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Bears slay Zebras, face Mount Vernon

7 p.m. Friday in Sulphur Springs

By Beth McKamey

In their most dominating performance all season the Gladewater Bears outplayed, out hustled, outsmarted and out coached the Zebras of Grandview en route to a 49-21 area win Friday night at Southwest Ford Field Royse City ISD Stadium.

From the moment they stepped on the field until the last seconds clicked off the game clock the Bears controlled every aspect of the contest. Unfazed by the Zebras hurry up offense the Gladewater defense thwarted Grandview at every turn. While the Bear defense was holding the Zebras to four straight three and outs to start the game the Gladewater offensive line was winning the battle in the trenches. Opening holes for the Bear running backs and giving the Gladewater quarterbacks plenty of time to find open receivers. Gladewater picked apart the Grandview defense to take a 35-7 lead into the locker room at the half.

The Bear defense set the tone for the night holding the Zebras to a three and out on their opening possession. Punting from their own 12 yard line Grandview could only manage a 29 yard kick setting Gladewater up in Zebra territory at the 41 yard line. Four plays later running back Za Campbell (16/74/2 TDs) hit the corner for 18 yards and the score. Kicker Jonathan Arreguin hit the extra point and the Bears led 7-0 with 9:05 left in the first quarter.

The Zebras' second possession was almost a carbon copy of their first. The stingy Bear defense controlled the line of scrimmage forcing another three and out and a 36 yard Grandview punt. Starting from their own 41 yard line the Bear offense needed only two plays to increase their lead. Senior quarterback DJ Allen (12/106/2 TDs) got the honors on a 45 yard run to the end zone. The PAT was no good but the Bears led 13-0 with 6:33 left in the first quarter.

A Bear penalty on the Zebras' next drive set Grandview up to go for their first down of the game but on third and three the Gladewater defense swarmed Zebra QB Ryder Hayes (5/-1) dropping him for a 3-yard loss and forcing the third Grandview punt of the night. Punter Kason English (4/34.2 avg) got off a 35 yard punt to give the Bears the ball at their own 29 yard line. It would be Gladewater's only nonscoring drive of the first half but the nine play, 35 yard drive ate up clock and kept the ball out of the hands of the dangerous Zebra offense. Turning the ball back over on downs to Grandview proved no different than the Zebras' first three drives. Once again the Bear defense forced a three and out after Gladewater's Calan Castles batted down a third down pass attempt.

Setting up at their own 25 yard line the Bears needed only five plays to go the 75 yards to pay dirt. On third and 10 from their 25, wide receiver Kollin Lewis (6/35/TD rush, 2/2/98 pass, and 3/34/TD rec) took the handoff on the end around drawing all the defense to him and leaving a wide open Allen (3/128/TD) for the perfect pass back across the field. Allen raced 74 yards down the sidelines finally being forced out of bounds at the Zebra one yard line. Allen would take it in from there on a QB sneak. The Bears faked the point after kick and holder Calan Castles pounded his way in for the 2 point conversion and a 21-0 Bear lead with 9:14 left in the first quarter.

Grandview would get on the scoreboard on their next possession going 45 yards in four plays. English would take the snap and go two yards for the touchdown. The extra point by Job Sanchez was good making the score 21-7 with 7:28 left in the second quarter. Gladewater used up 6:17 seconds on their next drive going 70 yards in 12 plays all on the ground. Allen, Lewis, Campbell and fullback G'Braylon Polly (14/64) combined to steadily march down the field, wearing out the Zebra defensive line as they went. With third and two at the 15 yard line Campbell got the call and scampered 15 yards for his second touchdown of the night. Arreguin's kick was good and the Bears led 28-7 with 1:11 left in the half.

Gladewater would add one more score in the first half after defensive back Tyrone Maddox intercepted a Zebra pass on Grandview's next play from scrimmage. Maddox returned the pick 13 yards giving Gladewater the ball at the Zebra 46 yard line. Lewis would take the first down snap and throw a floater to Allen for a 24 yard gain. Sophomore QB Kyron Wilson (2/2/52/2 TDs) under center would hit Lewis on the 22 yard touchdown strike in the end zone. Arreguin split the uprights and the Bears hit the locker room with a 35-7 lead over the ninth ranked Zebras.

Grandview would try an onside kick to open up the second half but the Bears' Zach Polanco would snatch the ball out of the air and race 17 yards to set Gladewater up at the Zebra 34 yard line. Four plays later Wilson would hit Allen for 30 yards and the touchdown with 9:58 left in the third quarter. Arreguin's kick was good and the Bears increased their lead to 42-7.

The Zebras went to their "hurry up" offense on their next possession using only 1:32 seconds to go 55 yards in five plays. Hayes would connect with four different receivers on the drive culminating in a 7-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Nathaniel Vargas (3/24/TD). The extra point was good and Grandview held out hope for a second half comeback. The Zebras were once again unsuccessful on the onside kick try with Bear Austin Verner falling on the ball. Gladewater would squash any Zebra hope of a comeback on their next drive. The Bears would use up 5:22 seconds going 50 yards in 10 plays for their final points of the game. Lewis would take it in from four yards out and after Arreguin's kick was perfect Gladewater took a 49-14 lead with 3:04 left in the third quarter.

Grandview, using what they do best with the no huddle offense, tried to get another drive going. After a Bear 15 yard penalty gave the Zebras



ABOVE - The Gladewater Bears hoist the Area Round Championship trophy Friday night after beating the Grandview Zebras, which sets up a rematch with the Mount Vernon Tigers this Friday in Sulphur Springs at 7 p.m. BELOW - Bear QB DJ Allen slices his way through the Zebra line en route to a 106-yard night and two TDs. Photos by Chris Jones



Take extra care when traveling this holiday

There is a lot to be thankful for this year, and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) wants to ensure people are able to get to and from their holiday celebrations safely. Texas Highway Patrol Troopers will increase enforcement on the roads from Wednesday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 28. DPS Troopers will be looking for people not wearing seat belts, driving while intoxicated, speeding and failing to follow the Move Over, Slow Down law, among other traffic violations.

DPS participates annually in the nationwide Operation CARE (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort) initiative for the Thanksgiving holiday. During the 2020 enforcement effort, a total of 36,902 warnings and citations were issued, including 5,287 for speeding; 752 for driving without insurance; 513 for seat belt and child seat violations; and 245 violations for Move Over, Slow Down. Last year's enforcement efforts also resulted in 395 felony arrests, 205 DWI arrests and 120 fugitive arrests.

DPS offers the following safety tips for the Thanksgiving holiday:

- * Don't drink and drive. Make alternate plans if you are consuming alcohol.
- * Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it's the law.
- * Slow down, especially in bad weather, heavy traffic, unfamiliar areas or construction zones.
- * Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits the use of portable wireless devices to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped.
- * If you're using a navigation device or app, have a passenger operate it, so you can keep your eyes on the road.
- * Drive defensively, as holiday travel can present additional challenges.
- * Don't drive fatigued — allow plenty of time to reach your destination.



Matt and Karla Byrd of the Byrd's Nest were honored by the City of Gladewater's Beautification Board with code enforcement officer Al Harrison, city clerk Judy VanHouten, board president Jon Keller, vice president Todd Clifton and member Tracy McKnight on hand for the presentation.

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Photo By Suzanne Bardwell

OPINION/EDITORIAL

...table of my heart

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

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

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

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

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

I have a great deal to be proud of in my son and daughter-in-heart. By

Suzanne Bardwell



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

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

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Angel Tree adoptions open

The Gladewater Angel Tree program donation is now open until Dec. 3. Please contact Darla Ferguson or Katie Ellis if you are interested in sponsoring a child or family this season. Donations may be dropped off at Citizens Bank, CNB, Texas Bank and Trust or Austin Bank. Or volunteers will shop for donors if you prefer to make a financial donation by PayPal or dropped off at Citizens Bank at 678 N. Main St. Make checks payable to "Darla's Angels". For information call 903-841-3516.

MH Christmas drive needs

With the holidays approaching Manna House community food ministry is in need of food donations especially canned cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, pumpkin, instant potatoes and 2-lb. Bags of sugar as well as financial donations. Non-perishable food items may be dropped off Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Manna House in the southwest corner of City Hall from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. or at the Gladewater Mirror weekdays during business hours. Financial donations may be mailed to: Manna House, P.O. Box 808, Gladewater, 75647.

Manna House Toy Drive

The Gladewater Mirror is holding a toy drive for toys from birth to 12 years old for the Manna House Santa's Toy Shop. When family food boxes are distributed on Dec. 8-9, parents may also select toys for each of their children. Please drop off toys weekdays during business hours at the Gladewater Mirror, 211 N. Main Street, Gladewater. (The office is next to the Chamber of Commerce and directly across from the old Classic Stitch building.)

KC Fire Academy includes 3 Glade grads

Kilgore College Fire Academy graduates from Gladewater include Caleb Harroff, Grayson Barnett and Joshua Kessler. The graduation ceremony was held Monday with the 28 academy graduates participating in a Graduate Showcase which featured live fire demonstrations at the KCFA Training Facility in Overton. The KC Fire Academy is recognized by the State of Texas as an Exemplary Program and is accredited by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association.

Toys for Tots

The annual Marine Toys for Tots toy drive is now accepting donations at McKaig Chevrolet, Edward Jones and Long Insurance until Dec. 15 during business hours. Thank you for your support of new TOYS for under privilege children.

Gladewater Community Calendar

- Through 12/3 Angel Tree Adoptions—local banks
- Through 12/3 Manna House Toy Drive—drop-off Gladewater Mirror
- Through 12/15 Marine Toys for Tots—drop-off Dallas Long office 1420 N. Main, Ste.101
- 11/24—Parade Entry deadline
- 11/25—Thanksgiving
- 11/27—Small Business Saturday
- 12/8-12/9—Manna House Family Food Box distribution Santa's Toy Shop for qualifying families
- 12/14—Christmas Parade

OBITUARY

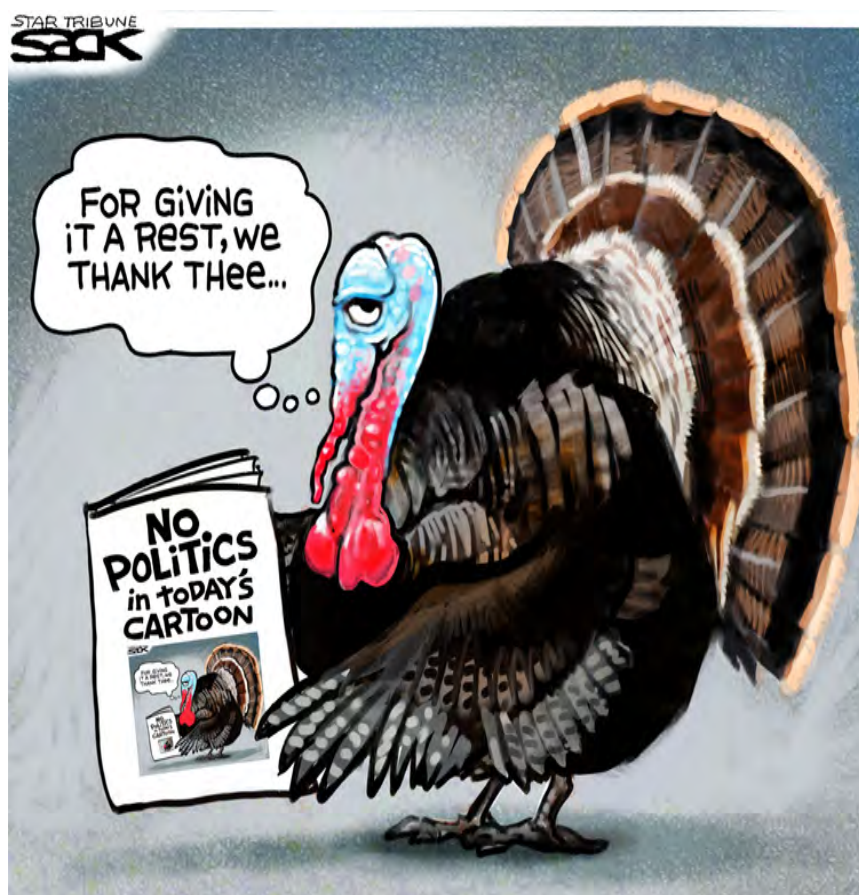
BILLY RAY SANFORD

Billy Ray Sanford was born in Winona Texas on January 11, 1937 to Virgil and Pearl Jackson Sanford.



He left this earth on November 6, 2021. He was part of a large loving family with his brothers Allen and Ralph and his special sisters Virginia Kidd and Marie Shirato. Billy Ray attended Gladewater school district and was well known for his skills on the football field. Sporting the number 55 as the captain of the

team. Billy Ray is survived by his wife Mary Barber, daughter Tina Caton Sanford and husband Abram Caton, granddaughter Emily Caton and wife Megan Seal, granddaughter Kelly Caton Origel and husband Edwin Origel. He is preceded in death by his son Michael Ray Sanford, parents and siblings. "Christ is my hope" A visitation was held on Sunday, November 7, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Mass of Christian Burial took place Monday, November 8, 2021 at 2:00 pm at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Union Grove.



Bears slay Zebras, face Mount Vernon

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the ball at their own 49 yard line Hayes hit English for 13 yards and Casey Cannon for 18. On 1st and 10 from the 14 yard line Hayes tried to hit his receiver in the end zone but once again Gladewater's Maddox ended the threat with his second interception of the night. The Bears would start their drive at the 2-yard line but the Grandview defense would stiffen and force the only Bear punt of the night. Allen would hit a 32 yarder for Gladewater but it would give the Zebras their best field position of the game at the Bear 34 yard line.

The Bear defense would not be giving up any points on this drive. After runs of two and four yards by Hayes the Bear defensive lineman Zavion Woods would sack the Zebra quarterback for an eight yard loss giving Grandview a fourth and 12 from the Bear 36 yard line. Hayes' pass on fourth down would fall incomplete as the Gladewater defensive backs had every Zebra receiver covered.

The Bears marched down the field on their next drive eating up yards and running clock in the 11 play drive. On fourth and four from the 8-yard line QB Allen would plow his way to the three yard line but Grandview would strip the ball and give their offense a chance to add to their point total. Starting from their own three yard line Grandview punched their way to the 21 and on fourth and four QB Hayes hit the speedster English for a 79 yard touchdown and Grandview's last points of the contest. The kick was good by Sanchez making the score 49-21 Bears with 2:01 left in the game. With no timeouts left in Zebra pockets the Bears had only to take

a knee three times to end the game and claim the victory and the Area round trophy.

The win sets up a rematch with the Tigers of Mt Vernon (12-0) who ended the Bear playoffs in the first round last season with a 51-43 victory. With a new head coach Mt Vernon hasn't missed a beat outscoring opponents 615-190 this season. Averaging 51 points a game and giving up only 15 the Tigers demolished all their opponents. Winners of District 5 3A D1 Mt Vernon beat Jefferson in the first round 57-28 and took down Whitney in the area round 57-30. QB Braden Bennett (147/233/2770/34 TDs/5 Int) leads the Tiger offense with his favorite targets being wide receivers Cayden Coffman (56/1234/20 TDs) and Jaden Horton (33/639/7 TDs). Makenzie MaGill (208/1728/30 TDs) leads the running back corps for the Tigers. Bennett passed for 282 yards and four touchdowns against Whitney.

Mt Vernon put up 531 total yards but gave up 473 yards mostly through the air to Whitney. The number three state ranked Tigers have a balanced attack on offense passing for 2,860 yards and 34 touchdowns this season and rushing for 2,895 yards and 40 touchdowns. Leading the Tiger defense are senior defensive end Austin Reed (52 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, three sacks and nine hurries), senior linebacker Keaton Decker (53 tackles, eight tackles for loss) and sophomore defensive end Boone Morris (48 tackles, five tackles for loss, two sacks and 11 hurries).

Gladewater fans are encouraged to come out to Gerald Prim Stadium in Sulphur Springs Friday night to support your Bears and cheer them on to a regional victory. Game time is 7 p.m. Gladewater is the home team.

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IN THE BEGINNING GOD

The Genesis account of creation has always contradicted the contemporary views of science. The views of science in Egypt in the days of Moses held that creation was an accident that resulted from a cosmic struggle between the gods. Some things never seem to change. Back then, the "Big Bang" was a "clash of the gods." Now, today, we are told the "Big Bang" is a clash of...well, "something" though scientists just don't know what! They just know it wasn't God! But even those scientists of Moses' day had a better understanding than some modern scientist do. They understood that stuff doesn't just happen; even accidents are caused! At least those scientists had enough sense to understand that the order of the universe demanded "somebody" not "some things." (Heb. 3: 4). They just had the wrong somebody! The idea of "creators" (gods), as they speculated, was at least thinking, they just didn't believe in the one true God. But many scientists today have wished God out of the world entirely. There is more logic to the superstitions of those who bowed to idols than to those who fancy that man descended from apes.

For example, Richard Dawkins, well-known atheist apologist said: "Only ignoramus and those who just fell off the turnip truck would dare question science...It is absolutely safe to say that, if you meet somebody who claims not to believe in evolution, that person is ignorant, stupid or insane (or wicked, but I'd rather not consider that). Evolution is a fact, beyond reasonable doubt, beyond serious doubt, beyond sane, informed, intelligent doubt, beyond doubt evolution is a fact...It is a plain truth that we are cousins of chimpanzees, somewhat more distant cousins of monkeys, more distant cousins still of aardvarks and manatees, yet more distant cousins of bananas and turnips...continue the list as long as desired." Richard Dawkins, "The Greatest Show On Earth": The Evidence For Evolution. Perhaps, like myself, you are wondering, who it is that fell off the turnip truck!

At the Judgment, the idolators of the past may stand and condemn our enlightened generation, that with all its telescopes and satellites and probes cannot see what it saw plainly, "In the beginning God." (Gen. 1: 1). Think on these things.

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Region 2 Regional Round Games

Gladewater (9-2) vs Mt Vernon (12-0), Gerald Prim Stadium Sulphur Springs, Friday 7pm.

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Lady Bears 7th and 8th grade Split with Sabine

The 7th and 8th grade Lady Bears traveled to Liberty City Monday, November 15th to take on the Sabine Lady Cardinals and came out with a split of the four games played. Gladewater's Lady Bear "A" teams won both their games while Sabine took both "B" team games.

7th Grade "A" Game

Playing in their first action of the season, the night's games were highlighted by the 7th grade "A" team match-up. The Lady Bears jumped out to a 21-0 1st period lead and never let up as they stormed

SPORTS ROUNDUP

their way to a 54-16 victory over the Lady Cardinals. Leading all Lady Bear scorers was Payton Thompson with 26 points. Thompson also had 5 assists, 5 rebounds, 10 steals and a block. Leading rebounder for Gladewater was Lankstyn Lewis with 15 boards. Lewis also added 10 points, 4 assists, 10 steals and a block. Khera Lincoln had 12 points, 6 assists, 4 rebounds and 10 steals. Adasyn Evans rounded out the scoring with 6 points, 4 rebounds and 1 steal.

8th Grade "A" Game

The most exciting game honors went to the 8th grade "A" team. Leading most of the game the Lady Bears had to pull the victory out in overtime after the Lady Cardinals came back to tie the score at the end of regulation. The Lady Bear's Ally Allbright scored with :30 seconds left in overtime to give Gladewater the 32-30 lead and the victory. Leading scorer for the Lady Bears was Caydance Martine with 12 points. Martine also added 2 assists, 3 rebounds and 5 steals. Harper Bittick added 8 points, 1 assist, 5 rebounds and 3 steals in the win. In addition to Allbright's winning bucket she had 8 points and 3 boards.

7th and 8th Grade "B" Games

In "B" team action Sabine took both games with the 7th grade Lady Cardinals winning 22-9 and the 8th grade Lady Cardinals taking the narrow win 18-14. Leading the scoring for the 7th grade Lady Bears was Carlee Cook with 4 points, 1 rebound and a steal. Hayden Mumphrey added 3 points, 3 rebounds and 5 steals. Leading rebounder for the 7th grade Lady Bears was Kiara Shackelford with 8 boards. Shackelford also added a steal and a block.

Leading scorer for the 8th grade "B" team Lady Bears was Aaliyah Davis with 6 points. Davis also had 5 boards and 3 steals. Emily Jackson added 4 points, 4 rebounds and 3 steals for the Lady Bears in the loss.

Lady Bears take down Winona

Five Gladewater players scored in double figures as the Lady Bears took down the Ladycats of Winona 75-28 here at Bill Waters Gymnasium in Gladewater Tuesday night, November 16th. The Lady Bears dominated on both sides of the court outrebounding Winona 51-32. The smothering Gladewater defense also came up with 40 steals. Leading the way with 12 steals was Sophomore Kyla Lincoln. Lincoln also had 11 points and 5 rebounds. Leading scorer for the Lady Bears was Calice Henderson with 13 points, 2 assists, 7 rebounds, 5 steals and a block. Leading rebounder for Gladewater was Alexis Boyd with 9 boards. Boyd also added 4 points, 1 assist, 3 steals and 3 blocks. Sr Jakiyah Bell scored 10 points and had 5 rebounds and 4 steals. Kiyana Parker was also in double figures with 10 points, 3 assists, 2 rebounds and 3 steals. The Winona Ladycats were led by Randi Hanson with 22 points, 5 rebounds and 2 steals. The Lady Bears upped their record to 3-0 on the young season.

Lady Bear JV Game

The Lady Bear JV jumped out to a 14-0 first period lead and never

looked back on their way to a 59-7 win over Winona. Gladewater dominated in all areas of the game outrebounding the Ladycats 37-20 and collecting 21 steals to Winona's 8. Leading the scoring for the Lady Bears was Ava Langford with 13 points. Langford added 7 assists, 4 rebounds and 2 steals. Savannah Warren had 9 points, 4 rebounds and a steal for Gladewater. Karli Moses added 9 points, 1 assist, 9 rebounds, a steal and a block. Harley Keylon led the team in steals with 6. Keylon also had 2 points, 3 assists and a rebound. Aminih Gordon had 6 points, 5 assists, 2 rebounds and 4 steals for the Lady Bears in the win.



Congratulations to the Gladewater 3rd & 4th Grade Tackle football Super Bowl runners up - Hunter, Landon, Cash, Kardae, SEpencer, Kavin, Keylin, Sidney, Carter, Maverick, Charles, Edgar, Ace, Cort, Ezekiel, JR, Maddox, Kay, Morgan, Alijah, Head Coach Lemonte Lincoln, Assistant Coach Bryan Mills, Tecorian Minter, and President Zack Fox .

Courtesy Photo

Lions, Lady Lions host tourney

Union Grove hosted the first of two pre-season basketball tournaments Nov. 18-20.

The girls' varsity team succumbed to Pewitt in their Thursday game. The Lady Lions lost 35-39 but picked up 36 rebounds and 12 steals from Gracie Stanford, Macey Roberts and Ava Wightman.

UG's boys beat All Saints Episcopal School 50-47 in their first game of the tournament with three-pointers from Colton Cowan, Jace Roberts, Cooper Vestal and Hunter Cannon. The Lions also blocked four All Saints shots and grabbed 44 rebounds.

The boys lost 81-31 against Avenger in their second Thursday game, despite big plays from Cannon. Cowan, Aubrey Woodard, Jaxon Daniels, Harlee Kirbis, and Trevor Moore.

Friday, Ore City beat the Lady Lions 53-8, but then UG's girls topped Grand Saline 49-28. Stanford led the game in three-pointers, and Wightman, Gracie Winn and Stanford earned steals.

The Lions played Quitman and All Saints Friday. UG lost 66-46 to Quitman despite steals from Woodard and Daniels and three-point shots from Cowan, Cannon, Roberts, and Cooper Vestal. All Saints capitalized on the teams' second meeting with a 51-43 win.

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Survey shows cost of Thanksgiving meal increasing

A traditional Thanksgiving meal will cost Texans more this year as the prices for staple foods and specialty items are on the rise.

Shoppers can expect to pay over \$50 for the holiday feast for a family of 10, according to a survey conducted by the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF).

"I think we're all noticing the higher prices at the grocery store, and Thanksgiving items aren't excluded from those increases," Texas Farm Bureau President Russell Boening said. "There's more demand for Thanksgiving foods this year compared to last year during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Farm Bureau's 36th annual survey indicates the average cost of this year's Thanksgiving feast is \$53.31, up \$6.41 (or 14%) from last year's national average of \$46.90.

Leading the cost at the cash register is the turkey, the centerpiece for many tables, at \$23.99 for a 16-pound bird.


Farm Bureau shoppers checked prices between Oct. 26 and Nov. 8, which is before many grocery store chains began their turkey markdowns for Thanksgiving. Although the survey timeline is consistent with past AFBF Thanksgiving surveys,

2021 brought some unique differences. According to USDA Agricultural Marketing Service data, grocery stores began advertising lower feature prices later than usual this year. Also, the average per-pound feature price for whole frozen turkeys was \$1.07 the week of Nov. 5-11 and 88 cents the week of Nov. 12-18, a decline of 18% in just one week. This means consumers who have not yet purchased a turkey should be able to find one at a lower cost than the Farm Bureau average.

The shopping list for Farm Bureau's informal survey includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, coffee and milk, all in quantities sufficient to serve a family of 10 with plenty for leftovers.

"Although the overall Thanksgiving meal cost to consumers increased this year, farmers and ranchers aren't seeing the higher prices for the food products they produce," Boening said. "Farmers and ranchers are also facing supply chain issues and higher costs for seed, fertilizer, equipment, parts and more. Inflation is certainly adding to the cost of all products in the U.S. economy right now, not just food


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In recognition of changes in Thanksgiving dinner traditions, the Farm Bureau price survey also includes ham, Russet potatoes and frozen green beans, in an expanded holiday menu. Adding these foods to the classic Thanksgiving menu increased the overall cost by \$15.41, to \$68.72. This updated basket of foods also increased in price (up 14%) compared to 2020.

- Individual Prices**
- 16-pound turkey: \$23.99 or about \$1.50 per pound (up 24%)
 - 2 frozen pie crusts: \$2.91 (up 20%)
 - 30-ounce can of pumpkin pie mix: \$3.64 (up 7%)
 - Half pint of whipping cream: \$1.78 (up 2%)
 - 1 dozen dinner rolls: \$3.05

- (up 15%)
- 12-ounce bag of fresh cranberries: \$2.98 (up 11%)
- 1 gallon of whole milk: \$3.30 (up 7%)
- 1 pound of frozen peas: \$1.54 (up 6%)

- 3 pounds of sweet potatoes: \$3.56 (up 4%)
- 1-pound veggie tray (carrots & celery): 82 cents (up 12%)
- Misc. ingredients to prepare the meal: \$3.45 (up 12%)
- 14-ounce bag of cubed stuffing

mix: \$2.29 (down 19%)

This year's national average cost was calculated using 218 surveys completed with pricing data from all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Farm Bureau volunteer shoppers, including some from Texas, checked prices in person and online using grocery store apps and websites. They looked for the best possible prices without taking advantage of special promotional coupons or purchase deals.


The AFBF Thanksgiving dinner survey was first conducted in 1986. The informal survey provides a record of comparative holiday meal costs over the years. Farm Bureau's classic survey menu has remained unchanged since 1986 to allow for consistent price comparisons.



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Thanksgiving weekend travel tips

Thanksgiving is on the horizon, and that's welcome news to people who can't wait to celebrate the holiday season with their loved ones. Though millions of people stayed home for Thanksgiving in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, rising vaccination rates suggest the holiday travel season will be back in full swing this November.

Uncertainty spurred by the Delta variant may compel some people to stay home or delay making holiday travel plans. However, a recent survey from the vacation rental site Evolve found that 32 percent of travelers were not factoring the Delta variant into their travel plans at all. In addition, just under 47 percent of the more than 5,000 travelers surveyed months in advance of the holiday season indicated they would not consider canceling their trips until much closer to their departures. That data points to what could be a very unpredictable and busy holiday travel season.

With that unpredictability in mind, prospective travelers can consider these tips as they make

plans to travel this Thanksgiving.

- Recognize the travel timeline might be different. The successful rollout of three COVID-19 vaccines has allowed life to return to some semblance of normalcy, but millions of professionals are still working from home full-time. Remote working has afforded people more flexibility in regard to when they can travel this Thanksgiving. The online travel and bookings experts at Priceline reported in September that the busiest travel day for Thanksgiving at that point was Monday, November 15. That's a week and a half prior to Thanksgiving. A return to in person learning may limit families' ability to travel so early, but travelers who can work remotely and don't have to take school into consideration should recognize that the travel timeline has changed. That could make booking early flights more difficult and expensive than it used to be.

- Pack light. Travelers who intend to fly this Thanksgiving may want to avoid checking any luggage. Baggage fees can



be expensive, but many airlines also have been forced to confront new issues that hadn't been a problem in the past. For example, in June American Airlines was forced to cancel hundreds of flights due to pandemic-related staffing shortages. Staffing shortages can lead to confusion and last-minute cancellations, which may increase the likelihood that travelers' luggage is lost or temporarily misplaced. By packing just a carry-on bag, travelers can ensure they have everything they need when they arrive at their destination.

- Check the weather forecast. Extreme weather has become the norm as the effects of climate change continue to become more

apparent. Late November has not traditionally been a stormy season in many parts of North America, but it's still important that travelers stay abreast of the weather forecasts on and around Thanksgiving. Knowledge of the forecast may spur travelers who are driving to change their travel dates so they aren't caught in storms. Those who intend to fly may not have such flexibility, but it still pays to know the forecast. If a storm is coming, air travelers can give themselves extra time to get to the airport or even book rooms at airport hotels so they won't have to drive to the airport during a storm.

The 2021 Thanksgiving weekend figures to be both busy and unique.

Chocolate cookies are a sweet finale to Thanksgiving

Holiday entertaining season begins on Thanksgiving. Anyone who has been tasked with hosting Thanksgiving understands the commitment required to prepare a delicious meal for guests, which often encompasses appetizers, several side dishes and, of course, turkey as the centerpiece. Guests attending a Thanksgiving dinner can give holiday hosts and hostesses a break by providing dessert.

Cookies are a popular treat. Thanks to their flavor, portability and relatively short preparation and cooking times, cookies are a smart choice when bringing dessert to a holiday gathering. This recipe for "Flourless Chocolate Cookies" from Danielle Rye's "Live Well Bake Cookies: 75 Classic Cookie Recipes for Every Occasion" (Rock Point) offers the added benefit of being flourless. That means that even those with gluten allergies or intolerances can indulge.

Flourless Chocolate Cookies
Makes 24 to 36 cookies

- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 3/4 natural unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 teaspoon espresso powder (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 large egg whites, at room temperature
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, sift the powdered sugar and unsweetened cocoa powder together, then whisk in the instant espresso powder (if using) and salt until well combined. Set aside.

In a separate mixing bowl, whisk together the egg whites, egg, and

vanilla extract until fully combined.

Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients, and stir until the mixture is fully combined and smooth.

Using a 1-tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one.

Bake for 11 to 14 minutes, or until the tops of the cookies are set. Remove from the oven, and allow the cookies to cool completely on the baking sheets.

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City of Gladewater

The City of Gladewater has received an allocation from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act program from the U. S. Department of Treasury and is soliciting proposals to (A) proposals to provide administration services for the ARP Act eligible projects and (B) qualifications to provide engineering services for the ARP Act eligible projects. Proposals must be received no later than Wednesday, December 8, 2021, by 3:00 p.m. Please electronically submit your proposal in .pdf format via email to City Clerk Judy Van Houten at jvanhouten@cityofgladewater.com. It is the responsibility of the submitting firm to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. The same firm will not be awarded contracts to provide both services. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals and may award one or more contracts to one or more service provider(s). Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The City of Gladewater is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción estan disponibles por peticion.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

In Re the Matter of:
CHRISTINA PEREZ
Petitioner
and
BRAJEA MALENKAMP/DALTON PEREZ
Respondent

Case#:FC2012-091120
ORDER TO APPEAR
VIDEO/TELEPHONIC
Resolution Management Conference


The Court has reviewed the PETITION TO ENFORCE: REQUEST FOR WARRANT FOR PHYSICAL CUSTODY filed 8/11/21, Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT Petitioner, CHRISTINA PEREZ, and Respondent, BRAJEA MALENKAMP/DALTON PEREZ and STEENA LIVERSAGE shall appear for the TELEPHONIC RESOLUTION MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (RMC) on DECEMBER 13, 2021, at 4:45 p.m. for 15 minutes before:

The Honorable ADELE PONCE
Maricopa County Superior Court
Southeast Regional Court Center
222 East Javelina Avenue
Mesa, Arizona 85210

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties are to appear by telephone 1-917-781-4590

Conference ID: 156 479 66# or Join Microsoft Team Meeting: <http://tinyurl.com/jbazmc-drj19>



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gladewater City Council adopted the following ordinance November 18, 2021:

Ordinance #O-21-10 to renew the fee schedule in connection with the specific services of the City of Gladewater for the year 2022; repealing any ordinance or part thereof in conflict herewith; providing a penalty; and establishing an effective date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication as required by law.

Copies of this ordinance may be obtained from Judy Van Houten, City Clerk, Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway, Gladewater, Texas.

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Gladewater Citizens for Economic Growth, Inc. hereby provides public notice that ten or more qualified voters of the City of Gladewater, Texas intend to file an application with the City Clerk, Judy Van Houten, of the City of Gladewater, Texas for a petition that will be circulated in Gladewater, Texas to request a local option liquor election: For or Against "The legal sale of all alcohol beverages including mixed beverages in the City of Gladewater, Texas."

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: The Unknown Heirs of Catherine Caruthers

You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court at Law #1 of Gregg County, Texas, to be held in the County Court at Law #1 court room in the courthouse of said county in the city of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, such appearance to be at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which appearance shall be at such time on such Monday, by filing written answer to the application hereinafter mentioned, contesting same, should they or any of them desire to do so, which application will, at such 10 o'clock hour and such place be acted on, said application having been filed by Matthew Harris in said court on the 15th day of October, 2021, and now pending there, in a proceeding on the probate docket of said court, styled In The Estate of Catherine Caruthers, Deceased the file number of which application and the docket number of which proceedings is 88000203P, the nature of such application being for

Application To Determine Heirship

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Witness, Michelle Gilley, Clerk of the County Court at Law #1 of Gregg County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the City of Longview this the 12th day of November, 2021

MICHELLE GILLEY
Clerk of County Court at Law #1
Gregg County, Texas

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF KAREN SUE ICENHOWER, DECEASED, were issued on November 16, 2021, in Cause No. 2021-0389-E, pending in the County Court at Law 2, in and for Gregg County, Texas, to: KRISTI MONTGOMERY, Independent Executor.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Courtney Anne Harris Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 4373


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DATED the 17th day of November 2021.

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GRANT ADMINISTRATION & ENGINEERING SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Gladewater plans to apply for the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). These services are being solicited to assist the City in its February Winter Weather DR-4586 HMGP contract, if awarded, to support water improvements, sewer improvements, and/or other eligible activities. Accordingly, the City is separately soliciting (A) proposals from qualified management service providers to assist the City in pre-award and post-award management services and (B) qualifications from qualified engineering firms to assist the City in pre-award and post-award engineering services of its proposed HMGP project(s).

Please submit an electronic version of your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for the proposed services via email to Judy Van Houten, City Clerk at jvanhouten@cityofgladewater.com.

Proposals shall be received by the City no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 to be considered. The same firm will not be awarded contracts to provide both services. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The City is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Crustless pie a treat for those with gluten intolerance

The holiday season is a popular time to entertain. Food is often a focal point of holiday season entertaining.

Individuals who navigate food allergies or intolerances may shy away from certain celebrations out of fear that a nibble of this or a bite of that may trigger an allergic response. In such instances, concern about ingredients can cast a pall over normally festive occasions.

Those with Celiac disease or gluten intolerances must be mindful of the foods they consume. Meals or desserts containing gluten, a protein found in grains like wheat, semolina, rye, barley, graham, spelt, farina, and more, can trigger intestinal distress and other symptoms. With delicious pies, cakes and cookies on the holiday serving table, gluten is likely to make an appearance. However, with careful planning, people who cannot stomach foods that contain gluten can still indulge in their favorite holiday flavors.

"Crustless Libby's® Famous Pumpkin Pie" is a variation on traditional pumpkin pie served at Thanksgiving and Christmas

gatherings. Without the crust, individuals who avoid gluten can still dive into that pumpkin-and-spice combination that's so popular around the holiday season. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of Libby's® Pumpkin.

Crustless Libby's® Famous Pumpkin Pie
Makes 8 servings

3/4 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
2 large eggs
1 can (15 ounces) Libby's® 100% Pure Pumpkin
1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestlé® Carnation Evaporated Milk
Nonstick cooking spray
Whipped cream (optional)

1. Preheat oven as directed below. Glass baking dishes without crust require a cooler oven, and in most cases, a longer baking time.
2. Spray baking dish with nonstick cooking spray or lightly



grease bottom of baking pan or baking dish.

3. Mix sugar, cinnamon, salt, ginger and cloves in a small bowl. Beat eggs in a large bowl. Stir in pumpkin and sugar-spice mixture. Gradually stir in evaporated milk.

4. Bake as directed below or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean.

5. Cool on wire rack for 2 hours. Serve immediately or refrigerate.

Cooking times
9-inch-round glass pie dish: 325 F; bake for 55 to 60 minutes

10-inch-round glass pie dish: 325 F; bake for 45 to 50 minutes

8-inch-round cake pan: 350 F; bake for 45 to 50 minutes

9-inch-round cake pan: 350 F; bake for 35 to 40 minutes

8-inch-square baking pan: 350 F; bake for 45 to 50 minutes

8-inch-square glass baking dish: 325 F; 50 to 60 minutes

9-inch-square baking dish: 350 F; bake for 35 to 40 minutes

11x7-inch glass baking dish: 325 F; bake for 45 to 50 minutes

13x9-inch baking pan: 350 F; bake for 35 to 40 minutes

13x9-inch glass baking dish: 325 F; bake for 40 to 45 minutes

A simple technique for faster turkey (or chicken)

Waiting to dig into a beautifully golden and succulent turkey is one of the joys of Thanksgiving Day. Waiting is the operative word on Thanksgiving, as cooking a turkey to perfection in the oven can take several hours.

Those who do not have the patience to wait for their drumsticks or breast meat may look to faster cooking methods like deep frying, which takes considerably less time than roasting. However, for those not yet ready to delve into deep frying, spatchcooking is a classic technique that can cook turkeys a little more quickly.

While food scholars are not certain of the origins of spatchcooking, many agree that it dates back to 18th century Ireland. Spatchcooking is a simple deboning method that essentially butterfies a whole chicken or turkey. According to The Spruce: Eats, spatchcooking involves removing the backbone of the bird from tail to neck so that the poultry can be opened out flat. The increase in surface exposure to the heat while roasting results in a shorter cooking time and more even cooking. A 10-pound turkey may be done in under two hours when spatchcooked, compared to three or more hours when cooked traditionally.

Butterflying a turkey also makes it easier to manage on a grill or in a smoker.

How to spatchcock a turkey

A sharp, sturdy pair of kitchen shears is the best tool for the job. Once shears have been procured, cooks can follow these guidelines.

1. Remove the gizzards, if applicable, from the inner cavity of the turkey.
2. Flip the bird breast-side down on a cutting board and find the backbone in the middle.
3. Cut along one side of the backbone, then repeat on the other. It may take a little strength to power through the rib bones. Save the backbone for making stock or gravy.
4. Flip the turkey breast-side up and then use both hands to crack the breastbone and flatten the turkey further.
5. Cut off the wing tips, if desired, or tuck them under the breast. Place the turkey on a rack in a roasting pan. Turn the legs so that the drumsticks are facing inward on the pan, like the turkey is knocked-kneed.
6. Season and cook until internal temperature at the thigh (not touching the bone) reaches 165 F with a thermometer.
7. Let rest, then cut and enjoy.

Spatchcooking a turkey is a method of flattening the bird that results in a faster cooking time, perfect for busy Thanksgiving cooks.

Thanksgiving drivers urged to move over or slow down for tow trucks and other emergency vehicles

AUSTIN—As they travel Texas roadways during this Thanksgiving holiday, motorists are urged to slow down or move over for stopped emergency vehicles including tow trucks, police cars and fire trucks.

Texas law requires drivers to slow down at least 20 miles per hour under the posted speed limit

or, if able, to change lanes when they're passing a first responder stopped on the road.

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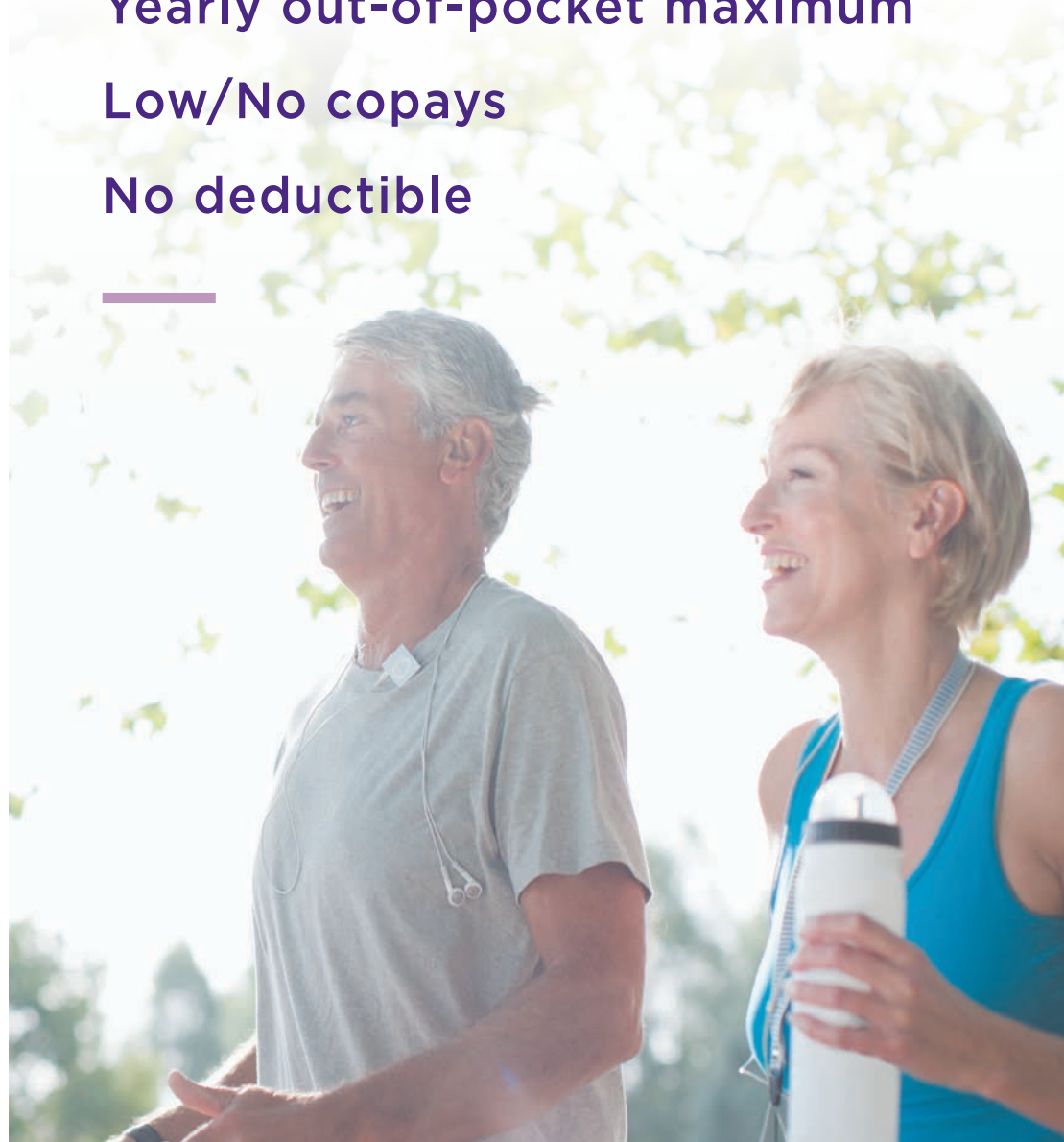
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2 unique ways to cook a Thanksgiving turkey

Thanksgiving is a beloved holiday. Families may have their own unique Thanksgiving traditions, but one staple of this kickoff to the holiday season is bound to make its way to Thanksgiving dinner tables no matter how unusual families' holiday celebrations may be: turkey.

Much effort goes into picking and preparing a Thanksgiving turkey. Depending on the size of the bird, turkeys can take many hours to cook. Thanksgiving celebrants are no doubt familiar with oven-roasted turkey, which is the most traditional way to cook turkey. But this year hosts who want to expand their horizons and think beyond the oven can consider two popular alternative methods to cooking a Thanksgiving turkey.

1. Deep frying

Deep frying is a popular way to prepare foods at outdoor events. For example, stroll through the parking lot on game day and you're liable to find football fans deep frying their favorite foods at their tailgate parties. Turkey can be deep fried and this method makes for an ideal option for hosts who want to enjoy the great outdoors while welcoming



friends and loved ones to their homes. Deep frying imparts a juicy flavor that can be hard to replicate when roasting a turkey. Deep frying is a much faster way to cook a turkey than cooking it in the oven. However, deep frying also can be more dangerous, so it's imperative that cooks remain attentive when setting up the fryer and while the turkey is frying.

Where to deep fry the turkey also bears consideration. The turkey experts at Butterball® recommend deep frying the turkey outside on a flat surface that's far away from structures, including your home, garage, deck, etc.

The time required to deep fry a turkey will depend on the size of the bird, but experts note that it typically takes about 3 to 3.5

minutes per pound. Electric fryers may take significantly less time and they typically require less oil, so this is another option to consider. Many experts note that it's best to deep fry turkeys that are 15 lbs. or less, as the turkey will need to be completely submerged in oil when frying. In addition, turkeys larger than 15 lbs. may cook unevenly, which can affect flavor.

2. Smoking

Smoking has grown in popularity in recent years as grills that make this method possible have become more affordable. Smoking is a "low and slow" method of cooking, so this option is ideal for people who intend to be home all day on Thanksgiving and want to infuse their birds with a smoky flavor. However, even busy hosts can still consider smoking, as electric smokers now allow cooks to remotely control the temperatures in their grills. That's important, as smoking requires cooks to periodically check the temperature on their grills to ensure it has not dropped too low or risen too high.

Smoking a turkey typically requires maintaining a temperature between 225 and 250 F. Cooking times for smoked turkeys are typically around 30 minutes per pound, though it can take longer if the temperature is lower. Because of the extended cooking time, hosts may want to pick a turkey that weighs around 15 lbs., especially if they don't have much experience smoking.

This Thanksgiving, hosts can try something new by deep frying or smoking their turkeys.

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