

# Annual Jim Wells, Duval County Relay for Life

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Relay For Life (RFL) is a community-based fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Each year, more than 5,000 Relay For Life events take place in over twenty countries. Events are often held in local communities, university campuses and in virtual campaigns.

This year, Jim Wells and Duval County held the annual event on Friday, Sept. 29 at the Anderson Park in Alice.

During this event, the 2023 Survivor Royalty was sashed and crowned. RFL of Jim Wells Queen went to Ms. America Nino; RFL Jim Wells King went to Mr. Roger Dugie; RFL Duval County Queen went to Ms. Melissa Everett and RFL Duval County King (Prince) went to Mr. Zachary Salinas.



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## Edwards Furniture Co. celebrates 61 years of business

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“Let Us Furnish Your Home With Happiness” is the motto the late Billy Edwards would tell his customers when he opened Edwards Furniture Co. in Oct. of 1962. For over 61 years, Edwards Furniture Co. has provided affordable, quality furniture and accessories at Every Day Low prices to their customers, not only in Alice but the surrounding communities of South Texas.

They also have a location in Gonzales, Texas since 1988. Generations of loyal customers have shopped at Edwards Furniture Co., Inc. for 61 years.

Edwards Furniture Co. looks forward to being your #1 Hometown Furniture Store for many more years. Their 61st Anniversary Sale is now in progress.

Edwards Furniture Co employees. Front row (L-R): Irene Zapata Galvan, Elvira Garza, Delicia Torrez, Dee Dee Sisson and Rebecca Garcia. Back row (L-R): F. Norberto Garcia, Alex Guerra, Noe Moreno, Adan Villarreal and Wilfrido Rubio. Amanda Green-Reyna



## THE FALL FAMILY YARD

# Use our tips to make it work for you

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Fall is a great time to be in your family yard.

“Our yards are giving us ways to keep living,” says Kris Kiser, President of the TurfMutt Foundation. “Your backyard can help you stay active and thrive. It’s where you might throw a ball with the kids or the dog. You might grill dinner, sit around the fire, or plant something.”

According to researchers, people living in neighborhoods with more birds, shrubs, and trees are less likely to suffer from depression, anxiety, and stress. Spending just five minutes in a natural setting can help improve mood.

Family yards can play a key role in promoting wellness for you, your family and your community, notes Kiser.

“Working in the yard in the fall provides a double benefit. What you do now in the fall to maintain your yard, will also get your yard ready for spring. And it gets you outside in nature,” said Kiser.

Here are a few tips to maintain your yard this fall:

- Get out your equipment and assess what you need for fall yard work. Clean and inspect your mower, trimmer, leaf blower, pruner, or hedger. Get out the attachments you might need for fall yard work like an aerator or mulching attachment. Take any equipment that needs it to an authorized service representative.
- Be purposeful in how you maintain

your landscape. If adding a tree or bush this season, consider its location, maintenance, sunlight and watering needs, as well as how it might support local pollinators in the spring and backyard wildlife over the winter.

- Remove leaves. Autumn means falling leaves. Mulching leaves and leaving them on the grass – rather than raking and bagging them – is good for the lawn and the environment. As shredded leaves decompose on the lawn, they feed it naturally.

- Aerate the lawn. Aeration prevents soil from becoming compacted and covered with thatch, a thick layer of roots, stems, and debris that blocks water, oxygen and nutrients from reaching the soil.

- Mow at the right height. Continue to cut the grass until the first hard frost. Find the just-right length for your yard’s species, typically between 2-3 inches, to keep the grass healthy when it turns cold.

- Water wisely. If the yard is not getting at least an inch of water a week from Mother Nature, keep watering through the fall. Install watering solutions, such as smart controllers on irrigation systems, to help conserve water.

- Check if trees or bushes need pruning. Look for low-hanging branches that might snap or break in the winter and cause damage. Now is the time to trim them. Call a tree service if needed.

Learn more about the TurfMutt Foundation at [TurfMutt.com](http://TurfMutt.com).

