

Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 297 Hosts Craft Fair

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 297 hosted their Craft Fair this past Saturday. Several vendors brought their homemade artifacts consisting of quilts, cookies, honey, crochet and knitted items, plants, pot holders and countless other products. Breakfast was available that was enjoyed by everyone who attended.



Skyler Horton and Melissa Horton shared their crafts with patrons.



Ann Summerville brought her homemade items.



Margarett Acuff came with her handcrafted products.



Auxiliary member Christi Barnicle with Joe Ayala and his leatherwork designs.



Debbie Spence had an array of "bling" to share.

Free E-Waste and Shred Event!

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 19

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From Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Texans can Spring Into Action by Planting Native Wildflower Seeds in the Fall

One of the many things Texas is known for is the abundance of beautiful wildflowers that line hills and highways every spring. What many wildflower admirers may not know is that fall is the ideal time to plant wildflower seeds in preparation for those spring blooms.

Many native wildflowers, including the famed bluebonnets and Indian paintbrushes, require colder soil temperatures combined with appropriate watering or rainfall for seeds to germinate in the fall and be ready to bloom in the spring. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists encourage people to do their research before buying commercially available native seeds packets and be selective to not introduce non-native plants to their property.

Native wildflowers provide critical habitat for pollinators, many of which have seen declines in their population. These important insects, birds and mammals are key to sustaining native plant species, human food crops and even crops for livestock.

“Native plants are adapted to our soils and growing conditions just as our native pollinators are adapted to those same plants,” said Craig Hensley, Texas nature tracker biologist. “Native plants form the foundation of healthy food webs and sustain pollinators who in turn provide food for other wildlife from birds to amphibians, reptiles and mammals.”

As more than 94 percent of Texas lands are privately owned, effective native pollinator conservation requires landowner engagement and involvement. Texans can play a significant role in conserving and maintaining populations of native pollinators by ap-

plying management practices that benefit these species.

Planting your own backyard wildflower pollinator garden:

- Pick a spot in the yard or garden that doesn't have preexisting turf (St. Augustine and Bermuda) or remove turf if needed.
- Scatter seed by hand. Smaller seeds are easier to handle if mixed with sand. One part seed to four parts sand.
- Rake or tamp in seeds, but make sure they are only about 1/8 inch deep; seeds need will need the sun to germinate.
- Keep moist for several days unless rainfall is expected. Water every 2-3 weeks during prolonged periods of no rain during the winter.

For landowners with larger tracts of land who are interested in native pollinator conservation, the TPWD [private lands program](#) and [local biologists](#) can offer management recommendations.

Once flowers bloom in the spring, enjoy their beauty until all have bloomed, withered, dried and had an opportunity to drop their seeds before mowing fields or trimming plants back. You might also consider leaving the dead stems, as they provide nesting homes for many of our solitary bee pollinators. Typically, this occurs in late June and early July. Allowing the plants to drop their seeds creates a seed bank that will provide more plants for years.

For additional native wildflower resources, go to the [Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#) or [Native Plant Society of Texas](#) pages. To learn more about insect pollinators, go to the [TPWD Monarch Butterfly and Other Insect Pollinators](#) page.



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From the Sports Desk with John English

Benbrook Bobcat Football Boys Remain Undefeated

The Benbrook football team remains undefeated on the season following a 21-14 victory over Dunbar on Friday night.

Coach Cody Slater said his team fought hard throughout its first district game of the season.

“I was very proud of our kids,” Slater said. “After being off the previous week, we played okay. Offensively we played really well the first half and then we sputtered the second half. On defense we gave up one big play the first half and then settled in and played a great first half. In the second half we gave up another big play, but overall I was pleased with the way our kids performed.”

Slater said he had a number of strong efforts in the game against the Wildcats.

“On offense, wide receiver Lucas Jackson had six receptions for 95 yards and receiver Kade Cross had 5 receptions for 72 yards and a touchdown. Quarter Brennan Barton was 13 of 19 for 177 yards and 1 touchdown. Offensive lineman Caden Hall had a great game. Defensively, Kade Cross, Carlos Harris, Zach Burks, Christian Gleason had an great game.”

Slater said on special teams that Will Cook “played really well.”

Benbrook plays Godley tomorrow night, and Slater said his team will have its hands full.

“Godley is the best team we have faced all year,” Slater said. “We will have to go out and execute on both sides of the ball to come away with a victory on Friday night.”=

Over at Western Hills, the Cougars were in their bye this past week.

The Cougars will play at 7:30 tonight at Decatur.

On the court, the Benbrook volleyball team rallied from a 1-0 deficit on Friday night to defeat Southwest by a score of 3-1.

Coach Frances Davies said she was pleased with the way her team persevered.

“We started off pretty rough in the beginning dropping the first set by two,” Davies said. “But the girls made some big adjustments and handled the next three sets with ease. I think we’re starting to see a little fatigue of the long season with no break kicking in, but I was happy with the fight back.”

Benbrook won the match 23-25, 25-17, 25-9, 25-15 and Davies said she had one very strong effort in the game.

“Cristiana Walker really came alive this match,” Davies said. “Honestly, she was player of the game for us. She had a hot hand and SHS couldn’t stop her, so we fed her all night. She ended the night with double digits kills, a handful of aces, and some really amazing defensive plays. I was very excited to see her finally spark and own her power.”

Benbrook will host Eastern Hills at 6 p.m. tomorrow night and Davies said this game is critical.

“I think it’s going to be a big night for us,” Davies said. “With three teams currently sitting in a tie, what we do Friday could make or break our run. The girls know that we can’t just rely on basic skill, we have to play aggressive and smart and break apart their defense, as well as shut down their big outside. “I know they’re ready for it and want it, so we just have to make sure all our hitters are sparking and our defensive is protecting the court.”

From Keep Texas Beautiful


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From Mary Isham Keith Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, NSDAR, Celebrates the 125th Anniversary of the DAR Hospital Corps

Mary Isham Keith Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, recently enjoyed a fun and informative October chapter meeting. Chapter members dressed in pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness

Month. As part of the flat George Washington Tour of Commemorative Events, Regent Charlseay Holler welcomed Colonel Karen Nauschuetz (Army Ret.), guest speaker, as well as members

and prospective members to the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the DAR Hospital Corps. Colonel Nauschuetz's presentation about Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, Founder of the DAR Hospital Corps, was the highlight of the gathering. As part of her program, Mary Isham Keith Chapter nurses were honored with pins and certificates.

The DAR Hospital Corps was founded in April 1898 during the Spanish American War to provide nurses for the war effort. At the onset of the Spanish-American War, the Surgeon General requested and promptly received congressional authority to appoint women nurses under contract.

Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee was placed in charge of selecting graduate nurses for the Army and suggested that the DAR act as an application review board for military nursing services. Thus, the DAR Hospital Corps was founded, with Dr. McGee as its director. The DAR Hospital Corps certified 1,081 nurses for service during the Spanish-American War. The DAR later funded private pensions for many of the nurses who did not qualify for government pensions. Dr. McGee wrote the section of the Army Reorganization Act legislation pertaining to nursing and is now known as the founder of the Army Nurse Corps. (source: NSDAR National Website)

The NSDAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer service organization and lineage society. More than one million women have found purpose and passion in DAR membership.

For more information about how to find your American Revolutionary patriot or DAR programs, email mikregent2023@gmail.com.



Mary Isham Keith Chapter and Prospective members.



Colonel **Karen Nauschuetz** (Army, Ret.) as Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, Founder of the DAR Hospital Corps.



Prospective members **Marcia Galiga** and **Brenda Crump**.



Nurses who were honored at the luncheon include: (l-r) **Becky Gray**, **Nancy Rash**, **Katie Crow**, **Virginia Sue Zwick**, **Kris Davies**, **Col. Beverly Belew** (Army, Ret.), **Regent Charlseay Holler** and **Col. Karen Nauschuetz** (Army, Ret.)



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(see graphic on page 3)

From Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation

Hire a Licensed Contractor To Check Your Heating System For Carbon Monoxide Leaks And Other Issues

Is your natural gas or propane heating system venting carbon monoxide and burned gases to the outside where they can safely dissipate? Or has your system developed leaks that could allow carbon monoxide to migrate into your living space and potentially cause a deadly situation for your family?

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, tasteless and odorless gas that can be deadly in high concentrations. Have a licensed air conditioning and heating contractor evaluate your system each Fall to make sure problems haven't developed during the preceding year.

If your home isn't already equipped with combination smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, be sure install them before the first norther comes swooping down. Detectors should be placed outside all sleeping areas in a residence heated with natural gas or propane. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning may include a dull headache, weakness, and dizziness. Higher concentrations will induce nausea, vomiting, shortness of breath, confusion, blurred vision, loss of consciousness, and death.

"Checking whether your contractor is licensed, and that the technician servicing your equipment is registered with TDLR, is an important step in protecting yourself from shoddy and dangerous work," said William Weatherly, TDLR Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Program Chief. "Licensed contractors and registered technicians have undergone a criminal background check and have had the required training. Licensed contractors have passed a comprehensive exam and complete yearly continuing education classes."

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The first step in hiring an air conditioning and heating contractor should be checking the TDLR website (www.tdlr.texas.gov) to make sure that they are licensed by TDLR. Once you've confirmed that the contractor is licensed through TDLR, here are several things they should be inspecting in your heating system:



- Air Handler & Furnace (Natural Gas, Propane)
 - Check gas connection for leaks. Improperly operating gas connections are a fire hazard and a health concern.
 - Check gas pressure and proper burner combustion. Improper gas pressure and/or a dirty burner will cause equipment to operate less efficiently.
 - Check the heat exchanger for cracks and a proper flue connection. A cracked heat exchanger or Improper flue connection can leak deadly carbon monoxide into the living spaces.
- All Systems
 - Check incoming power and tighten connections as necessary.
 - Check thermostat and system controls for proper operation and sequence.
 - Check air handling unit for proper air flow.
- Heat Pump & Electric Heat Systems
 - Check heat pump heating cycle and reversing valve operation.
 - Check "emergency heat" operation, which is energized if heat pump fails or is in defrost cycle.
 - Check electric heat strips for proper operation when system is energized.
- General
 - Listen for abnormal noise and search for source of unusual odors.
 - Clean and inspect blower assembly.
 - Older units: lubricate motor and replace fan belt if applicable.
 - Replace filters and educate customer on efficient operation
 - Clean coils.

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TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 38 business and occupational licensing programs with almost 1,000,000 licensees across the state.

Visit TDLR's website for more information and resources. You can search the TDLR licensee database, and also find past violations in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer Service line is available anytime between 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Texas History Minute, by Dr. Ken Bridges

A History of Halloween

Halloween is a day filled with excitement, charged with the imagination and the spirit of adventure that makes childhood such a memorable time. Many children never outgrow their love for the day and pass on the joy of trick-or-treating to their children and grandchildren or enjoy Halloween parties as adults. Halloween has a history dating back centuries.

The roots of Halloween lay deep in old Christian traditions. Halloween is separate from the old harvest festivals common in Europe before the arrival of Christianity, but elements of these traditions would continue in celebrations in the British Isles.

Pope Gregory III established All Saints' Day on Nov. 1 as a day of remembrance in the 730s. From its earliest days, the night of Oct. 31 was marked as the beginning of the observance.

All Saints' Day was considered to be a day to remember the deceased, particularly the saints and martyrs of the church. The English began referring to All Saints' Day as Allhallowtide or Hallowmas by 1471.

The word came from older, more archaic words "hallow," which meant "holy" while "tide" meant "time." On the night before, All Hallow's Eve, many Roman Catholics at the time would visit cemeteries and pray for the dead. Over time, "All Hallow's Eve" or "All Hallow's Evening" was whittled down to "Halloween."

Elements of trick-or-treating began in the Middle Ages as the poor would go to the wealthy and ask for special treats for the day, soul cakes, in exchange for praying for their deceased loved ones. By the 1800s in Scotland and Ireland, trick-or-treating had evolved into dressing into costumes and going door-to-door for treats and moved away from the religious observance.

In Poland, the tradition for Halloween night has long been that people would pray out loud as they walked through forests in order to comfort the souls of the deceased. In Spain, church bells ring through the night to remind the faithful to pray for the dead.

In Eastern Orthodox countries of East Europe, however, prayer vigils are still

sometimes held on the night of Oct. 31. As more Scottish and Irish immigrants moved to the United States, the trick-or-treating tradition came with them. Many American children began making their own costumes for Halloween by the late 1800s. The term "trick-or-treating" began to appear in the early twentieth century, and the famed Halloween tradition had fully established itself across the nation by the 1920s. Today, various estimates have stated that as many as 40 million American children participate in trick-or-treating each year.

Many other features of Halloween are centuries old. In Ireland, the jack-o-lantern was carved from turnips and carried on All Hallow's Eve to scare off evil spirits, a tradition dating back centuries. By the time this tradition arrived in the United States by the nineteenth century, the native pumpkin began to be used instead. Bobbing for apples, a popular Halloween game, dates to the 1700s.

Unlike Christmas, Halloween, particularly as it is practiced in the United States, is not as widely celebrated around the world. Many of the traditions observed in America are practiced in Canada, Scotland, and Ireland. Halloween is slowly catching on in Japan and in areas of Germany and India, mostly in the forms of costumes and Halloween parties.

Across Mexico and Latin America, All Saint's Day and Day of the Dead are celebrated back-to-back on successive days. Observances for the Day of the Dead are preferred, taking place each year on Nov. 2 as many will dress up as the dead on a day to remember friends and family who have passed on. A popular legend on the Day of the Dead in Latin America is that the spirits of the deceased will walk the Earth once more on that night. Schools in Ireland will often close on Halloween while in Mexico, schools will often close on the Day of the Dead.

In modern times, Americans buy upwards of 90 million pounds of candy each year. This amounts to about \$3.6 billion. The most popular candy in 2023 was choc-

olate, according to the National Confectioners Association.

The most popular children's costume was Spiderman, with an estimated 2.6 million children dressing up as Spiderman in some form. Americans spend more than \$8 billion each year on costumes and decorations for the evening's festivities, according to the National Retail Federation. Schools and churches regularly sponsor trunk-or-treat events and Halloween parties. Halloween has been a special part of childhood for generations. With its continued popularity and mountains of candy, it will continue to be a part of American culture for years to come.

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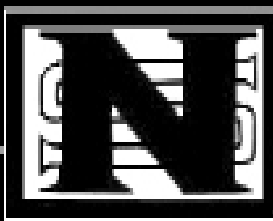
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Weekend Forecast



Friday, Oct. 18:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 77. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Southeast wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.



Saturday, Oct. 19:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 79. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

PM - Clear, with a low around 55. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



Sunday, Oct. 20:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 80. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 58. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

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