our events CHECK OUT THE LIVE OAK CIVIC CLUBS EVENTS ON PAGE 7

For more information Please contact Pat Perrone at 210.371.1158 or Roger Knisley at 210.241.9384



REMEMBER, HONOR & TEACH.

Sponsor A Wreath Today or Volunteer!

SCAN TO LEARN

**TEACH** our children the value of freedom

We will lay wreaths at Ft. Sam Houston

on December 13, 2025 at 10:00 am



## For Your Information =

 We Are Committed To Prevent Cruelty And Suffering To Animals. · We are a Non-Profit Made Up Of Volunteers.

> • We Host The Pet Pawlooza & K-9 Veterans Day Events We Provide Assistance To Live Oak Animal Control • We Are A Participant At Shindig On Shin Oak We Provide Education Of Humane Practices We Help Fund Special Veterinary Needs

We Facilitate Community Education

# **FUNDING!**

Our Activities Are Financed By Sponsors • Donations • Fundraising On The 2nd Monday Of The Month At 6:30pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse 7901 Shin Oak Drive Membership Is Only \$12 Per Year



CHECK US OUT

LIVE OAK CITIZENS ASSISTING POLICE—

**REMEMBER** the fallen

**HONOR** those who serve

# scarecrow

#### 2025 Scarecrow Invasion Results Are In!

Well, the crows didn't stand a chance this year! Our business community went all-out, stuffing hay and personality into every corner of Shin Oak Drive. From scarecrows with serious fashion sense to a few that looked like they had one too many pumpkin spice lattes, this year's invasion was a sight to see.

#### First Place: The Village Florist

Their scarecrow was so convincing, even the mailman crossed the street.

#### Second Place: Dr. Lindsey Schlepp Family Dentistry

Not only did they scare crows, but we're pretty sure they scared a few neighbors too.

#### **Third Place: Raising Canes**

Their Scarecrow brought the "yum" to Frightfully yummy."

Civic Group Winner: Live Oak League of Arts



The Podiatry Group of South Texas Wayland Baptist University The Village Florist Aspire at Live Oak Raising Cane's The Dear Agency-Farmers Insurance

Methodist Hospital Northeast Olympia Hills Family Dental V Dental Great Hearts Live Oak Texas Roadhouse Dr. Lindsey Schlepp Family Dentistry

Stretch Zone Live Oak Family Dentistry Live Oak League of Arts Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police

1st Place

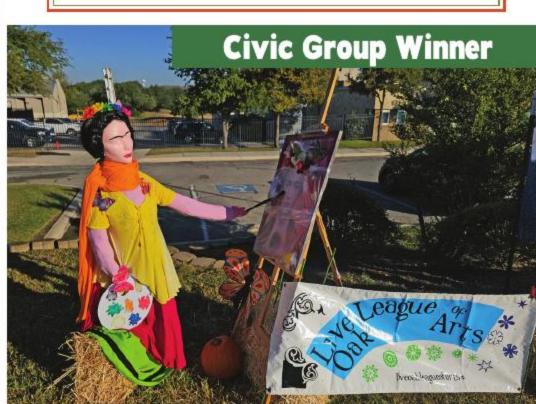


**2nd Place** 

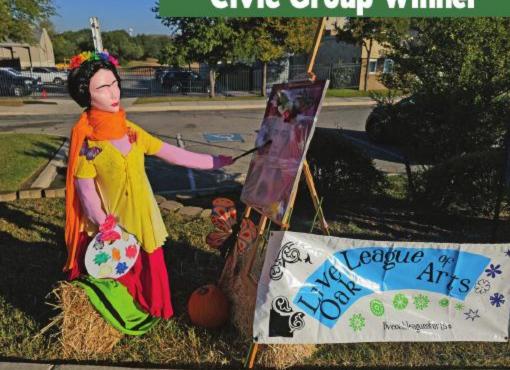


A huge thank you to everyone who participated. You turned our city into a patchwork of creativity and fall spirit.

Until next year, keep those pumpkins plump, the hay bales stacked, and the crows on notice.







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#### A Trusted Voice for Live Oak Mayor Mary M. Dennis

Mayor Mary M. Dennis leads Live Oak with integrity, vision, and heart. Known for her hands-on approach, she champions residents and businesses alike, advocating for thriving neighborhoods, economic growth, and strong community spirit. Guided by duty and service, she believes public service isn't just about making decisions but about making a difference. Mayor Dennis embodies persistence, faith, and a lifelong commitment to public service.

Mary was born in Newton, Mississippi, and moved with her family, who traveled



widely due to her father's Army service, to San Antonio at age 15. She graduated from Sam Houston High School, attended Our Lady of the Lake University, and is a licensed mortician. She is the proud mother of Christina Dennis and grandmother to Cierra, Chase, and Christine.

Before becoming the first African American Mayor of Live Oak in 2010, she served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and twice ran for council. Re-elected in 2022, she continues to focus on bringing the community together, ensuring government remains efficient and accessible, and actively representing Live Oak across the region.

Her extensive civic service includes leadership roles with the Live Oak Economic Development Corporation, Northeast Partnership, Randolph Air Force Base, CPS and SAWS citizen advisory committees, Bexar County Suburban Cities Committee, San Antonio Commission on Literacy, Board Member for the National League of Cities, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO), Greater Bexar County Council of Cities, and the Texas





Municipal League TML (where she served as President 2016–2017) and former Chair of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool, and Chairperson-Alamo Area Council of Government (AACOG). She also contributes to organizations such as the National League of Cities, Judson ISD committees, and the Texas Association of Black City Council Members, among many others. In 2019, Mayor Dennis was inducted into the San Antonio Women Hall of Fame for "Public Service."

#### Q1 - If possible, what advice would you give your younger self?

If I could share one piece of advice, it would be this: don't be afraid to use your voice. Your voice matters, your opinion matters, and what you think truly matters. Share it with others respectfully and professionally but never hold back out of fear.



I would also say, read as much as you can. Reading has always been a part of my life. My mom instilled the love of reading in me early on, and when I became a parent, my child and I would end each day in a big recliner, reading together. Today, you can read on your phone or tablet, but the lesson is the same, read everything you can. Reading makes you a better thinker, a better communicator, and in many ways, a better person. My dad also had a rule at our dinner table. Every night, he'd ask all five of us kids, "What did you learn today?" And if someone said, "I didn't

learn anything," he would reply, "You went all day and didn't learn a single thing?" That stayed with me. To this day, I believe we should all try to learn something new every single day.



#### Q2 - What led you to run for City Council, and how long have you served?

When my family moved to Live Oak more than 30 years ago, our street was still a dirt road. The very next morning, my neighbor invited me to join him at City Hall to ask local leaders about getting it paved. What my new neighbor didn't know was that I had purchased the house because the dirt road reminded me of my grandmother's home in Mississippi, but I went along. That's when I first met Scott Wayman, and together we went through the process of petitioning Council.

I was fascinated by the process that included legal notices to the surrounding property owners, the hearings, and the details most people don't see. Later, I was approached by then Planning & Zoning Chairperson Bill Umphlett and asked if I'd consider serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. I was unaware what "P&Z" meant, but I agreed. That decision opened the door for me to serve this community in ways I never expected. I would serve on the commission for 6 years and soon after, run for City Council.

I lost my first council race by 25 votes, and when I tried again, I lost by just two votes. I thought I was finished with politics until my daughter said, "Mom, I think you should be Mayor." At first, I laughed but decided to run for office.

On election night, it ended in a tie. My opponent suggested a coin toss, and I told him, "Sir, I'm from Mississippi, we're going to have a runoff." We did, and I won. In 2010, I became Mayor, and for the past 15 years, it has been the greatest honor to serve this amazing community.

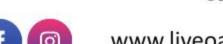
#### Q3 - Tell us about your hobbies or what you do in your spare time.

I always remind women that you must take care of yourself first, you are the most important person. For me, that means setting aside what I call "Mary Day" once a week. It's my time to do whatever I enjoy, whether it's sitting on the patio watching the deer and squirrels, or heading to Canyon Lake for a walk across the dam on a Saturday morning.





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My passion is cooking. Anyone who knows me knows my kitchen is my favorite room in the house. Cooking, hosting family and friends, sharing laughter and meals, that's where some of my happiest memories are made. Those moments of joy and connection are what I treasure most.

#### Q4 - What advice would you give someone wanting to get involved in local government?

Local government is the closest to the people, and I prefer to use the term public service instead of politics. My advice to anyone who wants to get involved is simple: start by serving. That doesn't always mean running for office, it can be as a volunteer in your community. No matter where you live, there are always opportunities to help others.

To me, leadership is about service. My daughter often reminds me of the times I would pick her up from school and we'd stop by the nursing home, sometimes



to read with residents, sometimes just to bring a small gift like a box of tissues. Those moments taught me that service is service, no matter the title you hold.

If you are interested in local government, begin by showing up, attend council meetings, learn what's happening in your community, and look for ways to contribute. Visibility and a willingness to serve are where it all begins.

#### Q5 - What do you love most about serving the residents of Live Oak?

Every day, I have the privilege of learning more about the people who call Live Oak home. I enjoy hearing their stories, about their work, their travels, and the journeys that led them to our community.

One neighbor, Mrs. Francis Mayer, came from one of the original founding families of Live Oak. Over the years, she shared wonderful memories, including riding a wagon to school along what we now know as Toepperwein Road. Her family's legacy runs deep, and her brother was our city's very first mayor, Clarence Albrecht.



#### Q6 - What has been the most rewarding moment while serving the premier community of Live Oak?

There have been so many incredible moments along this journey, far too many to count. First, of course, was the honor of being elected Mayor and receiving the confidence and trust of our residents. I pledged then, as I do now, to work hard every day and give my absolute best to this community.

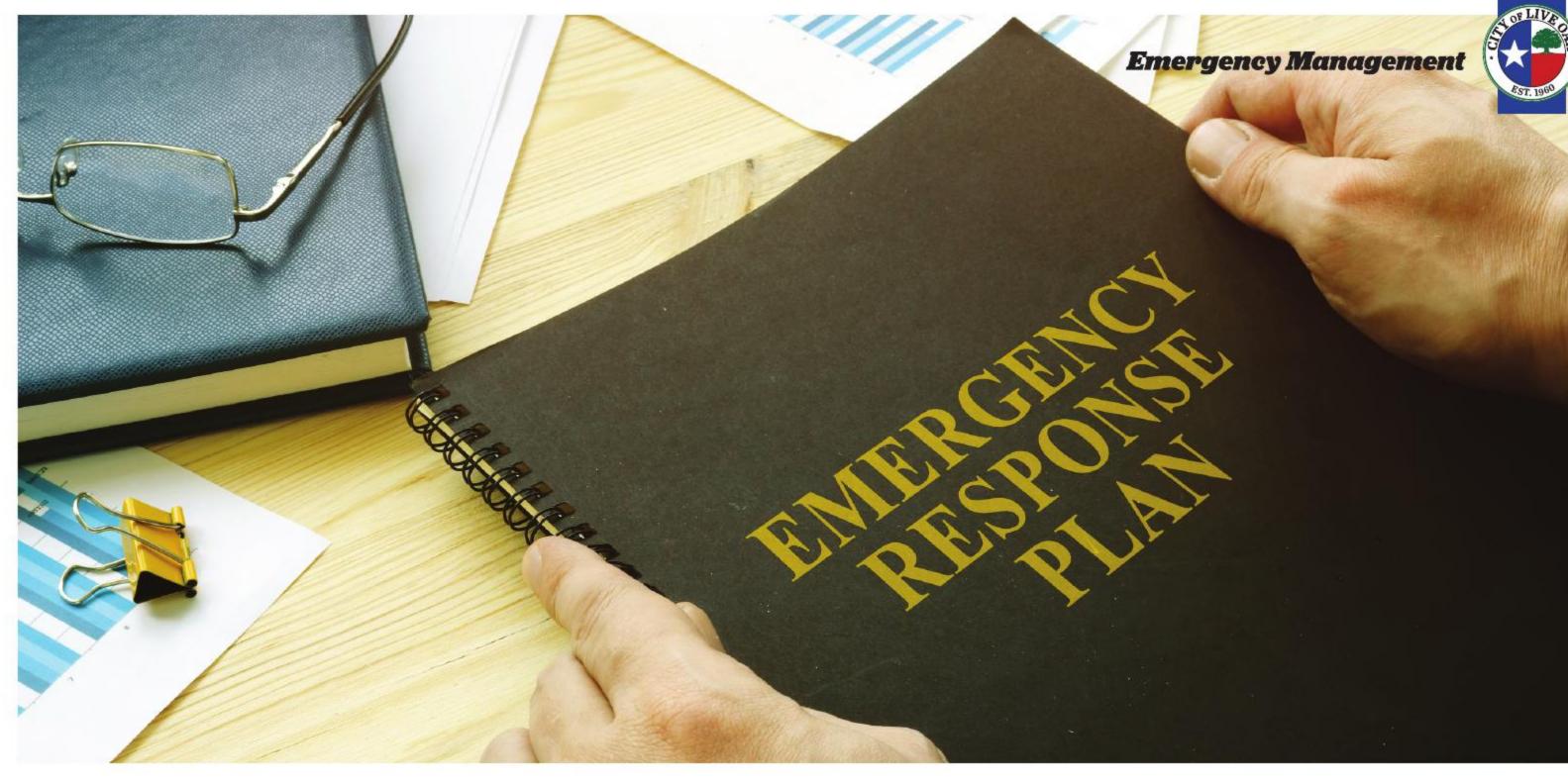




Highlights such as the redevelopment of the Civic Center property, the addition of the Hilton Garden Inn and Live Oak Conference Center, IKEA and many other milestones remind us how far we've come together. I've also treasured watching our Business Appreciation Luncheon grow into a meaningful tradition that allows us to thank the businesses who choose to make Live Oak home. Two community service programs I have been proud to spearhead are Community Shred Day, held twice a year, and Movie in the Park, hosted each spring in conjunction with Eggstravaganza.

Most importantly, I am grateful for our dedicated team members who serve our residents with excellence every single day whether it's rescuing a stray animal, repairing a broken water line in the pouring rain, or simply offering a friendly voice when someone calls City Hall. Their work embodies the spirit of Live Oak and makes me proud to serve as Mayor.





#### **Emergency Management**

Staying Safe in Live Oak

#### ➤ Winter Storm Preparedness and Holiday Fire Safety

As the holiday season approaches and colder weather sets in, the City of Live Oak's Emergency Management encourages residents to take simple, proactive steps to keep families, homes, and the community safe.

Our goal in Emergency Management is not only to respond when disaster strikes, but to help you prevent emergencies before they happen. With a little preparation today, you can enjoy a safe, warm, and joyful holiday season.

#### ➤ Build a Winter Emergency Kit

Every household should keep a well-stocked winter emergency kit on hand. Include at least a three-day supply of nonperishable food and bottled water, essential medications, baby formula or pet food, and basic tools such as flashlights with extra batteries, a hand-crank or battery-powered radio, and a manual can opener. These items can make a world of difference if a storm disrupts daily life.

#### ➤ Protect Your Home

Cold weather can be tough on homes. To prevent frozen pipes, insulate exposed lines or wrap them with heat tape, and allow faucets to drip slightly during freezing temperatures. Weatherize your home with caulk, insulation, and weatherstripping to keep the warm air inside and cold air out. For outdoor safety, keep rock salt and sand, & remember to take breaks to avoid overexertion.

#### ➤ Plan for Power Outages

Winter storms can knock out power with little warning. Before severe weather arrives, charge cell phones, laptops, and portable power banks. If you're using a space heater, keep it at least three feet away from anything flammable and plug it directly into a wall outlet. Never run a generator indoors. Always use it outside and away from windows to prevent deadly carbon monoxide buildup.

#### To learn more about preparing a kit, scan the QR code.

On behalf of our Emergency Management team, we wish you and your family peace, health, and safety this winter.



Keep extra blankets, warm clothing, and a supply of nonperishable food and bottled water on hand.



Make sure flashlights and batteries are easily accessible in case of a power outage.

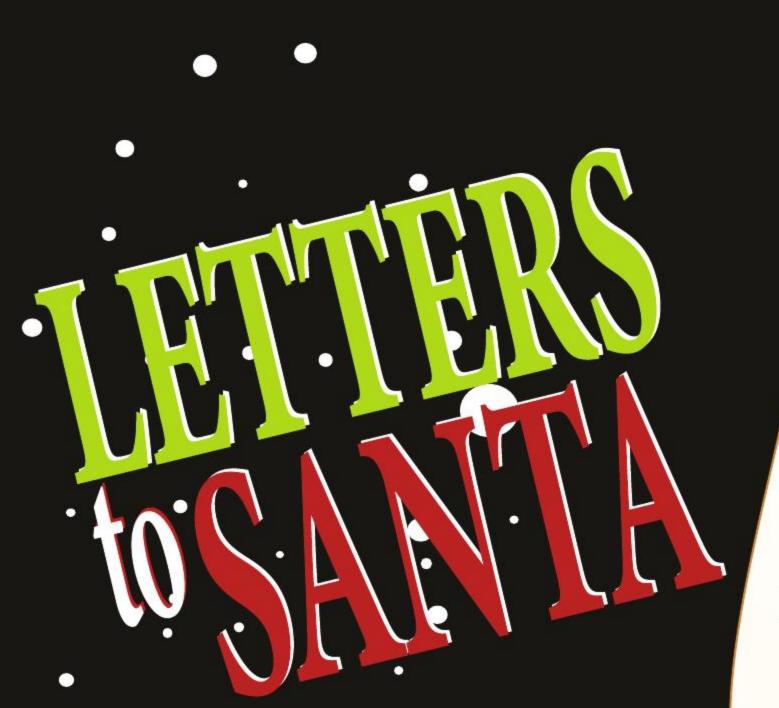


Protect your pipes by insulating exposed lines and leaving faucets dripping when temperatures fall below freezing.



Don't forget to check on neighbors, especially seniors or those with special needs, during





He's making his list and checking it twice!! Don't miss the opportunity to send your wish list straight to the Jolly Ol' Fella! The good boys and girls of Live Oak can drop off their letters in the North Pole Mailbox located in the Public Works lobby. Rest assured the Jolly Ol' Fella will respond to all letters received between November 5th and December 3rd.

Please fill out this form and return (with attached letter) to the North Pole Mailbox.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL LETTERS FROM THE SAME HOUSEHOLD ARE INCLUDED IN ONE ENVELOPE.

For questions please call Courtney at 653.9143 Option 5



Child's Name:

Child's Age:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:





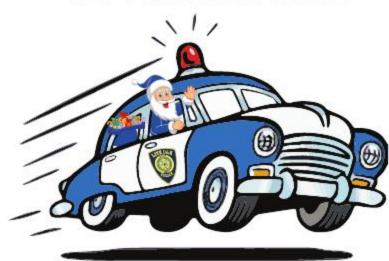


#### **Spreading Cheer**

Live Oak Police Bring Community Together this Holiday Season

The holidays are a special time in Live Oak, and at the Live Oak Police Department, we look forward to celebrating with our neighbors. Two of our favorite traditions are Cocoa with Cops and Blue Santa. These events bring families together, spread holiday cheer, and remind us why our community is so special

Cocoa with Cops is a chance for neighbors to connect with officers over a warm cup of cocoa and enjoy the season together. Families can snap photos with the Grinch, check out the department's classic 1955 Chevy police car, and take part in festive fun. For us, it's an opportunity to share laughs, meet new neighbors, and strengthen the relationships that make Live Oak feel like home.



Meanwhile, the Blue Santa program, organized with the support of the Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police (LOCAP), helps brighten the holidays for families facing challenges. With the help of donations from residents and

businesses, officers and volunteers ensure children experience the joy of the season and families know they are supported. Blue Santa is a reminder that the true spirit of the holidays lies in compassion, generosity, and caring for one another.

Together, Cocoa with Cops and Blue Santa help us celebrate with kids, support families, and connect with our community in meaningful ways. We invite everyone to be part of it, whether by attending, donating, or volunteering, so we can make this holiday season brighter for all.

For dates, locations, and ways to get involved, follow the Live Oak Police Department on Facebook and Instagram, or visit our website.

#### **Holiday Safety Tips**

The holidays are about family, friends, and celebration, but they also come with extra risks. A few simple steps can help keep you, your home, and your belongings safe this season:

#### At Home

Lock doors and windows, use timers for lights, and keep gifts out of sight. If you're traveling, ask a trusted neighbor to keep watch.

#### While Shopping

Stay alert, keep your belongings close, and park in well-lit areas. Shopping with a friend or family member is safer and more fun.

#### **Protect Your Purchases**

Keep gifts out of view in your car, lock your doors, and avoid using public Wi-Fi for online shopping. Once home, don't leave packaging from big-ticket items where it can be seen.

#### **Travel Safety**

If you plan to drink, always have a sober driver.

#### **Community Awareness**

Look out for your neighbors, especially elderly residents, and report anything suspicious.

By taking these precautions, we can all enjoy a safer, happier holiday season in Live Oak.



#### **Live Oak Fire Department**

A Season of Safety

#### **Decorating Safely**

The holidays are a time for joy, but they also bring added fire risks. A few simple precautions can help keep your family and home safe this season.

#### Trees

Keep trees watered and three feet from fireplaces, heaters, or other heat sources.

#### Lights

Use only lab-tested lights, check for damaged wires, and turn decorations off before bed or leaving home.

#### Candles

Place candles in sturdy holders away from anything that can burn. Flameless candles are a safer alternative.

#### Kitchen Reminders

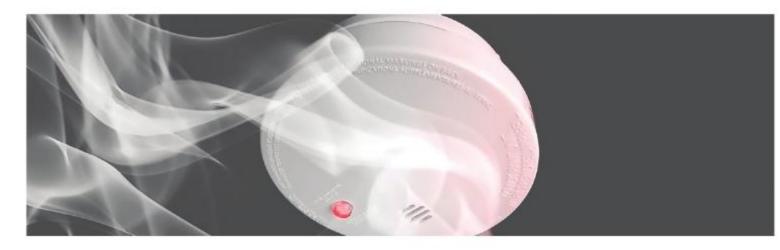
The kitchen is busy during the holidays and one of the most common places for fires to start. Stay close by when cooking, use timers, and never leave food unattended on the stove.

#### **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

Test alarms monthly and change batteries yearly.

#### **Need a Smoke Detector?**

The Live Oak Fire Department offers free battery-powered smoke detectors to qualifying homeowners. To be eligible, you must:



- Live in Live Oak
- Own and occupy your home (rentals don't qualify)
- Meet low-income guidelines

If you meet these requirements and would like the Live Oak Fire Department to install a battery-powered smoke detector (not interconnected) in your home, please call 210.653.9280 Press Option 1 or email: rluna@liveoaktx.net.

For homes with interconnected smoke detection systems, the department can only provide and install a battery-powered unit in the same area. We are unable to service or replace interconnected systems.

#### Please Note

Walk-in requests are no longer accepted. The program provides a maximum of two detectors per household.

Stay safe, Live Oak, & enjoy a warm & happy holiday season!







### **Live Oak Gains a Vital New Neighbor**

South Texas Blood & Tissue Northeast Clinic

Live Oak welcomed the new Northeast Clinic for South Texas Blood & Tissue Center to our community in late August. Located at 7529 N. Loop 1604 E, Suite 115, inside Gateway Plaza, this state-of-the-art facility will provide essential blood and tissue services while serving as a hub for community engagement and support.

The clinic's arrival underscores Live Oak's commitment to health, wellness, and accessibility for all residents. Conveniently located for donors and patients alike, it strengthens the city's network of vital healthcare services.

Since 2018, South Texas Blood & Tissue has partnered with area first responders to transform trauma care through the Heroes in Arms program. This initiative provides specially screened type O-positive blood to emergency teams for transfusions at accident scenes, enroute to hospitals, or in emergency rooms. The new Live Oak Northeast Clinic is proud to be a partner in this lifesaving program.



#### **Aquarius Pediatrics** Welcomes Dr. Kichena

We are excited to welcome Dr. Samantha Kichena, D.O., to our community, where she will be caring for children and families with the same dedication that has guided her journey into pediatrics.

Dr. Kichena's path to pediatrics began in Katy, Texas, and wound through the University

of Oklahoma, where she earned a psychology degree while completing her pre-med requirements. It was there, while working as a nanny for three young children, that her interest in caring for kids took root.

Medical school at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine further solidified her calling. She immersed herself in the



We warmly welcome the leadership, staff, and volunteers of South Texas Blood & Tissue Center. Their dedication to saving lives and supporting communities reflects Live Oak's values, and we look forward to the positive impact this clinic will have on our residents and neighboring areas.

Together, we celebrate this exciting new chapter for Live Oak and South Texas **Blood & Tissue Center.** 



Pediatrics Club and helped launch an organization dedicated to improving care for patients with disabilities. It was also where she met her future husband, now a physician in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

The couple matched at UT Health San Antonio, each pursuing their specialty. For Dr. Kichena, residency confirmed her love for primary care pediatrics, shaped by the deep connections she built with patients and their families.

Life outside the clinic is equally full. Recently, she and her husband welcomed a baby girl. Their family enjoys long walks with their dog, Snoopy, and traveling whenever possible. At home, Dr. Kichena loves experimenting in the kitchen with new recipes and she never misses the chance to cheer on OU football.





## **Methodist Hospital | Northeast**

Welcomes New Chief Financial Officer



Methodist Hospital | Northeast has appointed Rogelio Reyes as its new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Reyes brings more than 23 years of healthcare finance experience, with a strong background in financial leadership across multiple healthcare systems. Most recently, he served as CFO for St. Luke's Baptist Hospital, where he led initiatives in revenue cycle management, capital planning, productivity optimization, and service line analysis.

Previously, Reyes held the CFO role at Laredo Medical Center and also served within the Methodist Healthcare System as Controller for Methodist Hospital | Atascosa. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Texas A&M International University.

"We're excited to welcome Rogelio as our new CFO," said Jerrica George, CEO of Methodist Hospital | Northeast. "His strong financial leadership and extensive healthcare experience will be a great asset to our hospital and the communities we serve."

Reyes assumed his new role earlier this month.

#### About Methodist Hospital | Northeast

Methodist Hospital | Northeast is preparing to break ground on a \$146 million expansion project which will include a new patient tower and add over 100,000 square feet to the hospital. The hospital is evolving and enhancing patient experiences with the investment of cutting-edge technology and highly skilled, innovative team members. Hospital specialties include advanced cardiovascular care, neurosurgery, orthopedic and joint replacement surgeries as well as inpatient rehabilitation.

Methodist Hospital | Northeast has been recognized as the Best Hospital in San Antonio for five consecutive years (2021-2025) by the SA Express-News Reader's Choice Awards. Additionally, it has been acknowledged as one of America's 250 Best Hospitals by Healthgrades every year since 2021, a Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospital by Fortune/PINC AI in 2024, designated as a Certified Primary Stroke Center by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, recognized as an Accredited Chest Pain Center with Primary PCI by the American College of Cardiology, and received the Pathway to Excellence designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.











#### Spice, Steam, and Sizzle

K-Pot Opens Its Doors

Live Oak welcomed K-Pot Korean BBQ & Hot Pot, which officially opened in August at their new location inside the Gateway Plaza, 7741 N. Loop 1604 E. City officials gathered with General Manager Jerry Stone and the restaurant's owners to celebrate the new addition to the local dining scene. This opening marks an important milestone for economic development in Live Oak, bringing new jobs and increased opportunities for community growth.

K-Pot offers an interactive dining experience that combines Korean BBQ and hot pot while featuring all-you-can-eat options. The Asian tradition commonly known as hot pot is a communal dining experience deeply rooted in Chinese culture, though it's also popular in other East Asian countries.

Friends and family gather around a simmering pot of broth placed at the center of the table. Diners can cook a variety of premium cuts of meat, fresh vegetables, seafood, and tofu right in the pot customizing meals and dipping the cooked items into a variety of sauces. The restaurant provides over 70 freshly prepared items, allowing patrons to customize their meals to suit their tastes. Additionally, K-Pot offers a sauce bar with more than 20 options, enabling diners to create personalized dipping sauces.

With its diverse menu and engaging dining concept, K-Pot adds a unique culinary option to Live Oak, attracting both residents and visitors seeking a memorable dining experience. Welcome to the neighborhood, K-Pot Live Oak!

#### **Buzzing with Love**

Honeybee Grooming by Hails Celebrates Grand Opening

On October 6, the community came together to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting of Honeybee Grooming by Hails, owned and operated by Hailey Carroll.

Hailey's love for animals, especially dogs, started early in life. What began with dog sitting and bathing grew into a deep passion for animal care. She worked as a veterinary technician before moving into grooming, a craft she started practicing at just 13 years old. By 19, she was pursuing professional training, working in five different salons before realizing her dream of opening her own business.

Guided by the belief that "where there's a will, there's a way," Hailey created a salon designed to be as welcoming for pets and their owners as it is for groomers. Honeybee Grooming is kennel-free, offering one-on-one grooming sessions that ensure comfort and trust while avoiding the rushed environment often found in larger salons. Honeybee Grooming specializes in large and giant breeds, double-coated breeds, and de-shedding services. The salon also provides cat grooming, including baths and haircuts, making it a full-service destination for pet care.



The name "Honeybee" reflects Hailey's love for bees and her mission to raise awareness about protecting pollinators. The salon's logo features Ollie, her beloved Great Pyrenees, who is her inspiration to her craft.

Stop by the new location at 8090 Pat Booker Road for a truly "sweet" experience or call 210.535.0465 to schedule an appointment.



#### Game On!

Dick's House of Sport Opens in the Live Oak Town Center

The City of Live Oak is thrilled to welcome the newest Dick's House of Sport to Live Oak Town Center. This highly anticipated experiential retail destination opened its doors, with a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held on Friday, October 24, 2025.

Located at the intersection of I-35 and Loop 1604, Live Oak Town Center has quickly become one of the region's premier shopping and entertainment destinations. Anchored by IKEA, the Town Center attracts shoppers from across the greater San Antonio region and beyond.

"The Dick's House of Sport will provide a substantial economic and community impact, creating 150-200 jobs along with

boosting sales tax and maintaining regional draw as a superregional anchor," said Donna Lowder, Economic Development Manager.

Dick's House of Sport will feature 100,000 square feet of innovative retail and interactive experiences, including batting cages, golf bays, a rock-climbing wall, and community spaces designed to inspire athletes and families alike. Its outdoor field will adapt with the seasons, providing a versatile space for sports, events, and community gatherings.

"We are proud to partner with Dick's House of Sport in bringing this one-of-a-kind concept to Live Oak," said Mayor Mary Dennis. "This investment reflects our city's ongoing commitment to creating an exceptional place for residents, businesses, and visitors."

#### K Café

Now open in Live Oak!

From bulgogi and bibimbap to pancakes, lattes, and Boba smoothies, K Café blends Korean flavors with everyday favorites, all in one cozy spot.

Owned by Jeff and Myong "Nomie" Bellitt, this is more than a café, it's a place to connect, relax, and enjoy something new.

On behalf of Mayor Mary M. Dennis, the Live Oak City Council, and City Administration, welcome to Live Oak, K Café! We're proud to support veteranowned businesses that bring flavor, caffeine, and a little extra joy to our city. Because let's be honest... a community runs on passion, diversity, and just the right amount of coffee.

Stop by K Café located at 8322 Pat Booker Road inside the Shops at Live Oak next door to Wayland Baptist University and welcome to K Café to the neighborhood!









#### **Smash Into Fun!**

Texas Pickle Hall Opens Its Doors

Texas Pickle Hall officially opened its doors on October 3, 2025, at 201 Shin Oak Drive, right off I-35 in Live Oak. The weeklong celebration kicked off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on Monday, September 29th led by Mayor Mary Dennis, followed by an open house that welcomed the community to explore the new space.

Designed with inclusivity and performance in mind, Texas Pickle Hall offers something for every player. From first timers to seasoned competitors, the facility is built to grow with the sport and its community. As COO Alexander (Zander) Komet shared: "We've built this facility to support the full pickleball journey, a place where the San Antonio pickleball community can truly grow."

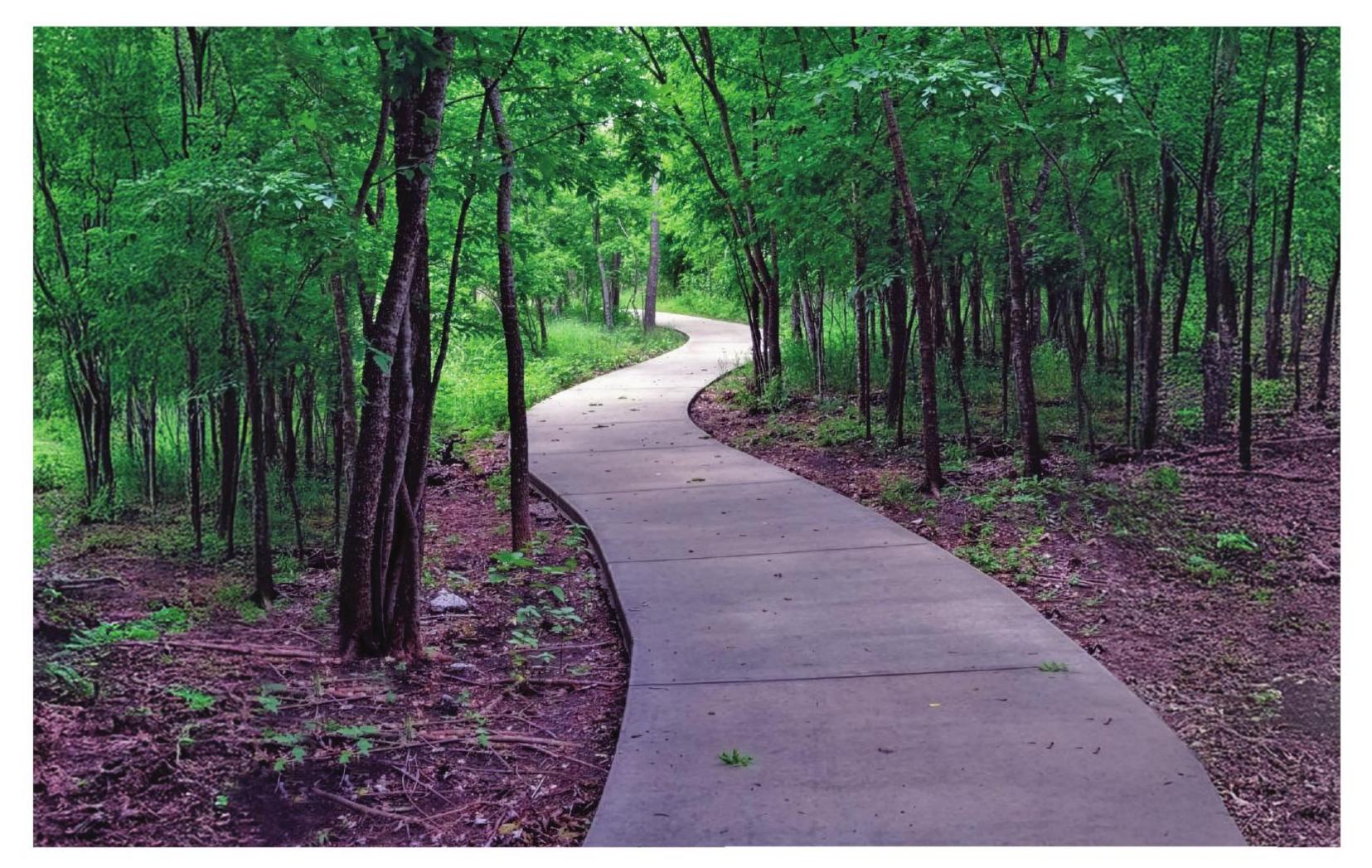
More than just a sports venue, Texas Pickle Hall is poised to become a community hub. Families, businesses, and friends will find a place to connect, play, and celebrate one of the country's fastest-growing sports. Live Oak is proud to welcome Texas Pickle Hall and looks forward to the energy, camaraderie, and connections it will bring.

#### **Facility Highlights**

- 30,000 square-foot, fully climate-controlled complex
- 12 professional-grade indoor courts with advanced lighting
- 4,000-square-foot outdoor patio bar designed in the style of a Texas icehouse, perfect for post-game relaxation or private gatherings







### **Healthy Trees, Healthy Lives**

Celebrating Texas Arbor Day

Every year on the first Friday in November, Texans pause to celebrate Arbor Day, a tradition that honors the vital role trees play in our environment and daily lives. While many states observe Arbor Day in April, Texas celebrates in the fall, the perfect time to plant trees that will thrive through the cooler season and establish strong roots before the summer heat.

This year's theme, Healthy Trees, Healthy Lives, is a reminder that trees are not just part of our landscape, they are essential to our health and well-being. Studies show that neighborhoods with more tree canopy enjoy cleaner air, cooler temperatures, and even improved mental health for residents. Simply put, healthy communities grow from healthy trees.

Beyond their beauty, trees act as natural air filters, reducing pollutants and producing the oxygen we breathe. They help conserve energy by shading our homes, lower stress by providing peaceful outdoor spaces, and even encourage physical activity by making parks and trails more inviting. When we invest in trees, we're investing in the health of our families, our neighborhoods, and future generations.



**Healthy Trees, Healthy Lives** 

Texas Arbor Day is also a call to action. Whether it's planting a new sapling in your yard, volunteering at a community tree planting, or teaching children the importance of caring for our urban forests, each of us can play a role in building a greener, healthier Texas.

As you celebrate this Arbor Day, remember the theme: Healthy Trees, Healthy Lives. By nurturing our trees, we nurture ourselves.

# Hometown Mews Travels 2025 WINNER

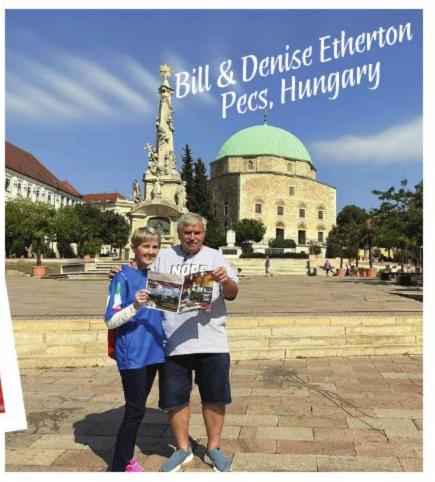
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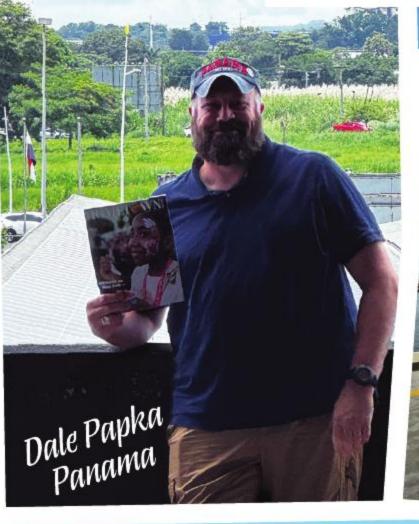


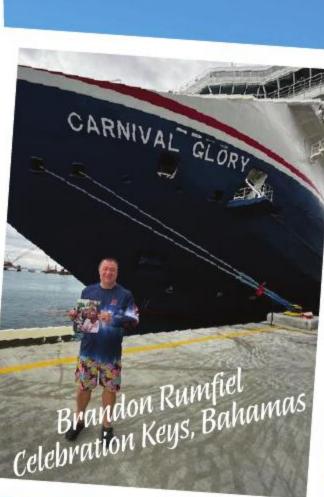












If you would like to be featured in the Hometown News Travels section of the magazine, just submit a high-resolution photo of you and the Hometown News at your travel location to dlowder@liveoaktx.net. The submittal should include your name and your location.

# Tell us and you could win

# \$100 gift card to any Live Oak business



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QUESTION 2: What category in the LOCAL section do you reference the most?

**QUESTION 3:** Where do you keep your copy of the Hometown News?

**QUESTION 4:** What do you like best about the magazine?

**QUESTION 5:** What is your favorite Live Oak business?



#### ANSWER THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IN YOUR OWN WORDS & YOU COULD WIN!!!!!

Please be sure to include your full name, physical address and a phone number.

Email your answers to: Contact@MadWomenMarketing.com

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 24th

- The winner will be notified by email and will have 48 hours to claim their prize otherwise a new winner will be chosen.
- We'll meet at your favorite Live Oak business for a photo op and, to present you with your \$100 gift card.
- The photo will appear in the Jan/Feb 2026 issue of the Hometown News.
- The winner will be chosen and notified by the end of November 2025

#### **APARTMENT COMMUNITIES**

Arbor at Centerbrook
210.668.3880
Aspire at Live Oak
210.320.0573
Heritage Apartments At Live Oak
210.590.9976
The Peaks at Live Oak
844.977.2276
Meadows Apartments
210.899.5040
Mira Loma Apartments
210.651.1120

Madeira Apartments At Live Oak 210.749.8172 Oak Forest Heights

281.203.5189
Springs at Live Oak
210.653.4450
Villas at Mira Loma
210.653.7500

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Big O Tires
210.566.1000
Cooper's Car Wash
8079 Village Oak Drive
Discount Tire
210.566.6270
Jay's Car Wash
210.325.0916
ProCare Automotive & Collision
210.551.0340

Take 5 Oil Change

210.564.8435

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#### **AUTOMOTIVE - Sales**

America's Auto Auction
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Auto Select
210.455.3050
Avis Used Cars
210.538.9185
Cavender Cadillac
210.226.7221
DriveTime
210.424.1400
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Lifted Trucks
726.233.6904
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#### **CELLULAR & WIRELESS**

Dr. Phonez 210.566.2020 T-Mobile 210.658.5949

210.599.5959

#### CHILD CARE

Country Home Learning Center 210.650.3115 Kids R Delightful 210.946.5437 Kindercare Learning Center #940 210.653.8255 Live Oak Head Start Center 210.599.4678

#### CHURCHES

Live Oak First Baptist Church 210.656.8200 Livingway Christian Church 210.637.5000 New Beginnings Int'l House of Worship 210.385.6987 New Life Missionary Baptist Church 210.655.2591 Unity of the Faith Christian Ministries

#### CLEANING

210.400.4882

Angel Maids | Angel Pro 210.251.3200 Prime Time Restoration 210.656.3469





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#### EAT & DRINK - Asian

BB.q Chicken 210.257.5096 Hoka Hoka Fuku Japanese Restaurant 210.233.1888 Kobe Teppan & Sushi 210.634.9333

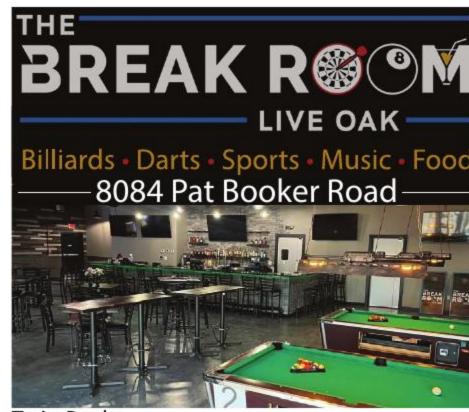
#### KPOT

#### 210.688.8119

Sukhumvit 77 Thai Restaurant 210.314.3644 Ten Seconds Yunnan Rice Noodle 210.616.2202 Umiya Sushi & Seafood Grill 210.314.3690

#### EAT & DRINK - Bars & Grills

54th Street Restaurant Drafthouse 210.657.5400 Beer Goggles 210.867.3436 BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse 726.262.0390 Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar 210.653.8903 Garden Grille & Bar 210.412.5923 Hawaiian Bros Island Grill 210.308-5533



Twin Peaks 210.955.9586

Upper Deck Bar 210.367.2121

Biff Buzby's Burgers

#### **EAT & DRINK - Burgers**

210.590.2040
Burger Boy
210.290.8590
Burger King
210.637.1263
Five Guys Burgers
210.566.6428
Hat Creek Burger Company
210.591.0663
Red Robin Gourmet Burgers
210.659.9229
Wendy's
210.658.0386
Whataburger
210.654.9405

#### EAT & DRINK - Cafe/Diners

375 Social Kitchen
210.999.5429
Denny's
210.656.5225
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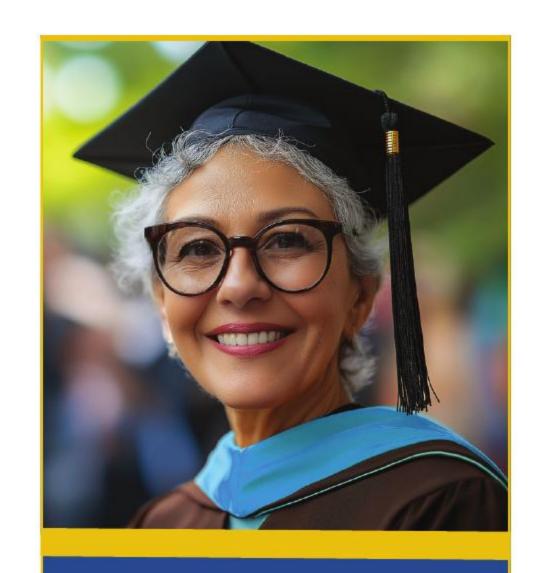
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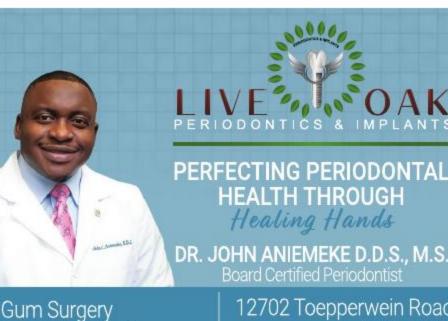


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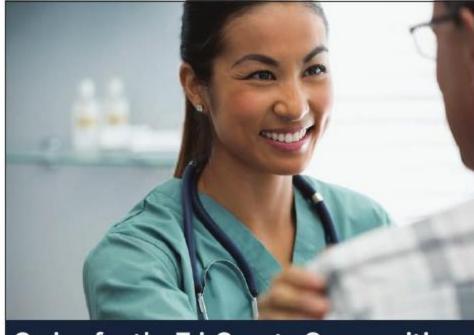
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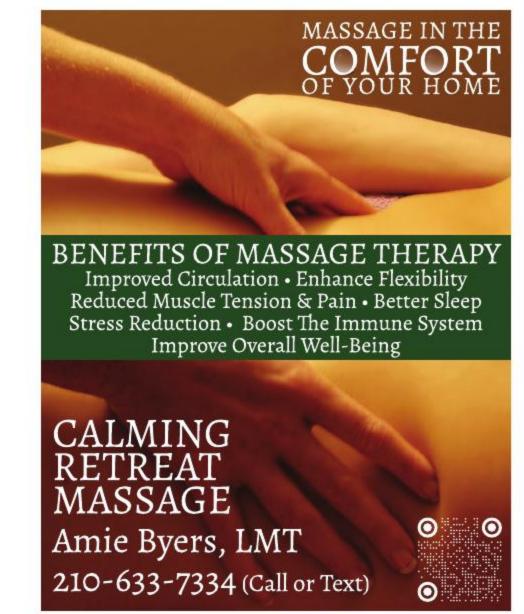
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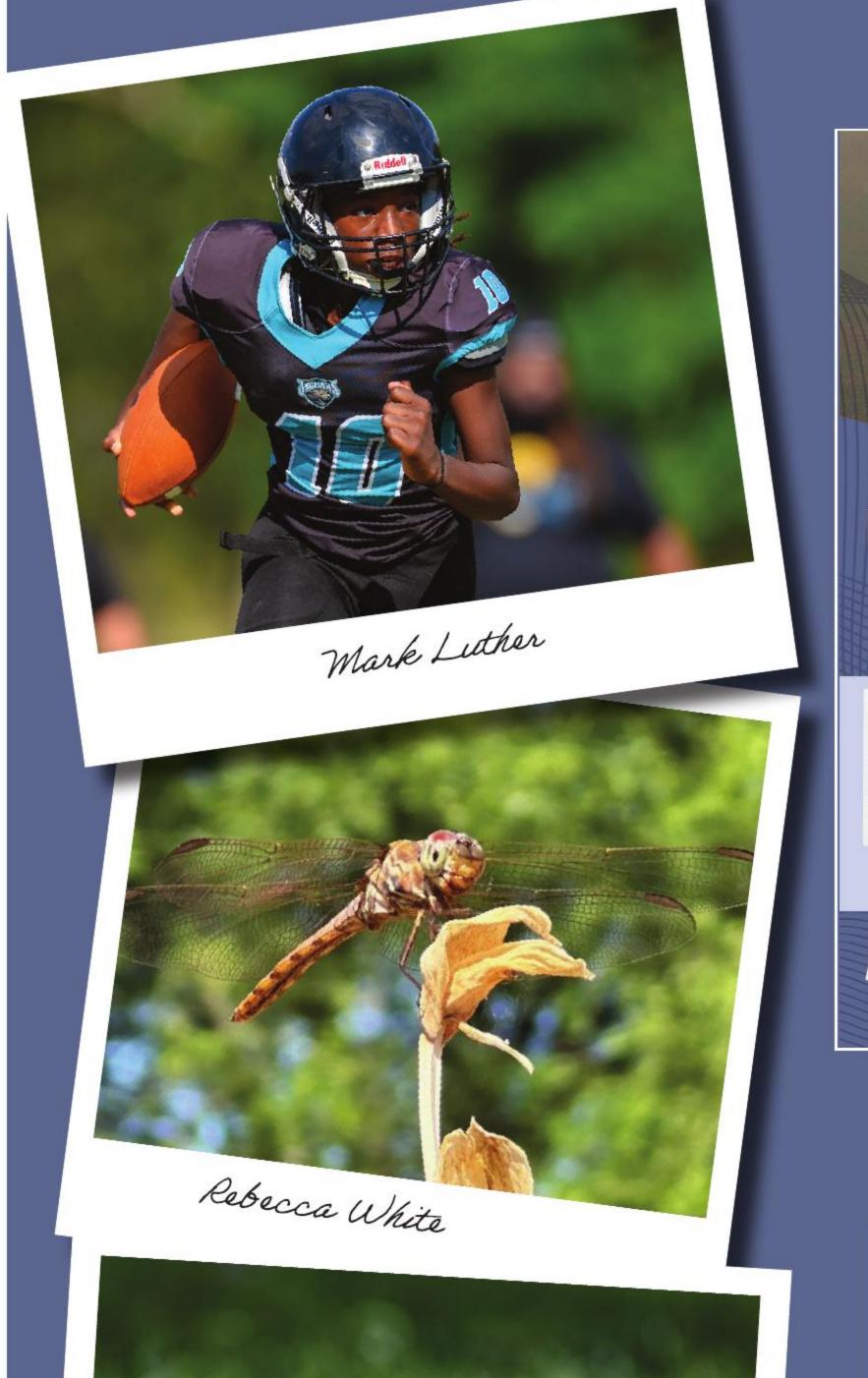
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