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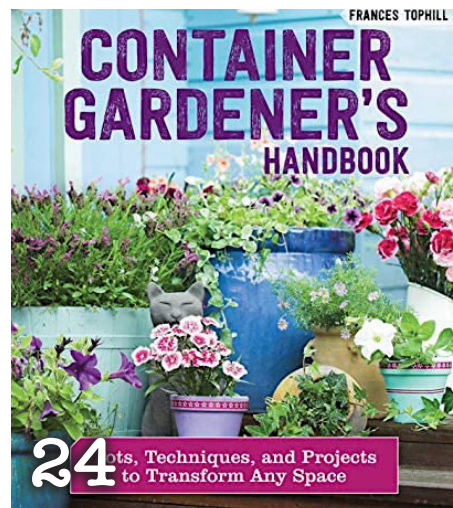
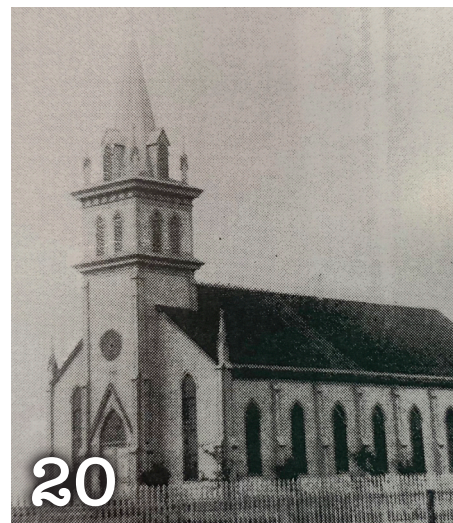
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KELLY CORBETT

About Kelly

Kelly Corbett grew up in Era and is a 1999 graduate of Era High School. Kelly received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 2003 from Texas Women's University, where she played on the basketball team for two years. Kelly taught fifth grade Reading and Social Studies for three years at Gainesville Intermediate School, and later went on to be the publisher of The Lindsay Letter Newspaper in Lindsay. In Kelly's current role, she serves as the Business Development Officer for First State Bank, where she strives to promote the business services that First State Bank offers and provide impeccable customer service to the community, which has been modeled for the bank employees since First State Bank's charter in 1905. She is also chair of the United Way of Cooke County's 2023 fundraising campaign.

You were the Publisher of the Lindsay Letter. How did that job come about?

My husband graduated with a degree from UNT in Radio/TV. One of his best friends, Richard Greene graduated from UNT with a Journalism degree. Richard ran the Pilot Point Post-Signal newspaper for years and the two of them were excited to bring a newspaper back to Lindsay, TX in 2007. In helping them during my summer break from teaching, I fell in love with the community, attending community events and chamber activities spreading the word about our newspaper. I decided to end my teaching career that I loved to begin as the Advertising Manager for our publication, and am very proud of where that move has taken me personally and professionally in life.

You've transitioned in local banking. What is it that drew you to that business?

Funny you should ask, but First State Bank was one of our biggest supporters of The Lindsay Letter newspaper, advertising weekly to promote the bank. When we sold our paper to Scott Wood, Publisher of the Muenster Enterprise and Whitesboro News Record, I was told that First State Bank was looking for a Business Development Officer and I never looked back. I have now been with First State Bank for 11 years serving the communities of Cooke, Montague and Grayson County promoting our Treasury Management Services. I never saw myself entering into a career path in banking, but I'm very glad life took me down this path.

You sit on a number of nonprofit boards in Cooke and Grayson counties. Why do you make so much time available for these community groups?

I began my involvement in the community in 2007 when we started The Lindsay Letter Newspaper, and I fell in love with attending ribbon cuttings for Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and Valley View Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Muenster Chamber of Commerce. From experience, starting a business can be scary, and being a support system for local businesses has been very rewarding for me. One of the first things I tell a new business about is the local Chamber of Commerce and how it helped grow our business when we were first starting out. Seeing the joy on the faces of the business owners when you walk into their doors and take time out of your day to promote them is what brings a smile to my face. The chamber also helped me with my self-confidence in public speaking which has helped me in so many aspects of my life. I've since become a board

member and later the Board Chair for The Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce. I have also served on the Gainesville ISD site base committee, United Way Business Development committee, Lindsay ISD Education Foundation and am a current board member of The Boys and Girls Club of Cooke County and a chamber ambassador for The Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce as well as an ambassador for the Sherman Chamber of Commerce. I've also recently enjoyed getting involved in the Downtown Sherman NOW organization!

You are chairing the United Way of Cooke County's 2023 campaign. What does that involve, exactly, and what can we expect to see in the coming months?

I was honored to be selected as the Honorary Campaign Chair for United Way this year. I have been involved with United Way for years and it's rewarding to share with the community the various organizations that United Way supports. Gainesville and surrounding communities are always so generous and I look forward to learning even more about United Way and how I can help make this a successful campaign!

A lot of our readers would be interested in helping out with these good causes. How would advise someone to go about getting involved?

I would first identify your love. It's hard to find the time to help out every organization that you would like to, but find your passion and look for opportunities that surround that passion. If you love animals, Noah's Ark and Frank Buck Zoological society are great options. If you love supporting businesses, talk to your local Chamber of Commerce about getting involved. The chamber can be a great asset in opening doors for you to get involved!

You're obviously busy with your career and all of your nonprofit work. What do you do in your spare time — if, in fact, you have any?

It is difficult to find spare time at the end of the day, but what I enjoy most is walking in the door to my family and trying to shut out everything else that may be on my mind. I enjoy attending my son's golf events and my daughters' basketball, volleyball and track events. I also love walking and shopping a little too much.





Fall gardens can do as well as spring gardens

TANAH LOWE, COOKE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

August tends to be one of the busiest months. Summer is coming to an end, and its time to gear back up for school and fall sports. Before we know it, the holiday season will be here. But in your hustle and bustle, don't forget about your garden.

I know — spring is when most people are itching to get their hands in the soil in hopes of fresh produce for their kitchens. Luckily, fall can be a great time for vegetable gardens in Texas.

I hope your spring garden was a success. If so, there is no reason why a fall garden wouldn't be successful in the same location. If your spring garden wasn't as successful as you had hoped, don't get discouraged; it's time to try something different. Scout for a location that has easy access to water, at least eight hours of sunlight and good draining soil. Remember, while a bare spot may be appealing, if weeds won't grow, neither will vegetables. Bare spots are often a sign of poor soil fertility or drainage.

Remove all grass and weeds from a new garden location. Tilling grass into the soil will still allow for grass sprigs to grow and wreak havoc on your new garden. You can use a glyphosate product like Roundup® to kill all weeds and grass. If such an herbicide is used, the area must be left alone for at least four days before you plant. Alternatively, you can solarize the soil to kill weeds, nematodes, bacteria, fungi and insects. Manually clear all grass and weeds, water the soil deeply, then cover with clear plastic, and bury the edges to

trap heat. Solarize for at least four weeks during the heat of the summer, then remove the plastic. This method steams out the weeds and other pests, and it is chemical free.

Once your garden is free of grass or old plants, shovel the area 10-12 inches deep. To improve your soil quality, you can add one to two inches of washed sand and two to three inches of organic matter, then till it into the soil. Dyno Dirt from the city of Denton is a great source for organic material mixed with sand that you can till into your garden site.

Fertilize with either ammonium sulfate, or a slow-release fertilizer. Cattle or horse manure can be used instead of commercial fertilizer. After you mix your fertilizer into the soil, water the entire garden area for at least two hours. Allow the garden to dry for a few days, and you will be ready to plant.

Fall gardens are the most successful when they are started with transplants rather than from seeds. Transplants may require daily watering while they develop strong root systems. Try to buy the biggest transplants possible. Their root systems spread faster and will produce sooner.

After preparing a good garden site and planting, watering is the most important factor. Many gardening issues stem from improper watering. Always water deeply and infrequently. One to two inches of water once a week is usually enough, depending on conditions. Always check the soil moisture and inch deep with your fingers before watering. If the soil clumps together and is moist an inch down, don't water it yet. If it is crumbly and dry, it's time for water. When it is hot and dry, you may find yourself watering more often.

Although getting a fall garden set up may seem like a lot of work, you will soon have fruit for your labor. If you have any questions or concerns along the way, you can give me a call at 940-668-5413.

Until then, happy gardening!

Table 1. Home garden vegetables.

Small gardens		Large gardens	
Beets	Green bean	Cantaloupe	Potato
Broccoli	Lettuce	Cauliflower	Pumpkin
Bush squash	Onion	Collard	Southern pea
Cabbage	Parsley	Cucumber	Sweet corn
Carrot	Pepper	Mustard	Sweet potato
Eggplant	Radish	Okra	Watermelon
English pea	Spinach		
Garlic	Tomato		

Table 2. Light requirements of common vegetables.

Require bright sunlight		
Bean	Eggplant	Potato
Broccoli	Okra	Pumpkin
Cantaloupe	Onion	Squash
Cauliflower	Pea	Tomato
Cucumber	Pepper	Watermelon
Tolerate partial shade		
Beet	Collard	Parsley
Brussels sprouts	Kale	Radish
Cabbage	Lettuce	Spinach
Carrot	Mustard	Turnip

Table 3. Maturity rates of common vegetables.

Quick (30 to 60 days)		
Beets	Mustard	Summer squash
Bush bean	Radish	Turnip
Leaf lettuce	Spinach	Turnip green
Moderate (60 to 80 days)		
Broccoli	Green onion	Parsley
Chinese cabbage	Kohlrabi	Pepper
Carrot	Lima bean	Tomato
Cucumber	Okra	
Slow (80 days or more)		
Brussels sprouts	Cauliflower	Pumpkin
Bulb onion	Eggplant	Sweet potato
Cabbage	Garlic	Tomato
Cantaloupe	Irish potato	Watermelon



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STILL PLENTY OF TIME FOR SUMMER FUN

STORY BY ANNA BEALL, STAFF WRITER

Summer is drawing to a close and school looms, but there is still time for a last hurrah with the family. Here are some ways to celebrate the end the summer:

Circle N Dairy

Circle N Family Dairy is a family-owned dairy farm that welcomes those interested in learning about how a dairy farm runs. People from all over the metroplex and out of state come to learn more about the process and to get fresh products from the country store.

"Tours include learning how the cows are fed and taken care of, the crops we raise, going inside the milking parlor to see how that works (not while milking), bottle feeding

the baby calves, 'milking' a life size simulated cow and mild samples for all," said Michelle Neu, one of the owners of the dairy and head of communications. "We also have a play area for the kids and a covered picnic area if you'd like to bring lunch."

Circle N Family Dairy is a family-owned business, with the third generation growing up and working there now.

"Tommy [Neu]'s parents, Charles and Mary Neu, started the dairy in 1967 wanting to have a business of their own," said Michelle Neu. "Tommy decided to follow in their footsteps that we continue today."

The dairy is located in Gainesville at 2074 County Road 446. To schedule a tour, people can call Michelle at (940) 372-0343. Reservations are required at least five days in advance. For more information, visit www.circlendairy.com.

Frank Buck Zoo

The Frank Buck Zoo (FBZ) at Gainesville's Leonard Park houses over 130 animals, and it is always worth a visit.

The FBZ animal care staff are members of the Red River chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers. They raise funds for conservation projects, both locally and internationally, and offer guided tours at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, weather permitting. These tours include a staff member giving visitors a closer look at the animals, including a giraffe encounter. Reservations are required one week in advance, have a maximum of 10 people and are \$25 a person.

The tours are not the only way to get close to the animals. There is also a goat petting zoo, where for 25 cents, visitors can get a handful of goat feed to feed the goats. While the goat feeders are limited in how often they are filled to keep the goats from overeating, the goats are always eager for visitors and will stick their heads through the openings for pets.

People can also attend giraffe feedings. From 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday through Friday, people can meet at the giraffe exhibit to feed the giraffes. This experience is \$6 per participant.

FBZ is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with the last ticket being sold at 4:30 p.m. Ticket price for children age one through 12 years old is \$5.50, adult tickets for individuals 13 to 54 years old are \$7.50, and active military and seniors 55 years old and older can get tickets for \$6.50.

For more information, visit www.frankbuckzoo.com.





Giraffe feedings and encounters are waiting. Visit www.frankbuckzoo.com to learn more.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

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WHEN: July 28, 29, 30 and August 4, 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m.; July 30, 31 and August 6 and 7 at 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Butterfield Stage, 201 S. Denton Street
For more information, visit butterfieldstage.org

DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE FARMER'S

MARKET: come support local vendors with items and food of all types. Then come back to check out the movie night when the sun goes down. August's movie is "Dog," brought to you by Lil' Leopards Learning Ladder.

WHEN: August 13; Farmer's Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., movie at sundown

WHERE: Gainesville Farmer's Market, 215 W. Elm Street

DIVE-IN MOVIE: The Gainesville Leonard Park Aquatic Center is hosting movie nights. for \$5, come enjoy the pool then gather to watch a movie. On July 16, the movie is Sing 2, and on August 6 the movie is Clifford the Big Red Dog.

WHEN: July 16 and August 6 at 8 p.m., movie starts when it gets dark.

WHERE: Gainesville Leonard Park Aquatic Center, 1000 W. California St.

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Wallace is Deacon following in the footsteps of his musician mother and pastor father.

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FEATURE



STORY BY ANNA BEALL, STAFF WRITER

Brent Wallace has many passions — education, faith, music, public service — that he pursues for himself and the community.

He has spent the last eight years as the Gainesville-based Chancellor at North Central Texas College. He's also served on the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, He also serves on a variety of other groups, Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Board, North Texas Medical Center Community Board and as a Deacon at

First Baptist Church in Gainesville.

Music and faith

Wallace was reared to love music, faith and education.

"I was classically trained from about age seven until my 20's in piano. My first scholarship I was offered in college was actually a music performance scholarship for piano, and I decided that wasn't where I wanted my career," said Wallace. "I really battled with it, because I was very appreciative to receive a scholarship offer from a university and I just thought,

'You know, what am I going to do with that?' I felt like church music was where I would have used most of it, and I did that for over 16 years as a part time music minister."

That's why Wallace plays music and aids in music ministry at First Baptist Church.

"I started going to First Baptist because there's a lot of friends of mine in the community that said, 'You have to come visit us,' so I started going there. I got involved in music and I joined the choir. I would fill in if they had an absence, if someone was gone, I could fill in, and I grew in that. Then I was asked if I'd consider being a deacon. From my

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— Brent Wallace

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Photo by NCTC

Wallace is often engaged in conversations with students, teachers and staff.

standpoint, it was the Lord going, ‘Here’s an open door. Here’s a church that you know,’ and much like careers, it happens, it evolved,” said Wallace. “I really appreciate the church, there’s some great people there. I’ve been enjoying being a part of something... Our music Minister retired and I’m filling in. It’s a very hard job to do, but I also knew when I came in as a deacon, I told him, ‘I can back up and I can work with music, because that’s what I’ve done all the time, and I can help with that.’ I ended up there because of the way the Lord works and things work out that way, and I’m glad to be there.”

Along with leading music on Sunday mornings, Wallace has been a part of a few performance groups.

“My mother and dad and I have a trio that we’ve done lots of concerts through the years. We used to do concerts in Abilene where we would get a lot of groups together and we would perform at Radford auditorium back then, which was at McMurray University... My dad was full time so we never went full time

with that piece,” said Wallace. “I have played through the years for southern gospel quartets; I have sung in those. There’s just a lot of background things I’ve done through the years.”

Educational Background

Growing up, Wallace’s parents emphasized to him the importance of faith and education.

“My parents both, when they were first going to college, worked for their colleges, but they had different career paths. My mother was a musician and went that direction; my father was a pastor,” said Wallace. “Dad was pastor for 46 years in the church, the Nazarene, senior pastor, pulpit minister for years and served in Oklahoma. We went to Indiana for a while and came back to Texas. Mom was a trained pianist, and directed choirs for years. She used that talent quite a bit in church, and then in college, she did some of that as well. She was really, very versed in that and did well.”

Wallace went to three different univer-

sities for his college education, broadening his perspective on education.

“I grew up in Abilene, Texas for the most part; I spent 22 years there,” said Wallace. “I did my undergraduate degree at Hardin-Simmons University there, and at the time my mom was in the College of Business at ACU [Abilene Christian University], so I was able to go to Abilene Christian for my master’s while she earned that discount for me. I got a really good experience with those universities, and then I ended up at Texas Tech for my doctoral program.”

He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Hardin-Simmons University, a Master’s of Arts degree in human communications from Abilene Christian University, a graduate certificate in conflict resolution and mediation from Abilene Christian University and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Texas Tech University.

While all of these have aided him in his career, he feels as though he has used the skills learned from the communica-

tions degree frequently.

"I love the communications degree; I've used it the most, and I think what attracted me to that was the conflict resolution piece of that. You could get a master's degree, plus you could earn the extra credits toward two different areas that are specialized. I specialized in family mediation, so divorce and child custody, and then general mediation itself," said Wallace. "I would argue that the skill sets you learn in the mediation and negotiation courses apply very well to administrators because there's a lot of give and take. There's a lot of conversations when you're an administrator: there's conversation between faculty and administration, there's faculty and other faculty, staff and staff. There's a lot of that. And so I'd argue that I've used that a lot, a lot. It was during that process of getting that master's degree while teaching speech at the time at ACU that I said, 'I really like this environment.'"

Faith was essential to Wallace — given his family background — but higher education turned out to be his career calling.

His first administrative posting was in nursing education as an administrator for a consortium of nursing programs at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene Christian and McMurray. He also advised over 600 students between those universities and did a bit of teaching at Texas State Technical College. He later moved on to Cisco College as a department chair and faculty member.

"I've always had an administrative piece to every job, and that's not typically normal. A lot of times, you'll start as faculty, then you'll move into chair, then dean. I moved into my first community college position as a full time faculty member and a chair of business administration. Then, several years after that, the president at Cisco appointed me as dean of instruction for all things non-health science ... everything but the health science degrees. I spent time doing that position, then came here [NCTC], as the chief academic officer, the provost position, and did that for several years before becoming president. So I've always had some kind of administrative thing in my teaching load."

Wallace relishes both his teaching and

administrative duties.

"At the college that I started at, resources were scarce, and I would teach what most people consider a full time load plus doing my chair. Normally you get a bit of a reduction of how much you teach," explained Wallace. "So I did the chair job, basically between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. every day, and then I taught every night, Monday through Thursday. So I usually put in 12-15 hours of that a day, and I'd get home after a six o'clock class around 9:30 or 10 o'clock. I enjoyed it; I loved it; I wouldn't trade the classroom experience, I miss the classroom, and it teaches you a lot."

The classroom time has made him a better boss, he said.

"I think it's really important that people understand the dynamics of the classroom before they get into a vice presidency or presidency that manages instruction," said Wallace. "It's hard to be a provost or academic officer if you've never been in a classroom: it doesn't make sense."

NCTC

Wallace came to North Central Texas College in 2011.

"At the time, I was a dean at Cisco College, a community college like NCTC is for Cisco and Tyler County. I had been accepted to be a speaker at a Texas Association of Technical College Educators. That evening, we had a reception, and I met one gentleman, Doug Aikens, who at the time was the dean of career technical at North Central Texas College. He had been in my presentation and said something about, 'Dr. Wallace, we've got this vice president of instruction position open, and we're really impressed by your presentation, and we'd love for you to consider that,'" explained Wallace. "I went back to Abilene and began to research and was so impressed by the history. This is the oldest continuously operating college that is publicly funded in the state of Texas, multiple campuses, it was a real growth opportunity for my career. I thought, 'I think I'm gonna go for it,' and I applied, went through the search committee, and several months later, I was invited to come and I did."

Wallace was promoted to Chancel-

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"I got the biggest compliment the other day to the college. We had a student services meeting, and everyone was there, and we had two or three new employees that had come from either another college or a university, and their comment was, 'I've never been in a place where students were, in fact, the first priority. You all really do put your students first and it's remarkable.' That's a compliment to the college, to our students and to our staff."

— Brent Wallace

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for three years later. He has spent his time promoting the notion that education is for everyone, whatever their age or station in life.

"I believe everyone needs college, but college is very well defined in my venue as, you could be in HVAC and go to college, you could be a plumber and get that certificate at a college. Everybody needs a skill, and I believe community colleges fit the need to be able to provide that skill. That's different in that not everyone needs a liberal arts degree, for example, but I think there's value in liberal arts," explained Wallace.

"... We probably had some 15-16 year olds that have done some certificates in Paramedicine or EMS or such from our high school partners all the way to 60 plus that came back to do something different, and that's the traditional trajectory. That's someone that decided, 'I've done this thing for 20 years; now I want to be a nurse,'" he explained. "But on the continuing ed side, you're going to see a lot more people coming back to retool. 'Can I get this extra Google certificate? Can I do a short term course in spreadsheets or QuickBooks to where I'm more efficient at my job I already have?' We're always learners, I argue we never stop learning, and as a result, you're going to see more and more people coming back to say, 'I've got to advance myself.'"



Photo by NCTC

Wallace serves on several local and state boards, including the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation Board and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

North Central is also tailoring its offerings to better fit students' lives, rather than the other way around.

"We're doing short term courses. In the last few years, we've taken down to where you can do regular courses in as little as eight weeks. So a student that says, 'Man, I don't know that I can do 15 hours of credit in 16 weeks, but I bet I can do six hours in eight, and then another six, break it up, where I'm focused on two classes at a time rather than four to five classes at a time,' we've given them that option," explained Wallace. "We learned through COVID, we can do a lot more than we thought we could. This institution did a stellar job of going fully online, right during the thralls of the pandemic, and our faculty did a great job of supporting students."

NCTC has also strengthened its partnerships with local high schools. One of these ways is via dual credit programs, which Wallace admits may not be for everyone.

"My personal belief is that dual credit is a great opportunity for students that want to take advantage of it, but I don't believe dual credit is the answer for every student. AP might be a better choice for them or neither, if they just want to experience high school, do a great job, get a good grade and be able to go to college after that. There's nothing wrong with that. So I think it's really dependent on the student. One or two classes... but I fully don't believe every student should necessarily graduate with a full associate's degree before they are out of high school... The extracurriculars in the high school experience is just as important as the curricular

in some regards. I don't want people to feel like when they look back, 'Man, why didn't do the drama club?' or, 'Why didn't I do this thing?'"

"Instead, they go to college after high school as a junior at a university, and it's a real shock," Wallace continued. "That's another thing that worries me a little bit about dual credit is when you do too much, you enter into the university as a very, very young upperclassmen."

NCTC began the Red River Promise this year, which covers any balance in tuition and fees that is not covered by federal or state financial aid or institutional scholarships.

"Now you have a choice to say, 'Okay, I've got an option to pay for it if I don't take dual credit now.' Before for students, it was less expensive for them to do dual credit than it would be to do all of it after they graduate," said Wallace. "I'm excited about Red River because I think it now gives people the choice to do what truly is best for their educational trajectory and have a better option."

Through it all, Wallace's main focus is doing what is best for the students.

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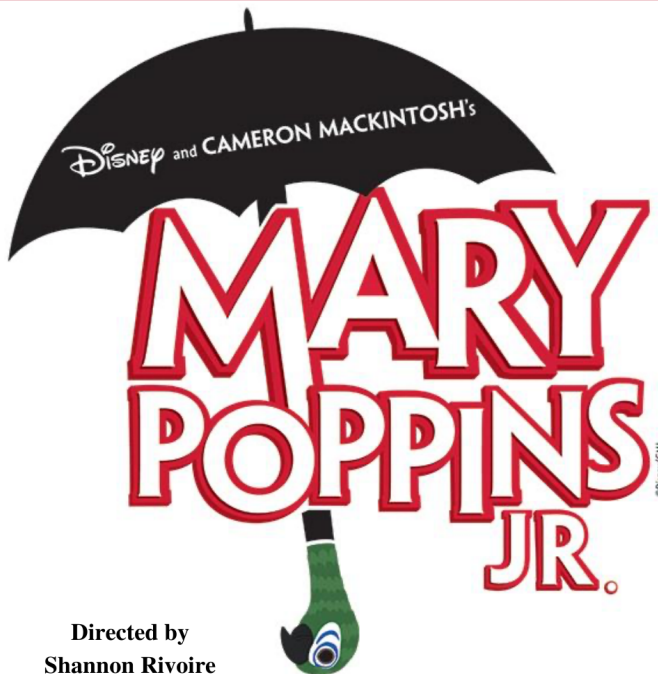
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Cooke County's three Catholic parishes grow, prosper from humble beginnings



BY ARIEL JOLLY

Catholicism came to Cooke County in the decades immediately after the Civil War. German immigrants settled in the area, primarily due to economic hardship in the Midwest. They demonstrated their faith to their new communities with beautiful statements, such as the intricate interior of St. Peter's, the towering steeple of Sacred Heart and the altar of St. Mary's.

Gainesville

In 1879, Father S. Granger was the first Catholic priest to minister to the

Gainesville area, and these first masses were said in the home of one Dr. J.E. Gilcreest, where the top of a piano was used as a makeshift altar. In the fall of that same year, enough Catholic families had gathered together to bring in a more permanent priest, Father Levi, and the first church was erected during his pastorate. Constructed in 1881, the building was a two-room cabin, one room devoted to worship and the other built as living quarters for the priest.

In 1920, disaster struck. The church was set on fire by a faulty gas

radiator and burned down. Then-pastor Father James Kealy took immediate steps to provide the faithful with a new building, and the cornerstone of this church was laid in September of that same year. The stained glass windows were made in Germany, the stations of the cross in England and after more than a hundred years both can still be seen today.

A new rectory was later built for the priests and the church itself was remodeled in 1984. The town's Catholic school celebrated 100 years of parochial education in 1991. At the time,



it was lauded as the oldest continuous Catholic school in all of North Central Texas, and it remains the record-holder to this day.

Not all of the Catholic churches in Gainesville were populated by white German immigrants, however. In the mid-1900s, shortly after the end of World War II, the Felton/Johnson family returned to Gainesville from Chicago. They had converted to Catholicism during their time away, and so attended Mass at St. Mary's, but due to their African heritage they were not welcomed into the congregation. Shortly thereafter, it was decided that a separate "colored" church would be built; it is not clear who proposed this idea, only that Father Peter Malloy, Gainesville's priest at the time, helped organize the church. Dedicated in the September of 1947, It was named St. Charles Luange Catholic Church—after a Ugandan martyr—and built on a block of land on Field Street. The

church itself cost less than \$5,000 to build, and an old house purchased and moved nearer to the church building served as both a rectory and parish hall.

In just a decade, membership at the church had declined from 50 to 27 people. Black families were moving away from Gainesville to seek better economic opportunities, and this lowered attendance so drastically that the bishop decided it was no longer practical for this separate church to continue. In 1961, the members were transferred to St. Mary's, but only a



few of them felt comfortable enough to continue to practice the faith—others returned to their Protestant roots.

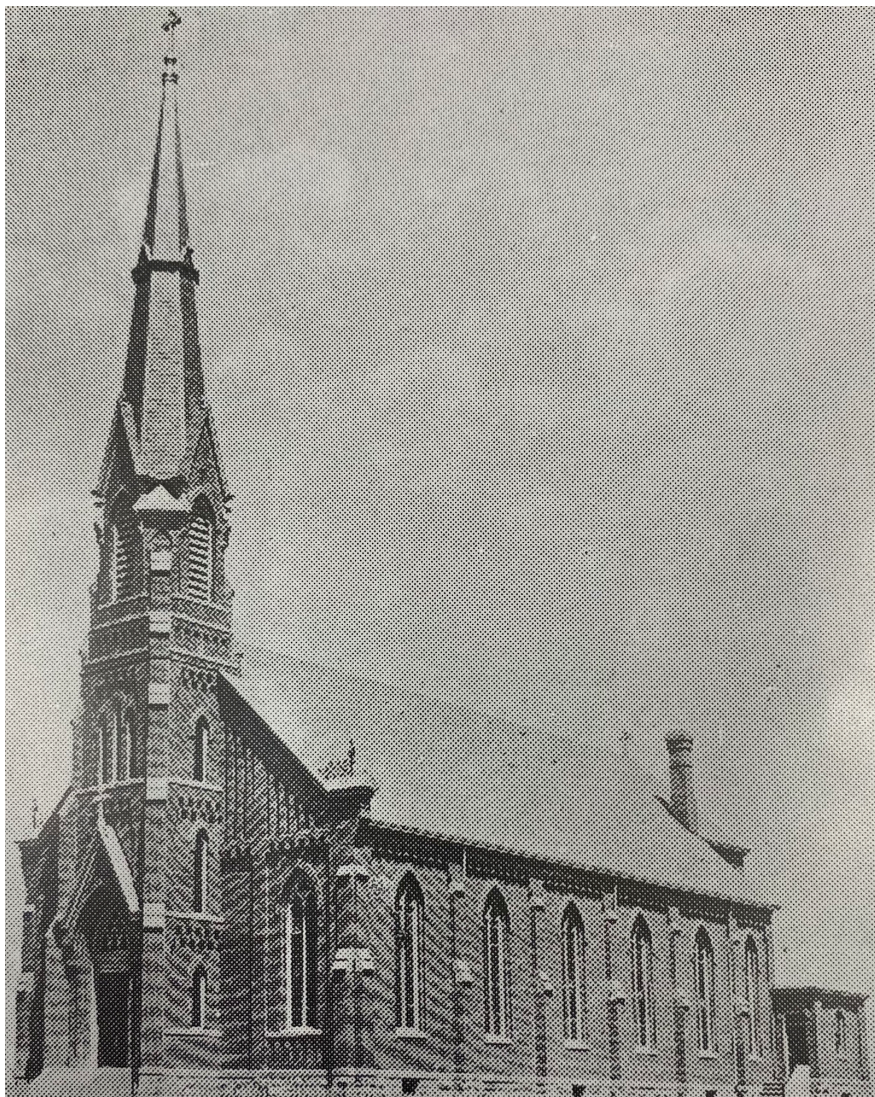
St. John's, a parish established in Valley View in 1946, closed in 2008, and its congregation is now under the care of St. Mary's.

Muenster

In lieu of stores, signs and city limits, the earliest residents knew that they were in Muenster when they came within sight of a labeled scrap of paper tacked onto a telegraph pole. These first settlers included Hesses, Flusches, Felderhoffs, Knauffs and Stoffels, to name a few. They dated their community not from the date they arrived, but from the date the first Catholic Mass was said there: December 8, 1889, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. This first Mass was celebrated in the Flusche Brothers land office—where mass continued to be said for quite some time—by Gainesville's resident priest, Father H. Brinkley of St. Mary's. Thirty-eight people attended.

Muenster began building its first Catholic Church in 1891, but before construction was completed the building was destroyed by a November storm. A second attempt was made the following year, but in 1893 a tornado destroyed that building as well. Finally, using money collected from both insurance companies and parishioners, a new school building was built that served as a church, school, and residence for the community's sisters.

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This is the staff for the 1939-40 school year at Sacred Heart School in Muenster. Nuns were the primary educators in most Catholic schools across the U.S. until the early 1970s, when monastery enrollment began to collapse and lay teachers were hired to replace them in classrooms.

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Bishop Thomas Gorman, while dedicating the newly-built church in 1954, said that "the magnificent new semi-Gothic edifice is a poem and a prayer in wood and stone—a fulfillment of the fondest dream of the devout pioneers who more than a half-century before had dedicated the community to Christian ideals."

Lindsay

In Lindsay, St. Peter's Catholic Church stands as the oldest surviving Catholic church in Cooke County. The first structure to be built was, unfortunately, destroyed by a tornado, but the second was constructed in 1918. This date puts it just ahead of the current building for St. Mary's parish, which was completed and dedicated in 1921.

The very first St. Peter's was built in 1903. It lasted 14 years, remaining untouched by the storms and tornadoes that had plagued Sacred Heart, and was then demolished by a "cyclone" in 1917. The same crew of farmers who had built the first large-scale church replaced it with an even grander and stately one than the last. Salvaging what materials they could from the wreckage (and from the similarly damaged Gainesville courthouse), they rebuilt their church in between long hours of farmwork. They worked so diligently that the magnificent new building was completed in only a year.

Once rebuilt, the second church building was dedicated with a day-long celebration that also included Bishop Lynch of Dallas administering the sacrament of confirmation. In 1919, only a year later, the parishioners held a funeral mass for a local boy who died fighting overseas in the first World War — the only casualty from Lindsay.

In 2009, plaster began to crumble and fall from the walls of St. Peter's.



An investigation revealed that undetected roof damage had allowed rainwater to enter the building, damaging the painted plaster and, worse still, the mortar that held the building together. An enormous restoration effort followed, a project which included not only repair of the roof damage, but overhauling the foundation, refinishing the pews, altar, and windows, and even repainting the intricate patterns on the old plaster onto new material. This restoration took two years to complete and cost \$4.9 million: far more money than had been spent on the building of both churches combined.

After over a century of weathering the elements, all three of Cooke County's churches still stand tall. In Gainesville, St. Mary's and its associated Catholic school are still present. In Muenster there still live descendants of the same families who first settled there, and they still fill Sacred Heart Church on Sunday mornings. St. Peter's has been designated a historic landmark, as anyone who has driven through Lindsay can tell you, and the recent restoration has ensured that it will last through this century as well.



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KIMBERLY REITER, COOKE COUNTY LIBRARY

The summer of 2022 is proving to be one of the hottest summers we have seen in a while. Along with record-breaking temperatures, the Cooke County Library is also seeing an increase in book checkouts. Evidently when it's too hot to get out library patrons are busy diving into books instead.

While everyone has their own favorite genre, there always seems to be those books that just won't stay on the shelves because everybody wants to read them. So if you want to stay cool this summer while reading a hot book, here is what your library staff suggest.

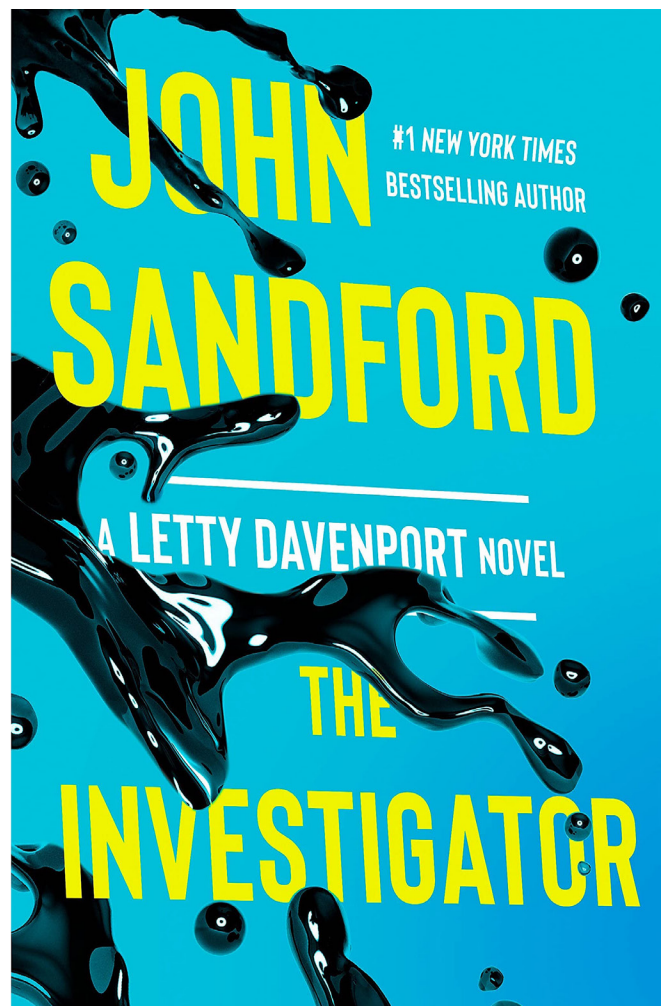
If you're looking for an adult fiction book that will keep you up reading throughout the night our suggestions include:

- When All Hell Broke Loose by William Johnstone.
- What Happened to the Bennetts by Lisa Scottoline.
- The Investigator by John Sandford

While the above examples lean toward the thriller or suspense genre, it is summer so a lot of readers are looking for the typical beach read, now also known as chick lit. These books are romantic, funny, and lighthearted. The main character is often a modern-day woman with goals and dreams. If this is your kind of book, try one of these:

- The Summer Getaway by Susan Mallery
- Part of Your World by Abby Jimenez
- Lost and Found in Paris by Lian Dolan

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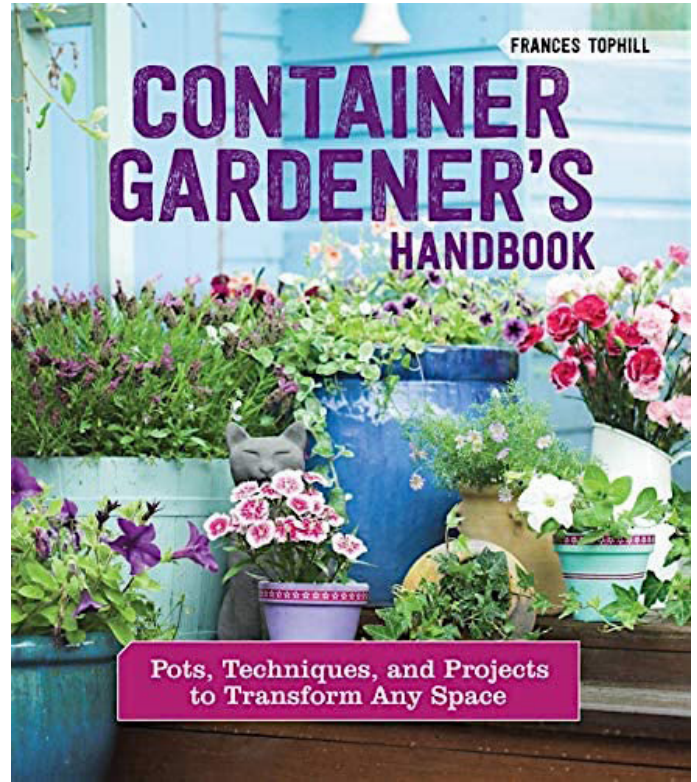
- Container Gardener's Handbook: Pots, Techniques, and Projects to Transform Any Space by Frances Tophill
- Boards : Stylish Spreads for Casual Gatherings by America's Test Kitchen

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- Nightwork by Nora Roberts

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Recipes



CROISSANT CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH WITH SPROUTS

Servings: 6

INGREDIENTS

- 6 strips bacon
- 1 rotisserie chicken, shredded
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup green onions, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered
- sprouts

INSTRUCTIONS

In skillet, arrange bacon and cook until slightly crispy. Drain bacon over paper towel; allow to dry. Crush into pieces.

In large bowl, stir chicken, mayonnaise, green onions and pepper until combined. Add bacon and tomatoes; stir until combined.

Cut croissants in half. Spoon generous portion of chicken salad over bottom croissant. Top with sprouts. Replace top croissant.

#15604 Source: Culinary.net



FISH WITH BOK CHOY

Prep time: 3 minutes

Cook time: 7 minutes

Servings: 1

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Minute Brown Rice Cup
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 white fish fillet
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon grated ginger
- 2 baby bok choy, quartered
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce

INSTRUCTIONS

Heat rice according to package directions. Set aside.

Add salt and pepper to both sides of fish, to taste.

In medium skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Cook fish 2 minutes on each side. Remove fish from pan and keep warm.

In same pan, add sesame oil and ginger. Cook 1 minute.

Add bok choy to pan and stir-fry 2 minutes. Add soy sauce; stir to incorporate. Top rice with fish and serve with bok choy.

on bottom half of biscuit. Add strawberry mixture. Replace biscuit top and dollop with whipping cream.

FIESTA RICE

Prep time: 3 minutes

Cook time: 1 minute

Servings: 1

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Minute White Rice Cup
- 1 diced tomato
- 1/2 diced avocado
- 1 sliced green onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- salt, to taste
- black pepper, to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

Heat rice according to package directions. Set aside.

In bowl, combine tomato, avocado, onion and cilantro.

Add lime juice and salt and pepper, to taste.

Mix thoroughly and serve.





WATERMELON GELATO

Servings: 8

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups pureed watermelon
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup fat-free half-and-half
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup whipping cream

INSTRUCTIONS

In blender, blend watermelon, sugar, cornstarch, half-and-half, lemon juice and whipping cream until smooth.

Using ice cream maker, process gelato according to manufacturer's instructions.

To make whipped cream: When crust and curd are completely cooled, in large bowl, whip cream until stiff peaks form.

Gently push cream to one side of bowl and pour in watermelon curd. Using spatula, gently fold cream and watermelon curd together until no streaks are visible.

Pour creamy watermelon mixture over graham cracker crust. Freeze dessert completely, 4-6 hours or overnight.

When ready to serve, loosen sides with small spatula or butter knife. Turn out onto cutting board and use large spatula to flip so graham cracker crust is on bottom. Cut into eight bars and top each with basil leaf.

#16210 Source: National Watermelon Promotion Board

MEDITERRANEAN ORZO SALAD

Servings: 4

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups cooked orzo
- 2 mini cucumbers, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 1/2 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup arugula
- 1/4 cup pitted Kalamata and green olives, cut in half
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/3 cup Newman's Own Garlic Vinaigrette & Marinade, plus additional for serving (optional)

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3-INGREDIENT STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM

Servings: 4-6

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound fresh strawberries, stems removed
- 1 pint heavy whipping cream
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk

INSTRUCTIONS

In blender, puree strawberries.

In bowl of stand mixer, beat whipping cream and sweetened condensed milk until stiff peaks form. Fold in strawberry puree. Pour into loaf pan. Freeze 5 hours. Before serving, let ice cream soften 5-10 minutes.

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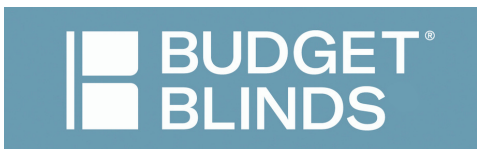


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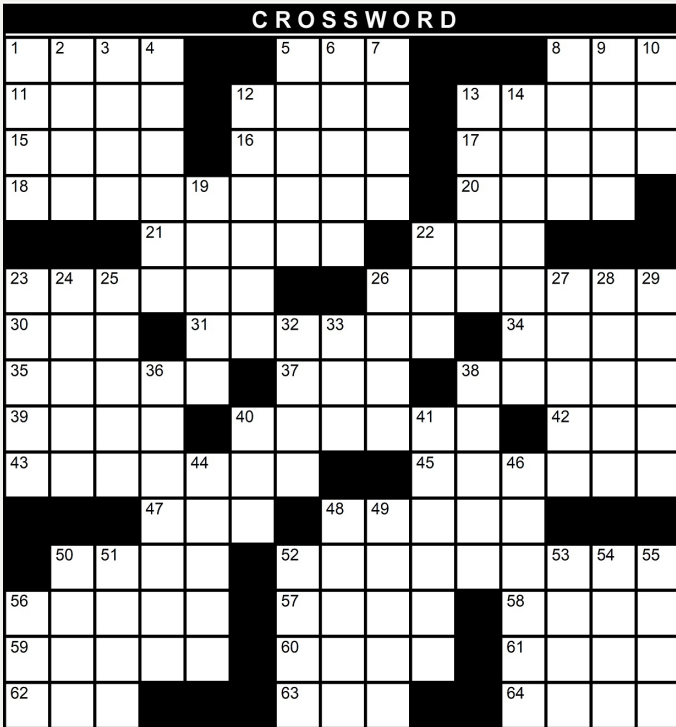
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8. "Before" prefix
11. Curved molding
12. *It rings at midnight on Christmas Eve at church
13. Yarn store unit
15. Relating to armpit
16. Criminal's surprise
17. Nephew's sister
18. *4th of July spectacle
20. 1952 Olympics host
21. 1,000 kilograms
22. Meat sauce
23. Vacation location
26. French painter of "La Danse" fame
30. Menu words (2 words)
31. Lean
34. Wine valley
35. Impertinent
37. *Annual Assumption tradition blesses it
38. #2 Down, pl.
39. Highest volcano in Europe
40. Puppies
42. Bit of binary code
43. Dean's official residence
45. Small stream
47. Wine quality
48. Bilbo Baggins' land
50. Windsor family's sport
52. *Popular New Year's libatio
56. Stored by bees
57. ____-de-camp
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6. Description for twins
7. Auto pioneer
8. Banana remnant
9. Puerto ____
10. Compass bearing
12. "Jane Eyre" author
13. Pig part
14. *Action under mistletoe
19. Like a damaged apple, possibly
22. Jam container
23. Torn down
24. Fill with optimism
25. Sweating room
26. *Thanksgiving's main event?
27. Beauty parlor
28. Chiropractor's concern
29. Painting holder
32. Light gray
33. "Wow!"
36. *Birthday cake decorations
38. Seize the throne
40. Kind of humor
41. Ready ____
44. Deteriorate
46. Just about
48. Jumped aside
49. Lacked
50. Type of cotton
51. Female gamete
52. *Valentine's Day tradition
53. *New Year's resolution weight or savings target
54. One in a roster
55. Red-encased cheese
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