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EDITOR'S NOTE

Repurposing ...

Lots of things in life are made for a specific purpose. They do that job well, but the time comes when they aren't quite meeting the current need — or the need goes away. What do you do with the old object?

One way Americans deal with this situation is landfills. Just throw it away. Another way is yard sales. Make it someone else's problem. Er ... one man's trash is another man's treasure.

But another way of dealing with objects that have lost their purpose is by repurposing them. Find new ways for the same object to do new jobs, or even the same job in a new environment.

We have this ladder shelf. No one chose it. It came with the house. It's not our style. We've tried to give it purpose, but we haven't been very successful. It was

in the laundry room holding random junk.

Now it's getting a funky new paint job — deep space with nebulae and stars, what my niece calls her favorite color — *galaxy*. It's moving to the junior high room at church to hang out with some beanbag chairs and a lava lamp. Maybe it will get to hold Bibles and other things way more important than used paintbrushes and buckets of "whoknows."

Find a new purpose!

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COMING TOGETHER

— By Adam Walker

In 1992, the YMCA built a new gym in Waxahachie. A 15-year-old boy spent his whole summer there. Then his family moved to Flint, Michigan. He learned to survive the cold, dark winters, went to college, graduated with a degree in sports management and had a job offer to work with the Detroit Tigers baseball team. There was a gap between graduation and the start of the new job. He found a two-month internship at the YMCA back in Flint. Years later, when an opportunity to transfer to Waxahachie came along, “I took the job, sight unseen. I wanted to be back in Waxahachie. When I walked into the gym, it was like a time capsule. Nothing had changed.” And 13 years later, Jon McLaughlin is still here.

What seemed like a plus then turned into the need to grow and expand as the city increased in population, daily. But the YMCA property was in the currently defined floodplain. So no additions to the existing buildings, and no new buildings, were possible until expensive flood mitigation projects were completed. “We’ve finished that now, and we’ve broken ground on a new community park that we’re building behind the current YMCA,” Jon informed.

“This is going to be a public park with two full-size covered ball courts and four outdoor pickleball courts, with room for four more. We’ll have a walking trail that connects up with the trails around the Avenue Church. There will be a fully inclusive playground, with surfaces that accommodate wheelchairs. Also, we’ll have practice fields for youth sports. It will be a melting pot of community connection,” Jon revealed. There will be picnic tables, a welcome area and more. “It’s going to be open and inviting — a place for moms to read while their kids play. A place for everyone to touch grass.” The buildings should start going up in late fall.



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But this incredible park is only the first stage of the revitalization and renewal going on at the Y. The building is getting a total makeover as well. “We’ll be starting on the building in quarter one of 2026. We hope to finish in eight months with as little disruption of service as possible. We’re adding 16,000 new square feet to the building and 21,000, in total, will be new or remodeled. The gym and locker rooms will remain intact, but everything else is going to be gutted and redone. There will be expanded child-watch facilities, almost quadrupled to more than 2,200 square feet, so we can serve more young families. Child watch is free while you’re working out,” Jon added.

The Y currently offers 56 group classes a week. The new facilities will give them room to increase that to 70 to 80 classes per week, allowing popular activities to be offered on more days at more times. “We’ll also have three large classrooms that will offer flex use for community events and business meetings. The free weight and cardio area will be free flowing.”

Jon has made the YMCA his life’s work. “It’s hard to express what the Y means to me. Three years ago, on a summer day, I was feeling bogged down. I was walking to the back of the building. There were 30 or 40 seniors exercising in one of the rooms. We had 85 or 90 kids here for a day camp. There was open play going on the basketball courts, where teens and young adults were playing. Child watch was full. On the racquetball court, a dad was playing catch with





his daughter. Two seniors were sitting having coffee and chatting. At the pool, the swim lessons were just ending, and the adaptive class was about to start. At that one moment in the Y, we were engaging every demographic of our community. I could see how much activity and impact was happening. The YMCA is like a church with no dogma. It's a place for everyone to come together and interact. This is the only way society gets back to normal, if we meet and interact with others who are different from us, without having to fit them in a box. The Y is a place where new friendships can grow. That's why we're building more infrastructure to engage the community."

Jon was born for this job. "I'm a big sports guy. I play golf, pickleball and co-ed softball with my wife," he said. "Sports are a big part of my story. I enjoy meeting folks and social engagement. Youth sports are inspiring. Here at the Y, we offer youth flag football, soccer, baseball, T-ball, volleyball and basketball. We have adult pickleball and volleyball. We host sports clinics, do after-school care at all WISD campuses and have day camps.

"We also offer the Miracle League with games at Optimist Park. It's baseball in its purest form, played just for love of the game, for recreation and competition. The season starts October 11. All the players are special needs. They have their own field, and every player is paired with a buddy, so there's plenty of opportunity for volunteers. We want the moms and dads to be able to just sit and cheer their kids," Jon said. "It's the most fulfilling thing I get to be a part of." **NOW**

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COMPANION ^{vs.} WORKING DOG TRAINING

— By Virginia Riddle



The beauty and grace with which a herding dog moves, the necessary use of bomb-sniffing dogs to keep humans safe or a dog laying nestled lovingly in its owner's arms — these are roles humans can expect of their canine working partner and/or best fur friend. With proper training from their owner/handler, dogs can become that best friend, and can even perform many helpful tasks for sport or in service to mankind.

When purchasing or adopting a dog, it's best for the new owner to know exactly what expectations he or she has for their new canine. Such decisions begin with breed choice, followed by choices in training/preparation. General breed classification characteristics are:

1. *Herding dogs:* Highly intelligent, energetic and bred to control livestock. Breeds include Shepherds, Sheepdogs and Collies.
2. *Hunting, competitive eventing and sporting dogs:* Bred for speed, stamina, super scent and vision. Breeds include Hounds, Retrievers, Setters and Spaniels.
3. *Terriers:* Bred to dig up and chase pests burrowed in the soil. Breeds include all types of Terriers and Schnauzers.

4. *Protection dogs:* Bred to work with police, military or home and personal protection. Breeds include Boxers, Rottweilers, Pit Bulls and German Shepherds.

5. *Handicap-friendly dogs:* This breed category depends mostly on how the dog is going to aid the person. And any dog breed can help in this category if they have had the proper training. All of the above traits are considered when selecting a handicap-friendly dog.

6. *Toy Breeds:* Bred to be companion or emotional support dogs. Breeds include the Pekingese, Chihuahua and Pomeranian.

7. *Mixed breeds:* Often found in animal shelters, these dogs will commonly exhibit some of the traits of their ancestors and less of their ancestors' common health problems. A dog-of-several-breeds can be very trainable, even-tempered and loyal.

All dogs need basic command training, crate training and socialization with humans when at home or in public. Puppies, starting at about 10 weeks old with house training, are easiest to train, but don't discount the older or senior dogs who can learn "new tricks" with a little more repetition and positive reinforcements, such as treats. Most dogs are eager to please their owner/handler and yearn for a purpose.

Working dogs need to be daily trained and worked physically and mentally at their chosen tasks or they can become bored and destructive. The training enhances their drive and breeding. Focusing on their owner/handler while training and doing the job is critical. Confidence and building trust are other key training elements. Working dogs will

always be on the job. Typically, they don't have an off-duty switch. However, working dogs can be wonderful companion dogs when at home. They are usually very bonded to their human partner and are sensitive to voice commands and inflections.

With a companion dog, training must involve building socialization skills since the dog will likely be taken to strange places and be expected to behave with new situations, new people and meet other dogs appropriately. Barking inappropriately and for prolonged periods, pulling on a leash or showing aggression when none is needed, for instance, are behaviors which must be addressed. A family pet must behave well with children, which may require repetitive training of how children should act around the dog, as well. Preschool children, with their quick movements, can seem large and threatening to small dogs and shouldn't be left unsupervised with a dog. Treats, positive reinforcement and petting, daily attention and exercise are all necessary elements. The goal is to have a calm, loving, companion with whom many joyful moments can be shared. Companion dogs are usually very intuitive to their human's body language, facial expressions, feelings and voice inflections.

With all dogs, the owner/handler must take training slowly, be patient and stay calm. A hand held up, a foot stomp and/or a firmly voiced command will help maintain or regain the dog's focus. A slightly hungry dog will appreciate food rewards, and if things aren't going well, giving the dog a break and then returning to training may work well. Always use the same command words and signals, such as a clicker. Don't confuse the dog with changes. Stay consistent and in control. With training, love, trust building, patience and bonding, a dog can become a working partner, fellow athlete and treasured family member. **NOW**

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Zoomed In: Galilea Galvan

By Adam Walker

Galilea Galvan won second place in the mini art show at the monthly Ellis County Art Association meeting. “I just joined, like, three months ago. This is the second time I entered a piece.”

Jesus wearing the crown of thorns is a piece she did while a student at Texas A&M University-Commerce. “Art was my major in college. I’ve been doing it seriously since high school. I started doing religious icons as gifts to thank people who supported me when I broke my leg. I’m Catholic, and my faith is very important to me. For this, I used candle wax. I dripped it on the wood and tilted it to make it run. Then I used oil paint to bring out the details.”



Hannah Williams takes Reagan for a walk in the park.



Ally and Jyirah Esparza shop for Jyirah’s classroom as a first-year art teacher.



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Emily Russell takes care of her patients at Diet Solution Centers, here in Waxahachie. “We’re a weight-loss clinic, and I’m here to help you reach your fitness and nutritional goals. We help you do that through patient accountability,



food plans and prescriptions. We help you track what you’re doing throughout the week, and then make you comfortable each time you come in,” she explained.

All of their patients are over 18, and many are middle aged or seniors — when even the most active people start adding a few pounds. “I see about equal numbers of men and women, and most of them lose about 10 to 15 pounds a month. A lot of them want to be more active with their grandkids. They want to get extra weight off their knees and ankles. They want to enjoy an active life with their family. Many of my patients lose so much weight that they can come off their blood pressure medicines,” she informed.

“We have a doctor who looks at our patients’ medical histories before prescribing medicines. We want to be sure that you’re healthy enough, and that you really need them, before any medication is prescribed. More and more, we’re prescribing Liraglutide, because it seems to work better than some of the older medications in this category. We also have a skinny shot plan and an amino acid shot plan.”

Emily grew up in a home where healthy living was important, so it was natural for her to want to help others obtain a healthy lifestyle. "I grew up in California, working out with my dad who was a strongman competitor." She studied to be a medical assistant at Chester College. "I'm committed to helping people become a better version of their self. I want my patients to be more confident and happier with their lives. Working here, I try to build friendships with all my patients. I want them to feel comfortable here, not to dread coming for their check-ins. A patient who needs to lose 50 to 100 pounds is likely to be coming for close to a year. After they achieve their goal weight, I put them on a maintenance plan. We bring back the foods they have normally eaten gradually. You don't want to get completely off track and indulge in everything. I do follow up calls to check with you, to ask you how it's going. We don't use crazy diets. We try to match the needs of your daily routine."

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Chris Carter, with Good Directions BBQ, is a native of Athens, Texas. “I grew up there in the home of the hamburger, the Black-Eyed Pea Jamboree and the Fightin’ Athens Hornets. It’s a small country town with country cooking. That’s the type of food I like. Plus there’s hickory wood readily available. I got started smoking meat on a pit that was two bathtubs welded together and hinged. The drain was the smoke stack. It worked great, and I still have it. East Texas ingenuity! I enjoy cooking, because I like to eat. I like the instant gratification of it. Both parents were excellent cooks and didn’t really use recipes. You had to watch them close to see how they did it. I like to cook by feel.” **NOW**

the water level occasionally. At the 2 1/2-hour mark, check for tenderness, and adjust the seasoning, if necessary.

Brisket Recipe

1 12-lb. brisket
2 cups course black pepper
1 cup kosher salt
3/4 cup granulated garlic
Hickory wood (enough for 12 hours)

1. Start by trimming the fat on the underside. There’s a big pocket of hard fat on the side called the decker. Dig in and remove it. Try to get all of the white stuff off. Flip it over; trim the top side fat to within 1/2 to 3/4 inch. Remove the “mohawk” by getting the knife flush with the main body, and trimming it off. Trim the brisket until the thinnest part is 1 1/2 inches thick.
2. Mix the spices thoroughly; sprinkle them liberally on all surfaces of the brisket. Let the meat sit 1 hour before putting it on the smoker.
3. Bring the smoker to 275-300 F. After a good bed of coals is established and white smoke is no longer billowing out, place the meat in the pit. Be sure the fire has plenty of fresh air coming in. Keep feeding the fire occasionally to maintain the temperature.
4. Cook for about 7-8 hours to develop a smoke ring and dark outside color. Wrap the brisket completely with foil. Continue cooking until the internal temperature reaches 203-205 F with a probe in the thickest part.
5. Remove the brisket; let rest at least 1 hour before slicing. Slice against the grain. Collect the juices from the brisket, and pour them back over it.

Rachel’s Banana Pudding

3 1/2 cups milk
1 1/4 cups sugar
3 egg yolks
4 Tbsp. flour
1 box vanilla wafers
5-6 bananas

1. Put the first 4 ingredients in a medium pot. Place on the stove, on low to medium heat, constantly stirring until the custard is formed (when it sticks to the edge of pot rather than rolling off).
2. In a pan, add a layer of vanilla wafers. Layer bananas on top of the wafers; then layer with the custard. Start over with wafers, bananas, custard. Finish with a third layer of wafers on top.
3. Chill in the refrigerator for 4 hours to set.

Collard Greens

3 bunches fresh collard greens
3-4 smoked turkey necks
Onions, to taste
Garlic, to taste
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
Chicken base, to taste
Red pepper flakes, to taste

1. Thoroughly wash the greens with water to remove dirt. After cleaning, remove the thick stem and discard. Roll the leaves and cut them into 1-inch-wide ribbons. Put the greens in a pot; cover with water. Add the turkey necks and seasonings. Bring the pot to a boil then reduce to medium heat and cover.
2. Cook for a minimum of 2 hours. Check



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Will Rogers once said of Durango, Colorado, "It's out of the way and glad of it." The town, established in 1880 as a railroad town, celebrates its heritage as the home of the popular Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. Its 1920s steam locomotive travels through the Animas River Valley, up steep grades through the San Juan Mountains and canyons, offering travelers spectacular views. Several stops along the way let hikers start their climbs or descents and other travelers to stretch their legs before boarding again for lunch in Silverton.

Festivals celebrate Durango's Wild West and multicultural heritage. The Durango Wine Experience is held each spring with Durango Fiesta Days and Rodeo each summer, followed by the Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering in October.

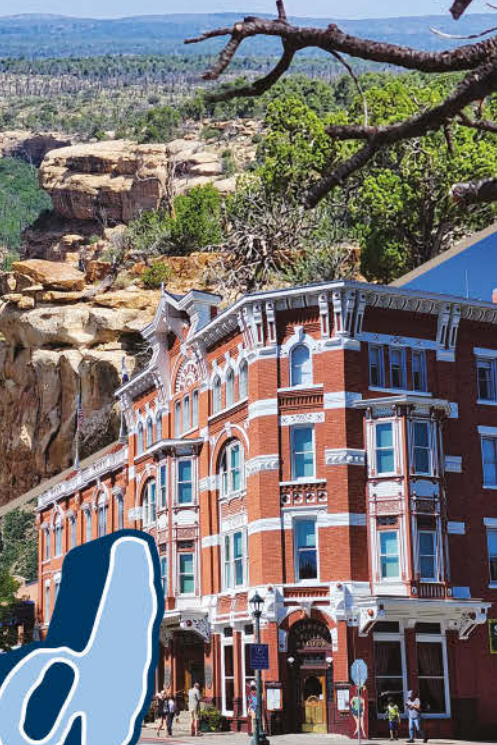
September brings the change of color to the aspen and other trees in the San Juan Mountains. A popular month due to cooler weather and vast colors, hikers enjoy the many mountain trails. Visitors can walk along the banks of Durango's Animas River or its tree-lined streets framed with Victorian architecture straight out of Durango's gold rush days. Jeeping, camping, biking, ziplining, ropes courses, bungee jumping, rock climbing, fly fishing and water sports

are offered to adventurers of all ages. Spring and summer rafting trips sport Class III-V rapids on the Animas River. For nature lovers, there are over 200 bird species, black bears and 640 plant species. Durango offers restored-to-their-former-glory Victorian hotels and saloons, world-class dining and glamping. Purgatory, about 25 miles north of Durango, is the area's winter ski area.

Drive the Million Dollar Highway loop from Durango to Mesa Verde National Park, Dolores, Telluride and Silverton, Colorado. The drive goes through these 19th century mining towns and over the San Juan Mountains through its forests, canyons and streams. It was so named either for the gold in the gravel used to build the highway or the amount of money spent doing so.

For more than 700 years, beginning around 550 AD, the high mesa overlooking the Montezuma Valley was home to Puebloan people who built the well-preserved cliff dwellings that visitors to Mesa Verde National Park enjoy today. Named by Spanish explorers in the 1700s, the name means "green table." Begin the self-guided driving tour at the Mesa Verde Visitor and Research Center and the Chapin Mesa Archeological Museum. Ranger-guided tours are also available. Appropriately named, Far View Lodge offers sunset views, and its restaurant offers Native American and area favorites, such as prickly pear pork belly. Enjoy beautiful views of heaven's dark skies while camping. One campground is available near the Visitor's Center. While visiting, be respectful to the customs of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on which much of the parkland lies.

Among the dwellings are the Cliff Palace with its 150 rooms, making it the largest cliff dwelling discovered in North America. Carving of the dwelling began around 1200, and



— By Virginia Riddle

it was vacated about 75 years later. The 23 kivas in the Cliff Palace are indicative of different clans. The Spruce Tree House is a three-story structure, and for the more adventurous, the Balcony House trail leads to a three-ladder climb. It is exited by crawling through a tunnel. The Square Tower House is a vertical stack of houses used also for ceremonies. The Wetherill Mesa Long House is named for the rancher who found the Cliff Palace in the 1880s.

History buffs, foodies and nature lovers alike can discover enjoyable adventures in Durango and at Mesa Verde National Park. To enjoy all this area has to offer, travelers should add a Southwest Colorado getaway to their bucket list. **NOW**

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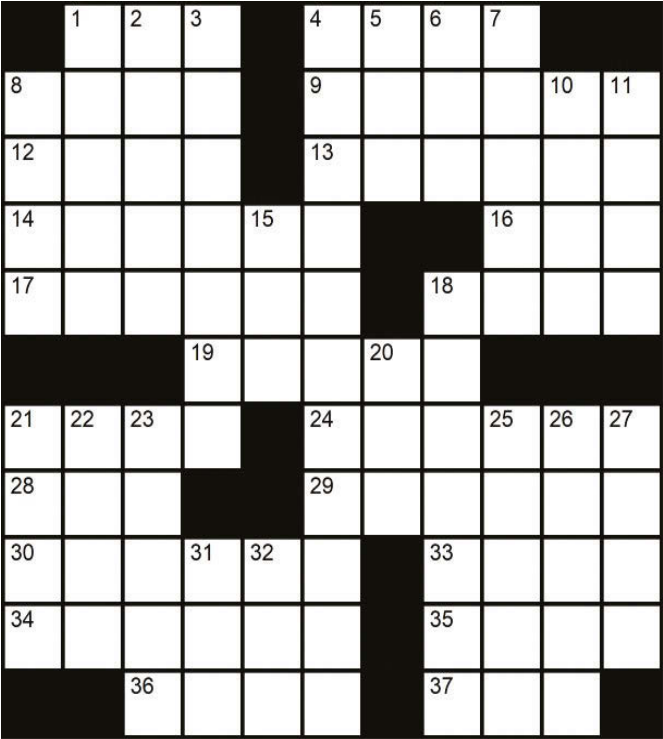


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- 14 Bucks back
- 16 Teetotal
- 17 Adventurous expedition
- 18 In Norway, it used to be Christiania
- 19 Pressure-washer maker
- 21 Ornery guy
- 24 NYC
- 28 Exclamation of disgust
- 29 End of existence
- 30 It's in the blood
- 33 Omar --- of "House"
- 34 Sweet
- 35 Imitates
- 36 Corny or pony, maybe
- 37 Old horror actor --- Chaney

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- 1 "--- man a fish and you feed him for a day ..."
- 2 Kind of switch
- 3 Certain flowers
- 4 When single lives come to an end
- 5 Tint
- 6 90° bend
- 7 Bent sword leads to argument
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Now that summer fun has wound down, and youngsters have skipped off to school, why not add a do-it-yourself craft to family entertainment this month? Adding a little color can brighten anyone's day, and one DIY idea families can try at home is a tin can unicorn. Children can bring this unicorn to life with just a few supplies and a little rainbow magic.

Supplies

For this craft, you will need the following:

- A tin can (a vegetable can or small coffee can will do).
- Several colors of yarn skeins for the unicorn's mane (preferably the colors of the rainbow).
- A paint brush or paint sponge and your favorite color acrylic craft paint.

- Felt for the muzzle, ears and eyelashes (preferably white, black, pink or the color of your paint selection).
- A piece of yellow construction paper for the unicorn's horn.
- Scissors.
- Glue.
- A pencil.
- A ruler.

DIY CONSTRUCTION

Remove any paper or glue from the tin can, then wash and dry it thoroughly. Use the paint brush or paint sponge to cover the entire can's exterior with paint. While it dries, cut the yarn into pieces. Beginning with purple, cut 2 1/2 feet of yarn. Cut the blue yarn at 3 1/2 feet, the green at 4 1/2 feet, yellow at 5 1/2 feet, and so on.

You or your child can wrap the yarn around four fingers on one hand, starting with the purple yarn. Continue wrapping

each color of yarn in order of the colors of the rainbow, spreading the fingers to make the loop larger for each consecutive color. End with red, which will have the longest loop. Cut a smaller piece of yarn for each color to tie the corresponding-colored loops near the top, leaving the longer loop at the bottom.

Cut a half circle from the white felt sheet, large enough to make the unicorn's muzzle. Glue it to the bottom of one side of the can, flat side down. At the top of the can to the left of the muzzle, glue the tied section of the red yarn. Glue the orange yarn to the right of the red, and so on. Allow time to dry.

Cut an elongated triangle from the yellow construction paper for a unicorn horn, about 4 inches tall. Glue it to the top interior side of the can in the middle of the mane. Cut two elongated triangles, about 2 inches tall, from the paint-colored felt for the ears. Cut two smaller elongated triangles from the light pink felt. Glue the smaller, light pink triangles onto the fronts of the other felt triangles. Once dry, glue the ears to the can's interior on either side of the unicorn horn. For each color of the unicorn's mane, cut the bottom loop. Trim as necessary in a diagonal line, leaving the red yarn as the longest side.

Using the remaining yellow construction paper, draw patterns for the eyelashes, interior oval muzzle and nostrils. Trace the eyelash and nostril pattern onto the black felt. The pencil line will be faint, but it will provide an outline for you or your child to cut. Correctly space the eyelashes and then glue them to the can.

Trace and cut the small oval for the interior muzzle from the light pink felt. Glue on top of the white muzzle, and then glue the black nostrils on top of the pink muzzle. Allow time to dry. Use the unicorn to plant seeds or colorful flowers, as a pencil or crayon holder or as a fun decorative piece. **NOW**

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IT'S GAME TIME!

Some events may have been cancelled or rescheduled while we were at press. Check with individual organizations or your city or Chamber websites to verify dates and times.

SEPTEMBER

9/6

Hispanic Heritage Festival:

Family-friendly celebration, sponsored by ECHO. Food vendors, music and dancing.

Bring lawn chairs. Free.

3:00-11:00 p.m., Railyard Park, 455 S. College St.

9/13

St. Jude Car Show:

Benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. \$20 cash per entry. Spectators: Free.

8:30 a.m., Getzendaner Park, 400 S. Grand Ave.

<https://midlothianclassicwheels.org/yflyer>.

BRA Celebration Luncheon and Fundraiser:

BRA (Believing Restoration is Attainable) celebrates 10-years of walking alongside women who are separated, divorced, widowed or navigating single motherhood. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Oaks Church, 777 S. I-35 E., Red Oak.

Kidstravaganza:

Bounce houses, splash pad, food trucks, 92.1 Hank FM Party Patrol, more! Free.

2:00-5:00 p.m., Railyard Park, 455 S. College St.

9/17

County Convene 2025:

Join cross-sector leaders across Ellis County for a time of equipping and encouragement. 9:00 a.m.-noon, Waxahachie

Bible Church, 621 N. Grand Ave. Free registration: <https://www.uniteellis.org/event-details/county-convene-2025>.

9/20

C10s in the Park:

1,200 GM Classic trucks gather for "The Largest C10 Gathering in the South." Registration is sold out, but spectators are free to attend. Getzendaner Park, 400 S. Grand Ave.

9/21

Farm Heritage Day:

Outdoor games, hayrides, farm vendors, farm animals, etc. Free admission, activities and snacks (while they last). 2:00-5:00 p.m., Ellis County Rural

Heritage Farm, 130 Cunningham Meadows Rd.

9/26-9/28

Hollydays Market:

100-plus vendors and crafters.

First Call Shopping (\$10 admission): **Friday:** 9:00 a.m.-noon; General Admission (\$6): **Friday:** Noon-5:00 p.m.; **Saturday:** 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; **Sunday:** 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Ln.

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