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But has it ever occurred that the same applies to each of us? No matter how small, anonymous, or unimportant that we might feel, each of us has an influence on our community, both the place itself and the people within it.

This concept is the crux of Wendell Berry’s vast fictional writings, comprising eight full novels and over fifty short stories. It is why Berry is studied by pastors, activists, and people like me. Berry’s fiction revolves around Port William, a fictional version of his Kentucky hometown of Port Royal. These stories span from the post-Civil War years to the present. Like many small-town residents of past and present, the people of Port William live interconnected lives. They intermarry. They support each other in time of need. They speculate about each other’s lives (both as a matter of gossip and as genuine concern). The people of Port William are flawed. They make good and bad decisions. The consequences of those decisions reverberate through their families, other members of the community, and the place itself.

Through the lives of his characters, Berry emphasizes the inevitable connections of community and the downfall of community and society when people fail to recognize that connection. Burley Coulter, one of Berry’s most beloved characters, illustrates this inevitability. In “The Wild Birds,” Coulter brilliantly observes:

“The way we are, we are members of each other. All of us. Everything. The difference ain’t in who is a member and who is not, but in who knows it and who don’t.”

Burley Coulter spoke of the people of Port William: his friends, kinsmen, and neighbors. But through Burley’s voice, Wendell Berry spoke of our world at large. Charles Barkley did not want to be a role model. Only he was, whether he volunteered for the job or not. As for us, we are all members of community - our town or city, a geographic region, our state, our country.

The only difference is who knows it and who don’t.

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...School Menus

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Tuesday, May 17

Donuts and sausage link or Cheerios, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, May 18

PBJ or Lucky Charms, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, May 19

Taquito or French toast sticks, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, May 20

Pancake and sausage on a stick or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 16

Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, salad, snowball salad, milk

Tuesday, May 17

Turkey sandwich, tomato cup, celery, chips, apples, milk

Wednesday, May 18

Quesadilla, corn, pinto beans, peaches, sherbet, milk

Thursday, May 19

Chicken strips, steak fries, green beans, roll, strawberries, brownies, milk

Friday, May 20

Hot dogs, carrots, broccoli, fresh fruit, milk

Robert Lee ISD

Breakfast

Monday, May 16

Kolache, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, May 17

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, May 18

Breakfast taquito, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, May 19

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, May 20

No School

Lunch

Monday, May 16

Corn dog, fries, baked beans, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk

Tuesday, May 17

Nachos grande, salsa, beans, cucumbers apricots, ice cream cup, milk

Wednesday, May 18

Chicken sandwich, veggie cup, salad, chips, fruity jello, milk

Thursday, May 19

Pizza, carrots, green beans, fruit, milk

Friday, May 20

No School

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Breakfast

Monday, May 16

Chocolate filled crescents, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, May 17

Banana or cowboy bread, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, May 18

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, May 19

Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, May 20

Pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 16

Spaghetti, garlic bread, milk

Tuesday, May 17

Corn dog, hot dog, ranch style beans, milk

Wednesday, May 18

Manager’s Choice

Thursday, May 19

Manager’s Choice

Friday, May 20

PBJ Sack Lunch

“Lone Star Bass” heading to Texas lakes this spring

Offspring from the Toyota ShareLunker Program are set to be delivered to waterbodies across the state. Between May and July, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will stock Texas lakes with pure Florida strain largemouth bass exclusively from broodfish produced from Legacy Class (13+plus pound) entries into the ShareLunker program. Dubbed “Lone Star Bass” to denote their special significance to Texas, the unique fish are made possible by the valued partnership with anglers who loan their fish to the program.

This project marks the beginning of a long-term goal of the program. Once the process is finished, TPWD will have stocked 53 waterbodies with more than 6 million Lone Star Bass fingerlings, all descendants of ShareLunkers. The upgraded broodfish are expected to advance the work started decades ago to genetically enhance largemouth bass

populations in Texas and provide Bigger Better Bass.

“We are excited to reach the goal of converting our Florida strain largemouth bass hatchery broodfish to all be offspring of Legacy-class fish,” said Craig Bonds, Director of Inland Fisheries. Since the ShareLunker program’s inception, we’ve stocked offspring from successful spawns of donated fish, but fully incorporating a portion of those offspring into our hatchery broodfish lines dramatically increases the number of ShareLunker descendants being stocked throughout Texas waters. This is a potential game-changer in elevating largemouth bass fisheries management to the next level.”

Beginning in 1974, TPWD used pure Florida strain largemouth bass, acquired directly from Florida, as the source of broodfish for stocking Texas’ public waters. This program was successful and allowed the state record for largemouth bass to increase from approximately 13.5 pounds to 18.18 pounds by 1992.

This initiative also launched the Toyota ShareLunker Program in 1986, which has enjoyed great success in spawning large bass at TPWD hatcheries with the help of anglers who reeled in those 13-plus pound fish. Approximately 1.2 million fingerlings from the spawning of ShareLunkers have been stocked back into lakes that produced ShareLunkers since the inception of the program. This change allows TPWD to stock 6 to 8 million fingerlings across the state each year.

TPWD hatcheries were successful in producing one group of pure Florida strain largemouth bass from a donated

ShareLunker on their first attempt in 2018. Three additional batches of pure Florida strain largemouth bass were spawned in 2019 from ShareLunkers acquired that year. The early success of the program allowed TPWD Inland Fisheries to set a date of spring 2022 for the first spawning and statewide stocking of ShareLunker descendants. Several more batches of pure Florida ShareLunker offspring were produced since 2019 and broodfish are currently being reared at three TPWD Inland Fisheries hatcheries.

The year-round Toyota ShareLunker Program offers four levels of participation for catching bass over eight pounds, or 24 inches, in Texas. ShareLunker entry classes include the Lunker Class (8lb+), Elite Class (10lb+), and Legend Class (13lb+). During the first three months of the season (Jan. 1 through March 31), anglers who reel in a 13+ pound bass can loan it to TPWD for the ShareLunker selective breeding and stocking program. The continued donation of 13-plus pound fish by anglers will be critical to the ongoing maintenance and replacement of future broodfish.

Once a lunker is reeled in, anglers need to enter the catch data on the Toyota ShareLunker mobile app – available for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play – or on the Toyota ShareLunker online app at TexasSharelunker.com. In addition to providing basic catch information, anglers can also provide a DNA scale sample from their lunker bass to TPWD researchers for genetic analysis.



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