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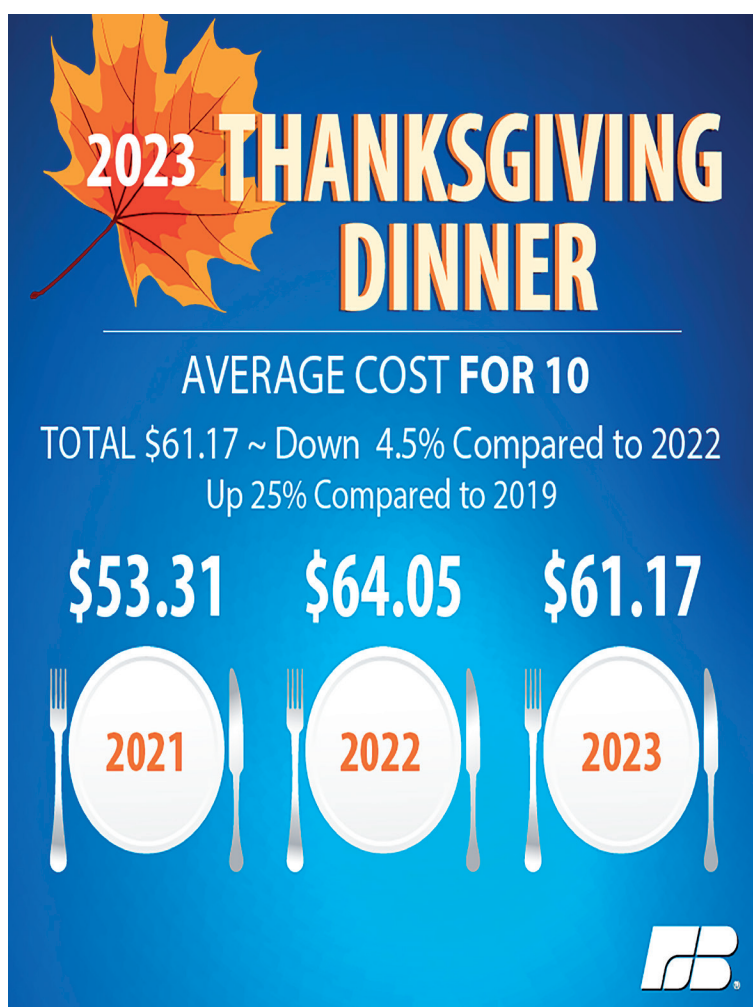
Thanksgiving is so close that we can practically smell it: that perfect roasted turkey, all those delectable sides, and at least a slice or two of pumpkin pie. But of course with a big meal comes a lot of preparation. There's so much to do leading up to the big day, so if you haven't started planning your Thanksgiving menu, you probably should soon - real soon.

Before you start to get stressed out though, we've got a few pieces of good news for you. First, you've still got time and we have a handy dandy Thanksgiving cooking timeline to ensure mealtime success. Second, your Thanksgiving dinner cost should actually cost less in 2023. With nationwide concerns about inflation and rising food costs, this is news we can all certainly be thankful for.

According to CNN and the Wells Fargo Agri-Food Institute, the cost of a 10-to-15-pound turkey dropped 13% in October versus the price of a year ago and fresh cranberries are about 20% cheaper than last year. However, before you add to that Thanksgiving shopping list, it is worth noting that canned goods like cranberry sauce (up 7%), pumpkin puree (up 30%), and green beans (up 9%) are all more expensive in 2023.

With that mixed grocery bag of news, it might still seem a little hard to tell if you personally will spend more at the store. Well, that's where Walmart comes in! The company announced that from November 1 to December 26, they are rolling back prices on the most popular holiday food items to ease the pressure of holiday spending. Even better? They have a Convenient Holiday Meal Calculator to help you budget for Thanksgiving.

The process is as simple as can be. First go to their "Holiday Food" page, choose "Quick & Easy" for packaged items like boxed stuffing or "From Scratch" for fresh items like cranberries. Then select the number of servings and add all the grocery items to your cart. (There's even a recipe section in case you need some menu inspiration!) It will give you the total cost and the cost per person, so you know exactly what you're spending before you spend it.



TxDOT urges you to find a sober ride during holidays

AUSTIN – The holiday season gets its official start next week as many Texans gather around the table for Thanksgiving dinner. But for the families of the 1,246 people killed last year in Texas by drunk drivers, holiday seasons will never be the same.

Starting Dec. 1, 2022, there were 108 people killed and 229 people seriously injured in just 32 days in DUI-alcohol related crashes across the state. All of these families suffered painful memories that will last a lifetime.

"Don't turn your holiday event into a life-changing tragedy by drinking and driving," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "A safe and sober ride should be at the top of your list when making plans with family and friends. If not, you risk your job, your life and the lives of others. It's just not worth it."

Drunk driving crashes are completely preventable, yet they can cause physical, emotional and financial consequences that last for years. If you drink any amount of alcohol this holiday season, never get behind the wheel. Instead, designate a sober driver, use a rideshare service or taxi, stay put, call a friend or family member, or use public transportation to ensure you get home safely.

To remind Texans about the serious consequences of drunk driving and to always find a sober ride, TxDOT is bringing a mobile video exhibit across the state in a series of holiday-themed outreach events. Each interactive stop will feature powerful video testimonials from people who have dealt firsthand with the consequences of drunk driving, either as an offender or survivor. These video stories and tips on finding a sober ride can be found at <https://www.soberrides.org/media-center/>

To encourage everyone to enjoy the holidays without drinking and driving, TxDOT's Drive Sober. No Regrets. campaign will include PSAs on TV, radio, billboards and online, and at bars, restaurants and convenience stores statewide. The campaign runs in support of a heightened law enforcement period from Dec. 16 through Jan. 1, when more officers are on the road looking for drunk drivers.

Eagles bounced from state playoffs, 45-22

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Lindale's Eagles got more than they bargained for Friday night from the Iowa Colony Pioneers in a Class 4A Division I Area playoff game at Bryan's Merrill Green Stadium and saw their season end with a 45-22 loss.

The Eagles finished the 2023 season with a 7-5 record. This was the sixth consecutive season they earned a playoff berth. Lindale finished the district campaign with a 5-1 record and a second place finish.

The Pioneers don't have a single senior on their roster and are in just their second year of varsity football competition but none of that mattered as they fought back from a 14-point first period deficit with three unanswered touchdowns to take a 21-14 lead at intermission.

After receiving the second half kickoff, the Pioneers wasted little time in padding its lead to 28-14 with just under nine minutes left in the third.

After taking the third period kickoff, the Eagles moved to the Pioneers' 17-yard line, but this drive was thwarted by an interception of quarterbacks Clint Thurman at the Iowa Colony 10-yard line.

Iowa Colony put together another drive in the waning moments of the third and in the first minutes of the fourth added a field goal to increase its lead to 31-14.

But on Lindale's next series, Thurman completed an 83-yard touchdown and with a successful two-point conversion the Eagles had trimmed its deficit to 31-22. With under 9 minutes left the Eagles forced a Pioneer punt, but after driving to the Iowa Colony 45, the Eagles turned the ball

over on downs. Three minutes later, the Pioneers padded their margin to 38-22 on a 40-yard run.

KILGORE 37, BAY CITY 28

The District 9-4A champion Kilgore Bulldogs grabbed a 10-7 lead in the first period, added two more touchdowns in the second period to take down the Bay City Black Cats, 37-28, in an Division I Area playoff game Friday night in Sheldon ISD's Panther Stadium.

The Bulldogs, now 11-1 on the season, advanced to the Regional Semifinal round of the state playoffs next Friday night.

Kilgore managed to take a 23-14 lead at the half, but on its first drive in the second half, Jada Andrews trimmed the Bulldogs' lead to 23-20 with a six yard run. But following an Black Cats' interception that stalled a Kilgore drive, the Bulldogs' P. J. Wiley swiped a Bay City pass and took it in from 60 yards out to increase the Bulldogs' lead to 30-21.

CHAPEL HILL 54, EL CAMPO 18

In an Area playoff game in Spring's ISD Stadium, the Chapel Hill Bulldogs had little trouble with the El Campo Ricebirds, 54-18, Friday night. The Bulldogs, who finished third in District 9-4A, improved to 10-2 on the season. El Campo finished at 6-6.

Chapel Hill raced out to a 26-6 lead in the first quarter and were never threatened. The Bulldogs scored three TD's on the ground and another through the air and went into halftime with 40-6 lead. This margin increased to 47-12 in the early moments of the third period on another rushing touchdown.

Commissioners hear update on Lindale EDC projects

Smith County Commissioners heard a report from a Brannon Corp. representative concerning Lindale projects which are covered by the American Rescue Plan Act during their regular weekly meeting this past week.

Rea S. Boudreaux, principal and president of Brannon Corp. of Tyler, updated his company's projects with the Lindale Economic Development Corp.,

In April 2023, contracts began in August, 20 percent complete. Anticipate completion in first of June, 2024.

"We wanted an update and have a deadline within the ARPA guidelines and wanted to make sure (projects) are meeting these

deadlines," said Smith County Judge Neal Franklin.

Commissioners also approved the 2024 Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for Smith County Precinct 5 Constable Wesley Hicks.

"This is something that is required by federal law," Assistant District Attorney Thomas Wilson told the commissioners. "Constable Hicks' office has received federal funds in the past and if we don't submit this report the money goes back to the federal government."

County Extension Agent Administrator Clint Perkins also addressed the commissioners seeking to reclassify the pay range of the AgriLife secretary to administra-

tive assistant. Franklin, prior to making the motion to approve the pay change, noted the salary was already covered in the budget.

Perkins also discussed the retirement of Smith County Extension Agent for Family and Community

Health and the process involved in filling that position.

"We're going to miss Claudann, she's one of the best agents I've ever worked with," Perkins said, adding the position will be advertised after the first of the year and

the new person would then have to be approved by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in College Station. Commissioners also approved the county's tax appraisal roll with adjusted certified values and total tax levy for 2023.

County tax statements in the mail

Tax season for Smith County is officially under way after the County Tax Office mailed out 213,369 property tax statements last week, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

Payments can be made by scanning the QR code on your statement -- it will take you directly to the payment page on your account.

"It has been a game changer in how people pay their property taxes," Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector

Gary Barber said of adding the QR code.

Most Smith County residents should have received their property tax statements last week, and Barber said residents living in the Lindale and Whitehouse areas should receive them this week.

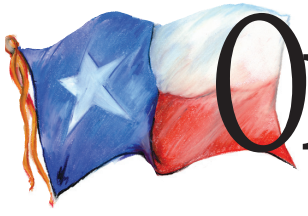
Wednesday, January 31, 2024, is the deadline for paying property taxes. Taxpayers can make their payments online, in person, through the Tax Office's drop-

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

...table of my heart

What do incessant meetings, cattle brands, taxes, pointsettias, Pepcid, Kenya, broken medical appointments and broken hips have in common? Oh, and bad hair? Well that would be me, of course. I don't have a broken hip, but my poor mother-in-law does, and I am staying with her in the hospital because that is what I do.

She says I am a cross between a Border Collie and a pit bull. I herd, I nurture, I protect and I fight for my pack when it is needed. I just know from years of experience with my family that things just go better when someone is watching out for you, asking questions, finding tissues, ice water and pain meds...and making sure that everything goes as well as it possibly can under really bad circumstances.

I have a turkey breast in the freezer, a ham in the fridge and my Mom's dressing recipe which I have finally mastered ready for...Christmas I hope. Between family illness and our adventurous son and daughter-in-heart flying back from Nairobi, Kenya the day before Thanksgiving, which is theoretical considering overbooked, understaffed airlines... along with three newspapers to get to press early, my mind is boggled and my marbles are rolling chaotically around my under slept, overworked mind.

This Border Collie tries to juggle taking care of my family's ranch business from a distance of oh, about 150 miles. I made a second flying trip to Navarro County to try and register renewal of our cattle brand last week. It took a probated will, a notarized statement from my Mom, a call to the Texas Southwestern Cattleman's Association's legal department, my durable power of attorney, AND the gift of my whimsical Minnie Mouse purse to the clerk who helped me to get the deed done. I actually walked out of the courthouse with the contents of my former purse in a Wal-Mart bag...and I was glad to do it.

I spent more time on that brand than I did my Mom's complicated ranch taxes. If you count my son, niece and nephew, the Working B Ranch is fifth generation. I ain't givin' up that brand no way, no how, to nobody... after all, my son has a small East Texas ag operation going that he named the Working B Ranch, Too. Makes this country Momma proud.

Bill allows undocumented migrants arrests

A sweeping border security bill that allows state and local police to arrest undocumented migrants is headed to Gov. Greg Abbot's desk, The Dallas Morning News reported. The bill also allows state district judges to order those migrants be returned to Mexico.

In addition, a separate bill that provides billions in funding for expansion of a border wall is headed back to the Senate for final approval.

Abbott has indicated he will sign both bills. Legal experts and Democratic legislators say the bill allowing law enforcement to arrest undocumented migrants is unconstitutional.

"Texas Republicans proudly passed legislation that will allow Greg Abbott's Department of Public Safety to imprison Black and Brown migrants for simply existing in our state," Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa said.

The bill's sponsor, state Rep. David Spiller, R-Jacksboro, defended the measure.

"We still know that the Biden administration has failed and refused to enforce federal immigration laws and secure the border," Spiller said.

60th anniversary of JFK's assassination

The 60th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is Nov. 22, with a number of events taking place in Dallas, where Kennedy was killed in 1963. The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas is marking the event with a "Two Days in Texas" exhibition that revisits Kennedy's visit to Texas through eyewitness accounts of his time in Texas before the assassination.

The sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, now a museum, was the primary crime scene. An all-day remembrance is also taking place at the Texas Theatre in Oak Cliff, which is where Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested after killing Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit.

LNG plant's plans put on hold

A liquefied natural gas terminal planned for Port Arthur has been halted, at least temporarily, after the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled consistent emission standards were not applied, the Texas Standard reported.

The complaint was brought by an environmental group which claimed the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality was going to allow the plant to have higher emissions than similar plants in Texas.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



I have a great deal to be proud of in my son and daughter-in-heart. By the time you read this they will hopefully be safely back in the Piney Woods.

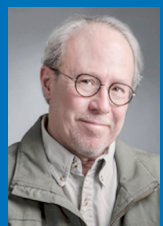
They, along with 18 other fire experts from across the nation spent over two weeks in Kenya training firefighters and taking donations of firefighting suits and equipment to under equipped, poorly trained, often physically attacked, dedicated Kenyan firefighters. Our brave son is the wildland firefighting expert and our compassionate nurse practitioner daughter-in-heart is the medical officer for the group, as well as trainer in basic emergency care. Those two adventurous souls make a difference wherever they go.

Thursday after fighting the livestock brand wars, meeting with Mom's CPA, her banker and checking on the ranch, I spent about an hour at the family cemetery putting Christmas flowers out on the graves of most of the people who made me who I am. The wind blows down across the Blackland Prairie and that cemetery. It is beautiful, and quiet, and sacred.

There is a concrete bench by my Daddy's and brother's graves which was for my Mom to sit, rest and meditate. Now it is for me. As I put flowers out there, and on the graves of my grandparents, great-grandparents, aunt and great aunt I gave thanks for all the love I have known and all the love I was taught to hold in my heart. I gave thanks for the people who taught me to herd, to nurture and to fight through the hard times and heartbreaks. Without a doubt I am one of the most blessed of people walking this earth. Between the love of my life, and the love in my life, the joys of living always outweigh the challenges.

Whether the turkey and dressing end up on the table at Thanksgiving or Christmas it really doesn't matter because the table of my heart will always be filled with the people who taught me to love.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Amy Dinn, with Lone Star Legal Aid, which brought the lawsuit, said in an interview that "We were very concerned that this additional pollution from this facility, if allowed to go forward at the permitted limits TCEQ had approved, would cause potential health impacts for the community that lives there because they're already forced to have a lot of air pollution."

Once the court releases its final decision, the plant's permit application will go back to TCEQ.

TikTok ban challenged in court

An Austin federal judge will decide whether a ban of TikTok on state-owned and issued devices will stand. A lawsuit was filed on behalf of the Coalition of Independent Technology Research, kut.org reported. Arguments were heard in the case last week.

The coalition represents university faculty who wish to continue using the social media platform for research and teaching purposes at state institutions. Gov. Greg Abbott ordered the ban on TikTok, which is owned by a Chinese company, last December.

Jameel Jaffer of the Knight First Amendment Institute said plaintiffs are seeking an injunction to lift the ban.

"Their work is about the social media platforms," Jaffer said. "They study the social media platforms, write about the social media platforms, propose regulatory reform relating to the social media platforms. And the ban is impeding them from doing that work."

Cinnamon applesauce pouches recalled

Elevated levels of lead have been found in several cinnamon applesauce products, prompting a recall and a warning from the Texas Department of Health Services that children who consumed those products should be tested for lead exposure.

The recalled products include:

- WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree pouches
- Schnucks brand cinnamon-flavored applesauce pouches and variety pack
- Weis brand cinnamon applesauce pouches

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Progress ...

About 2.5 million Texas voters recently approved 13 Constitutional Amendments. Several of the propositions involve notable and much-needed investments, while others relate to tax relief and other topics. On the same night, scores of local elections saw the passage of substantial bond packages providing billions of dollars to build and upgrade public school facilities.



The Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund is now a reality, which will help finance high-speed access to people across the state. Voters also adopted the Texas Water Fund, which will be used to finance much-needed projects. A third major infrastructure investment relates to funding electric power generation investments, which are essential to stabilizing the grid and helping to ensure there is sufficient power during extreme conditions.

An "all of the above" strategy is essential to assuring adequate power generation.

Funding for higher education through the Texas University Fund was also established, with ongoing revenues from accrued interest on the state's Rainy Day Fund. The economic benefits of investing in and increasing the number of nationally recognized research universities in the state range from more grant funding to greater opportunities for discovery and commercialization to attracting additional top research faculty and students.

The Centennial Parks Conservation Fund will be used to increase the numbers of state parks and upgrade existing locations. Parks enhance quality of life for residents and generate tourism spending. Such amenities can also be a factor in location decisions, helping attract and retain the workers needed in the future.

On the fiscal front, property tax relief was provided in several forms, including both increased homestead exemptions and compression of school tax rates. These measures will decrease property taxes to millions of homeowners and businesses, but obviously also reduce funds to local entities (primarily schools). The property tax is the least efficient and equitable of all major levies. Reducing its relative importance is a positive development, but not without its drawbacks. In particular, while the State is using record high surplus funds to make up the difference at present, challenges could occur later if such resources are unavailable.

A tax exemption on equipment and inventory manufactured by medical or biomedical companies will enhance Texas' competitiveness for this sector. Biosciences offer major potential for expansion in the state, with a variety of major initiatives moving forward.

Childcare facilities can now be exempt from property taxes, which will hopefully result in increased availability of these critical services. Retired teachers will receive cost-of-living adjustments to their annuities, thus enhancing the attractiveness of the essential teaching profession.

Texans overwhelmingly chose to invest in programs that will enhance economic competitiveness as well as our quality of life, with benefits that will persist for generations. It was a good night.

Stay safe!

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REPUBLIC SERVICES

WISHES YOU A HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Celebrating the tastiest day of the year

More than likely your warmest memory of Thanksgiving dates to your days in elementary school when teachers put forth the tale of the Pilgrims and how the Native Americans befriended these new settlers and helped through a brutal winter in the New World.

Included in these stories and lessons were the inevitable paper hats, turkey decorations and artwork that if I can recall, consisted of fashioning a turkey out of tracing your hand on a piece of Manila paper and going to town with the crayons.

We probably had some sort of pageant where “historic” things were told and all the parents beamed with pride.

It was all innocent and harmless and really helped get everyone in the mood for a proper feast on Thanksgiving.

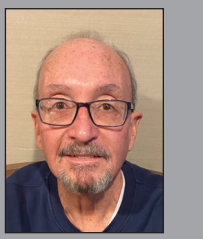
Unfortunately, a few of the things we were taught about the Pilgrims and their Wampanoag Indian friends weren't quite true. First of all, while there was probably a turkey or two carved on that November day in 1621, it's unlikely there was stuffing, mashed potatoes or pumpkin pie. (Man, what a bummer).

According to Edward Winslow, who kept a journal during that time, the colony's governor William Bradford dispatched a few hunters on a “fowling” mission, in other words, to find some birds to celebrate the colony's first successful harvest. They did this, but also came back with ducks, geese and swans in addition to wild turkeys.

The Wampanoag contributed several deer, which was cooked over a spit. The colonists probably used this venison and the available vegetables to cook up a hearty stew.

Many of the vegetables included corn, peas, carrots, spinach, lettuce, onions and cabbage. The Native Americans were experienced vegetable gardeners and helped their Pilgrim

Terry Cannon
Editor



neighbors enjoy this bounty.

Corn was indeed plentiful, but it was usually removed from the cob, pounded into a thick mush which was often sweetened with molasses.

The Native Americans, who outnumbered the colonist by more than two to one, weren't strangers to harvest celebrations either. They regularly gave thanks for their yearly bounty of fruits, vegetables and meat.

That first year for the Pilgrims was indeed bleak. More than three-fourths of the women making the journey from Europe died in the first winter, leaving approximately 50 colonists to enjoy that first feast. Some accounts had just four women, 22 men and more than 25 children and teenagers attending the meal.

Unfortunately, the alliance between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag didn't survive. After about 10 years, wars broke out and many people – on both sides – perished.

But all these things shouldn't detract from the fact that Thanksgiving is one of our country's most sturdy holidays. You don't need to be a member of a certain faith or political party or ethnicity to celebrate.

For today's essay dessert, check out these fun facts:

-- Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on Oct. 3, 1863. Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who wrote “Mary Had A Little Lamb,” convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years.

-- The history of U.S. presidents pardoning turkeys is patchy. Harry Truman is often credited with being the first president to pardon a turkey, but that's not quite true. He was the first to receive a ceremonial turkey from the National Turkey Federation – and he had it for dinner. John F. Kennedy was the first to let a Thanksgiving turkey go, followed by Richard Nixon who sent his turkey to a petting zoo. George H.W. Bush is the president who formalized the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.

-- There are four towns in the United States named “Turkey.” They can be found in Arizona, [Texas](#), [Louisiana](#), and North Carolina.

-- The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.

-- The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920. The Dallas Cowboys began playing on Thanksgiving on Nov. 24, 1966 and beat the Cleveland Browns, 26-14.

That the Cowboys wanted to play on Thanksgiving each year was solely because of President/GM Tex Schramm. No other team wanted to have the short week, but Schramm wisely saw his team would be spotlighted each year on the holiday.

Another tradition was born.

Peck of trouble ends at foot of the porch

I don't know about y'all, but I'm ready for some turkey. Man oh man, turkey, dressin', giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potato casserole, and chocolate pie, yummm, yum.

I can't wait.

It really brings back memories, too. I guess the memory I remember the most, is when my cousin Coy and I were gonna supply the turkey for Thanksgiving back when we were little bitty kids.

My momma and Coy's daddy were brother and sister, and their parents, my grandparents, had a farm down in Buncum, Texas, which is a community south of Whitehouse and west of Troup.

Since their farm wasn't but 15 miles from where we lived, Coy and I would spend nearly every weekend there. My granddad, Daddy Dodd, and his wife, Momma Dodd, had every kind of farm animal you could think of.

All of them except the chickens, were pinned up. The chickens roamed free and kept the yard free of bugs, worms, and most of the grass.

There was also, roamin' in amongst the chickens, one great big white turkey.

That turkey chased me every time I walked out in the yard. I hated that turkey. Now my momma always told me that I wasn't supposed to hate anything, and I tried not to. But that turkey, and later algebra, really tested me. That turkey was the meanest bird in the world.

Anywho, it was the weekend before Thanksgiving and Coy and I were sittin' out in the yard with our backs leaned up against Daddy Dodd's one-eyed dog, Chief, a Great Dane.

He was the smartest dog in the world. He was also our first horse. He could carry both of us on his back and I think he enjoyed it better than we did.

We were pickin' up little rocks and throwin' them, tryin' to figure out somethin' to do.

“You wanna go play in the barn?” Coy asked.

“Not really,” I replied.

“What do you wanna do, then?”

“I tell you what I'd really like to do,” I said.

“What?”

Rusty Mitchum
Life & Times



“I'd like to wring that turkey right there's neck.”

“Why don't you?” came a voice from behind us. We sat up, turned, and there on the porch was Daddy Dodd. “Sir?” I said.

“Why don't you wring that turkey's neck and we'll have him for Thanksgiving.”

“Really? You mean it?”

“Sure. That is, if you and Coy think you're up to it.”

Well, we jumped up. “Yes Sir!” we said.

“Good. Y'all go ahead and I'll sit up here and me and ol' Chief'll watch y'all.”

Man. This was a dream come true. And it was all legal and everything.

“How we gonna do this?” Coy asked.

“I don't know,” I said. “That turkey's bigger than both of us put together.”

“We can tackle him,” Coy said.

“I know,” I said, and I reached to my back pocket and pulled out my slingshot. “I'll shoot him with this.”

“Rusty, I've seen you shoot that thing before. You ain't never hit nothin' with it.”

“Yeah, well I ain't never really tried. Plus, I don't think even I can miss somethin' as big as that stupid turkey.”

“You think it's big enough to bring him down?”

“Heck, Davy brought Goliath down with one, didn't he?”

“Yeah, but he had the Lord on his side.”

“Quit'cher preachin',” I said, “and help me find a rock.”

We looked around to see if we could find a nice round rock to fit in the pouch of my slingshot. My dad had made the sling shot for me out of a limb off an old dead cedar tree. He had found a great big rubber band that he cut in two to attach to the limb, and then cut the pouch from the tongue of one of his old boots. Man it was a beaut. “How about this one?” asked Coy, as he held up a rock about the size of a shooter marble.

“Ooooo, that looks like a

good one,” I replied.

I placed the rock in the pouch and Coy and I started our stalk. The turkey was over in one of the corrals peekin' at the ground. His back was toward us. We went through the open gate of the corral and started sneakin' toward him. The ground in the corral was a little muddy, but we didn't pay it no mind. “Shoot 'im,” whispered Coy.

“Shhhhh,” I shhhhedded. “Watch this.” I pulled back on my slingshot. I had the pouch pulled back under my right eye, and I took aim. The turkey raised his head. I released the pouch, and it shot forward releasing the rock. The rock flew straight at the turkey. It was almost like it was in slow motion. The rock conked the turkey right on the head.

“You got 'im!” yelled Coy. But the turkey didn't go down. He shook his head and turned around. Then lowered his head and let out a gobble. I have never before, or since, heard a gobble like that before. It sounded more like somethin' a dinosaur would scream. Then he started after us.

“RUN!” I yelled and turned. Coy turned too, but he was too slow, and I ran right into his back.

“Offfff!” he grunted as he fell face down in the mud. I ran right over the top of him.

“GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE!” screamed the turkey.

“AAAHHHHHHHHH!” I screamed.

I looked back and Coy raised his head just as the turkey stepped right in the middle of his back. Then with the other foot, he pushed Coy's head back down in the mud. The turkey didn't slow down. I looked back toward the house, and Daddy Dodd was down on his hands and knees laughin'. I had to make it to the house. I looked back.

“GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE!” screamed the turkey.

“AAAHHHHHHHHH!” I screamed.

I almost made it to the porch steps when I tripped. I hit hard. I tensed up waitin' to be pecked to death, but nothin' happen. I turned my head and opened one eye, to see what I figured was the comin' of the death bird. There at my feet was the turkey.

But he wasn't lookin' at me. He was lookin' up. I turned back around and looked up myself. There on the porch was Momma Dodd. She was standin' there with a rollin' pin in one hand and was slappin' the open palm of her other hand with it. I looked back at the turkey. I could have sworn I saw it swallow hard. Nobody messes with Momma Dodd's grandbabies. In fact, Daddy Dodd and Chief had even mysteriously disappeared.

“Git!” Momma Dodd said to the turkey, and he got. “Are you OK?” she asked me.

“Yes Ma'am,” I answered.

“Good. You leave that turkey alone, you hear?”

“Yes Ma'am,” I answered. She turned and went into the house.

I looked around and the turkey, like Daddy Dodd, and Chief, had disappeared. I cautiously made my way back out to the corral. There was Coy, still face down in the mud. You could see the side of his mouth just above the mud line, and it was through this openin' that he was breathin'.

“You OK?” I said, as I squatted down beside him.

“Is it gone?” he said through the small openin' of his mouth.

“Yeah,” I replied.

Coy then put his hands down beside his chest as if to do a push up. He pushed, and his face made a suckin' noise, as it broke loose from the mud. He spit out a mud ball the size of your fist and wiped his eyes.

“What happened?” he said. “How come the turkey didn't kill us?”

“Momma Dodd,” I said.

“Where's Daddy Dodd and Chief?” he asked.

“Momma Dodd,” I said again.

“Are we in trouble?”

“I don't think so,” I replied.

“Thank the Lord,” said Coy.

“And the next best thing,” I replied, “Momma Dodd.”

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ONE YEAR AGO, Nov. 24, 2022

Lindale's Miranda Lambert, was nominated for Best Country Solo Performance for “In His Arms”, Best Country Duo/Group Performance with Luke Combs for “Outrunnin' Your Memory”, Best Country Song for “If I Was a Cowboy” with

Jesse Frasure and Miranda Lambert, written by Lambert and Best Country Album for “Palomino.”

Her previous Grammy wins were for best song for “The House that Built Me,” her fifth studio album “Platinum,” and seventh studio album “Wildcard.”

FIVE YEARS AGO, Nov. 22, 2018

The “Pride of Lindale” High School Marching Band earned a Superior Performance Award and won the Class 5A category at the Texas State Military Marching Band Contest sponsored by the National Association of Military Marching Bands which was held at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

This award was in addition to the band winning its 44th consecutive top rating at the University Interscholastic League's District Contest held several weeks prior.

10 YEARS AGO, Nov. 21, 2013

Lindale High School's Lady Eagles volleyball team, which compiled a 37-4 record for the season, dominated the 16-4A All District selections from the league's coaches.

Five Lady Eagles claiming those individual awards. Senior Zhanelle Geathers was chosen the Most Valuable Player while senior Makenna Allen was selected Most Valuable Hitter, Nicole Berger, also a senior, was chosen Libero of the year, senior Sydney Tiiman was Setter of the Year and Rhyann Rand, a sophomore, was selected Newcomer of the Year.

The Lady Eagles also had two selected to the first team, one to the second team and one to the honorable mention squad.

Lindale also had a strong showing on the academic all-district team with 10 players in this select group.

Academic All-District selections included Rhyann Rand, Hanna Mitchell, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Nicole Berger, Kamryn Pilkinton, Makenna Allen, Travicia Acy, Zhanelle Geathers, Sarah Crotser and Kinsey Arnold.

As to the rest of the Lindale selections to the all-district squad, Kaitlin Rice, a senior, was a first team selection as was junior Travicia Acy. Senior Sarah Crotser was chosen to the second team while Kamryn Pilkington was named to the honorable mention squad.

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East Texas unemployment rate 3.6 percent for October

The Lone Star State's seasonally adjusted civilian labor force reached a new record high of 15,162,100 after growing by 20,900 people over the month in October, Texas Workforce officials said.

In East Texas, the unemployment rate for October was 3.6 percent of a combined labor force of 113,800. There were 109,700 employed. This compares to 3.9 percent of a CLF of 114,000 for September 2023 and 109,600 employed.

This marked the 10th consecutive monthly increase and included the addition of 21,100 Texans employed over the month. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 4.1 percent.

Total nonfarm employment dipped slightly over the month with a decrease of 1,300 jobs. As of October 2023, the Lone Star State's seasonally adjusted job count numbered 14,048,200. Texas was first in the nation in over the year job growth with 391,500 jobs

gained. The annual growth rate outpaced the nation's by a full point, 2.9 percent compared to 1.9 percent nationally.

"Despite a small decrease in payroll jobs, the Texas labor force grew by nearly 21,000 people in October, with no change in the unemployment rate," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "The Texas economy continues to grow, and there are nearly 480,000 job listings for individuals with the right skills, which TWC can help provide."

Six of eleven major industries in Texas expanded over the month. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities saw significant growth with 5,300 jobs added while the Information industry gained 2,100 jobs in October. Another 1,500 positions were added in Professional and Business Services.

"Texas continues to outpace the nation in job growth as we expand workforce opportunities in multiple industries," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor

Alberto Treviño III. "This means doors continue to open for career pathways and for job seekers entering the workplace."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) maintained the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.4 percent in October, followed by the Amarillo MSA at 2.9 percent, and College Station-Bryan at 3.0 percent.

"Texas remains the best state in the nation to work, live, and own a business," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Joe Esparza. "I encourage Texas employers, large and small, to utilize the services provided through the nearly 175 Workforce Solutions offices throughout Texas to hire skilled workers and build upon our state's economic prosperity."

Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).



New utility poles downtown

Work crews were out this past week replacing utility poles along Highway 16 just east of downtown Lindale. The work took several days. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

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FRIDAY, NOV. 10: Assist DPS, 557 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 2100 block South Main Street, Report; Criminal Trespass, 13700 block Harvey Road, Warning Issued; Suspicious Circumstance, 900 block Karen Drive, Settled at Scene; Parking Violation, 100 block East Centennial, Settled at Scene; Damaged Property, 2700 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist DPS, 18300 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 2100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 554 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Theft 100 block East Centennial, Report; Stolen License Plate, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Warrant Service, 300 block South Main Street, Arrest; Mental Health Welfare Check, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11: 911 Hang Up Call, 200 block West Centennial, Unable to Locate; Disturbance, 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 100 block East Centennial, Unfounded; Traffic Complaint, 300 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Assist Smith Co SO, 23000 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Mental Health Welfare Check, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist DPS, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 3200 block South Main Street, Arrest; Mental Health Welfare Check, 2500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 2400 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Found Property, 400 block South Main Street, Report; Business Alarm, 700 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Suspicious Vehicle, 15300 block, Country Acres Drive, Unable to Locate.

SUNDAY, NOV. 12: Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block Mission Ridge, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 500 block Pierce Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 13400 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 300 block Eagle Spirit Drive, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 100 block East Centennial, Settled at Scene; Public



Service, 100 block East Centennial, Settled at Scene; Hit and Run Crash, 13800 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 15600 block Country Walk Drive, Settled at Scene; Found Property, 600 block Brad Circle, Report; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial, Arrest; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Mental Health Welfare Check, 400 block Baker Street, Settled at Scene.

MONDAY, NOV. 13: Business Alarm, 300 block North Main Street, False Alarm; Motor Vehicle Crash, 300 block North Main Street, Report; Assist EMS, 13400 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Theft, 13900 block FM 2710, Report; Theft, 500 block South Main Street, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3200 block South Main Street, Report; Escort, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Hit and Run Crash, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Threats, 17500 block Stacy Street, Report.

TUESDAY, NOV. 14: Motorist Assist, 556 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Fraud 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 200 block West Centennial, Settled at Scene; Civil Matter, 700 block Stewart Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3200 block South Main Street, Report; Inquest/Unattended Death, 13400 block IH-20 East, Report; Welfare Concern, 3400 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Business Alarm, 400 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Suspicious Circumstance, 200 block Meadow Lane, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Stolen Property, 100 block Legends Court, Report; Traffic Complaint 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 900 block South Main Street, Unable

to Locate; Driving While Intoxicated, 1000 block Wood Springs Road, Arrest; Public Service, 100 block Legends Court, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 1100 block Carol Drive, Arrest; Loud Noise Complaint, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 15: Welfare Concern, 17500 block CR 4112, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 554 IH-20 East, Unable to Locate; Disturbance 15300 block FM 16 West, Settled at Scene; Attempt to Serve, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Public Service, 15500 block CR 4191, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 1000 block Mount Sylvan Street, Report; Business Alarm, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 400 block Eagle Spirit Drive, Settled at Scene; Residential Alarm, 17300 block Stacy Street, False Alarm; Verbal Disturbance, 100 block East Centennial, Settled at Scene; Escort, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 900 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Control, 100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 100 block North Main Street, Report; Assist Another Agency, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3300 block South Main Street, Report; Civil Matter, 400 block Oak Hill Lane, Settled at Scene; Attempt to Serve, 13700 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Unable to Locate; Motor Vehicle Crash, 1600 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, Nov. 16: Suspicious Circumstance, 13300 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Vagrant, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 700 block East South Street, Report; Public Service, 700 block White Bear Trail, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 200 block Highland Drive, Settled at Scene; Mental Health Welfare Check, 200 block Mission Crest Circle, Report; Assist EMS, 300 block Cooper Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 3200 block South Main Street, Report; Accident, 3200 block South Main Street, Report; Threats, 400 block Oak Hill Lane, Warning Issued; Assist Smith Co SO, 15200 block CR 433, Settled at Scene; Hit and Run Crash, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial, Warning Issued; Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block Mount Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene.



An East Texas native basketflower is pollinated by a bumblebee.

Helping essential pollinators as easy as A, Bee, C

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

Texas is home to up to 1,000 species of native bees. Unfortunately, most gardeners are only familiar with the non-native European honeybee.

Bees are vital for the environment, and they need our help. Native bees, our unsung heroes, are struggling to find the food they need. We can make a difference right in our East Texas gardens by creating spaces where native bees can thrive.

Native bees, like bumblebees, carpenter bees, and mason bees are essential pollinators. They visit flowers to collect nectar and pollen, and in the process, they help plants make seeds and fruits. Here are a few keys to helping out native bees.

Choose Native Plants: Native bees are crazy about native plants. These are the ones that have grown here for a long time. Some favorites in East Texas include bluebonnets, coneflowers, and bee balm. Every native plant that isn't wind pollinated evolved with specific pollinators to ensure their continued existence.

Year-Round Blooms: Bees need food all year. Fall is particularly important. Plant a variety of flowers that bloom at different times, from spring to fall. This way, they always have something to eat.

No Pesticides: Bees are very sensitive to insecticides. Avoid using them in your garden when you can and use baits and targeted and timely applications when you have to.

Bee Nests: Bees need a place to rest and raise their young. You can provide that by leaving some bare soil, dead wood, standing dead flower stems, or leaf litter in your garden. Many bees nest or overwinter in the ground, in holes in wood, or in leaf litter.

Watering Holes: Bees get thirsty too. Set up a shallow dish with water in your garden. Put some stones in it so they can land safely without drowning.

If you're wondering what to plant, here are a few ideas:

Bluebonnets: Our state flower, the bluebonnet, is adored by bees. It's a great choice for an East Texas spring garden.

Coneflowers: These native flowers are a bee favorite. They're tough, and they come in different colors.

Passionvines: Although these vigorous vines are host plant for Gulf fritillary butterflies, they are pollinated by bees.

Salvias: These come in many species and colors, and they're known to attract bees as pollinators.

Sunflowers: These natives can be annual or perennial with all being attractive to native bees.

Consider setting aside a part of your garden for wildflowers. Native wildflowers are like a buffet for bees, and they make your garden look more natural and beautiful. Consider creating a pocket prairie full of native annuals, perennials, and grasses.

Spending time in your garden watching and learning about bees is not just fun; it's also educational. You can find books and online resources to help you identify different types of native Texas bees and learn about their habitats.

Supporting native bees in East Texas is about more than just creating a beautiful garden.

It's about preserving our local environment and ensuring a bountiful harvest of fruits and vegetables. By planting native flowers, providing food all year, avoiding pesticides, offering nesting spots, and providing water, you can create a paradise for these important pollinators.

Remember, you're not just helping the bees; you're helping yourself. Bees make our food, flowers, and forests grow, so the more we do for them, the better off we all are.

Together, we can make East Texas a haven for native bees and enjoy the beauty they bring to our surrounding natural landscape.

State red snapper season closed until January

Officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced the red snapper season in state waters was closed on Nov. 20 and will remain closed until January 2024.

Federal waters remain closed until the summer.

"While we are disappointed to close state waters earlier than we had hoped, the pattern of prolonged federal seasons highlights the success of Texas' state-managed red snapper fishery," said Robin Riechers, TPWD Coastal Fisheries Division Director. "This year,

anglers had a chance to take advantage of a 93-day federal season. Also, unusually calm offshore conditions in early June and July allowed anglers to catch red snapper at a higher rate than in 2022."

Under an agreement between TPWD and the National Marine Fisheries Service, the department can establish the opening and closing dates of the annual red snapper fishery in federal waters while also continuing to manage red snapper fishing in state waters. As part of this agreement, Texas must close the entire fishery when

the state's allotted poundage is reached for the year.

Traditionally, TPWD has provided a year-round red snapper fishing season in state waters and a limited red snapper fishing season in federal waters, which begins in June and closes after a certain number of days. The length of the season in federal waters has been calculated to attempt to allow for a year-round season in state waters while remaining under the allotted annual catch limit. The catch limit applies to fish landed from state and federal waters combined.

Parks commission approves conservation, recreation plan

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved the [2024-2033 Land and Water Resources Conservation and Recreation Plan](#) (Land and Water Plan) during its meeting in Austin earlier this month, publicity officials said.

The 2024-2033 Land and Water Plan serves as the strategic visionary document that will guide and evaluate the effectiveness of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in fulfilling its mission over the next decade. Commissioners will monitor the plan's progress and delivery quarterly and include a comprehensive progress report assembled every five years.

The updated Land and Water Plan was guided by the Commission's Subcommittee for Conservation and Recreation Planning, consisting of commissioners Travis B. "Blake" Rowling (Subcommittee Chair), James E. Abell and Robert L. "Bobby" Patton, Jr.

"The department is incredibly grateful for the leadership and direction provided by commissioners Rowling, Abell, and Patton in undertaking the update of our Land and Water Plan, as

well as numerous stakeholders who provided valuable and substantive recommendations on priorities and strategies for meeting the current and future conservation and outdoor recreation needs of the state," said TPWD Executive Director David Yoskowitz, Ph.D.

"We also offer our sincere appreciation to the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management at Texas A&M University at College Station, who provided vital support of this Land and Water Plan update by designing and administering a robust stakeholder input process."

The update was initiated in fall 2022, when the Commission Subcommittee and TPWD reviewed and updated the goals, objectives, strategies and actions contained in the 2015 version. Additions encompass current programs and activities, primarily in reference to programs initiated since 2015.

This spring, an initial round of [stakeholder surveys](#) solicited feedback on TPWD performance, priorities and programmatic strategies outlined in the 2015 version of the Land and Water Plan. Respondents were specifically

asked to rate the importance of 167 unique programmatic strategies and TPWD's performance in the delivery of each strategy, prioritize the strategies associated with each objective and recommend any additional strategies.

TPWD received responses from 116 members of its 14 advisory committees and 256 survey responses from the general public. Respondents were affiliated with more than 160 outdoor recreation and conservation organizations, including those operating at local, regional, national and international levels.

The Commission Subcommittee and TPWD reviewed stakeholder feedback and made edits and additions to the plan throughout the process.

Commissioners reviewed the 2024 Land and Water Plan in August before a second round of stakeholder input followed by final review and unanimous approval at the Commission meeting on Nov. 2.

TPWD will share progress updates on the 2024 Land and Water Plan with the Commission at future Commission meetings.

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Kayli Vickery

Several Lady Eagles earn All District honors for 2023

With another successful volleyball season in the books, the Lindale High School Lady Eagles were well represented as the District 16-4A coaches recently selected their all-district squad for the 2023 season.

Lindale's Addison Ridge was voted the Most Valuable Player, Kayli Vickery was selected the Blocker of the Year and LHS Head Coach Jessica Dimsdle and her staff were chosen Coach of the Year.

Dimsdle led her Lady Eagles to an overall record of 36-9 on the season which included a District 16-4A championship.

In the Bi-District round, the Lady Eagles defeated Paris and then downed Caddo Mills in the Area round. In the Regional quar-

terfinals Lindale eliminated Farmersville then fell to Caddo Mills in the Regional semifinals.

The Lady Eagles were also well represented on the All-District Academic Team. These players are Reagan Hope, Reagan Cates, Kayli Vickery, Aspen Ives, Ana-Russell Johnson, Callie Schmidt, Addison Ridge, Macy Luster, Maddox Lay, Megan McGee, Maddie Little, Ella Hutchens, Whitney Dao and Alyssa Potts.

Three Lady Eagles were named to the All-District first team, two were selected to the second team and three to the honorable mention squad.

DISTRICT 16-4A VOLLEYBALL ALL DISTRICT TEAM
(Selected by the league's coaches)

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Addison Ridge, Lindale

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Landry Jones, Van

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Abby Clyburn, Van

BLOCKER OF THE YEAR: Kayli Vickery, Lindale

SETTER OF THE YEAR: Georgia Crayton, Canton

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Jordan Flodder, Van

COACH OF THE YEAR: Jessica Dimsdle and staff, Lindale

16-4A 1ST TEAM ALL-DISTRICT

LINDALE: Reagan Cates, Maddox Lay and Macy Luster

Canton: Allison Rickman, Payton Bray

Brownsboro: Khayla Garrett, Khyra Garrett

Van: Jordan Ryan, Coco Brown

Mabank: Kai Hudson

Athens: Lexy Woods

Cumberland: Jordan Johnson

16-4A 2ND TEAM ALL-DISTRICT

LINDALE: Tatum Woodard, Reagan Hope

Canton: Haley Luce, Jaycee Bullard

Brownsboro: Tiykeah McKenzie, Madison Hernandez

Van: Kayla White, Shelby Burns

Mabank: Madison Roberts

Athens: Taylor Mycke

Cumberland: Ava Young

16-4A HONORABLE MENTION

LINDALE: Alyssa Potts, Callie Schmidt, Ella Hutchens

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Lady Eagles down Hallsville for third win of the year

Led by Marley Keith's 10 points the Lindale High School Lady Eagles downed the Hallsville Lady Bobcats 51-31 on Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the LHS gym.

With the win the Lady Eagles improved to 3-1 on the season.

Lindale used a big third period, outscoring the Lady Bobcats by 16, to take control of the game.

The Lady Eagles were tied with the visitors at 9-9 after the first period as Allie Davenport dropped in three points and Ella Hutchens, Abigail Lee and Lydia Payne all scored two apiece.

In the second period, the Lady Eagles were fueled by Keith's five points, including a three pointer, to build a 19-18 lead at the half.

Davenport scored nine for the Lady Eagles

and Payne scored eight.

Other point totals for Lindale included Lee with seven points, Kennedy Miller and Hutchens with six apiece, Felicity Thiem with four and Elise Pierce with one.

The Lady Eagles were on target from the free throw line, hitting 12 of 15.

On Nov. 4, Lindale clipped Chapel Hill 26-23 in the LHS gym in the season opener.

Lindale then hosted the 4-0 Jacksonville Fightin' Lady Indians (Nov. 7) and fell, 43-40, before bouncing back against Mount Pleasant on Nov. 11 in Mount Pleasant, 47-35.

The Lady Eagles were scheduled to compete in the T.K. Gorman Tournament in Tyler Nov. 16-18 before returning home on Nov. 20 to host Edgewood and Winnsboro.

Junior High Lady Eagles down Brownsboro

The Lindale Junior High School girls basketball teams won three of four games from the Brownsboro Lady Bears this past Thursday in Lindale.

The 7th grade B team won, 20-10; the 7th grade A team secured a 25-18 win; the 8th grade B team won, 23-10 and the 8th grade A team fell, 27-26.

For the 7th grade B team, Kierra Ross was the leading scorer, while Paisley Pierce was the leading rebounder. Kierra Ross was the steals leader and Norah Woodard led the team in assists.

Ava Wilson was the leading scorer for the 7th grade A team, while Milee Miller, Kennedy Billington and Paisley Keith were leading rebounders. Paisley Keith

was the leader in steals and Kennedy Billington was the leader in assists.

For the 8th grade B team, Maci Gately was the leading scorer and rebounder, while Breelynn Gordon was the leader in steals. Addison Hance was the assists leader and also won the Hustle Award. Charli Morgan won the Leadership Award.

For the 8th grade A team, Baylee Brooks was the leading scorer, KayLea Williams and Rachel Kelley were the rebounding leaders and Baylee Brooks was the leader in steals. Brooklyn Wiggins and Baylee Brooks were the assists leaders and Rachel Kelley won the Leadership Award. Baylee Brooks won the Hustle Award.



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Food safety for buffets and parties

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family and Community Health

Gathering friends and family is fun but beware of uninvited party guests. Foodborne germs can crash your buffet and make people sick with food poisoning. When cooking, preparing, or serving food for large groups, follow these steps to keep food safe:

Wash your hands with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds before, during, and after preparing food and before eating. Wash your hands after using the bathroom and touching pets.

Wash your cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and countertops with hot, soapy water or in the dishwasher after preparing each food item.

Separate raw meat, chicken and other poultry, seafood, and eggs from foods that won't be cooked before eating, such as fruit, salad greens, deli salads, and bread.

Keep raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs separate from other foods

when shopping for groceries and in the refrigerator.

Use one cutting board, plate, or knife for raw meat, poultry, and seafood and a separate cutting board, plate, or knife for produce, bread, and other foods that won't be cooked.

Cook Meat and Eggs to Safe Internal Temperatures, www.cdc.gov/foodsafety.
145F: Pork roast, Rack of lamb, beef brisket: After cooking, let meat rest for 3 minutes before serving.
145F: fish fillet. 160F:

Ground beef, egg dish. 165F: Ground turkey, turkey, chicken, and leftovers.

Serve Foods Safely

If preparing food in advance, divide cooked food into shallow containers and store in a refrigerator or freezer. Using shallow containers encourages rapid, even cooling. Keep hot foods hot at 140°F or warmer. Use slow cookers, chafing dishes, and warming trays to keep food hot on the buffet table. Keep cold foods cold at 40°F or below. Use small serving trays and replace often with fresh platters from the refrigerator,

or place serving dishes in bowls of ice so they stay chilled. For picnics and other outdoor meals, keep cold food in a cooler filled with ice or frozen gel packs until just before serving. Make sure food that is catered or delivered stays at a safe temperature.

The Two-Hour Rule

Some foods will quickly become unsafe to eat if not refrigerated or frozen. This includes food like meat, poultry, seafood, dairy, cut fruit, some vegetables, and cooked leftovers. Throw away any of these perishable foods that have been left out for 2 hours or more. Toss them after 1 hour if they've been sitting out at temperatures above 90°F, such as food served at a picnic or outdoor gathering.

For more information about Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health programs, contact Claudann Jones, Smith County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health at 903-590-2980 or email at cmjones@ag.tamu.edu. Like our Facebook page: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Smith County. Stay well and stay safe.

Winter preparation for the garden

By Smith County Master Gardeners

We're into late fall now and with the mornings nice and cool, it's a pleasure, once again, to work in the garden. Our average first frost occurs on November 15 and there are still some things we need to do before the truly colder weather arrives.

Here are some things to do to prepare for winter:

--Apply mulch to protect your plants from cold weather. Make sure you have 3-4 inches of mulch on your beds and pay special attention to tender plants where you are trying to "cheat your zone."

--Keep mowing your lawn until we have a freeze. Use a mulching mower to chop up fallen leaves and use them on your flower beds as mulch.

--Pay close attention to weather forecasts and thoroughly water plants and your lawn before a hard freeze to reduce risk of cold injury.

--Cut back/remove yellowed or dead foliage from perennials and bulbs. Mark locations and label them before they completely die back.

--After the first hard freeze, cut back tender perennials like Hamelia Patens and gingers to the ground and mulch them well to protect them over the winter.

--November is a great month to plant shrubs and trees as their roots have a chance to become established over the winter months. Consider planting some colorful hollies like Yaupon, Burford or Nellie R. Stevens. Also berry-bearing shrubs like Nandina, Indian Hawthorne and Mahonias will add winter color to your landscape.

--Plant cool season annuals like pansies, snapdragons, and flowering kale and cabbage.

--Plant seeds of California poppies and larkspur now in the ground so they will appear in the spring.

--Finish planting your spring bulbs this month. If you are pre-chilling tulips and hyacinths to plant later, they should be in a refrigerator. Using a small dorm refrigerator for this purpose is best, but if you're using your home refrigerator, make sure you keep them away from apples. Apples release ethylene gas as they ripen and that will rot your bulbs.

--Plant paperwhites and amaryllis in pots indoors now for holiday blooms.

--Stock up your bird feeders and keep them full as the weather gets colder.

The Smith County Master Gardener program is a volunteer organization in connection with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.




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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Michael Edward Morris, Deceased, were granted to Susan Stocks on November 6, 2023, in Cause No. 47759P, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3, Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to Executor, c/o: Michael C. Coker, Attorney at Law, 4540 Kinsey Drive, Tyler, Texas 75703, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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TO: EDUARDO MAURICIO HERNANDEZ
WHEREVER RESPONDENT MAY BE FOUND

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear by filing written answer to the **PETITION IN SUIT TO MODIFY PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP** at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 5th day of October, 2023, in the County Court of Law of Smith County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County located at 100 N. Broadway, Tyler, Texas, 75702. Said **PETITION IN SUIT TO MODIFY PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP** was filed in said Court on 6th day of June 2023, in this case, numbered. 21-2109-E and styled: **IN THE INTEREST OF S.M.P. AND N.M.P., CHILD.** The Petitioner is Feliz Perez and Lourdes Perez. The Respondent is Eduardo Mauricio. The attorney for the Petitioner is Mario Herrera whose address is 4236 West Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas 75209 (214) 357-7529

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: EDUARDO MAURICO, the Respondent and Biological Father of the Children in this case, is transient person and have no knowledge of his present residence or his present employment. I have exercised due diligence to locate the whereabouts of this person and have been unable to do so. I have no one I can contact that would know of his whereabouts.

The Officer executing this process shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after it sued, it must be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tyler, Texas, this date: **October 5, 2023.**

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TO: MELISSA FISHER - - - RESPONDENT WHEREVER
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GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear by filing a written answer to the **ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE** at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 9th day of October, 2023, in the County Court of Law of Smith County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County located at 100 N. Broadway, Tyler, Texas, 75702. Said **ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE** was filed in said Court on 17th day of July 2023, in this case, numbered. 23-1719-F and styled: **IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF CHRISTOPHER BROOKS AND MELISSA FISHER.** The Petitioner is Christopher Brooks. The Respondent is Melissa Fisher. The attorney for the Petitioner is Cheryl Wulf whose address is 11702 HWY 64 E., Tyler Texas 75707 (903) 525-9869.

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: On July 17, 2023, Christopher Brooks filed an Original Petition for Divorce regarding his marriage to Melissa Irene Fisher, which marriage began on February 7, 2003. Petitioner requests the Court grant a divorce and divide the parties community estate in a just and right manner.

The Officer executing this process shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after it sued, it must be returned unserved.

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