

MARSP Program: November 4, 2022

The West Texas Food Bank will be presenting the program in November. We will have a "Virtual Food Drive." If you donate \$1.00 to the food bank, the staff will be able to buy 5 cans of green beans through their sources. Let's help out the food bank with our \$ donations. Any amount will be helpful and you can donate with cash or check. You can also use a credit or debit card by going to the West Texas Food Bank website, <https://wtxfoodbank.org/donate>. We will collect the money at the November 4 meeting and present the donations to the food bank staff.
Thank You!

PLEASE COME TO THE NOVEMBER 4 MEETING

Don't forget to put Thursday, November 4, on your calendar.

This is the date for the next luncheon meeting of MARSP. Meet and greet begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:00 noon.

The cost of the luncheon is \$6, and your reservation is your commitment to pay.

The program for November will be presented by "The West Texas Food Bank."

Call Anita Patton at 432-349-6822 or e-mail her at apatton123@sbcglobal.net by Monday, November 1.

MARSP Scholarship for 2021-2022

The MARSP scholarship will be awarded in the Summer of 2022! If you have a relative or close young person whom you are mentoring, who is planning a career in Education, our organization would love to have that person apply for our scholarship of \$2500.

To find out information about this scholarship, go to our website: www.midlandretireded.org and click on “Newsletters, Event Dates, Scholarship, & Forms.” Then click on “Scholarship, Membership, Volunteer, & Other Forms.” Then you will see a section relating to the “MARSP Scholarship Fund.” Click on “MARSP Scholarship Application 2021-2022.” Then two pages will come up that give the “Scholarship Guidelines” and the “Student Scholarship Application.”

The application is not a complicated process. The applicant just needs to follow the process, meet the application eligibility, complete the application, and submit the entire application packet, postmarked by Friday, June 3, 2022.

Please contact Kathy Favor if you have any questions or concerns about the application process. The phone number is 432-682-1949.

We look forward to having several applicants this year, and we will be excited to award the \$2500 Scholarship to a student who will be following our footsteps by entering the field of education.

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EVERY LEAF SPEAKS BLISS TO ME FLUTTERING
FROM THE AUTUMN TREE

By Emily Bronte

Fall is here and it brings us such beautiful and colorful sites. Fall days and nights are ahead of us with many special events to come, including cooler weather. It is wonderful to be alive!

HOW TO SPOT TODAY'S SCAM TRENDS:

Imposter scams usually begin with a call, text message, or email. Being cautious and keeping an eye out for common fraud schemes in today's world can help keep you safe. Here are fraud scams that are emerging today and drastically increased. A variety of new scams emerged preying on those hit hardest financially by the pandemic and subsequent closures and shutdowns. Such as people

who have become isolated, the elderly, as well as those who want to be helpful to those in crisis. The pandemic provided an opportunity for cyber criminals to arise.

A scammer can pretend to be someone you trust, often a government agent, family member, or someone who promises to fix something that is important to you-convincing you to send them money or share personal information. Be aware to get help from those whom you trust to help you if you find yourself a victim of a recent fraud scheme.

SOME COMMON FRAUDS THAT ARE RELEVANT TODAY:

Tech support scam: Criminals pose as technology support representatives and offer to fix nonexistent computer issues.

Romance scam: Criminals pose as interested romantic partners on social media or dating websites.

Grandparent scam: Criminals pose as a relative-usually a child or grandchild-claiming to be in immediate financial need.

Sweepstakes/charity/lottery scam: Criminals claim to work for a charitable organization to gain victims' trust, or claim the victim has won a foreign lottery or sweepstakes, which they can collect for a "fee".

Home repair scam: Criminals appear in person and charge homeowners in advance for home improvements.

Family/caregiver scam: Perpetrators are relatives or acquaintances of elderly victims and take advantage of them to get their money.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF:

Stop communications with the perpetrator. Search on line for the contact information and the proposed offer. Resist the pressure to act quickly. Be cautious of unsolicited phone calls, mailings, and door-to-door service offers. Never provide any personally identifiable information. Ensure all computer anti-virus and security software are up to date. Do not open any emails or attachments you do not recognize. If victimized, take precautions to protect your identity and monitor your various accounts for suspicious activity.

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