

The folks at McCoy's Building Supply understand that it takes a lot of hard work and the whole family pitching in to get things done on a farm or ranch. That's why we'd like to take some time out to salute Texas High School Rodeo Association families who are farmers and ranchers. In our monthly Farm & Ranch Family Spotlight, we'll feature one family, sharing their story of how they work together as a family to make their farm or ranch successful. The spotlight will run for 10 months; each month will feature a different region. Each Regional McCoy's Farm and Ranch Family will receive a \$100 McCoy's Gift Card. The McCoy's Farm and Ranch Family of the Year will receive a \$500 McCoy's Gift Card and will be announced at the 2009 THSRA State Finals.

The Livingston Family of Region III

The Heart Ranch in Seymour is the home to Junior, Angie, Anna and Lane Livingston. The name of their business is more than just a name because the Livingstons really are all "Heart."

What stands out most about the Livingstons is the importance they put on relationships. "We have made some super lifetime friends that we will cherish always. The friends we have made range from people we buy cattle from to people that we purchase vet supplies from" including THSRA members and their families, said Junior Livingston.

Heart Ranch is a 3100 acre farm and ranch where the Livingston family runs 20 horses, 200 cows/calves, 4800 stocker cattle and also grows wheat. Their day to day operations include processing and caring for the cattle and planting and harvesting their crops.

This amount of livestock requires a lot of work and dedication. "We have very little hired labor so it takes all of us to make it work," says Junior.

All members of their team have an important role including Lane and Anna. Lane, a Region 3 member who participates in Tie Down Calf Roping, Team Roping and Cutting enjoys the ranch work including working the

cattle and the horses. During the summer he can be found on the tractor quite a bit.

Anna does her ranch work with flare! She helps move the farm equipment from place to place, but her favorite thing to do is to put the cattle back in that have gotten out; only she does her rounding up not horseback, but behind the wheel of her Mazda Tribute (guess it does have better air conditioning!).

Another important member of the Livingston Team is their local McCoy's store. "McCoy's sells practical supplies that we can use daily in our business. This ranges from building fence to watering livestock," says Junior.

Junior and Angie both grew up ranching, so the decision to continue the 23 year old tradition of Heart Ranch was an easy one. "We prefer to keep our business simple and non-commercialize. We enjoy having personal relationships with the farmers/ranchers we do business with."

McCoy's is proud to call the Livingston Family their Region 3 Farm and Ranch Family!

