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EDITOR'S NOTE

It's Fall, Y'all!

It's no secret that fall is my favorite season of the year. Summer is too hot. Winter is too cold, and spring can't make up its mind whether to be hot or cold. Spring can also be severely unpredictable. Remember the rain and thunderstorms last April and May?

But fall! After the sweltering summer, we start having some cool sunrises and sunsets. Storm season has passed, baseball is in the playoffs and football is in full swing. Evenings are even comfortable at the football games, especially when the sun drops behind the press box at Lion Memorial Stadium.

The Bluebonnet Market continues through the end of the month downtown, and the faithful vendors who suffered through the summer months are still there, and they appreciate your support. Most Saturday mornings you can catch my wife and I there, enjoying the fresh produce, baked goods and various crafts.

October in Ennis brings festivals hosted by churches and other local groups. I hope you were able to get out for Blues on Main last month. My family, including the grandkids, like to come and enjoy the hay maze and pumpkin patch. It is all month long, and it's the best place in town to take fall family photos!

October in our part of Texas does not include long periods of fall foliage like you might find in New England, but it is still my favorite time of year. How could you not like the month that gets us ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas?

Are you a fan of fall?



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— By Bill Smith

Layton Wilder has accomplished a lot in the 18 years he has been in Ennis. He recently graduated from Ennis High School as valedictorian. He took up flying and has already soloed several times. He loves being at the controls so much that he has chosen aviation as his future career.

“I’ve just always had an eye turned toward the sky,” he remarked with a smile. “I look up when I hear a crop duster flying over. Planes have always fascinated me. My first flight was in 2019 out of Corsicana, and I trained at a private field, Eagles Nest Estates in Midlothian.” Layton explained that his father, Ennis Police Officer Justyn Wilder, had worked security for a pilot there and recommended the instructors at Eagles Nest for his flight training. “My mother, Sara, is a teacher at Crockett Elementary, and I also have a sister, Ann. I know they support me in everything I do.

“I received my student pilot’s license last December and my first solo flight was out of Ennis Airport. The student pilot’s license requires 15 hours of ground school and a written test with the instructor’s approval. Once that was completed, I could solo. I’ve never been scared in the air. There was not a copilot’s seat in that plane, but I knew my instructor would not have let me go up alone in that \$100,000 plane if she did not have confidence in me. I have flown solo to Waco and Stephenville. For those flights, we do not have to file a flight plan. We calculate things like wind and fuel requirements and navigate by waypoints such as lakes and other features on the ground. The air controller for this area is in Fort Worth. They have the ability to track the plane, and I know they are there to help if needed. Once you start flying by instruments, you file flight plans,” he informed.

In high school, Layton’s favorite subjects were math and engineering, and he admitted his senior year was pretty tough with the goal to be valedictorian of his class. “I took some hard courses as a senior that helped me get my grade points up to where they needed to be,” he said. It had been a goal from his earliest education. “I went to a family friend’s graduation when I was just 5 or 6 years old. He was the valedictorian of his class, and I knew I wanted to give a speech like that someday.”

Another interest Layton has is photography. It is a hobby he enjoys, and as one might guess, he concentrates on aviation photography. He has his drone license and works with the media team producing videos at Tabernacle Church.

“I also want to travel. I love Ennis. Growing up here has been great, and the community has given me lots of support. I am attending Oklahoma University now, and it is a new ball game compared to Ennis,”



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obvious choice). Their website boasts about their development of the student's knowledge, leadership and communication skills for their aviation careers. The fleet of aircraft that will be available to Layton includes two new PA44-189 Seminole. They claim their flagship is a late-'90s model King Air C90B that they purchased in 2005. "I will be able to complete all of the ratings up to flight instructor at OU," he enthused.

Sitting outside at Ennis Municipal Airport, Layton nodded knowingly at the pilot as a small plane prepared to take off. He also knew the other plane parked in front of the local office and hangar. His first lessons and solo flights were in the Cessna 172. "I can identify most planes that fly over. I actually have a chart in my room at home with silhouettes of World War II planes from both the Allies and the Axis. The chart has a heading, 'How to Identify Warplanes.' It is just a passion with me," he said.

At Oklahoma University Layton will be in the Air Force ROTC. "My initial goals include getting hired back at OU

after I graduate as an instructor. I plan to be in the National Guard, so I will be able to have a full-time civilian job also. Eventually, I want to be a full-time commercial pilot.

"I am looking forward to traveling a lot, including overseas. I have never been to Europe, but I want to go there. I know I would not want to live there, but visiting should be great!" he exclaimed. "Commercial aviation offers lots of benefits, and it is fascinating. Like everyone else, I am in awe at the size of the planes, and amazed that they can get them off the ground! I think it will be great that I would get paid to travel, and my family could fly free also."

Wilbur Wright said, "The desire to fly is an idea handed down to us by our ancestors who, in their grueling travels across trackless lands in prehistoric times, looked enviously on the birds soaring freely through space, at full speed, above all obstacles, on the infinite highway of the air." Layton has brought the desire that Wright spoke of into his own reality. He plans to soar above the eagles. **NOW**

Layton said. He admitted to being a Texas Longhorn fan until making the change to the Sooners. He continued, "I chose Oklahoma because they have the highest rated aviation program in the nation. My other choices were Baylor University and Oklahoma State, but when I got accepted by OU, it was a no-brainer."

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As a plumbing contractor, Todd Wagliardo related that food trucks are one of his go-to dining options as he travels around the state. “I enjoy casual dining,” he said. “One of the things I noticed about the restaurants in town was a lack of entertainment options for kids, especially when families were getting together with larger groups, and they might be at the restaurant for an hour-and-a-half or more.”

The outdoor space with a variety of food trucks and entertainment options is a niche that The Backyard is able to fill. Mandy Tate said they scour the internet to find the various food trucks that frequent The Backyard. “When we



first started, we contacted the local trucks that set up at the various events around town. Now we are a part of a number of Facebook groups that keep our name in front of the food truck operators, as well as give us leads to contact for them to check us out. We also have operators reach out to us because they heard about us through word of mouth.”

The grand opening for The Backyard was in December 2022. “We were really well received,” Mandy recalled. “It was a cold day, but we had nine food trucks. Over 1,000 people came through, and I remember a really big seller that day was Italian Ice.”

Texas weather can be a challenge for an outdoor venue, but The Backyard has the amenities to provide a comfortable experience dining outdoors. October is a great month for comfortable temperatures, but as cooler temperatures approach, numerous portable heaters are spread throughout the park. In the summer months, shade has been provided by umbrellas at the tables, and during the latter part of this past summer, a large awning was added to cover almost the entire dining area, as well as giant cooling fans.

“One of the comments the truck operators have made is that they can come here and rest for a while because it makes their job easier,” Todd mentioned. “Señor Bigoton is one of our current vendors and has been here from the very start. They love the design and amenities of our park.”

Mandy offered reasons why the patrons keep coming back, saying, “In addition to the food trucks, on Wednesday nights, we have bingo at 7:00 p.m. with cash prizes. On Saturday evenings, we have live music from 6:00-9:00 p.m. (as the weather permits), and we have something special for every holiday. This month, we have cruise-in nights on the 11th and 25th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. At the back of the park, yard games like cornhole and giant Jenga are available, and table games are available for free at the bar.”

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The bar is also leased. It is a concession-style bar with a broad variety of offerings, including beer, wine, liquor and frozen drinks, as well as nonalcoholic beverages for kids.

In the future, Todd would like to see The Backyard include eight full-time trucks offering a constant variety of foods, plus one rotating truck. “We can comfortably park 10 trucks in here, and it just takes eight or nine to provide a big variety. For a get-together with a large group, such as a birthday party, it is attractive because the people can get what they want — everyone does not have to have just pizza.

“We have some companies and families who are regulars here, and we appreciate their business. The city health inspector has been great, and Becky McCarty and her crew have done a lot for us.”

Todd and Mandy both emphasized that The Backyard is a place for the whole community to enjoy. Mandy said, “Thanks for your support. We look forward to being able to fill up all of the truck spaces and the tables!” **NOW**

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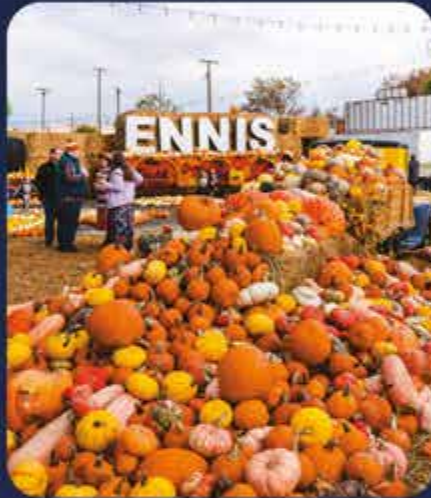
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Coach Sam Harrell speaks about Ennis Lions football.

Zoomed In:

By Angel Morris

Mia DeCapua and Makenna Feller

As co-captains of the 37th Line of the Ennis Lionettes, Mia DeCapua and Makenna Feller are proven leaders. This is the fourth year for each of these young ladies to perform with the well-known dance team.

Mia said, "I joined Lionettes because I have a passion for dance. I hope to be able to be on a college dance team in the future." She indicated that her favorite subject is math. "I do not know what major I will select in college, but I'm pretty sure I will try to minor in dance."

Makenna likes English at EHS, and she likes to read romance novels. Her favorite part of Lionettes is the opportunity to get together with her friends every day. "I'm not sure what next year will bring, but possibly attending a Christian college," she suggested.



Claudia Steindl makes crafts at the Ennis Public Library event, sponsored by H-E-B.



City employees discuss plans for a new park at Lions Club.



Robert Almaraz and Poncho enjoy the puppy park.



Robert, Ashley and Liam Garza enjoy an evening at The Backyard food truck park.



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In the Kitchen With

TANIA GUTIERREZ

— By Bill Smith

Cooking helps Tania Gutierrez relax, and it is a way to show how much she cares for her loved ones. “I find inspiration and satisfaction when I serve meals to them,” she said. “I follow chefs from all over the world on social media, and when I find a recipe I love, I go over ingredients and remove or add items we use in Mexico to give it my own twist. I grew up in Laredo, Texas, right on the border with Mexico. We learned the best of U.S. and Mexican cuisines.

“I started cooking when I was around 7 years old,” she continued. “Many of my recipes are inherited, especially the ones I use during holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas.” **NOW**

Mole

3 dried chipotle chiles, stemmed and seeded
2 dried guajillo chiles, stemmed and seeded
2 dried ancho chiles, stemmed and seeded
3 cups chicken broth (divided use)
1 dinner roll, torn into pieces
2 corn tortillas, cut into 1-inch strips
5 tomatillos, cut in half crosswise

2 tomatoes, cut in half crosswise
1 Tbsp. lard
1 onion, halved and thinly sliced
1/2 head garlic, peeled and sliced
1/3 cup peanuts, chopped
1/4 cup raisins
2 Tbsp. cumin seeds
1 Tbsp. dried thyme
6 whole allspice berries
5 whole cloves
3 cinnamon sticks
5 oz. dark chocolate, coarsely chopped

3 Tbsp. white sugar
1 tsp. salt

- 1.** Toast the chipotle, guajillo and ancho chiles in a dry pan over medium heat, stirring constantly, until warm and aromatic, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a blender.
- 2.** Heat 2 cups chicken broth in a saucepan until it begins to simmer, about 5 minutes. Pour the broth into the blender.
- 3.** Toast dinner roll pieces and tortilla strips in a dry pan over medium heat, stirring constantly, until lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Transfer to the blender with the chicken broth and chiles.
- 4.** Allow the chiles, toasted bread and tortillas to soak, fully submerged, in the chicken broth, until softened, about 10 minutes. Blend the mixture until smooth.
- 5.** Cook the tomatillos and tomatoes in a dry skillet on medium-high heat until soft and blackened, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Place in the blender with the chile puree.
- 6.** Melt the lard in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir in the onions, garlic, peanuts, raisins, cumin seeds, thyme,

allspice berries, cloves and cinnamon sticks; cook and stir until the onions are soft and golden, 5 to 8 minutes.

7. Remove the cinnamon sticks and other whole spices; add the onion mixture to the blender with the chile-tomato mixture. Blend until smooth.

8. Pour the chile puree into a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the 1 remaining cup of chicken broth, chocolate, sugar and salt. Bring the mixture to a simmer; stir until the chocolate is melted and the sauce is thickened and slightly reduced, 10 to 15 minutes.

Santa Fe Beef and Corn Chili

1 lb. ground beef

1 tsp. minced garlic

1 15 1/2-oz. can red kidney beans, drained

1 15 1/4-oz. can sweet corn, drained

1 15-oz. can tomato sauce

1 14 1/2-oz. can diced tomatoes with mild green chilies, undrained

1 1 1/4-oz. pkg. chili seasoning mix

3/4 cup dairy sour cream

1 1/2 tsp. green hot pepper sauce

1. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add the ground beef and garlic; cook 8 to 10 minutes, breaking into small crumbles and stirring occasionally. Pour off the drippings, if necessary.

Cooking Tip: Cooking times are for fresh or thoroughly thawed ground beef. Ground beef should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160 F. Color is not a reliable indicator of ground beef doneness.

2. Stir in the beans, corn, tomato sauce, tomatoes and chili seasoning; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

3. Meanwhile, combine the sour cream and pepper sauce in a small bowl. Serve with the chili.

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UNITED EFFORTS

— By Angel Morris

Just as its name implies, Unite Ellis is an organization bringing together multiple groups to help locals in need. Through collaborative efforts, leaders in business, church, education, government and other nonprofits partner to uplift the community. At Unite's helm is Anna Hammonds. "We have amazing people doing amazing things in this county. Unite's mission is to ensure we're all working together to best utilize resources," Anna explained.



When someone can't be helped by an individual organization, Unite puts its network in motion. "With my co-champion, Chris Aguilar, we utilize about 150 people across the county to help with housing and homelessness, domestic violence, poverty and other issues," Anna shared.

In this way, Unite is about more permanent solutions. "If we work together, we're not only more effective, but we limit duplication of services and can move toward longer-term change — helping people thrive and flourish rather than just moving them on until they need help again," Anna underscored.

Working in the nonprofit/social services sector since 2005, Anna was drawn to Unite as a means to help the community in which she lived. She and her husband, Danny, and their four children, have lived in Midlothian since 2013, where Anna has served on the City Council, the MISD Education Foundation Board, within her church and as a business owner. "Those areas parallel the entities partnered within Unite," Anna noted. "The root of what we do as a family is our love for Jesus and wanting to make an impact in a direct way in the world, which means rolling your sleeves up and jumping in.

"In that same sense, Unite is about addressing all areas of human flourishing, including mental and physical health, vocational health, relational health, financial health and spiritual health," Anna continued.

Some of Anna's favorite success stories include Unite partners helping a single mom of two children move from a hotel to a rent house, with all appliances and furniture donated; purchasing a new trailer for a couple who lost theirs to a fire; providing things like backpacks, take-home meals, all-sizes of underwear, hygiene products and sensory rooms for schools; and directing pregnant teens to resources for when babies arrive. "There was a mom who was about to receive citations for not keeping up with her lawn. Our network not only mowed for her but bought a lawnmower and taught her sons how to use it," Anna recalled. "Teach a man to fish!"

Under the umbrella of Unite Greater Dallas — which serves seven counties — Unite Ellis utilizes CarePortal, a software project to connect families in crisis to a network of organizations that can meet their basic needs. "Schools, case workers, crisis centers and others can enter needs and surrounding churches and individuals answer the call," Anna explained. "CarePortal is one of our biggest tools and getting more people and more schools online is awesome!"

Unite also conducts Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) simulations, giving participants a glimpse into the lives of low-income individuals and families — a look at the obstacles and decisions that impact them every day while living in poverty.

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“Certainly there are times when people think others are just taking advantage of the system, and sometimes that is true, but it is rare,” Anna shared. “There are so many obstacles to overcoming the cycle of poverty, COPE is truly an eye-opener toward understanding how infuriating it can be for the person really trying to better their life.”

COPE is one of the most-requested tools of Unite Greater Dallas and has been facilitated 120 times for 100 groups of people with more than 8,000 participants over seven years. “What address does a homeless person list on job applications? Where do they clean up for interviews? How does an undocumented family living in a car learn how to do things the right way? How does a victim of violence get away?” Anna questioned. “COPE addresses these and so many more eye-opening issues.”

Unite is keenly aware that poverty is about more than finances. “When people don’t have relationships in their life, a basic support system for needs or advice, everything else can begin to collapse. Pepper in mental health or addiction issues, and the struggle is that much worse,” Anna reminded.

Unite networks meet all across the county on a consistent basis by geography, service line and sector. “Our hope is that you will be inspired to become a part of someone else’s success story,” Anna shared. “Communities flourish when we unite.” **NOW**

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