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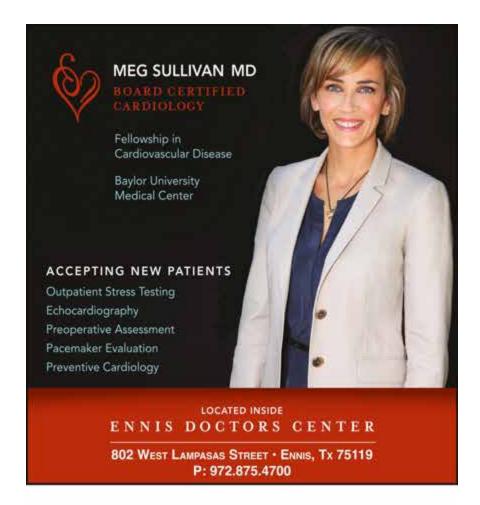
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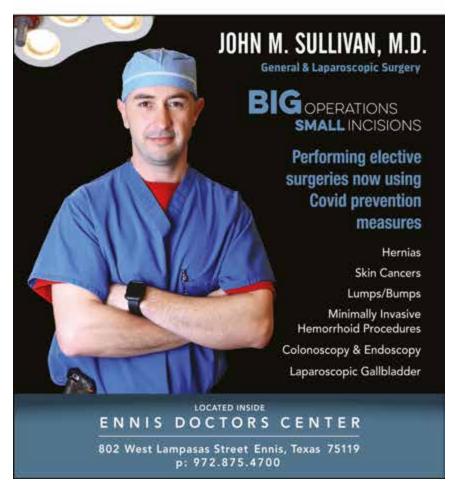
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Sing a September song ...

In the late 1970s Earth, Wind and Fire recorded a hit song called "September." Some fans look for a hidden meaning in song lyrics, such as why the writer might put a specific date in a song. The Earth, Wind and Fire song mentions the 21st night of September. Some might conclude that the author was making reference to the autumnal equinox (which is on the 22nd this year), but when quizzed about it, the band said they chose the 21st because it just sounded good in the lyrics. The song speaks to a carefree time of young love and dancing the night away.

By contrast, about the same time "September" was a hit for Earth, Wind and Fire, Willie Nelson released his version of "September Song." A number of other artists performed the song for many years before Nelson's version. It was originally written for a movie in 1938, and Frank Sinatra had a hit covering it in 1946. Willie's version would be my preference, but Sinatra covered more of the original lyrics that you will not hear when Willie sings. The song is much more melancholy than the Earth, Wind and Fire song, though both speak of young love. "September Song" recalls a couple's youth, but references that they have been together for a long time, and they are in the autumn of their lives.

There are a lot more songs about September. Remember Neil Diamond's "September Morn"? Maybe "See You in September" by The Happenings would be from your era? Perhaps September is such a popular theme for songwriters because it represents change. Even when we say we don't like change, we may have to embrace it.

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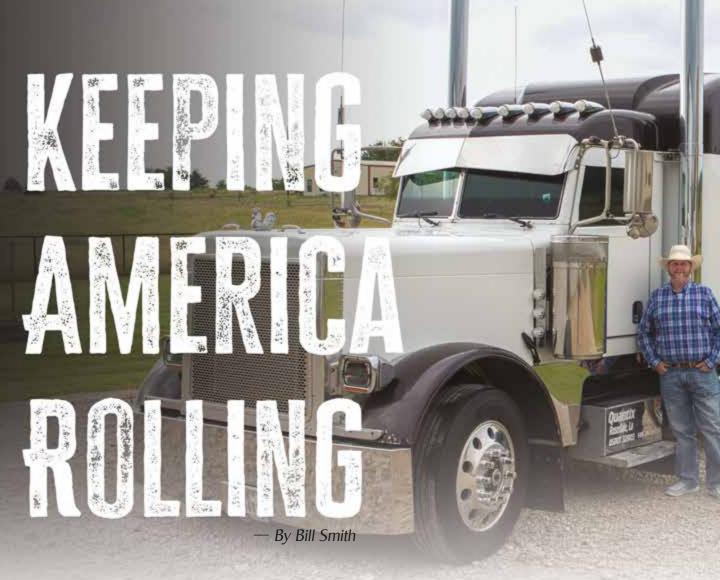


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Lee Tyner loves to drive a truck. Just about any truck. And he has loved to drive for as long as he can remember. Lee has been in Ennis since he was 2 years old, and his earliest memories include being infatuated with the local garbage trucks. "It started really young," he recalled. "We would play like we were garbage men, hanging off the side of the truck and stepping off and back on while it was still moving a little bit. My first job out of high school was driving an ice truck, making deliveries for Mike Novotny. Mike was a really good guy to work for. We worked hard delivering ice to the boxes outside the convenience stores in town, but I really enjoyed driving that old box truck.

"I got my commercial driver's license as soon as I turned 18. The only formal training I had was a couple of days at a truck driving school in Palmer. They had me driving a seven speed International. Other than that, I pretty much just taught myself," he said. A big part of Lee's on-the-job training came while driving over Loveland Pass in north central Colorado. At almost 12,000 feet through the Rocky Mountains on the Continental Divide, the road is known for its steady 6.7% grade and numerous hairpin turns. During the winter months, snowplows have a hard time reaching all of the highway. "My truck may weigh 80,000 pounds. Going up was not too bad, but going down the other side is an experience that I will never forget. I will never drive that road again in an 18-wheeler," Lee emphasized.

Being behind the wheel was all Lee ever saw himself doing, but he did have one brief detour venturing into the golf cart business. "I spent five years with Miller Distributing when they were in Dallas. All of the work was in the local area, so there was no overnight, long haul work. My son, Landon, was born in 2008. I had gone to work for Mike's Delivery in 2007, and I have never been afraid of working long hours, so I bought a golf cart from Craigslist that wasn't running, thinking I would fix it up and sell it for a profit. I never did get it to run! I had some friends from here who were in the golf cart business in Austin. They couldn't fix that one either, but they gave me one to work on to get me started. I stayed with the golf cart business until 2011, but that business was really up and down, and with a son to raise, I needed something more stable. I still like to work on golf



more of a hobby now."

Lee knew trucking was where his heart was, and it was easy to move back into it, this time driving longer distances. Nikki Cloonen was a friend from high school whose father, Mike Cloonen, owned Cole City Cobb. Lee sent her a message asking if Mike was hiring, and she replied, "He's always hiring."

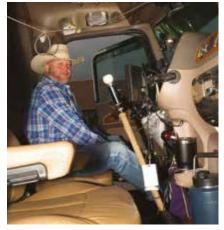
"C.C. Cobb put me in a brand-new Peterbilt with a sleeper. I thought I was king!" Lee exclaimed. "I was driving between Dallas and the Midland-Odessa area, but they also had a contract to Long Beach, California, and Williston, North Dakota. One of the biggest surprises I ever had was when I was sitting in a movie theater in Waxahachie with my wife and kids. My phone rang, and they said I would be driving to Long Beach the next day, and from there I would drive to Williston. I had no idea how to get to Long Beach."

Lee is a seasoned professional









today, driving his own 2007 Peterbilt 379 with about 1.7 million miles on it. After driving for Ellis Trucking for a few years, he joined RJ's Transportation in 2020. Reflecting back over his career, he said, "Some guys are raised

trucking, maybe their father was a trucker. I've just learned along the way, but it is something I have always enjoyed. Learning the ropes makes you appreciate where you came from. On that first trip to California, I did not know where the truck stops were along the route. I remember passing by a truck stop, just thinking there would be another one nearby. There wasn't. I had to stop driving because of our regulations, and my only choice was to stop along the shoulder of the road. Now I know every mile marker and truck stop in every state."

Lee has seen the beautiful scenery across America from the cab of his truck. "The Million Dollar Highway" between Ouray and Silverton, Colorado, is one such place, but Lee does not recommend it to others in an 18-wheeler. "It's beautiful, but the road twists and turns and hugs the side of the mountain, with deep gorges just off the edge," he recalled.

As much as he loves the open road, Lee loves coming home to his wife and family. "I could not do this without my wife, Christy, taking care of everything at home. She works full time, manages the home and gets the kids to school, doctor's appointments, activities and everything else that others might take for granted. All I have to do is drive a truck for about 11 hours a day. Someone asked if I will regret the things I have missed at home while I was driving, the answer is, I already do. Sometimes, when she asks when I'll be home, it is better not to give a firm answer than to take the chance of not making it and being a disappointment. There are just too many variables on the road."

Christy added, "If he gets to be home, we call it a bonus. We always celebrate Christmas and Thanksgiving as a family, but it may not be on the specific day. We have learned to adapt. Lee gives a lot to support us."

Lee concluded, "The trucking industry has changed over the years and continues to evolve. We were the heroes of the road when we kept things going during COVID, but you don't see kids saying, 'That's what I want to be when I grow up' anymore." But for Lee, this is exactly what he wants to be. NOW







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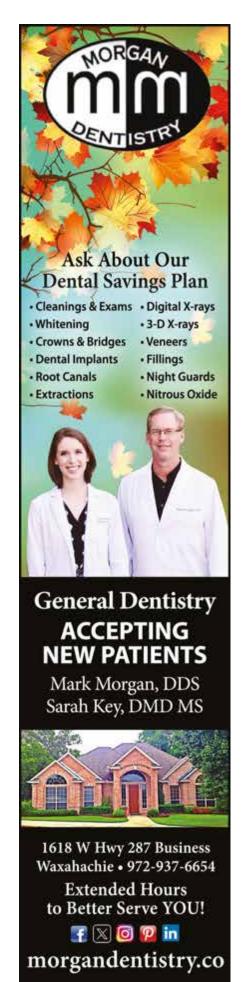


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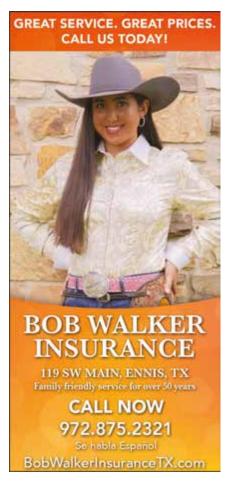
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Camila Saucedo shows off her catch from the Parks and Recreation Tank downtown.

Zoomed In: Jennifer Salzman

Jennifer Salzman's family business had completed cabinet installations at shelters across the Metroplex but wanted to help in Ellis County specifically. "Domestic abuse has impacted our family personally. We wanted to create a legacy that would outlive us in the form of a local resource center for such situations," explained Jennifer, who is the executive director of The Heights Ellis County Family Resources.

Located in Midlothian, The Heights partners with dozens of agencies providing resources ranging from counseling to job training. A shelter is being constructed at an undisclosed location. Those in need of assistance can call (469) 672-6494 or visit theheightselliscounty.org. "A single organization can't move the needle like many working together can," Jennifer shared. "Seeing this put into action is my favorite part."



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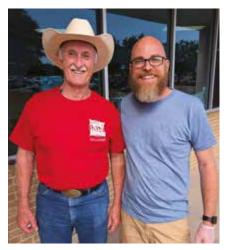
By Angel Morris



Dr. Larry Jinks leads a Bible study at The First Methodist Church.



Jessup Hadley enjoyes the bubbles at Mornings at Minnie.



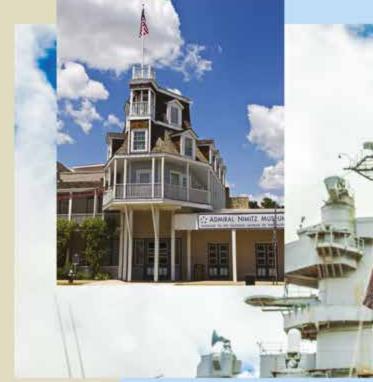
Pastor Darrell Nelson and Pastor Matt Walker volunteer at Give A Kid A Chance.





TALES OF TEXAS

THE MAN WHO ENDED WWW.



— By Emma McKay

In Fredericksburg, Texas, on February 24, 1885, the recently widowed Anna Josephine (Henke) Nimitz gave birth to her first and only child, Chester William Nimitz. He spent his childhood wandering the halls of the steamship-shaped hotel on Main Street, which his paternal grandfather, Charles Nimitz, ran.

When he was a teenager, Nimitz met two officers from the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. Inspired by their service, he eagerly applied to learn at West Point, but he was rejected. Undeterred, in 1901, at the ripe young age of 16, he tested for a position at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, to which he was later appointed. Upon receiving the news, Nimitz dropped out of Kerrville's Tivy High School to pursue his dream of serving his country.

Nimitz was a diligent student. On January 30, 1905, he graduated from the Naval Academy seventh in his class of 114. He was described as a man "of cheerful yesterdays and confident tomorrows" in the Naval Academy's yearbook. Nimitz's charisma and aptitude for learning would aid in his advancement throughout his career.

On January 31, 1907, after having served two years' mandatory duty on the *USS Ohio* and the *USS Baltimore*, Nimitz was promoted to ensign. In July 1908, while commanding the *USS Decatur*, he ran the destroyer aground. Ensign Nimitz took full responsibility for putting the Navy ship in danger. Due to his stand-up character and his shining record, his punishment was minimal.

After this hiccup in his career, he was assigned to continue his naval education, this time studying submarine vessels. In January 1909, he reported for duty to the First Submarine Flotilla, which he would be granted command of in May of that year. Thus began his decade-long career as a submariner. During this time, he sharpened his leadership skills as he assumed command of more submarines.

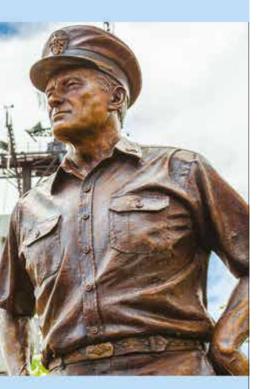
When September 1918 rolled around, Nimitz was back on land, working for the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Just a month later, he became a member of the Board of Submarine Design in addition to his duties at the Naval Operations office. After having served a year's duty as an officer aboard the *USS South Carolina*, Nimitz was sent to Pearl Harbor in 1920 to build a submarine base.

In 1922, Nimitz was sent to the Naval War College in Rhode Island to study for 11 months. Later, he would consider this period of education as highly beneficial to his fight in World War II. Over the next 20 years, Nimitz continued to build an impressive résumé through commanding vessels and even establishing the NROTC unit at the University of California-Berkeley. His accomplishments proved how respected he was as a leader by both his sailors and his superiors.

On the morning of December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Following this devastation, Nimitz, who had been working as chief of the Bureau of Navigation, was promoted to commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. With his promotion, Nimitz led his men aboard the *USS Grayling* to victory at the Battle of Midway.

In December 1944, Nimitz was promoted to Fleet Admiral of the United States Navy. This rank, recently created by Roosevelt, was the highest rank in the Navy. As Fleet Admiral, on September 2, 1945, Nimitz signed the Japanese Instrument of Surrender aboard the *USS Missouri* in Tokyo Bay following the atomic attacks on Japan, thereby concluding the Second World War.

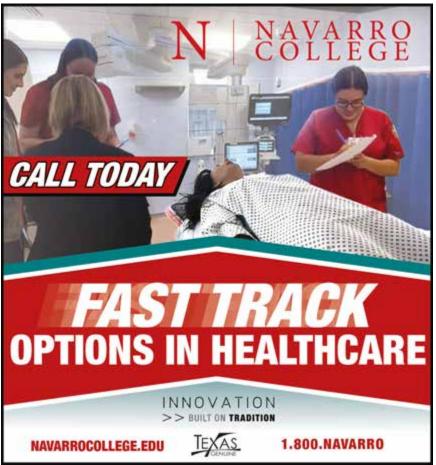
On February 20, 1966, Admiral Chester Nimitz died in his home in Yerba Buena Island, California. He was



laid to rest next to his wife. Catherine. at the Golden Gate National Cemetery. In the 1960s, his grandfather's hotel in Fredericksburg, the Nimitz Hotel, was transformed into a museum to honor the WWII admiral. As per Nimitz's request, the museum expanded to honor his brothers in arms. The National Museum of the Pacific War makes its home in the former hotel alongside the Admiral Nimitz Museum. NOW

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Fire Roasted Black Bean and Corn Salsa

Provided by Matt Mellott for the January 2013 issue of *North Ellis Co.NOW Magazine*.

- 4 large tomatoes, halved and seeded
- 3 jalapeños, seeded
- 2 serrano peppers, seeded
- I corn on the cob
- 1/2 bunch cilantro, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup canned black beans, rinsed
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp. cumin
- 1/4 tsp. coriander
- Salt, to taste
- **I.** Place the tomatoes on a hot grill; char the outsides. Cool in a bowl.
- **2.** Place whole jalapeños and serranos on the grill. Grill until skin is charred; place in the bowl with the tomatoes. Cover with plastic for 5 minutes.
- **3.** Place freshly husked corn on the grill until it is golden brown. Cool; cut corn from the cob. Reserve the corn in a separate large bowl.
- **4.** Remove plastic wrap from the peppers. Scrape charred peppers with a knife to remove the skins. Also remove the seeds. (If using your bare hands, wash right away with soap, and avoid contact with your eyes. Or wear latex gloves to remove the seeds.)

- **5.** Place the peppers and tomatoes in a blender; pulse to desired consistency (5 to 6 times is recommended).
- **6** Pour pepper/tomato mixture into the large bowl with the corn. Add cilantro, black beans, garlic, cumin, coriander and salt; stir to mix.
- **7.** Refrigerate for 4 hours; serve.

Island Turkey Burger

Provided by Matt Boggs for the April 2019 issue of *MidlothianNOW Magazine*.

2 lbs. ground turkey
1 whole egg
1/2 cup Panko breadcrumbs
1 pineapple, sliced and cored
Red onions, thinly sliced
Your favorite teriyaki sauce
(room temperature)
Whole wheat burger bun

- **I.** In a mixing bowl, combine the ground turkey, egg and Panko breadcrumbs. Form into patties, pressing firmly together. Grill until the internal temperature is 155 F.
- **2.** While the turkey is cooking, grill pineapple on both sides, just enough to warm pineapple but not to where it falls apart, about 2 minutes on each side.
- **3.** On the bottom half of the bun, place the

cooked turkey burger, pineapple slice and red onions. Drizzle with teriyaki sauce; add top bun.

Grilled Bourbon Peaches

Provided by Charles "Chuck" Burns for the April 2018 issue of *WaxahachieNOW Magazine*.

6 ripe peaches, pitted and halved

1 Tbsp. oil

1/4 cup Bulleit Bourbon

3/4 stick butter

2/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed

I tsp. vanilla extract

2/3 cup apple juice

Vanilla chocolate swirl ice cream

- **1.** Prepare grill for direct heat cooking and preheat.
- **2.** Brush the flesh side of the peaches with oil
- **3.** In a saucepan, on high heat, flambé the bourbon; add the butter, brown sugar, vanilla and apple juice.
- **4.** Simmer; let it turn to syrup.
- **5.** Remove from heat; let cool.
- **6.** Lay the peaches skin side down on the grill rack; cook for 2 minutes, or until charring starts. Turn over; cook for an additional 2 minutes.
- **7.** Remove the peaches from the grill; serve with ice cream and bourbon syrup.

Steak Balsamico

Provided by Cindy Pechal for the July 2016 issue of *EnnisNOW Magazine*.

2/3 cup balsamic vinaigrette 1/4 cup fig preserves

- 4 beef steaks, your choice of cut
- I tsp. ground sea salt
- 1 tsp. freshly ground pepper
- I 6.5-oz. container buttery garlic and herb spreadable cheese (Alouette suggested)
- **1.** Combine first two ingredients in a blender until smooth; pour into a shallow dish or large zip-top plastic freezer bag. Add steaks; marinate in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours.
- **2.** Remove steaks; discard marinade. Grill over medium-high heat for 5-7 minutes on each side, or to desired degree of doneness. Remove to serving platter. Sprinkle with salt and pepper; cover to keep warm.
- **3.** Heat cheese spread in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring often until melted, 2-4 minutes. Serve cheese sauce in hollowed-out lemon halves with steaks.

BBQ Chicken-on-the-Grill

Provided by Caleb and Oliver Jackson for the July 2011 issue of *CorsicanaNOW Magazine*.

1/2 cup ketchup

- 1 Tbsp. mustard
- 1 Tbsp. molasses
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped (optional)
- 2 cups water
- 6 chicken breasts
- **I.** Make barbecue sauce by mixing together all ingredients, except water and chicken, in a bowl.
- **2.** Using aluminum foil, form a pan to fit the grill.
- **3.** Add water to the foil pan.
- **4.** Place chicken breasts in the aluminum pan.
- **5.** Close the grill lid; cook about 20 minutes.
- **6.** Open the lid and baste the chicken with barbecue sauce every 10-15 minutes, keeping the door closed until the chicken is done.
- **7.** Total cooking time is about 50 minutes.





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I've lost 105.6 lbs. due to the support of Diet Solution Center and my family, and I lost it all in 8 months. I went to the doctor and was diagnosed with some heart issues, and I basically had to take charge of my life. Since I've lost the weight, I'm no longer on blood pressure and cholesterol medicine. I feel a whole lot better, and, hopefully I'll be able to live a little bit longer by taking care of myself. Thanks to Diet Solution because I could not have done it without them. Thanks to Kelli and Mika. They've been very supportive. I appreciate all the help I got.



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Across

- Tire measure
 Amount of game killed
- 7 Untwisted fiber bundle
- 10 100 cubic feet of a ship's capacity
- 11 Flying fee 13 "Cakes and ---" (1930 Somerset
- Maugham novel) 14 Scoffed
- 15 Satellite
- 17 Saturn's largest moon
- 18 Personal belongings
- 22 "It's pretty, but --- Art?" (Kipling)

Down

23 Showing

24 "60 Minutes"

reporter

26 Tiler's mortar

27 Boring mix-up

outside

29 Supermodel

Schiffer

34 Two female

share this

surname

35 CSI evidence

36 "The Bottle ---

Stevenson)

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37 Favorite

38 Baste

Oscar winners

32 And not

unusual talent

- 1 Bake-sale org.
- 2 Aria singer
- 3 Sluggishness
- 4 Area drained by a river
- 5 "You --- seen nothin' yet!"
- nothin' yet!" 6 Address
- 7 Cigarette gunk
- 8 Galena, for example
- 9 Tie the knot
- 12 Mondale's 1984 running mate
- 16 Where Marat was murdered
- 17 "--- better to have loved and lost ... " (Tennyson)

- 19 Teems
- 20 "With partner" on some invitations
- 21 Fix
- 25 the garden (deceived)
- 26 Huge
- 28 Dreadful
- 29 Greek X
- 30 The only mancarrying Moon lander
- 31 Smartphone download
- 33 Unrefined

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Easy

Medium

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9/13-9/14

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9/19

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National Voter Registration Day Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Ellis County Volunteer Deputy Registrars will be at each location to register any voter in Ellis County.

Complete a new application, change of address, or change of name... they will be ready for you!

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM - Ellis Co. Elections Office 204 E Jefferson St. Waxahachie, TX 75165

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM - Ellis Co. Sub-Courthouse 207 South N Sonoma Trail, Ennis, TX 75119

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Italy Community Center 108 Harpold St. Italy, TX 76651

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Waxahachie Post Office 316 N College St. Waxahachie, TX 75165

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM - Ferris Public Library 301 E 10th St. Ferris, TX 75125

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM - A.H. Meadows Library 922 S 9th St. Midlothian, TX 76065

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Navarro College (Bldg. B), 1900 John Arden Dr Waxahachie, TX 75165

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Red Oak Public Library (Community Side), 101 Live Oak St. Red Oak, TX 75154

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM - SAGU Campus (Barnes Student Center), 720 Highland Ave. Waxahachie, TX 75165

Check your voting status by calling the Elections Office 972-825-5195.

October 7th is the deadline to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in November. Get a voter registration application at a local Post Office, Tax Office, Election Office or Election Website.

General & Special Elections—Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Early Voting begins October 21st thru November 1st
Main Early Voting site: Ellis County Woman's Building (Davis Hall)
407 W Jefferson St., Waxahachie, TX. 75165 (Note: No voting at Election Office)
Election Day polls will be open from 7am – 7pm
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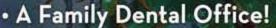
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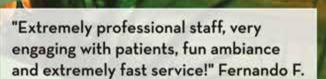
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