



Celebrating Black History and Our Communities



The Curtis House Cultural Center opened to the public in 2016. Reverend Penns, one of the co-founders, made a presentation to staff and guests during Disability in Action's celebration of Black History last year.



ICAN (Interested Citizens of Abilene North) is an organization that seeks to develop, maintain, restore and enhance the Carver/Stevenson neighborhoods in Abilene. ICAN found the Curtis home and created the Cultural Center at 701 Mesquite. The Center honors many black Abilene Citizens who positively impacted our community and also served our country. The Center also houses several artifacts that are important to the Black History of the area. Curtis House is open for tours. Call them at (325) 701-7804



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Beware of Scams

The Latest News

Check Scams:

Experian credit services' blog indicated that although check scams are usually targeted at banks, consumers are more frequently becoming victims of this scam. Stolen mail to create counterfeit checks is the most common crime. Experian also says to avoid writing and using the mail to deliver checks. Banks and credit unions will usually reimburse someone, but not always. If writing a check and putting it in the mail is necessary, Experian suggests using an ink pen that will deter "check washing".

Employment Scams

Although the legitimate work-from-home job market is on the increase, scammers know that as more people seek to work from home, the more opportunities to take advantage of consumers. They use enticing and hard-to-detect methods according to Experian. They may take the slow approach and conduct job interviews that seem professional. As the process moves along, they steal information from your employment records and ask for money to purchase equipment to do the job

- **Experian highlighted this scam:** You may also see job opportunities that involve receiving money and sending funds to another account, or receiving and reshipping packages. These "money mule" and "reshipping mule" jobs are often part of an illegal operation, and you could be personally liable.

Zelle Scam

Scammers are turning to Zelle, a peer-to-peer payment method, to steal people's money. The scammer might email, text or call you pretending to work for your bank or credit union's fraud department. They'll claim that a thief was trying to steal your money through Zelle, and that they have to walk you through "fixing" the issue. Then, they may instruct you to send the money to yourself, but the money will actually go to their account.

Starting in mid-2023, Zelle began refunding victims of some scams. However, you might not always be eligible for reimbursements, so it's important to be wary of these types of financial scams.

Courtesy of Experian.

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Have your voice heard!

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What's on the Ballot March 5th?



Proposition A: This bond program is worth **\$8 million** and proposes the construction of a new **Fire Station** off of FM 707 in South Abilene. The funding covers both construction and equipment costs¹.



Changes to Abilene City Charter: Voters will consider several changes in language to the Abilene City Charter. These updates aim to keep the charter current and relevant.



Proposition H: One of the proposed changes separates **Police and Fire employees** from participating in political affairs due to a state law that grants them



"Sanctuary City Measure: Abilene residents will vote on whether to make the city a "sanctuary city." If approved, this would make abortion in Abilene illegal at all times unless the mother's life is in danger. It's important to note that this proposal was made before the landmark decision overturning Roe v. Wade¹.different privileges."

Key Dates and Information

- **Important Dates**
- **February 19:** First day of early voting at designated locations
- **March 1:** Last day of early voting at designated locations
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- **Important Deadlines**
- **March 5 at 7 PM:** Deadline to drop off mail-in ballots
- **March 5 at 7 PM:** Last day mail-in ballots can be **received**
- Note: If your ballot is postmarked by March 5 at 7 PM, it will still be counted if it is received by March 6 at 5 PM
 - **If you have any questions or need more information, visit our [FAQ page](#) or call 1-866-OUR-VOTE**

Courtesy of BallotReady.org

Primary elections play a **crucial role** in the American political system. Let's delve into their significance:

Selecting Party Nominees:

- Primary elections allow political parties to determine who will represent them in the **general election**.
- While we often think of Democratic and Republican primaries, other parties like Independents, Greens, and Libertarians can also hold primaries.
- **Open primaries** allow anyone from any party to participate, while **closed primaries** restrict participation to registered party members. Some primaries are **semi-closed**, allowing Independent voters to participate.
- For instance, in Oklahoma, Republicans have a closed primary, while Democrats have a semi-closed one that includes Independent voters.
- **Hypothetically**, even the best candidate cannot compete in the general election if they don't succeed in the primaries.
- Primary outcomes shape the **final ballot**, determining who represents each party in the general election.



Grandma's Kitchen

Tried and True Recipe. Enjoy!

Ingredients

1 -9 inch crumb crust or
baked pastry shell, cooled

1 8oz. Cream cheese or 1 8 oz.
Neufachatel Cheese

1 Can of Sweetened Con-
densed Milk

1/3 cup fresh or bottle lemon
juice

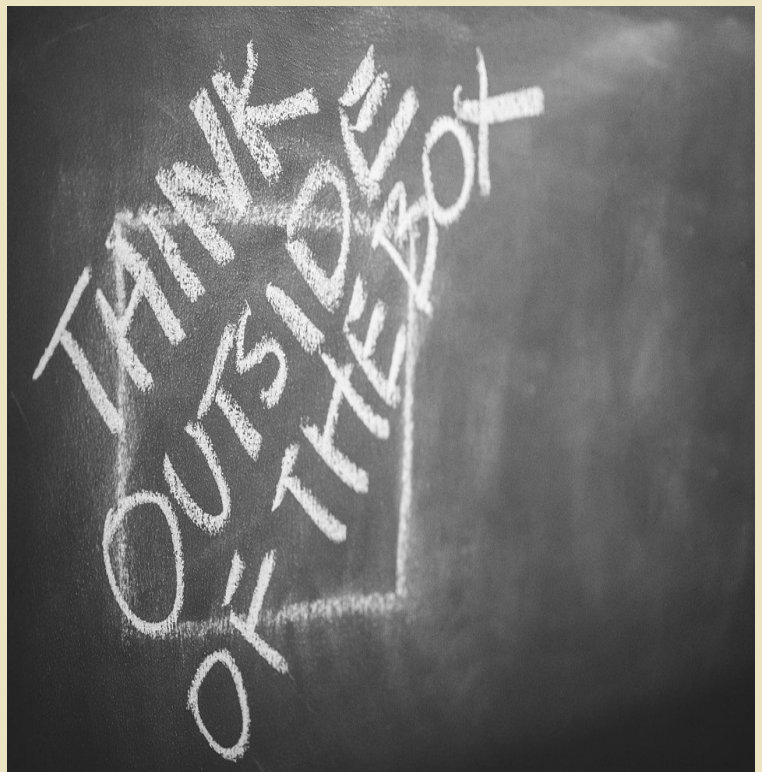
1 tsp. vanilla extract

1 (1 lb. 6 oz) canned cherry
pie filling

Let Cream Cheese soften to room temperature; whip until fluffy. Gradually add Sweetened Condensed Milk (you must use condensed milk) while mixing; stir until well blended. Add lemon juice and vanilla extract; blend well. Pour into prepared crust. Chill 2 or 3 hours before garnishing top of pie with Cherry Pie filling



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smile





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Please visit this private group and ask us to join!

Find Texas Disability Connection on Facebook —ask to join!



Courtesy of Superior Health Plan

Hygiene items

If you or someone you know needs

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Call us at (325) 672-5460

to schedule an appointment

Households are allowed to get items every six weeks



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