Tuesday, November 16

Tex-Mex stack, rice, pinto beans, carrot sticks, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Wednesday, November 17

Pizza, side salad, green beans, peaches, milk

Thursday, November 18

Thanksgiving Meal

Friday, November 19

Potato bowl, roll, tomato cup, snowball salad, milk

Blackwell CISD Breakfast

Monday, November 15

Pop Tarts, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, November 16 French toast, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, November 17

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk Thursday, November 18

Biscuits, gravy, scrambled

eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, November 19

Fruit danish, fruit, juice, milk Lunch

Monday, November 15

Chicken parmesan, peas,

sweet carrots, garlic toast, milk Tuesday, November 16

Soft or crunchy tacos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato, milk

Wednesday, November 17

Hornet chicken bowl (popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, cheese), hot roll, milk

Thursday, November 18

Corn dog, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, milk

Friday, November 19

Fancy burrito (burrito, chili, cheese, lettuce, tomato) tater tots, milk

Free Entrance to Texas State Parks in Honor of Veterans Day

In honor of both active and retired military, daily entrance fees at Texas State Parks will be waived for all day-use visitors Sunday, November 14.

"The dedication, sacrifice and service displayed by the women and men that serve in our country's military is unparalleled and is a source of pride throughout the country," said Rodney Franklin, Director of Texas State Parks. "Their commitment to undoubtedly inspires us at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. To celebrate their service, Texas State Parks would like to once again invite everyone to spend the day at any one of our beautiful State Parks for free. I am glad that we are able to encourage families to get outside in honor of our veterans."

Anyone planning a trip to a Texas State Park is encouraged to reserve their day passes in advance since some parks are expected to reach their capacity limit. Day passes can be reserved online though the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website or over the phone by calling (512) 389-8900.

When purchasing a hunting and fishing license, buyers can add a donation of \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$20 to help support the Commission's Veterans Veterans Assistance Fund.

Donations to the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance program provide grants to veteran service organizations and

nonprofit charitable institutions that assist veterans and their families at the community level throughout Texas.

Ongoing supply chain issues aren't a farm supply issue

By Jennifer Whitlock It feels like every time I read or watch the news lately, one of the top headlines has something to do with supply chain issues.

Vehicles, toys, clothing and numerous other consumer goods are in short supply. That makes sense. They're either made overseas or require parts from overseas, so if we're experiencing cargo ship delays at ports on both sides of the ocean, I can see why those items are unavailable.

But what's happening at the grocery store? Why, months after people stopped COVIDhoarding, are grocery store shelves going unstocked and with labeled "temporarily unavailable" signs?

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It's not because farmers and ranchers have quit growing and raising our food. Throughout the pandemic, farmers and ranchers have remained focused on their goal of providing safe, affordable food for their fellow Americans and themselves.

They've faced plenty challenges, to be sure. From bottlenecks at livestock processing facilities to increasing feed prices to less availability of important crop inputs like fertilizer and herbicides, farmers and ranchers have been impacted by supply chain issues.

they're dedicated. Focused. And resourceful. Our bountiful food supply hasn't stopped growing in the fields.

Manpower at processing plants and food manufacturers or rather, a lack thereof - seems to be the main culprit behind empty grocery store shelves.

Food and beverage companies have seen a dwindling labor supply for years, but the pandemic exacerbated those issues.

Employees that were let go or had their hours reduced at the of manufacturing shutdowns and slowdowns are not returning, and not enough new people are coming in to take their place.

And without enough people, they're not making enough products to keep up with demand. From the manufactured food items to the packaging those goods go in, manufacturers are feeling the pinch of not having enough help.

The same labor issue echoes throughout the rest of the food supply chain. Truck drivers, food service workers and grocery store employees are in high demand.

We need each link in our food supply chain to be operating optimally in order to keep the steady, affordable food supply we're accustomed to in this nation.

It just may take a little longer to get back up to full speed.

So, remember when you can't find a certain food or household item your family loves, it's not because farmers quit growing the wheat and sugar or dairy farmers stopped milking their herds. It's more likely the manufacturer simply cannot keep up with demand.

Farmers and ranchers shop at the same grocery stores as the rest of us. They're disappointed when their favorite foods are out of stock, too.

Don't hoard. Be reasonable in your purchasing habits, and know that farmers and ranchers have been #stillfarming and #stillranching. And they'll continue to do so.

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