

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

As I write this column on Monday, I have a little over 40 days left to be your county judge. This week, most of us will be celebrating

Thanksgiving.

The event that Americans commonly call the “First Thanksgiving” was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days and—as recounted by attendee Edward Winslow— was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. Did you know that in this hemisphere, Thanksgiving is celebrated by Canada, Brazil, Grenada, St. Lucia, and the United States? On October 31, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a presidential proclamation, officially changing the holiday to the next to last Thursday in November to boost the economy.

However, we arrived at this holiday and celebration, and it is a great time to be with families and friends. And the holiday drew many great sports events for television at this time.

The Post-Treatment Program is moving further ahead. The demand is beginning to show. All of the research we did showed that it should be successful. I must say, when we first opened for a few weeks, I was concerned. We could hear the crickets chirping in the silence with no requests. But that has changed. We now have three or four more coming. In the detention pod dedicated to the program, we have a capacity of 12. So, it is looking good for utilization which means positive cash flow for the county.

I will send in my last column as your county judge in mid-December.

Thanks for listening. May God bless us all. And God, thank you for the rain.