# Waxahachie

DECEMBER 2018

Kids' Fun Pages pp. 48 & 50 🌏

Crossword/Sudoku pp. 52 & 54

Heart Healer

Kathy Smith finds restorative love in a lost puppy

2018 Holiday **Shopping Guide** 

**Featured Business:** 

Waxahachie Orthopaedics

& Sports Medicine

In the Kitchen With

**Amy Walker** 

Christmas Charm At Home With **Kevin** and

**Cathy Prachyl** 

оте тяенч

Postal Customer \*\*\*\*ECHMSS EDDW\*\*\*\*



## **INTRODUCES**

Regenerative Medicine with Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) Therapy

A proven safe and effective way to treat Arthritis and other conditions without using any medications.

The Solution is in your blood.

Conditions that can be treated with PRP Therapy:

- Osteoarthritis
- Bursitis
- Tendonitis
- Fibromyalgia
- Neuropathy
- Muscle, Ligament and Tendon tears/injuries
- And Many more

## **Relieve Knee Pain** with PRP

Our FDA approved Knee Pain/Osteoarthritis Treatment has over 90% proven success.

> Treatment is safe, easy and requires **NO SURGERY**

Call today if you experience any degree of knee pain or discomfort.

Treatment is covered by most insurance companies including Medicare.

We Believe in Living Life Pain Free

**CALL NOW AT** 214.550.0680

UNIVERSITY PLAZA, 401 N. HWY 77 • SUITE #1 • WAXAHACHIE WWW.VCAREHEALTH.ORG



Start every day off with a GREAT smile

## Family Smiles

**General Dentistry for Adults & Children** 

(972) 351-9110



Complimentary Teeth Whitening

after completion of all treatment \$250 value

- Games & movies
- Laughing gas
- TVs in every room
- Kid-friendly environment

iHablamos Español!

\$59 Dental Checkup
NEW PATIENTS ONLY
(Regular price \$150)

Come meet our experienced, professional staff today & get your dental checkup! Simple cleaning • Necessary X-rays Excludes deep cleanings. Offer applies only in the absence of gum disease. Expires 12/31/18

\$25 Toothache Visit NEW PATIENTS ONLY (Regular price \$100)

Includes necessary X-rays, exam and doctor consultation

Not valid with any other offers. Expires 12/31/18

For Patients No Insurance

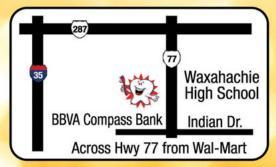
Full-mouth deep cleaning \$300 Simple cleaning \$75 Most extractions \$150

Excludes wisdom teeth. Expires 12/31/18

\$175

Limited exam & X-ray with a single extraction (Regular price \$300)

Excludes wisdom teeth. Expires 12/31/18



1011 N. Hwy. 77, Ste. 105 Waxahachie, TX 75165

### Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dr. Amandeep Basrai DDS & Associates

**Payment Plan Available** 

Now Accepting United Healthcare Medicaid, Cigna Health Spring Medicaid, Denta Quest Superior Star Plus Medicaid, Amerigroup Medicaid, CHIP & All PPO Insurances.

Walk-ins & Same-day Emergencies

HEART HEALER Sugababy fills more than one void in Kathy Smith's life.

16 CHRISTMAS CHARM

> At Home With Kevin and Cathy Prachyl.

**24** NO PATTERNS NEEDED

> For Silvia Rodriguez and her daughter, Mirna Mendez, crochet is a family affair.

**TIMELESS** 

Connie Ozymy creates a work of art on a porcelain canvas.

**40** THE CITY **OF LIGHTS** 

> True Southern charm and hospitality welcome you to Louisiana's oldest settlement.



**36** CookingNOW

**42** BusinessNOW

**46** Around TownNOW

Publisher, Connie Poirier | General Manager, Rick Hensley

Managing Editor, Becky Walker | Waxahachie Editor, Sandra Strong Editorial Assistant, Rachel Smith | Writers, Shannon Adams Amber D. Browne . Joy Horn . Derek Jones . Corey C. Poole . Virginia Riddle Editor/Proofreader, Angel Morris

#### **GRAPHICS AND DESIGN**

Creative Director, Chris McCalla I Artists, Kristin Bato, Morgan Christensen . Martha Macias . Brande Morgan . Anthony Sarmienta

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Photography Directors, Chris McCalla. Sandra Strong Photographers, Kobbi R. Blair . Amy Ramirez

Advertising Representatives, Bryan Frye . Cherise Burnett Joyce Sebesta . Dustin Dauenhauer . Trent Dean Ashlyn LeVesque. Kelsea Locke. Lori O'Connell. Melissa Perkins Steve Randle . Keri Roberson . Linda Roberson

Billing Manager, Angela Mixon



#### ON THE COVER

Kevin and Cathy Prachyl decorate with a bit of whimsy.

Photo by Amy Ramirez.

WaxahachieNOW is a NOW Magazines, L.L.C. publication. Copyright © 2018. All rights reserved. WaxahachieNOW is published monthly and individually mailed free of charge to homes and businesses in the Waxahachie ZIP codes.

Subscriptions are available at the rate of \$35 per year or \$3.50 per issue. Subscriptions should be sent to: NOW Magazines, P.O. Box 1071, Waxahachie, TX 75168. For advertising rates or editorial correspondence, call (972) 937-8447 or visit www.nowmagazines.com.

## Don't be Afraid of the Dentist.

Come relax with oral sedation and nitrous.

Dr. Martin and his caring Fearless team are here to help you have a healthy and beautiful smile.





Dr. Martin does white fillings, crowns, bridges, veneers, implants, implant dentures, root canals, extractions & Invisalign. He also sees children. Our hygienists, Ruby & Charlsy, do deep cleanings if gum disease is present. Years of dental needs can be completed with very few appointments all in our office.





Same-day treatment available. No-interest financing W.A.C. for up to 2 years.

Convenient Hours: 8am-5pm M-Th

In network with these major PPO plans: Aetna, Delta, Cigna, Metlife, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, Humana, Principal, Ameritas, Guardian, Dental Select

972-617-3322 · www.FearlessDental.com

Mention this ad and get FREE WHITENING FOR LIFE

when you become a patient at Fearless Dental. After all dental work is completed, you'll receive FREE trays and then FREE whitening gel at every cleaning.

## **Snap-on Denture**

### **ALL INCLUSIVE:**

- Extractions
- Dentures
- Adjustments& Relines
- · Oral Sedation
- Bone Grafts

Upper or lower with 4 implants

\$12,995



Call our office for more details and to schedule your complimentary snap-on consultation.

\*Certain restrictions may apply

\*\*Financing available through CareCredit - monthly payments as low as \$322 per month

## Sandra Sandra Strong WaxahachieNOW Editor

(972) 765-3530

sandra.strong@nowmagazines.com

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

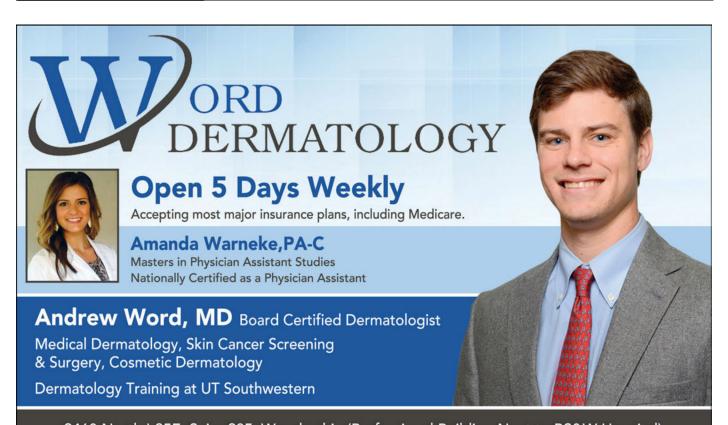
Merry Christmas!

My older brother is so good about selflessly doing things for other people, never expecting anything in return. He's also great when it comes to sharing the things he no longer wants or needs. One such item is the oversized dresser that I use for storing all my Christmas wrapping supplies. Each drawer holds one thing that's important to the wrapping process: tissue paper, colorful ribbon, scotch tape, gift bags and tags — lots and lots of holiday tags. For me, the wrapping on a Christmas present isn't complete without the tag.

One year, I used different wrapping paper for each person in the family. There was Santa on red, Santa on green, polka dots, candy canes, pine cones, stripes, solids and everything in between. It made for a beautiful tree, but I was nervous because not a single package had a tag. I feared my worst Christmas nightmare would come to fruition — that one of my grandsons would open the gifts wrapped for my granddaughter. I could only imagine the look on their faces if they were to rip paper off a box, only to find a doll with long brown hair that talked like a baby when you pulled the string attached to her back. Thankfully, that didn't happen, but I've never put myself through that stress again. I no longer elect to leave the tags off!

Let the wrapping begin!

P.S. The publisher and staff of NOW Magazines would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of holiday seasons!



2460 North I-35E, Suite 285, Waxahachie (Professional Building Next to BS&W Hospital)

972-736-DERM (3376) | WWW.WORDDERMATOLOGY.COM









#### **Chisholm Trail**

ENDODONTICS

Dr. James Elliott

1003 Legacy Ranch Rd., Ste. 104, Waxahachie, TX 75165 (972) 635-5151 ■ www.chisholmtrailendo.com
Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Dr. James Elliott has more than 31 years of valuable experience in endodontics — the specialized branch of dentistry that deals with the cause, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases of the dental pulp, usually by the removal of the nerve and other tissue of the pulp cavity and its replacement with suitable filling material. Simply stated, endodontics is a procedure laymen refer to as a root canal. "My childhood dentist steered me in the right direction," Dr. Elliott shared. "He once told me that if he had it to do all over again, he would specialize in endodontics."

Once the decision "to do one thing and do it well" was made, Dr. Elliott, a native Texan, born and raised in Richardson, Texas, wasted no time in the learning process. As a doctor of endodontics, he spent two additional years in school. He graduated from North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas) and went on to dental school at The University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. His time in residency was spent at the Medical College of Virginia, in Richmond.

When asked why he wanted to move his practice to Waxahachie from the Fort Worth/Saginaw area, his answer was quite simple. "I saw a need," he said, referring to the many trips he made to Waxahachie prior to making the decision to move his office

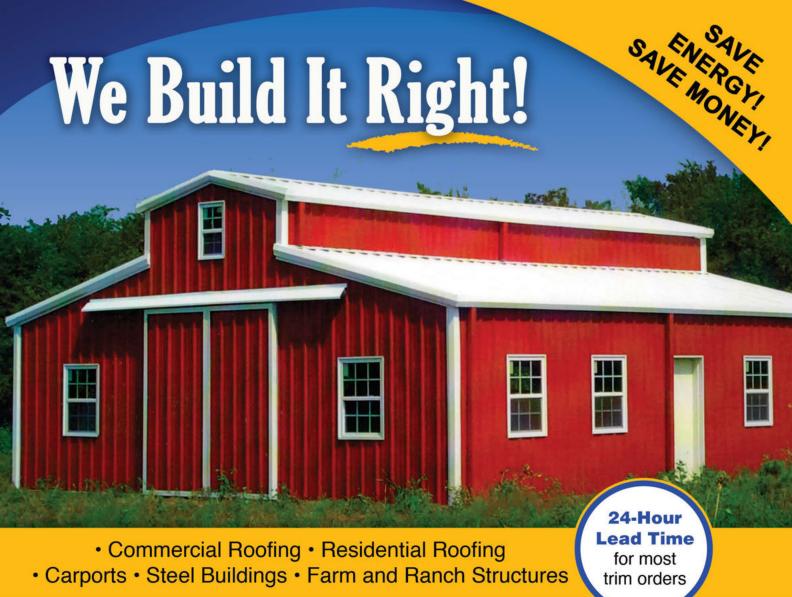
here. "There is no committed endodontist in the area."

Ninety-nine percent of Dr. Elliott's patients will come to Chisholm Trail Endodontics by a referral. While scouting the area, he met several dentists who were excited to know they would soon be able to make local referrals for their patients who needed a root canal. "My goal is to save teeth," he admitted, "instead of pulling them out one at a time." Dr. Elliott uses state-of-the-art equipment and technology in this new office.

Dr. Elliott believes in the "all in one" visit. As soon as a patient arrives, they will share their medical history with Dr. Elliott in the operatory. He will explain the procedure, educate and calm the level of anxiety that often comes with a dental appointment of any kind. "Unless there's an unforeseen emergency, I only see one patient at a time," he said.

"It's important for him to get to know his patients," said Monica Elliott, Dr. Elliott's wife and the financial business manager of Chisholm Trail Endodontics. "He's a humble man with a big heart. He genuinely cares for people."

Dr. Elliott believes in treating his patients the way he wants to be treated. Nothing leaves his office that would not be in his own mouth. "I want them to know root canals can be painless," he explained. "I want them to leave feeling like this was one of the easiest procedures they've ever had."





www.metalmarts.com

- Energy-Efficient Products
- Heavy Duty Metal is Hail
   & Fire Resistant
- Do-It-Yourself Packages Available (No Welding Required)



7200 NORTH IH-35 E. • WAXAHACHIE 972-576-0606 • 800-677-2503 • metalmart03@McElroymetal.com

# We're HIRING

## We're looking for amazing people for our amazing team

Immediate interviews for Shipping/Receiving positions. Interviewing now for IT, Web Development, Marketing, Finance, Customer Service, Distribution Center, and many others.

Visit MouserJobs.com to search our current openings.

- \* Great Benefits including Medical, Dental, Vision, EAP, Telemedicine, 401(k) Match, Onsite Clinic and Fitness Center with 24/7 access
- Competitive Pay
- Tuition/Textbook Reimbursement
- \* Discounts
- \* Meal options onsite



Mouser Electronics is a worldwide leader in the distribution of electronic components for engineers to design future must-have products today. Mouser is part of the Berkshire-Hathaway family of companies, a Texas Employer of Excellence and a Mansfield Chamber of Commerce 2014 Outstanding Large Business of the Year winner.

1000 N. Main Street, Mansfield, TX 76063











— By Sandra Strong

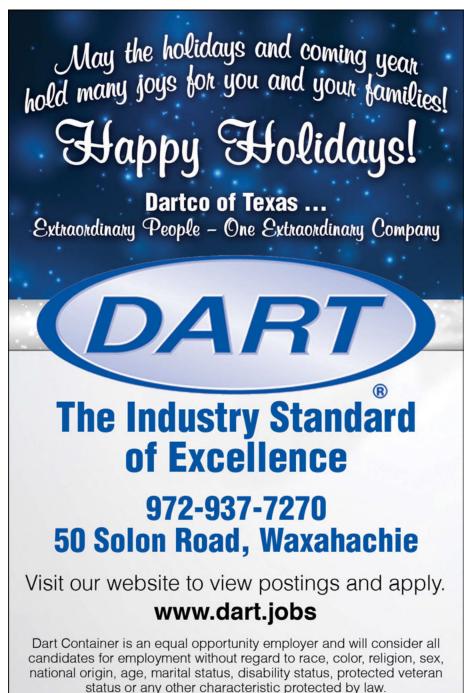
Healing can come in a number of ways. Sometimes it comes through hugs and long conversations with family and friends, while other times it comes from a sweet, four-legged stranger. "One day a little over two years ago, she just wandered into my neighbor's yard," Kathy Smith said, referring to the dog she's called Sugababy from the beginning. "You could tell she was tired and that she'd been walking a long time."

The neighbor, known as Momma Fay, knew she could not keep the dog, but she agreed to help Kathy foster Sugababy until her original owners could be found. Little did they know, it would take months of diligence on Kathy's part before Suagababy's owners were finally located. "My aggressive search began toward the end of July 2015, immediately after she wandered into our lives," Kathy shared. "After the first few months, my family thought it was time to give up the search. We had all gotten attached to her by that time, but I felt it was important to keep looking for her owners. I knew they must be wondering what happened to her."

Kathy called everyone she knew who might have an idea where Sugababy came from and who she might belong to. Finding no answers, Kathy took Sugababy to the local veterinarian. "I found out she had been chipped in California, but she'd never been









registered," Kathy explained. "One day, several months into the search, I began flipping through Facebook like I'd done so many times in the months prior. I'm not sure how it happened, but a photo of a German Shepherd, a little girl and a dog who looked identical to Sugababy popped up," Kathy stated. "I just know it was a God thing."

On this same November day, Kathy sent a Facebook message asking if they were missing a dog. "When she messaged me back saying 'yes,' I thought I'd finally found her owner," Kathy noted. "She told me the dog had been chipped, but never registered because as a military family, they moved around a lot. When the chip number matched, I knew my search had not been in vain. I had found the family who owned Sugababy."

It wasn't long before Kathy and Sugababy's owner, Amanda Coleman, were speaking on the phone. Amanda was relieved to know she was still alive. "I told her that she wasn't just alive, she was the gueen of the house," Kathy said with a smile.





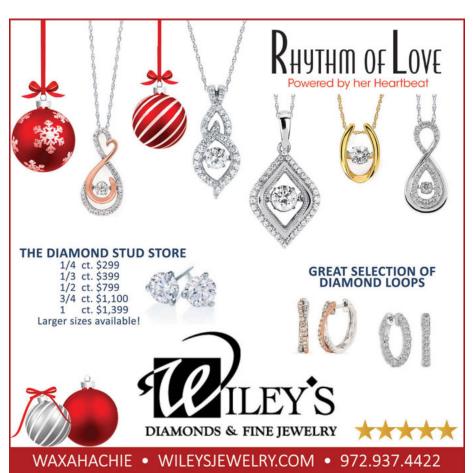
As they began to talk, stories about Sugababy were shared. Amanda originally bought the dog for her oldest daughter, Riley, when her dad was deployed to Afghanistan. "While he was away, we moved to Texas from California to be near our family. She was therapy for Riley while her dad was away," Amanda stated. "Riley named her Star, and she filled a huge void in her dad's absence."

Kathy shared a similar story. "Momma Fay had experienced loss. I had lost my mom, and Velvet, my last Dachshund, had recently passed away following a long illness," Kathy confided. "I knew we would one day go to the shelter to get a dog, but my heart was not ready, or so I thought."

As Kathy continued to share the stories of Sugababy, Amanda knew what she had to do. And Riley, being a young girl with an old soul, agreed with her mom. "Riley had the final say," Amanda said. "She wanted Star to stay where she was doing the most good." They knew she was healing broken hearts, so leaving her in Kathy's care was what they decided to do.

Once Kathy understood the magnitude of what Riley had done, the tears came like a flood. "Amanda paid it forward when she said Sugababy was right where she needed to be," Kathy remembered as if it were yesterday. "She mended Riley's heart. Now she's mending our hearts. Because we had already become so attached to Sugababy, Amanda's decision to leave her with us saved my family a lot of tears and broken-heartedness."









Amanda had also been searching tirelessly for Riley's puppy. They think she was taken on July 4, 2015, when the neighbors had lots of people over for a party. "I do believe someone picked her up," Amanda shared. "We will never know how she made it from Boyce to Kathy's house, but I'm just thankful she made it to her new home."

Nearly three years later, Amanda, Riley and her little sister, Dallas, came to Kathy's home for a visit. It was a happy reunion. Sugababy jumped up into Riley's arms. As they played, the laughs became squeals of delight. Sugababy remembered all the tricks Riley had taught her when she was just a puppy. She was dancing and high-fiving. As Riley said, "God bless you," Sugababy let out a delicate puppy sneeze, much to the delight of all those gathered around for the reunion.

As they played, the tears once again fell from Kathy's eyes. "I named her Sugababy because she's the color of sugar, and she's just as sweet," Kathy said, while dabbing at thankful tears. "Amanda showed Christ's love in a big way. There aren't too many people in this world with such humble and giving hearts."

When Kathy was making calls and sending emails, she wasn't sure if she would ever find what she was looking for. Looking back now, she realizes she found so much more than she could ever have imagined, and she's thankful she never gave up the search. "When we step out in faith and do what our hearts tell us to do," Kathy shared, "God does great and wonderful things." NOW





from our family to yours!

### **Just for Kids Dental**

Board Certified Pediatric Dentists Serving Waxahachie and Ellis County

### 972.351.9700

1710 US-287 BUS, Suite #140, Waxahachie, TX 75165

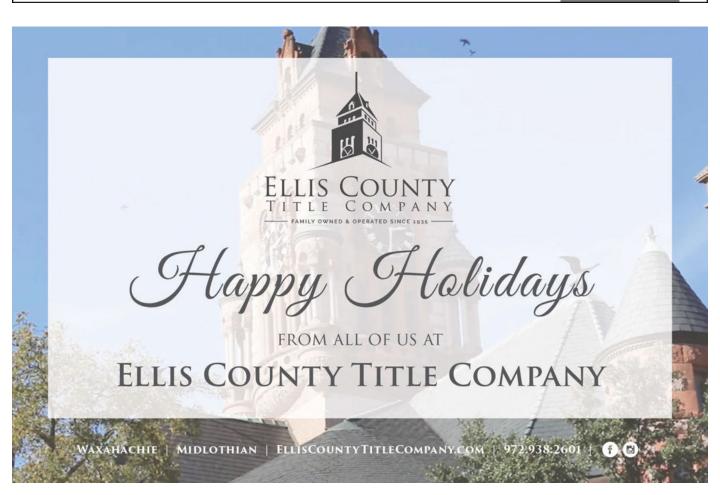
justforkidsdental.com





2460 Hwy. 287 N. • Mansfield • For more info call 817.477.8663

(Northbound service road - between Callendar Rd. & Turner-Warnell)



### **SMITH THOMPSON**

HOME SECURITY

BetterBusinessBureau A+

## MAKE THE SWITCH!

WE'RE LOCAL, AND THERE'S NO CONTRACT



License# B-02469





# CHRISTMAS



# CHARM

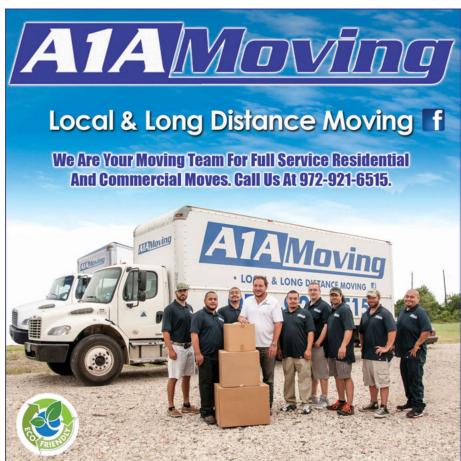
By Derek Jones

AT HOME WITH KEVIN AND CATHY PRACHYL



For many, leaving the hustle and bustle of the city and moving out to the country is a romantic idea. Kevin and Cathy Prachyl, however, had different plans for where they wanted to put down roots. Cathy explained, "I lived on six acres out in the country, and I didn't like not having any neighbors around me and having to drive 30 minutes just to do some shopping. I knew I needed a change in scenery, and Waxahachie was the right place for me."

With her first husband having passed away 14 years prior, Cathy was living on her own in the country. When she met her current husband, Kevin, she was ready to make some changes.







Cathy stated, "We decided to sell the house, and it surprisingly sold in about three weeks."

Kevin added, "That took us a little by surprise, so we had to make some quick decisions on what to do next." They ended up having a home built in Waxahachie, where they have lived for the past three years. "We downsized our property and upsized our house," Cathy remarked. "We wanted something we could build from the ground up and be involved in the decision-making process." Although it took longer than planned for the house to be completed, they were finally able to move in and begin the process of turning the house into a home.



"We went from a house of 1,250 square feet to a house of around 3,300 square feet, giving us the space we needed to have our families visit," Kevin relayed. Another draw for Cathy was that her daughter also lives in Waxahachie, making it easy for them to meet up for some shopping.

Kevin and Cathy share the home with their dog, an energetic Miniature Pinscher named Lexi. They also look forward to having their grandchildren, Reid, Cotton and Finleigh, visit whenever possible. "We love spoiling Lexi, and of





DDS Waxahachie | 1700 N Hwy 77 • Suite 200 • Waxahachie, TX 75165





FULL REPLACEMENT **Dentures** STARTING AT Comes with warranty

WITH PURCHASE

OF DENTURES. NO CASH VALUE NO CASH VALUE EXPIRES IN 90 DAYS.

EXPIRES IN 90 DAYS.

**Extractions** 



Heath Bryan Coleman of Texas, DDS, PLLC and Associates - General Dentistry Deo Pun, DMD

**CALL TODAY!** (469) 656-8479



IS MY CHIROPRACTIC PLACE

FULL SERVICE FAMILY CLINIC OFFERING:

Chiropractic • Massage Therapy • Rehab •

Sports Medicine 
Auto Accidents 
Most Insurances 
Accepted

1795 N Hwy. 77 S.E., Ste. 104 • Waxahachie, TX **972-937-3100 • www.WaxChiro.com** 

## METHOD POOLS & SPAS

**NEW POOLS | WEEKLY CLEANING SERVICE | REPAIRS** 





## VOTED #1 POOL COMPANY IN ELLIS COUNTY 2017

- CABANAS/PERGOLAS
- FIREPLACES/FIREPITS
- OUTDOOR KITCHENS

**GET 50% OFF FIRST MONTH OF WEEKLY SERVICE** 

120 N HWY 77, SUITE A (WAXAHACHIE) 972-765-3294 | METHODPOOLS.COM course our grandchildren," Kevin shared. He thought for a moment, and then added, "There is rarely a dull moment around our house."

Cathy is fascinated with Christmas decorations, primarily Santa Claus. She began decorating her home in earnest almost nine years ago when she displayed a large Santa Claus she bought from Sam's Club. Since that time, she has been adding Santas to her collection every year. Kevin laughed, "If she sees a Santa and likes it, she'll buy it."

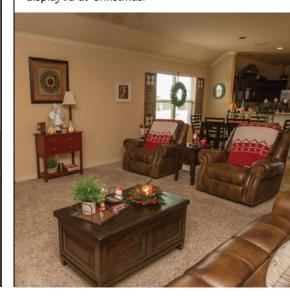
Cathy agreed, "It's true. I just love Santas." Her love of Christmas decorations does not stop with just Santa figures. "I love the colors, green and red, and I decorate the entire house."

Kevin smiled, "I just need to leave the house for about two weeks and then return when she has finished with all the decorating."

One of Cathy's current projects is a Christmas village they place on one of the staircase landings in their home. Kevin offered, "The kids really like the village, as it has an ice-skating rink with little figures that skate around and even has a train."

"The village lights up and the kids just love looking at it," Cathy added. The village is an ongoing project Cathy enjoys adding to each year.

There are a few Christmas decorations which hold a special place in Cathy's heart. "In 1984, my mom and I made two ceramic Christmas trees," she explained. "About 12 years ago, when she passed away, her ceramic tree was given to my daughters, so both are still displayed at Christmas."





Another item holds a unique place in Cathy's heart. "I have a heart-shaped crocheted ornament my grandmother made, which I hang on the tree each year. The ornament is about 85 years old and represents a special memory I have of my grandmother."

As important as old memories are to Cathy, making new ones is equally important. "Each grandchild has his or her own special ornament hanging on the tree, and every Christmas morning I make breakfast for them."

Although their house has three bedrooms and a spacious kitchen with an extra-large island, one of Cathy's favorite rooms is the attic. "It has full flooring, so I can walk around up there without worrying about falling through the roof," Cathy laughed.

With Cathy adding to her holiday collection every year, it is important she has a place to store all her pieces. "With this nice attic, I don't have to worry about running out of space for my Christmas decorations," she elaborated.

Kevin grinned, "Yeah, I give her about two years before the attic is full."

For Cathy, home is about the holidays, family and fun. Her love of decorating does not stop with Christmas. "Oh, I love collecting pumpkins, as well, for the fall season," she stated. "Decorating my home and having my family over is one of my favorite things to do."

This year will be no different. Cathy will once again turn their home into a Christmas wonderland. "It gets busy this time of year, and Christmas morning is a bit chaotic." She reflected for a moment and then added, "You know, I wouldn't have it any other way." NOW





### **Compassionate Approach to Breast Health**



Valerie J. Gorman, MD, FACS, is a breast surgeon who specializes in surgical oncology and surgical diseases of the breast. She is board-certified by the American Board of Surgery and serves as Chief of Surgery and Medical Director of Surgical Services at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center – Waxahachie.

Dr. Gorman performs breast surgery that includes mastectomy and lumpectomy, allowing the cancerous tissue to be removed through a single incision made in a cosmetically appealing area while preserving the natural shape of the breast and reducing any visible scarring. Dr. Gorman is dedicated to offering her patients an advanced, personalized and targeted approach to breast surgery and the treatment of breast cancer.

BSWHealth.com/Valerie-Gorman



TexasSurgicalSpecialists.com 469.800.9830

2460 North IH-35E, Suite 215 | Waxahachie, TX 75165

Physician is an employee of HealthTexas Provider Network, a member of Baylor Scott & White Health. @2018 Baylor Scott & White Health. HTPN\_4432\_2018 BID



NO MATTER WHAT YOUR DENTAL NEEDS ARE, WE CAN HELP!

Waxahachie Family Dentistry®

125 Park Place Blvd. Waxahachie, TX 75165 972-347-0895 www.WaxFamDent.com

### FINANCING AVAILABLE | CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED



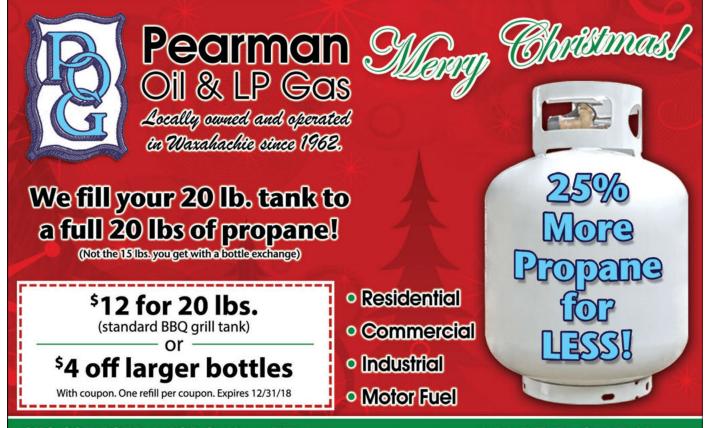
Patio Covers & Arbors | All Types of Concrete
Swimming Pools & Remodels
House Remodeling | Roofing
Outdoor Kitchens | Firepits & Fireplaces



817-894-7593

**ASK ABOUT OUR MONTHLY SPECIALS OR DISCOUNTS** 

Find us on Facebook @ LLI Construction, Inc www.lliconstruction.net



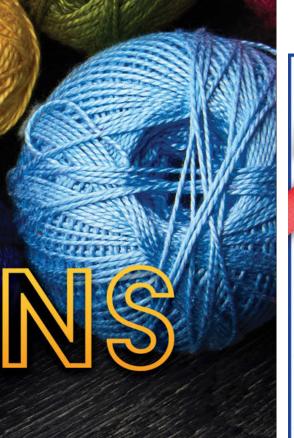
972.937.1951 | 101 S. Hwy 77 Just south of Downtown | M-F 7-5 Sat 7-Noon





For Mirna Mendez, what started as a hobby has now turned into a full-blown art form. Four years ago, Mirna's mom, Silvia Rodriguez, taught her not only how to crochet, but also the unique skill of crocheting without a pattern. "My mom has been crocheting for years, and I decided I wanted to learn. She taught me how to do it freehand. We just look at a picture for inspiration and go from there," Mirna explained. "We have a few standard sizes that we go by, but there are only a few things that we use a pattern for. Instead, we plan what we're going to do based on the yarn."

From scarves and stuffed animals to Christmas tree skirts, crib bedding and coasters, Mirna and Silvia have a knack for design. They also create custom dresses and outfits for babies, but without a doubt,



– By Shannon Adams and Joy Horn



the most in-demand offerings are their cartoon character-themed hats for kids.

Depending on the character and how intricate the design is, one hat might take four to five hours to complete, but shortcuts are never an option. "Sometimes if I make a hat that isn't









quite right, I will undo the whole thing and remake it," Mirna said. "If it doesn't actually look like the character, then I'm not going to put it out there."

With three children at home. Mirna has constant access to feedback about what is popular with kids, and there she finds inspiration for new projects. "We look for cartoons kids are interested in, and we pay attention to new movies coming out," she said. Oscar the Grouch, Elmo, Peppa Pig and Mickey Mouse are just some of the characters that can be seen in their collection.

Although Silvia lives hours away in Weslaco, Texas, the mother-daughter duo has developed a tradition that allows them to be both family-oriented and productive. Both women work year-round to get their products ready for the Christmas season. A month or two before the holidays Silvia makes the trip to Waxahachie, her extensive inventory in tow.

Then Silvia and Mirna crochet night and day to complete last-minute projects and additions. "I have a picture that my husband took, and there were hats everywhere," Mirna laughed. "It really showed how much work we had done."

Because her mom can visit for weeks at a time, the family bond grows stronger every year. "It's awesome," Mirna said, "because we just talk. She explains things to me and teaches me new things, new steps."

There's a practical aspect, too many hands make light work. "It's easier when she's here, because one of us can cook dinner while the other keeps working. If we need something from Hobby Lobby, one of us sits in the car and crochets."

Of course, Mirna's children love the time they get to spend with their grandmother, and the whole family is supportive of their endeavor. "My daughter tries to learn [to crochet], and she made a long string and said it was a jump rope," Mirna said. "Sometimes my kids get the string from my 'leftover box' and try to create something with it, and it helps them to calm down because they have to concentrate."

"My husband was unsure at first," she added, "but now he is proud of how far we have come. It's a learning process. You keep learning more and more every time you work on a design, and they keep getting better and better."

A rewarding aspect of their craft is that once in a while they get to fulfill a unique need for someone who wouldn't be able to find the product elsewhere. Recently, a customer came to them on behalf of her child, who has a disability. Unable to find just the right "Barney" for the child, the parents requested a matching hat and stuffed animal, and Mirna used her growing skills to design exactly what they were looking for.

Although they take direct orders and sometimes ship out of state, the majority of their inventory is offered at two annual Christmas events. As a coordinator for the Christmas Market at the Civic Center, Mirna decided to ask her mom what she thought about the possibility of a booth there. "At that point I didn't crochet at all," Mirna said. "Then my mom started to teach me, and I have been doing it ever since. Each year our space seems to grow. By the last two weeks, we stay up very late trying to get everything ready. When we hear the crochet hooks fall, that's our cue that we need to go take a rest!"

Business, however, is not what keeps Mirna coming back to her favorite crochet chair, nor is it why Silvia has been honing her skills for decades. For them, it's all about art and family. While Mirna crochets, her kids can be nearby playing and coloring, allowing the entire family to be active and engaged together. "It's so relaxing and soothing," Mirna said. "It's peaceful. I can be with my kids and crochet at the same time. Sometimes when I'm stressed, I just need to crochet. It helps get my mind off things so I can relax."

This holiday season, keep an eye out for Silvia's unique designs. She'll be around, as will her daughter — crafting, designing and stretching themselves to new lengths. After all, they can't give up now. They're totally hooked. NOW





Your preferred orthopaedic practice in Ellis County is now more accessible with Dr. Josh McSpadden, D.O. joining Dr. Roux and the Waxahachie Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine team.

In February, Dr. McSpadden also began seeing patients at our Midlothian satellite office twice a month at 200 Silken Crossing, Midlothian (office of Dr. Kelley Felty). Call our Waxahachie office to book your appointment.

#### SPECIALIZING IN:

- Sports Medicine
- Hand Surgery
- Joint Replacement
   Anterior Total Hip Replacement
- Fracture Care
- Robotic Surgery

## WAXAHACHIE **ORTHOPAEDICS**

**SPORTS MEDICINE** 

1328 W. Hwy. 287 Bypass, Ste. 100 Waxahachie, TX 75165

972-923-9999 I www.rouxortho.com



#### Shop Small Business Saturday

Saturday, Nov. 24

Downtown Waxahachie

## Christmas Parade & Community Tree Lighting

Tuesday, Nov. 27 | 6:30 pm

Downtown Waxahachie

Enjoy a lighted Christmas parade culminating with the community tree lighting on the courthouse lawn! Other activities include – CNB of Texas Train Rides, EwePet Petting Zoo & Pony Rides and other children's activities followed by photos with Santa.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING HOURS

**DOWNTOWN** 

#### Christmas Market & Gift Show

Friday, Nov. 30 | Preview Party | 6 - 9 pm Saturday, Dec. 1 | 9 am - 4 pm

Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane Sponsored by the Waxahachie Junior Service League For tickets and information: www.waxahachiejsl.org

#### SAGU Theatre: A Christmas Carol

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 | 7:30 pm Sunday, Dec. 2 | 3 pm

Hagee Communications Center Performance Hall For tickets and information: www.sagu.edu/christmascarol

#### Bethlehem Revisited

Friday, Nov. 30

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 1 - 2

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 7 - 9

6-9 pm

402 N. College Street

Behind Central Presbyterian Church

Free admission - Donations accepted

Step back in time, over 2000 years ago, and walk the streets of ancient Bethlehem as Mary and Joseph did on the night of Christ's birth.



## Lake Cities Ballet Theatre "The Nutcracker"

Saturday & Sunday Dec. 1-2 | 2 pm

Waxahachie Performing Arts Center 3001 US Hwy 287 Bypass

Two incredible performances by the Lake Cities Ballet with special arrangement by Mr. Tracy Jordan. This professional ballet is a perfect way to add to your holiday magic this year.

Sponsored by Waxahachie High School Drama Booster Club, Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce and City of Waxahachie Convention & Visitors Bureau

For tickets and more information:

https://whsdramadept.org/tickets-and-merchandise

### Candlelight Home Tour

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 1, 2 | 2 - 8 pm

Brighten your holiday spirits by visiting three unique homes spanning from the Victorian era to the 21st Century, all adorned in their holiday finest. Ticket required.

#### Chocolate Sip 'N Stroll with Santa Photos

Saturday, Dec. 1 | 2 - 6 pm

Downtown Pocket Park & Participating Downtown Waxahachie Merchants

#### Christmas Hay Ride

Saturday, Dec. 1 | 6 - 8 pm

Enjoy a traditional hay ride around Getzendaner Park

#### Christmas Belles - Christmas Showcase

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 7 - 9

Chautauqua Auditorium in Getzendaner Park Tickets available online at waxahachiecommunitytheatre.com

#### TICA All Breed Cat Show

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 8 - 9 Ellis County Expo Center

YMCA Santa Run

Saturday, Dec. 15 | 8 am Downtown Waxahachie





A quick look at the gift items and discounts available locally.





A quick look at the gift items and discounts available locally.

# FENCE CRAFTERS

## HOLIDAY SPECIAL

## **ONE FREE** Walk-through gate

with any fence purchase. Minimum 150 linear feet. Offer expires 1/31/19

We install
ALL types of
fencing, including:
wood, iron,
chain-link,
black vinyl
chain-link, wrought
iron, vinyl fencing

## When Quality & Price Matter

972-617-7034 • FENCECRAFTERS@MSN.COM



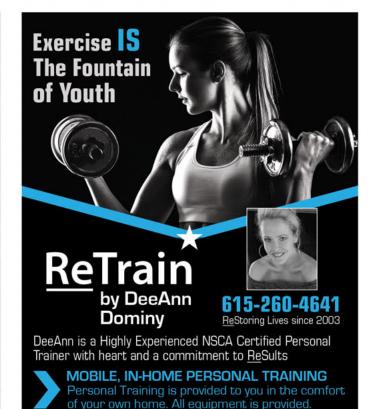
Custom affordable entry gates with solar gate operators
 We are registered and insured in all Ellis county cities
 We've had the same phone number and address for 24 years
 We also install concrete, including sidewalks, driveways, storage building pads, patio extensions, retaining walls





## TIRES, WHEELS & BRAKES





A quick look at the gift items and discounts available locally.





Best Value in Ellis County, Compare our rates!!

Let our storage specialist find the space that's right for you.

**DeSoto - OPENING SOON!** SE Corner Hampton Rd. & Danieldale



**Midlothian • 469-283-0929** 1630 Hwy. 67

**Red Oak • 972-515-8600** 561 E. Ovilla Rd. & TX 342

**Lancaster • 972-224-4545** 1040 Cedar Valley Dr.

**Oak Cliff • 214-372-3880** 3427 Marvin D. Love Frwy.

www.accessstoragedallas.com

## Interior Ideas, Inc.

Small Town Charm, Big City Chic

Please browse and stroll our charming shop loaded with innovative and handsome gifts.

#### Gift Cards Available!

Enjoy Lunch at the Wildflower Café

Open for your shopping pleasure Mon. thru Sat. during the holiday season!

972-878-6868

211 W. Knox Street Ennis, TX 75119 iibg@sbcglobal.net







Complimentary Hot Breakfast
Complimentary Fitness Center
Complimentary Business Center
Executive Conference Room
Complimentary Wi-Fi Internet
Seasonal Outdoor Swimming Pool
Safe Deposit Boxes, Front Desk

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES®

#StayAmazing

972-937-8886 When You Stay With Fairfield, You're Family!

Merry Christmas From Our Family To Yours.

A quick look at the gift items and discounts available locally.









A quick look at the gift items and discounts available locally.



















### **Timeless**

#### — By Shannon Adams and Joy Horn

For different people, the word "art" evokes different images. Some envision sculptures chiseled from fine marble. For others, a colorful painting or a black-and-white sketch may come to mind. But for Connie Ozymy, the word "art" is synonymous with the porcelain dolls she has painstakingly created.

The art of doll making is centuries old, but Connie was an adult working at Prosperity Bank before the thought of doll making ever crossed her mind. "A girl came in from lunch," Connie remembered, "and she was carrying a doll in her arms. It was just gorgeous, and I thought, That's something I want to do." Connie was able to find two other ladies who were already well established in the art, and they welcomed a new addition to their group. The three formed a club and began meeting every Thursday to work on their various projects.

The dolls are made of a combination of materials — cotton fabric and stuffing pellets to form the soft bodies; hair and glass eyes ordered from specialty companies; and porcelain, which requires molding, cleaning and painting. As Connie soon discovered, it was a process that demanded patience and care.

"After you pick out the doll you want to make, you pour the mold, and it dries into greenware with a chalky consistency. Then you have to clean up the seams and smooth out the skin. When everything is the way you want it, you put it in the kiln to fire it, and it comes out hard."

As it turns out, this is easier said than done. "You have to be really careful," Connie continued. "I broke several. You have to have the eyes and nostrils ground out. Our teacher helped us a lot, especially with the eyes."

The process isn't nearly complete, however. On this blank porcelain mask, a face must be painted — skin tone, lips, eyes, cheeks, eyebrows and every other feature tinted and smoothed to perfection. The work is delicate and requires a steady hand,

a gentle touch and a great deal of time. "Each time you add a color, you have to fire it again," Connie explained.

The firing process involves placing unfinished or painted pieces into a special oven called a kiln, which reaches temperatures of well over 2,000 degrees. The pieces are heated inside for several hours, and then must be left in the kiln until they are completely cooled. With one doll requiring multiple firings, it can take days or even weeks to finish painting a project.

# IN THE YEARS SHE PAINTED WITH HER CLUB, CONNIE MADE AROUND 50 PORCELAIN DOLLS FROM START TO FINISH.

As with any hobby, the ladies' collections and supplies grew over time. Connie eventually acquired her own kiln, and everyone in the group had their own tools and paints. "One of the girls from church ended up with a garage full of molds," Connie said. "Every time she got a new mold, we would all be so excited and want to make it. I've never really stopped to think about how many different kinds of dolls I have made."

In the years she painted with her club, Connie made around 50 porcelain dolls from start to finish, many of which were never intended to stay with her. Nearly two dozen of her creations were sold or given to family and good friends as gifts. Now, it has been about eight years since Connie completed her last doll.

Though Connie no longer paints, she still has 30 of her projects that she keeps for display, and rather than creating, she focuses on preserving. "I make sure dust doesn't collect on them, because the dust rots the dresses," Connie said. "I take a hairdryer and dust their hair and their clothes. Some of them are very old, so I like to keep them preserved."

Connie's dolls are obviously loved and cared for. Like the art of doll making itself, her finished pieces have become something else — timeless.



### NEW!

www.nowmagazines.com Searchable Recipes from the Now Magazines Archives.

TRY IT TODAY!





Check out our complete line of quality Kubota products.



www.centralkubota.com

**501 North I-35E**WAXAHACHIE
972-938-1770

Open Monday-Friday 8-5, Saturday 8-2

\*0% Down, 1.99% A.P.R. financing for up to 84 months on purchases of select new Kubota BX, B, L & MX Series equipment from participating dealers' in-stock inventory is available to qualified purchasers through Kubota Credit Corporation, U.S.A.; subject to credit approval. Some exceptions apply. Example: 84 monthly payments of \$12.76 per \$1,000 financed. Offer expires 12/231/18. See us or go to KubotaUSA.com for more information. Optional equipment may be shown.





For Amy Walker of Waxahachie, cooking is considered a universal language. "Good food speaks to the soul," Amy shared. "It also brings the family together." She enjoys whipping up a variety of dishes for her family. Recipes that are quick and easy are consistent options for Amy, but she often finds herself searching Pinterest for delectable dish ideas, as well. "I also have several recipes that I grew up with that I cook regularly."

Amy began cooking at the young age of 2 and was hooked. She was fortunate to spend time cooking and baking in the kitchen with her father and grandmother and later gained formal training while working in the restaurant industry. "I've been very fortunate to grow up around some great cooks." Now

### Cheesecake Cookies

- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/2 cup butter, room temperature
- 1 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- I tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsps. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- **I.** Preheat oven to 350 F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
- **2.** Beat cream cheese and butter together at high speed for about 1-2 minutes until fluffy and smooth. Add sugar; beat about 1-2 minutes until incorporated. Beat in eggs and vanilla for about 1 minute.
- **3.** In a separate bowl, whisk together flour and next 2 ingredients. Gradually add dry

ingredients into cream cheese mixture until well incorporated. Do not overmix

**4.** Drop rounded tablespoons of batter onto baking sheets. Bake at 350 F for 10-11 minutes. Cool and dust with powdered sugar, or dip into melted chocolate.

### **Pumpkin Roll**

### Cake:

- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3 large eggs
- I cup granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup pure pumpkin
- I cup walnuts, chopped

### Filling:

- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 6 Tbsps. butter, softened
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- **1.** For cake: Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease 10x15-inch jelly-roll pan; line with wax paper. Grease and flour paper.
- **2.** On a counter, lay out clean cotton kitchen towel and sprinkle 1/4 cup powdered sugar on top of towel. In small bowl, combine flour and next 5 ingredients.
- **3.** In large bowl, beat eggs and granulated sugar until thick. Beat in pumpkin until well mixed.
- **4.** Stir flour mixture into wet mixture. Spread into pan; sprinkle with nuts. Bake at 375 F for 13-15 minutes or until springy. Turn cake onto powdered-sugar-covered towel; remove paper and roll cake. Cool on rack.
- **5.** For filling: Beat together all ingredients. Unroll cake and remove towel. Spread filling over cake; reroll. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate at least 1 hour. Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving.

### Dad's Famous Cajun Meatloaf

### Meatloaf:

- 2-3 lbs. ground beef
- 1/2 green bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1/2 small yellow onion, finely chopped
- 6-8 Saltines, crushed
- 1 egg
- 2 Tbsps. ketchup

### 2 cloves garlic, minced Salt and pepper, to taste

### Sauce:

- 1-2 Tbsps. vegetable oil
- 1/2 green pepper, finely chopped
- 1/2 small yellow onion, finely chopped
- 2 8-oz. cans tomato sauce
- 1 Tbsp. tomato paste
- 5 dashes Worcestershire
- **2-3** Tbsps. Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning
- **I.** For meatloaf: Preheat oven to 375 F. In large bowl, combine ground beef and remaining meatloaf ingredients. With clean hands, mix well. Once combined, place into a nonstick loaf pan. Bake 375 F for 35-45 minutes.
- **2.** For sauce: In a medium sauce pan, add vegetable oil; add green pepper and onion. Lightly sauté until vegetables are slightly translucent. Add the tomato sauce and remaining ingredients. Combine and bring sauce to a boil; reduce to a simmer.
- **3.** When your meatloaf has about 15 minutes left of cooking, add sauce to top off meatloaf and finish baking.

### French Dip Sandwich

- 3-4 lbs. beef chuck roast
- 2 10.5-oz. cans condensed French onion soup
- 1 10.5-oz. can beef consommé
- 8 sandwich rolls
- 8 slices provolone cheese
- **I.** Place roast in slow cooker. Pour soup and consommé over the top of the roast. Cook for 8 hours on low or 4 hours on high.
- **2.** Once cooked, remove 3 cups of the juice and add to a small sauce pan. Bring to a boil and reduce to a hard simmer. Cook until reduced to half.
- **3.** Shred beef with fork. Place sandwich rolls in a 9x l3-inch pan; spoon meat into each roll. Top meat with provolone cheese. Cover with foil; bake for 5 minutes at 350 F until cheese is melted. Serve immediately with sauce on the side.

To search for more great recipes from any of the 10 NOW Magazines publications, visit www.nowmagazines.com.



### Do you need the Lunchtime Gum Lift™?

Also known as Pinhole Gum Rejuvenation™.







Expert in Creating —

Beautiful Smiles!

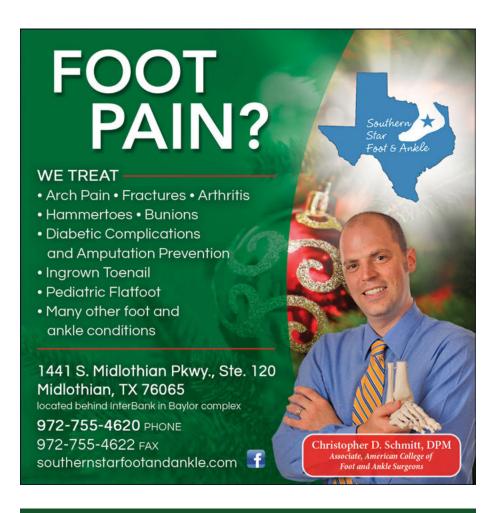
Personalized Dentistry in a Private Atmosphere Since 1994

General Dentistry, Implants, Orthodontics and Cosmetics using State-Of-The-Art technologies

Most insurance accepted, even if we are not on your list

Craig V. Smith, DDS, FAGD

972-937-1841 • 516 W. MAIN STREET • WAXAHACHIE
Weekend and evening appointments available



### N | NAVARRO







### FORSUING YOUR DREAM

1.800.NAVARRO | WWW.NAVARROCOLLEGE.EDU

REGISTER TODAY FOR WINTER MINI AND SPRING 2019!

WINTER MINI SPRING 2019

Dec. 17 - Jan. 11

Classes begin Jan. 14

FOR A FULL LIST OF COURSES VISIT: SCHEDULE.NAVARROCOLLEGE.EDU

varro College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities



# Now Offering Pre-Print Insert Services

Contact
NOW Magazines
for more
information.

Corsicana 903-875-0187

Ennis 972-875-3299

Granbury 817-279-0013

Mansfield/Burleson 817-477-0990

Southwest 972-283-1170

Waxahachie/Midlothian North Ellis County 972-937-8447

Weatherford 817-613-1533







972-937-4433 • AllEyeCare.com • AllOpticalCare.com

Raj Rugwani, MD

Board-certified Ophthalmologist









### **TravelNOW**

### The City of Lights

- By Corey C. Poole

Natchitoches is known for many things — its culture, cuisine and hard to pronounce name (Nack-a-tish). Named after a Native American Indian tribe, Natchitoches translates to "pawpaw eaters," a fruit tree once plentiful in the region.

From its roots as the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase, Natchitoches was established in 1714 by French explorer Louis Juchereau de St. Denis as a French Outpost along the Red River. After the river changed its course in the late 1800s, Cane River Lake was created, a 33-mile long section of the Red River that is now landlocked. The downtown Historic District is nestled along the banks of this picturesque body of water.

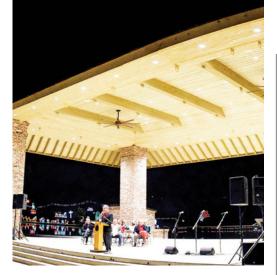
"The City" is known as the filming location for Steel Magnolias, as the Bed and Breakfast Capital of Louisiana and as a popular tourism destination. Nicknamed "The City of Lights," Natchitoches is best known for its six-week Christmas Festival of Lights, featuring more than 300,000 lights that make the town twinkle with magic. Starting the weekend before Thanksgiving with a "Turn on the Holidays" celebration, the festival continues through January 6. The

official Natchitoches Christmas Festival Day is the first Saturday in December. A Christmas parade winds its way through downtown. Vendors sell fresh meat pies, and bands perform through the night. 2018 marks the 92nd annual celebration.

While this is the most popular festival, there's a plethora of events to enjoy year-round. Enjoy a day of competition, and cheer on rowers at the Dragon Boat Races, held annually at the beginning of March. In April is the Melrose Arts and Crafts Festival, where more than 100 vendors sell their wares beneath the canopy of oak trees at Melrose Plantation, just 17 miles south of Natchitoches. And the Natchitoches Jazz R&B Festival is held annually in May with four stages playing a variety of music from jazz to rock.

For 39 years, the Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival has been held annually in July in the air-conditioned Prather Coliseum on the Northwestern State University Campus. Browse through vendors and demonstrations, and listen to an eclectic variety of musicians.

Both the Fall and Christmas Tour of Homes offer sneak





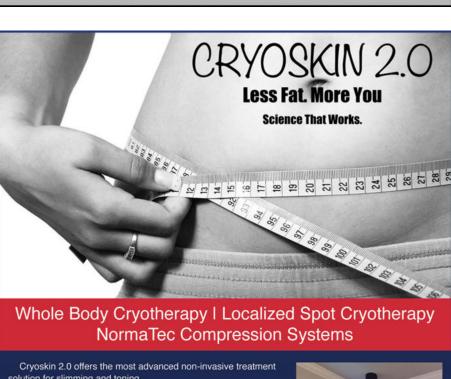
peeks inside some of the town's historic buildings, presented by the Natchitoches Historic Foundation and the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches. Also in the fall, stroll the streets and look under the hoods of antique autos at the annual Natchitoches Classic Car Show.

Each October, prominent figures from Natchitoches' history come to life at History Among the Tombstones: Stories from the American Cemetery. And the Grand Ecore Visitors Center, Los Adaes State Historic Site and Fort St. Jean Baptiste each offer unique programming throughout the year from lectures to demonstrations and re-enactments.

Stroll through downtown shops like Kaffie Frederick — Louisiana's oldest general store. Bring a boat and cruise Cane River and Sibley Lake for some of the best fishing spots around, or grab a kayak and take it slow. Whatever adventure you have in mind, Natchitoches will welcome you with its true Southern charm and hospitality. NOW

Photo credit: Poole Photography.





solution for slimming and toning.

Cryoskin 2.0 treatments apply the science behind the hot - cold Peltier effect which kills fat cells without damaging surrounding tissue and increases oxygen supply which aids in collagen production - resulting in slimmer, toned bodies and the elimination of fine lines and wrinkles.

### EFFECTIVE. PAINLESS. CONVENIENT.

CryoSlimming is a 30 minute treatment that uses thermoelectric cooling to freeze fat, causing the cell death of subcutaneous fat tissue without damage to the overlying skin. The destroyed cells then pass naturally through your body's lymphatic system

CryoToning helps diminish the appearance of cellulite, fine lines, and wrinkles. This 20-minute treatment boosts your production of collagen which eliminates cellulite, tones the area, improves skin elasticity, and reduces pore size.

Both treatments are safe, affordable, and painless alternatives to traditional surgical and body sculpting procedures. The average loss after one session is .5" to 1.5". The average fat loss in the treated area after 5 sessions is 38% to 40%

### Texas Cryoworks and Wellness

110 Park Place Ct., Ste. 101, Waxahachie

469.655.8925

WWW.TEXASCRYOWORKS.COM





- By Virginia Riddle

Waxahachie Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine 1328 W. Hwy. 287 Bypass, Ste. 100, Waxahachie, TX 75165 (972) 923-9999 · Fax: (972) 923-9488

www.rouxortho.com

Facebook: Waxahachie Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine

Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m.-Noon

Chronic, crippling pain, a sudden injury, arthritis or other diseases — everyone is subject to these afflictions that limit life's enjoyment and employment. "Our goal is to restore patients' lifestyles back to their acceptable levels, so they can return to the activities they enjoy," Dr. Marc Roux stated.

"The most important part of that care is listening to and respecting our patients' desires, especially following an injury or major surgery," he added. "So many improvements can be made, both surgically and nonoperatively."

Dr. Roux and his associate, Dr. Josh McSpadden, along with their team of 12 staff members, treat all ages of patients from Ellis, Dallas, Tarrant, Johnson and Navarro counties. Fractures and injuries can be X-rayed on-site. The team specializes in treating the hand, wrist, shoulder, arm, hip, knee, foot and ankle. "We have robotic surgery as well for hip and knee replacement," Dr. Roux said. An occupational therapist and therapy assistant provide on-site care rehabilitation therapies in the fully equipped therapy room.

On behalf of patients, specialized and knowledgeable staff members work with most major insurance companies, Medicaid, Medicare, Medicare Advantage, school insurance plans and workman's comp plans. Cash, check, most major credit and debit cards and Care Credit are accepted. "Payment is due at the time of service. However, we do have financial plans available that are sensitive to the costs to patients," Dr. Roux explained. "We stay focused on the patient."

A warm, relaxing office atmosphere and friendly smiles put patients at ease. Dr. Roux returned to Waxahachie in 2005 to provide quality orthopedic care. "By 2010, I established my private practice. In 2014, we moved to our new building," he said. Dr. McSpadden joined the practice in 2017.

A board-certified orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Roux is an American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons fellow. A graduate of Waxahachie High School, he received a bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and earned his medical degree from Texas A&M Health Sciences Center. Dr. Roux interned at Scott and White Memorial Hospital and served residencies at Scott and White, Shriners' Hospital and Temple's Veterans Hospital. He currently serves as the chief safety officer for Baylor Scott and White Hospital and chief-of-staff at Baylor Scott and White-Waxahachie.

### "We stay focused on the patient."

Originally from Dallas, Dr. McSpadden was raised in Sunnyvale, Texas. He's a graduate of Texas A&M University and Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. McSpadden served a surgical residency at Ohio University Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center. He's a residency member of three professional associations and is a candidate for membership in the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics.

The practice has been named WISD Partner in Education Campus Business for 2009-2010 and 2015-2016 and is a financial supporter of multiple groups that outreach to area youth. Dr. Roux volunteers as team doctor for Waxahachie ISD, as does Dr. McSpadden for Midlothian ISD. Dr. Roux visited Honduras on a medical mission three years ago.

A personal experience with knee surgery motivated Dr. Roux to become an orthopedic surgeon. "I'm blessed," he admitted, "to have a supportive, hardworking staff; Dr. McSpadden; and a hospital that's the standard-setter for the Baylor Scott and White Health Care System." NOW





DAVIS W. MORGAN, DDS (972) 723-5544 · 102 SOUTH 7TH STREET · MIDLOTHIAN www.dfwsmiledesign.com



### **LOCAL TABLE**

One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.

- Virginia Wolff





(972) 921-1069 213 E. Main St. Waxahachie www.corkhousewinery.com

We produce high quality wines with grapes from our home state and around the world. Come wine with us & enjoy weekly live music & cheese trays. Limited edition Dessert Wines are now available just in time for the Holidays!



(972) 923-1500 791 N Hwy 77 Suite 501E (Next to Fuzzy's Tacos) Waxahachie merrytoppinsyogurt.com



### 15% OFF Weighed Yogurt

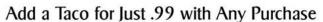
You choose how much or how little you want in your own cup! We have 12 different rotating flavors and over 50 toppings. Offer expires 12/31/18





Taco Suave

(214) 980-1300 121 N. Hwy. 77 Waxahachie (Next to Sno Biz stand)



Taco Tuesdays & Torta Thursdays Authentic Street Tacos/Burritos, Beef, Chicken, Pastor, Barbacoa, Breakfast Tacos, much more!



(972) 742-4370 100 N. College St., Ste. 106 Waxahachie



### 15% Off Regular Priced Entrees Tues-Fri., mention or show ad.

Fine food, wine & craft beers. Join us Tues.-Sat. for daily lunch, dinner & happy hour specials. Visit our FB page or Website (www.corkandkeg.info) for special events.





For Information. Call 972-937-8447.

### Need More Customers?

Advertise here and we will Direct Mail your message to every Home, Apartment and Business in town. Call Today!



(972) 875-8353 1219 SW Main St. **Ennis** firehousegrillennis.com



The FireHouse Grill was designed to honor the civil servants with all the decorations being donated by the local police and fire departments. We want to give back to those that place their life on the line every day to protect us and our community.

### THE LOCAL TABLE

One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.

- Virginia Wolff









### Around Town



### **Zoomed In:**

By Sandra Strong

### Andrea Westerfeld and Matilda

December marks Andrea Westerfield's first year as a Waxahachie resident. She relocated here from McKinney to work in the district attorney's office in the area of specialty appeals. "I knew I had to move out to move up," Andrea said of her move.

Andrea has always loved the faces and sweet dispositions of the Boxer breed. So much so, that she's fostered many and adopted several over the years. Matilda is Andrea's fourth rescue adoptee, and this will be Matilda's first Christmas. "I love Christmas," Andrea shared, "and I can't wait to see how she behaves once the Christmas tree goes up."



Helen Skoda celebrates her 85th birthday with family by blowing out the candles on her cake.



The chef at Osuba Hibachi Sushi & Bar tames the flames with just a little squirt of water.



The Waxahachie Rebecca Boyce Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Celebrate their 70th Anniversary.



Santa Claus and Bubbles the Elf are ready for the wish lists that will surely include bikes in all sizes and colors.



Officers Partington and Knight, two of Waxahachie Police Department's finest, take time to enjoy lunch at Pit Stop BBQ.



Texas Longhorn fans, Calleigh and Bennett Woodward, shop for supplies for Calleigh's 6th birthday party.



At the Chamber Auction, NOW Magazines' Joyce Sebesta and best friends Lee Straley-Miller and Jacqueline Wigginton take a photo before bidding on a few of the silent auction items.



Ty and Zyana Amaro look for toys to add to their Christmas wish list.

### **Direct Mail Advertising Works!**

Let WaxahachieNOW Magazine present your advertising message to

Home & Business addresses in the Waxahachie ZIP codes







For more information, please call your local advertising representative. 972-937-8447



Physician Supervised

Rapid Weight Loss

Sustainable Results

Special Focus on **Problem Areas** 

Call Today To Schedule Your FREE Initial Consultation 214.550.0680

Loss Program

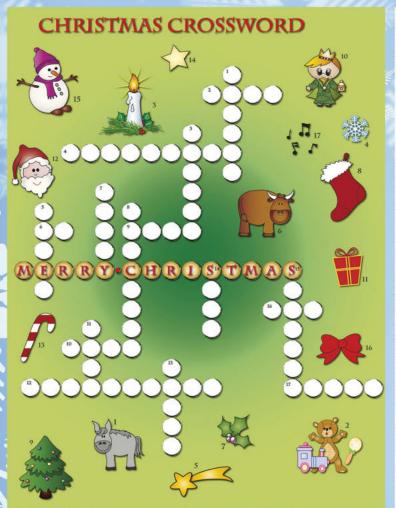
Ask about our introductory

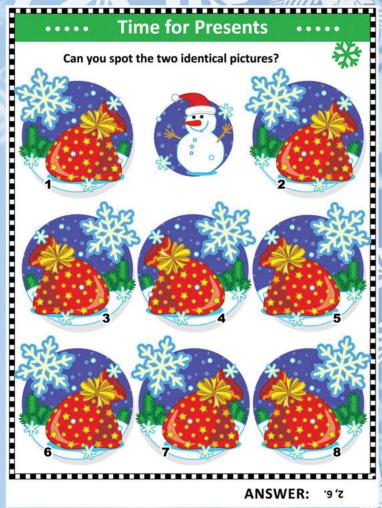
> We Accept almost all Major Medical Insurance Including Medicare

Please Come Visit Us at: University Plaza, 401 N. Hwy 77 • Suite #1 Waxahachie, TX 75165 WWW.VCAREHEALTH.ORG



### Kids' Fun Pages







### MYSTERIOUS WORD: \_ \_

C	S	R	E	В	M	E	C	E	D
С	Н	R	I	В	В	0	N	W	Е
Α	Α	R	У	R	R	Ε	В	I	K
Н	С	R	I	N	Т	R	Р	N	Α
L	Α	0	0	S	Α	Е	I	Т	L
Е	N	Т	M	L	Т	D	N	Е	F
G	D	С	L		S	M	Е	R	W
Ν	L	G	I	F	Т	Α	Α	U	0
Α	Е	N	Α	M	W	0	Ν	S	N
R	F	I	N	D	Е	Е	R	S	S







ANSWER:

9'7







### Kids' Fun Pages

Help the little elves to find the way to Santa's sack.

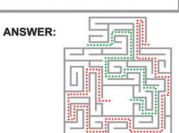


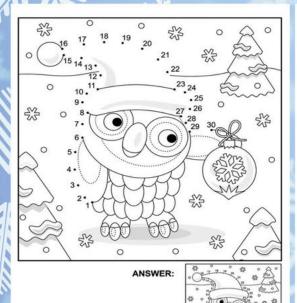
Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, 3 to 4, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all the numbered dots. Then color the picture!



ANSWER:









Help Santa get through the HAT maze to catch up to his hat. It was blown away by the wind.

ANSWER:





Securities and advisory services offered through LPL Financial, a registered investment advisor, Member FINRA/SIPC



### **Crossword Puzzle**

1	2	3	4	5				6	7	8
9					10		11			
12							13			
				14		15				
16	17	18	19						20	21
22						23				
24					25					
3		26								
27	28				29		30	31	32	33
34					35					6 8
36						37				

Crosswordsite.com Ltd

### Across

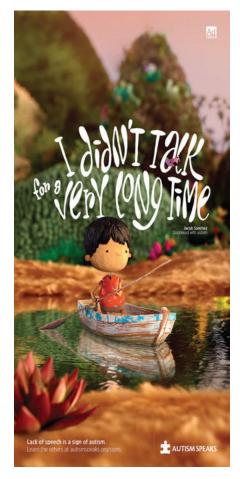
- 1 Spud source
- 6 Short boxing punch
- 9 Roomy autos
- 11 Saintly symbol
- 12 Accident
- 13 "I suppose"
- 14 Match
- 16 Turnpike convenience
- 22 Solo numbers
- 23 Like certain organs
- 24 Multiply rapidly
- 26 Teacher
- 27 Gratis
- 29 Onetime Disney chief
- 34 Obstructs
- 35 How bodysuits fit
- 36 They go with outs
- 37 Pixie

### Down

- 1 Doctrine
- 2 Agnus or Opus follower
- 3 Sales aids, for short
- 4 "Baloney!"
- 5 Stopping by
- 6 Capital of Indonesia
- 7 Cotton state
- 8 Early man?
- 10 Building detail, briefly
- 11 Type of balloon
- 15 Breaking off
- 16 Plant juice
- 17 Sin
- 18 Unruly mob
- 19 Appraises
- 20 Consume
- 21 Malt beverage
- 25 Hatfields and McCoys
- 27 Crime fighters
- 28 Hurried
- 30 Daystar
- 31 The Y is one
- 32 Horror street
- 33 Cereal grass

Solutions on page 56







NO MATTER WHAT YOUR DENTAL NEEDS ARE, WE CAN HELP!

Waxahachie Family Dentistry®

125 Park Place Blvd. Waxahachie, TX 75165 972-347-0895 www.WaxFamDent.com





### Sudoku Puzzle

Easy Medium

			1	6		9		
		9				5		7
		5	2				4	
7				9				
	6	24			1	3		8
5		1						3
	8			4			9	5
		3						4

					d. 22	7	
			9		1		6
i.		9		,	5		8
4						1	3
7	1		4		6		
	2				20 24		
	3				8 83 8	2	
·	9	8	7		2	4	
	6			9			

Crosswordsite.com Ltd

Solutions on page 56



Mansfield 2180 FM 1187 Crowley 2101 FM 1187 Midlothian Pre-leasing NOW

Granbury 1590 W FM 875
Coming Soon!

2000 S. Morgan St



Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

817-874-0183

www.A-AffordableStorage.net

- ◆ Covered parking (electric available in some units!) ◆ Uncovered Parking
  - ♦ Mini-Storage (some locations)
- ◆ Retail & Office Space (Mountain Peak Plaza Midlothian) ◆ 24/7 Access
  - ♦ Video Surveillance Cameras

Throughout ◆ Dump Station ◆ Air Compressor ◆ Propane (available at some locations)



### A great new way to shop and do business locally!





Go to www.nowmagazines.com and flip through a current edition of your favorite NOW Magazine.

Burleson • Corsicana • Ennis • Granbury Mansfield • Midlothian • North Ellis Co. Southwest • Waxahachie • Weatherford



When you see an advertisement or coupon that interests you ...

### CLICK ON IT ... >

and you'll be instantly directed to that company's website.



When it's your turn to make the decisions...

We'll help you find the perfect place for your loved one to call HOME.

- Independent Living
- Assisted Living
- Memory Care
- Residential Care Homes

Call me before you start your search



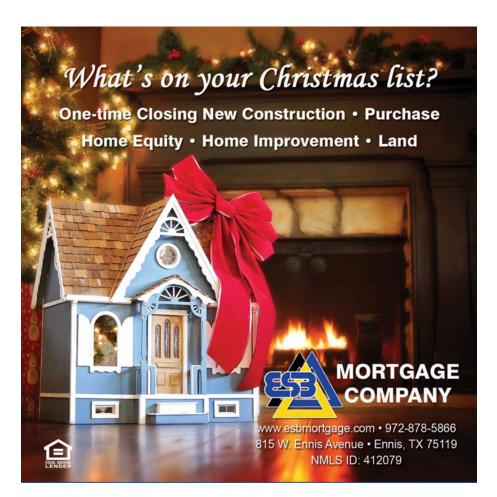
BJ Bounds, CSA Certified Senior Advisor (CSA)®

972-515-2260

bjbounds@assistedlivinglocators.com



NO COST | NO OBLIGATION





### Crossword Sudoku Solutions



### Easy

4	5	8	1	6	7	တ	3	2
1	2	9	3	8	4	5	6	7
3	7	6	9	5	2	4	8	1
								9
7	3	4	5	9	8	2	1	6
9	6	2	4	7	1	3	5	8
		1						
2	8	7	6	4	3	1	9	5
6	9	3	7	1	5	8	2	4

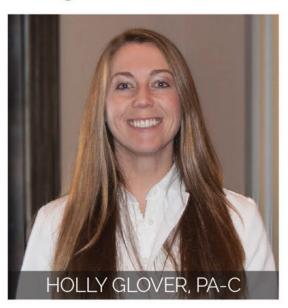
### Medium

				_				
3	5	1	6	4	8	9	7	2
8	7	2	9	3	1	4	5	1000
6	4	9	2	7	5	1	3	8
4	8	6	5	2	9	7	1	3
7	1	3	4	8	6	2	9	5
9	2	5	3	1	7	8		
1	3	7	8	5	4	6	2	9
5	9	8	7	6	2	3	4	1
2	6	4	1	9	3	5	8	7



### **Waxahachie Location Opening January 2019!**





### Schedule Your Appointment Today!

Skin Cancer Acne Rosacea

Psoriasis Scaly Skin Cysts & Warts

Skin Conditions Dermatitis Eczema Itchy Skin

Shingles Rashes

141 RVG Pkwy Suite 100 Waxahachie, TX 75165 972.390.9002

Our 13 North Texas Locations:

MCKINNEY | ALLEN | ROCKWALL | DALLAS | GREENVILLE | GAINESVILLE SUNNYVALE | FORNEY | ANNA | ADDISON | DENTON | CELINA | WAXAHACHIE www.mdbarrows.com

### Calendar

### 12/1

Christmas Market & Gift Show: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Waxahachie Civic Center.

Bodacious Bows! at the Ferris Public Library: This will be a class on making giant bows to top your Christmas tree or easy, small bows to decorate presents. Attendees should bring ribbon and chenille sticks (pipe cleaners) or wire. Noon-1:00 p.m., 301 E. 10th St., (972) 544-3696.

### 12/1-12/2

A Christmas Carol: Hagee Communication Center. For ticket and information, www.sagu.edu/christmascarol.

The Nutcracker presented by Lake Cities Ballet: 2:00 p.m., Waxahachie High School Performing Arts Center.

### 12/1-12/2

Candlelight Home Tour: Three unique homes, spanning from the Victorian era to the 21st Century, will don their holiday finery. Tickets are \$15 per weekend; children under the age of 12 are free. 2:00-8:00 p.m., (469) 309-4040.



### 12/1-12/2, 12/7-12/9

Bethlehem Revisited: Step back in time 2,000 years to the town of Bethlehem where you'll meet storekeepers, Roman soldiers, shepherds and a young couple and their newborn baby. Free. 6:00–9:00 p.m., 402 N. College St., Waxahachie.

### 12/1-12/8

Chocolate Sip 'N Stroll with Santa Photos: 2:00-6:00 p.m., downtown Waxahachie at participating merchants.

### 12/2

Christmas Concert with Hollyn: Christian pop singer and American Idol finalist Hollyn will perform at the Oaks Church. 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Oaks Church, 777 S. I-35E, Exit 408, Red Oak, (214) 376-8208.

### 12/6-12/16

A Doublewide Christmas: Ennis Public Theatre, 113 N. Dallas St. www.Ennis PublicTheatre.com.

### 12/7-12/9

Waxahachie Community Theatre's *Christmas Belles*: Tickets are \$10. **Friday** and **Saturday**, 7:30 p.m.; **Sunday**, 2:30 p.m., University Church, 221 Solon Rd., Waxahachie. waxahachiecommunitytheatre.com.

### 12/8-12/9

Turkish Van Cat Connection Cat Show: Ellis County Expo Center. For details, visit www.waxahachiecvb.com.

### 12/9

Worldwide Memorial Candlelight Service: Compassionate Friends of Southwest Dallas invite anyone who has lost a child of any age to its candlelight remembrance including readings, music, slideshow and photo display. 6:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church Aldersgate Fellowship Hall, 427 W. Ave.



C, Duncanville. (469) 554-9474 or info@tcfswdallas.org.

### 12/15

Santa Run: downtown Waxahachie.

### 12/15

Jingle and Jolly at the Ferris Library: Jingle the Elf and Jolly the Snowman will present a magic show, snowman race and zany inventions from Santa's workshop. Attendees under 8 must be accompanied by an adult to this free event. 1:30 free refreshments; 2:00 show time, 301 E. 10th St., Ferris (972) 544-3696.

In the Music Room Studio & Listening Room Radio Show Tapings: Ken Gaines, Allen Hurt & Greg Whitfield. 7:00 p.m., 3103 Sanger Creek Way. Call (972) 938-9990 or email rsvp@inthemusicroom.com.

### Mondays

Bridge Club: 12:15 p.m., Waxahachie Senior Center, 122 Park Hills Dr. Email Jeanee Smiles at smilestoremember@gmail.com or (469) 309-4280.

English as a Second Language class: Learn English or come to brush up on your English-speaking skills. Free to the public. 6:30-8:00 p.m., Sims Library.

Celebrate Recovery: 6:30 p.m., Cowboy Church of Ellis County, 2374 Hwy. 287 Bypass W. (972) 935-980I.

Celebrate Recovery: Christ-centered recovery program designed to help those struggling with hurts, habits and hang-ups. 7:00-9:00 p.m., The Lighthouse Church, 1400 N. 9th St. jason@dfwlighthouse.org.

First and Fourth Mondays
Avenue Moms: 10:00 a.m.-noon, The

Avenue Church, 1761 N. Hwy. 77. Register at www.events.theavenuechurch.com or call the church office at (972) 937-530l.

### Third Mondays

Ellis County Aggie Moms meeting: 7:00 p.m., Waxahachie First United Methodist Church, 505 W. Marvin. For info, visit www.elliscountyaggiemoms.org.

### December 2018

### Fourth Mondays

Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County meeting: 6:30-7:00 p.m., social time; 7:00-8:00 p.m., program, Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 Grand Ave. www.elliscountyquilters.com for more information.

### **Tuesdays**

Lariat Bridge Club: 6:30 p.m., Boy Scout Cabin, 1139 Brown St. Shari at weatherscf@yahoo.com or call (505) 270-4017.

Ellis County Bible Study Fellowship Satellite class: This is an interdenominational Bible study class. 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 505 W. Marvin Ave. Lou Archibald at (214) 850-5303.

### Second Wednesdays

Sarah's Laughter: A Christian support group for infertility and child loss. The good news is you don't have to feel alone anymore. 7:00-8:30 p.m.. Gateway Church Midlothian, 555 N.

Walnut Grove Rd., Midlothian. Amy Robinson at (972) 697-6051 or www.sarahs-laughter.com.

Junior Master Gardeners Club: Club is for children ages 5-12. If you have an interest in gardening, come for gardening related activities and help maintain the Sims Library garden. 3:45-4:45 p.m., Sims Library.

Ellis County Bible Study Fellowship Satellite Class: This is a nondenominational Bible study class. 6:30 p.m., Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 N. Grand Ave. Lou Archibald at (214) 850-5303.

### Last Thursdays

Marine Corps League, Detachment 1452 meeting: All active, retired or former Marines. Navy chaplains or corpsmen are welcome. 7:30 p.m., Refiner's Fire Church, 1611 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis. (214) 803-4954.

### Fridays

Story Time at Sims Library: presented

by the Jr. Service League for children 3 and older. In addition to reading books, children will participate in a craft and receive a snack. 10:00-11:00 a.m.. (972) 937-2671.

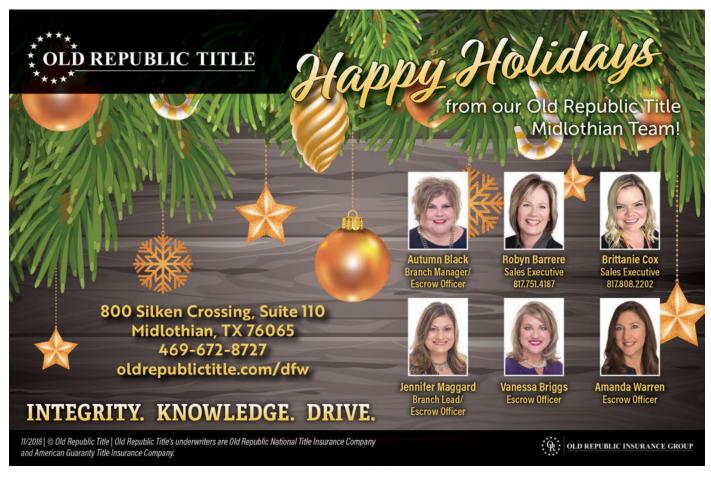
### First Saturdays

Books and Brew: Author Talk Series: Hear authors read from their books. have a book signed and learn about the creative process. The local Starbucks will provide free coffee and attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch. Event is free and open to the public. Noon, Sims Library, 515 W. Main St.

### Sundays

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting: 5:00 p.m., Midway Baptist Church, 4511 FM 660, Ferris. Michael Peeples at (830) 928-4177 or email mikepeeples@outlook.com.

Submissions are welcome and published as space allows. Send your current event details to sandra.strong@nowmagazines.com.



YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE Annual BILLES 4 TYLES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 8 AM - 12 PM

BENEFITING MANNA HOUSE MIDLOTHIAN

> HERITAGE PARK 234 N. 8TH STREET

Texas Ace

Heating of Air

SPONSORED BY:
Texas Ace Heating & Air

817.240.6701

### BRING A FULLY ASSEMBLED BIKE OR DONATION

for an underprivileged child, of any age, and help them have a great Christmas this year!





### THE CULPEPPER HOUSE



This beautiful historic mansion that was built in 1892 for H.P. Barkley, a conductor and yardmaster for the Houston and Central Railroad, has been beautifully restored as a vacation rental home to rent for you and your family to enjoy.

This charming home is immaculate and fully furnished. You'll love the kitchen that is equipped with all the comforts of home.





709 N. DALLAS ST. ENNIS, TX 75119 214-280-4591

FOR MORE PHOTOS AND INFORMATION VISIT WWW.THECULPEPPERHOUSE.COM.

## WESAN START

LOOKING FOR A BETTER CAR BUYING EXPERIENCE?

OUR MIGHTY PROGRAMS AND SUPER STAFF CAN HELP!



1900 W. Hwy 287 Bypass, Waxahachie, TX 75167 Serving Ellis County and Surrounding Areas

SALES: Mon-Sat 9-8 | SERVICE: Mon-Fri 7-6 • Sat 7-5

855.888.5502 www.WAXNISSAN.com