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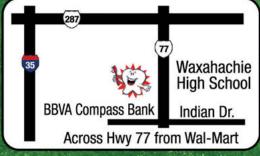
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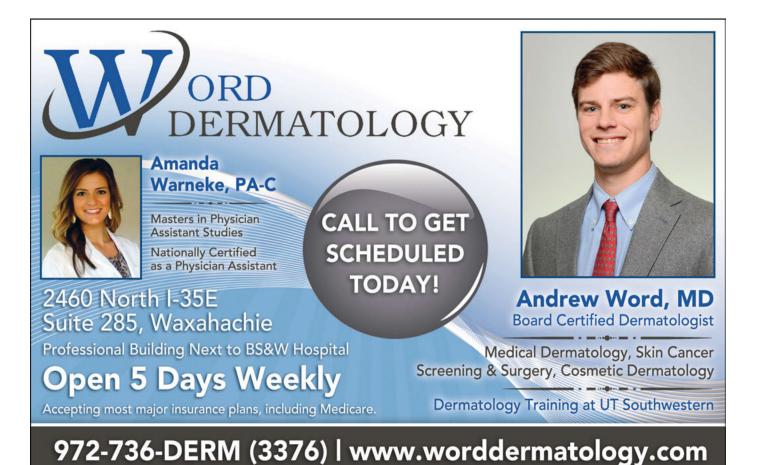
EDITOR'S NOTE

Count your blessings!

I used to refer to the days where I did very little as my "lazy days." I would beat myself up if I wasn't always going "full speed ahead." In fact, I'd feel guilty if I didn't remain in full throttle from sun up to sun down. As I've gotten older, I'd like to think I've gotten wiser. I no longer consider my down time as lazy, and my body thanks me. I now look at it as a priceless gift, and a much-needed blessing. My down times are needed so my mind and body can rest, relax, reminisce and rejuvenate. Just like a car needs gasoline to keep moving forward, our bodies need this down time to refuel for whatever life throws at us next.

Relaxing doesn't always mean you put your body in park and don't move. Sometimes, it means doing the things you love, and for me, that's working in the yard. I so enjoy planting new flowers and watching them grow. I also have this need to pull stray grass and pesky weeds. Anything I can do to make my little chunk of heaven here on earth more enjoyable to the eyes brings relaxation to my body and soul.

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Jeanette Middleton has been leading Waxahachie High School's Future Farmers of America for 12 years. Her team of teachers, made up of Brooks Humphrey and James Glenn, are busy guiding FFA students to achieve success in diverse avenues of life. "The perception of what FFA is has changed over the years," Jeanette explained. "Our FFA students are competing in many different events and have acquired internships in the agriculture industry, but also in areas such as politics."

Jeanette is a graduate of WHS and was a member of the school's FFA program. "I have always had a passion for FFA and agriculture, and it is a privilege to now serve as a sponsor for the FFA at Waxahachie High School," she explained.





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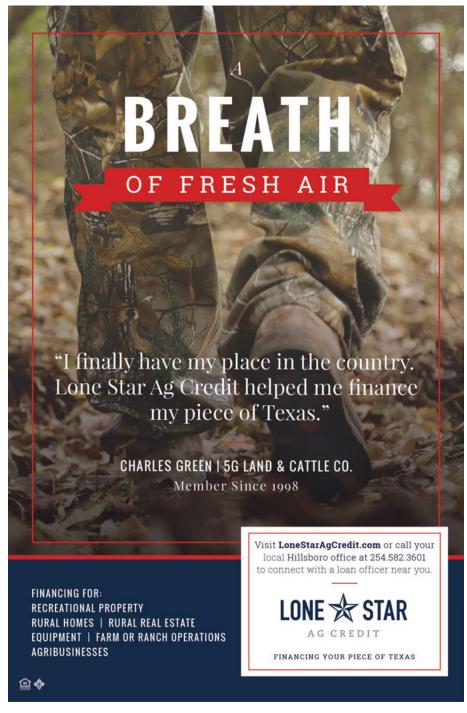
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Over the years, the FFA program has seen a great deal of change. Brooks shared, "In the past, FFA was dominated by male membership and by students who wanted to be farmers or whose parents owned a farm. This can be a misconception by many, but it is not true today."

Jeanette also acknowledged the change in FFA membership. "Today, there are as many girls participating in FFA as boys, and these kids come from all different backgrounds and cultures. It really is a diverse group of students with diverse interests and passions."

Part of the diversity of FFA lies in the number of events in which students prepare and compete. These contests range from showing livestock to public speaking. "Where our program really thrives is in the leadership contests," James shared. "It's amazing to see students' confidence soar when they begin realizing their leadership potential."

"Leadership development opens so many doors for our students, and it is awesome to see them leave high school with the self-assurance they need to be successful in any area of life," Jeanette added.

Student leadership always remains central to the WHS program. "We encourage our students to be responsible for FFA, so they are the





ones who set dates, times and run programs like the FFA banquet," Brooks stated. "Our students are self-motivated, and it is inspiring to empower them with decisionmaking responsibilities and watch them work hard and dedicate themselves to achievement."

In agreement with Brooks, Jeanette added, "The kids have such a sense of pride when they are the ones making decisions and running things."

FFA leaders make it clear they want a balanced program to attract students and keep them interested. "It is amazing to see students come into the FFA program maybe a little defiant, a little lost and a little unsure of themselves. After being involved with FFA for a while, these same





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students have completely bought into the FFA program and they are taking on public speaking and leadership roles. It is truly amazing to see," Jeanette said.

James continued that line of thought. "The students find a sense of belonging and camaraderie in FFA, and it can be truly life changing, just as it was for me."

Jeanette, Brooks and James acknowledge that being a part of FFA contributed to their success in life. James attended WHS, and Jeanette served as his agriculture teacher. "Mrs. Middleton really inspired me when I was a student here, and now it is really fun to be working beside her with FFA," James admitted.

Brooks also attributes much of his success to being in FFA. "I had an Ag teacher who would do whatever it took to guide us and make us feel like

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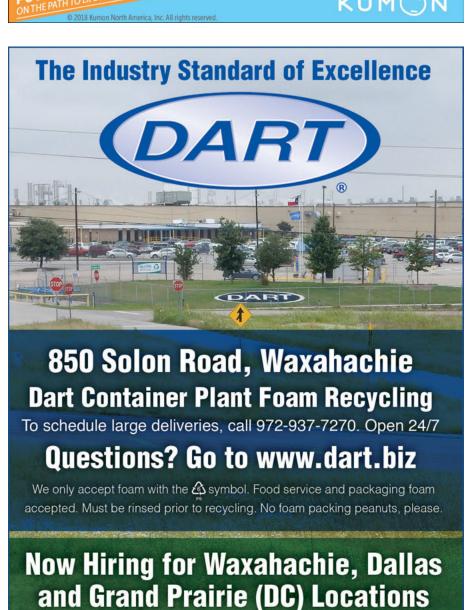
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we were part of a family. That is part of what we want to create here — a family mentality where we support and look out for one another."

Over the years, Jeanette has seen the FFA program grow and thrive and is quick to point out the source of the program's success. "First and foremost, FFA is what it is today because of the commitment of the students and their willingness to sacrifice things, like getting up at the crack of dawn to care for an animal or compete in a contest. It's amazing to be able to step back from a program and watch the students take over."

FFA cannot be successful without the support from many different people. "Our program enjoys unbelievable support from parents, the community and the administration," James noted.

Jeanette chimed in, "Yes, FFA enjoys the support of so many within the Waxahachie community."

As to why these teachers continue to work with kids through the FFA program, Jeanette stated, "Being a teacher and FFA sponsor is not just a job or a paycheck, but a lifestyle, and one I fully embrace and love." She thought a moment and then smiled, "There is nothing I would rather do with my life." NOW



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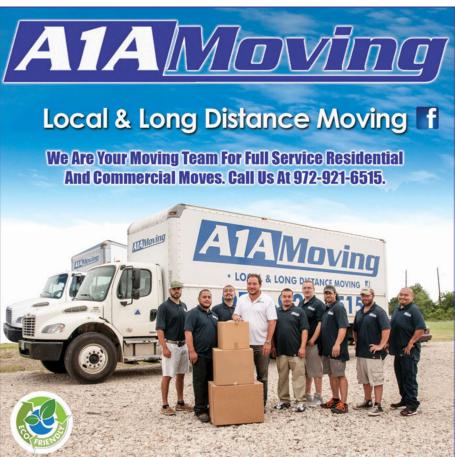




By Virginia Riddle

The couple, along with their children, 15-year-old Abi and 10-yearold Gus, who likes to be called "Hamburger," will celebrate a year in their home at the end of this month. "We love it here," Amber said. "We entertain and hang out with friends. This home's open concept really works well for hosting friends and family. At Christmas and other holidays, my nieces and nephews come and cook the snack food and decorate cookies. My family lives in Waxahachie."

Joel grew up in Daingerfield, Texas, where his dad, once a Houston Police Department captain, was serving as the county's sheriff. "I couldn't get away with anything," he recalled. He worked toward a degree at Tarleton State University, but left school to work in an East Texas





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steel mill. Amber had started high school in Daingerfield and was friends with Joel's younger sister while Joel was away in college. Amber's family moved to Waxahachie where she graduated from high school. Following graduation, she earned her bachelor's degree from Tarleton. "I liked redheads," Joel explained. "Amber and I dated for a while and then broke up, but we kept bumping into each other in the strangest places."

One of those places was Glen Rose, Texas, where they were separately attending a chili cook-off and music festival in 1997.

"He asked for my phone number, but I never thought I would really hear from him. Instead, he called and talked to me on his way home to East Texas," Amber recalled. They were married in 1999 and moved to Waxahachie about 14 years ago. "We love the people and community we have here," Amber said.

"And I still get that small-town feel here," Joel added. "I feel so much at home and have had people ask me when I

> graduated from Waxahachie High School. I love living here." They do make it back to his family's farm in Daingerfield for regular visits. "I hated living there as a kid, but now I drive the tractor, work cows and can string 1,000 feet of barbed wire and enjoy it," Joel said.

"The kids love it, too," Amber agreed. "They can drive the tractor and even spend a couple of weeks each summer with lots of outdoor freedom and fun."

Joel caught the cooking bug and decided to attend Le Cordon Bleu Institute of Culinary Arts-Dallas. "Gus was a baby. I was worried about us financially, but it all worked out," Amber remembered. Even before his graduation, Joel had secured a position as a chef for The Crescent Hotel in Dallas. He's



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worked in several big-name Dallas restaurants, and he's had some cool opportunities that include working the Masters Golf Tournament. He currently teaches culinary arts at WHS.

"I've gotten to work under some really good chefs, but I saw the job posting in a Le Cordon Bleu alumni newsletter for the culinary arts teaching position at the high school. I jumped at the opportunity, and I still love the job," Joel said. "I can have the same schedule as the kids." He and Abi, a sophomore, both look forward to classes starting at the new high school for the 2018-2019 school year. Gus will be a fifth-grader at Shackelford Elementary School. Abi has her drivers' learning permit, a job and is on the WHS volleyball team.

Amber, accompanied by the family's dogs, Sassy and Rosie, has worked from her home office for 15 years in association with YPO, located in Las Colinas, Texas. "I train business CEOs and other leaders," she explained. "My job also allows me to see the world, but I have a flexible schedule so I can still volunteer at the kids' schools and sports activities."

Every year, the family takes a couple of road trips together. Joel and Amber share the cooking duties and parenting duties on the home front. "I know I was smart enough to marry up," Joel quipped.

Their open-to-the-living-room galley kitchen is a chef's delight and boasts its own cooking-themed Christmas tree during the season. Meals are served at the informal dining table. "This is the most important part of our home, since we spend most of our time together here," Amber said. Bar stools allow for extra seating, as

does the formal dining room, when the couple hosts murder mystery parties. The mantel over the limestone fireplace in the living room displays Amber's collection of items from her travels. "I've been on every continent except Antarctica," she explained. Natural light and views are available through large windows, and family heirlooms and antiques find perfect resting spots throughout the home.



An office with French doors is exactly what Amber had always longed for, and she got exactly that. She also loves their master bedroom with its wall of windows and the bath that has a his and hers side. "That was definitely an upgrade," Amber said.

The kids' "wing" of bedrooms with a shared bath, also includes a guest bedroom and bath. Abi decorated her room with sayings and her framed "coming home baby photo" that was signed by all the nurses. Gus' room shows his love of games and the outof-doors. A three-car garage "holds everything," and the family enjoys room lights that are set on motion sensors. "That small feature is so awesome," Joel said. "Basically, our home and Waxahachie fit us to a T." NOW





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Stepping Up to the Plate

– By Virginia Riddle

Forgetful moments happen. Where are my keys? Did I turn off the coffee pot? Yes, everyone's been there, but what happens when those forgetful moments include a dad or mom not recognizing his or her child? A diagnosis of memory loss, dementia or Alzheimer's often follows. "The Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline provides reliable information and support to people who have been diagnosed and their caregivers, health care providers and the public," Haley Hanson, The Walk to End Alzheimer's event manager, stated.

On September 22, downtown Ennis will be the place to be. "For the second year, we are hosting the Southern Region Walk," Chairperson Gary Freeman said. "We want to raise awareness and funds for research, education and the support of families of loved ones affected by memory loss at any

level." Gary and his wife, Angela, are co-owners of Red Oak's Home Instead Senior Care franchise. In both business and his family, Gary has experienced people with memory loss. "Someone had to step up to the plate, and I needed to be that someone," he stated.

Last year's walk inspired others to volunteer and help sponsor the walk. "Our volunteers are the heart of the walk," Gary revealed. "We had around 75 day-of-theevent volunteers to help set up, work and wrap up the walk, ensuring that all who participated had a wonderful experience." A planning committee of 12-25 people works year-round. "The volunteers are phenomenal, and sponsors come from all walks of business in Ellis, Navarro, Kaufman and Dallas counties."

Teams, with a goal of at least 10 walkers led by a team captain, are formed for the walk, but individuals can participate as a team of one. "Each team can raise funds in various ways or take pledges," Gary stated. "Each person who raises at least \$100 wears a specially designed T-shirt, but all people are welcome to walk." Sixty-three teams of 600 walkers raised \$53,000 during last year's initial walk. "We were very pleased, but we're aiming even higher this year," Gary

said. The walk consists of two miles with downtown streets along the route blocked off for walkers' safety.

A serious purpose brings these folks together, but fun abounds. "Some walk teams dress in matching outfits, including one team in which both men and women wore purple tutus," Gary recalled. "It's also fun to see friendly dogs, some dressed in purple scarves, making the walk with their owners."

Emotional moments are created through the walk's Promise Garden. "Before the walk's opening, participants are asked to choose a Promise Flower with a color representing their reason for walking," Gary explained. "They then write a personal message on the flower. Some personal testimonies elicit tears of pain, empathy and hope. At the ceremony's conclusion, all Promise Flowers are raised high in the air to represent a commitment to leading the way to a world without Alzheimer's."

Gary often introduces himself as "Gary Freeman from Hillsboro ... Mississippi, that is!" He grew up on his grandfather's farm and moved to Dallas in 1975. "Having experienced life in the country and city, I feel very much at home in Ellis County."

As a church worship leader/soloist for 50 years, Gary performs hits from the 1920s-1960s in senior adult venues. "One of my best memories was of my mother in her 90s with severe dementia, singing 90 percent of the lyrics with me in perfect alto, when the night before, she didn't even recognize me."

Interacting with the teams, team captains and volunteers "energizes" Gary's efforts. "I must admit, it's quite a joy to observe the competition that arises within the teams and among the captains," he shared. "Come join us as a sponsor, volunteer, walker or team captain this year!" NOW

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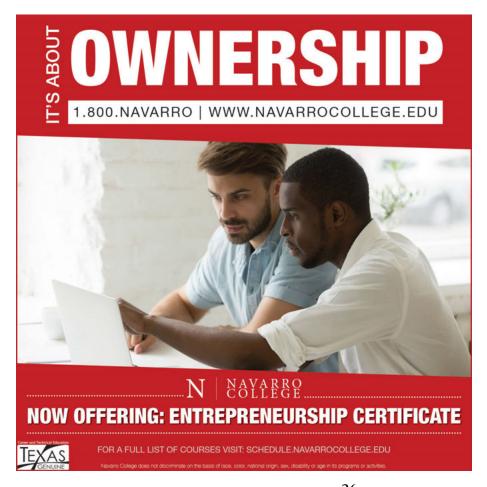
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In March 2017, Teresa Evans came on board as the director of The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Waxahachie. The vast knowledge she gained over the years as a mother, case worker, group home consultant and forensic interviewer gave her the overall experience she needed for the new position. "I have always had a heart for children," Teresa admitted. "Children have such resolve and a fascination for learning."

As a forensic interviewer, Teresa worked with one child at a time. Here at the Boys & Girls Club, she is overjoyed to be teaching many children of all ages at one time. Her vast experience enables her to train staff to see any red flags as they interact with the children who come to take part in their after-school programs. "It also helps to get the kids talking," she said. "Once they begin talking, they start to trust and open up."

Hugs are a commonality during the after-school program, as is daily positive reinforcement. "I challenge my staff to make 10 positive comments to 10 different children per day," she explained. "It can be as simple as complimenting their hairstyle or as complex as good behavior." This allows Teresa and the staff to watch the children grow, engage and get comfortable.



The after-school program is designed for children ages 5-17. Typically, the oldest attendees are 15, but the program is open to the older teens, as well. The goal with the new school year is to see more teens take advantage of all the Boys & Girls Club has to offer. Teresa wants the teens to have a safe place to hang out with their friends and have a good time. She hopes to implement a popcorn/movie night and free gym night for the teens. Her reason for





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doing this is simple: "Teens are our future. A lot of our teens don't have a safe place to hang out and just be a teen, so providing them one will allow them to engage with positive adults," she explained. "This can be life-changing, not only for the kids, but the staff, too."

The basic after-school program offered at The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Waxahachie begins with a hot snack, or what Teresa refers to as a "mini meal." Power Hour is 45 minutes of time well spent on homework or highyield activities. During Power Hour, kids can accumulate power hour points that earn them rewards at the end of each week. At the end of each day, the kids enjoy a variety of activities, from gym time and art to SMART moves and devotionals. "The activities are rotated Monday through Thursday," Teresa stated. "Fun Fridays are just that — filled





with fun." After enjoying a snack, the kids go through a rotation of extracurricular activities that may include Bingo, board games and/ or dancing.

One thing Teresa wants the community and parents to know is that they are not a babysitting service. They are so much more. "Our goal is to engage with every child every day," Teresa shared. "We teach them how to have social skills and respect for themselves and others. They are taught, by example, how to interact properly with all people, no matter their age or background."

As director, Teresa does this with a staff of seasoned individuals who love children as much as she does. They follow her lead, adhering to the rules set in place, which allow for the positive experiences the children come to expect after only a short time in the program. One main rule is keeping the inside of the building a "no cell phone zone" for everyone.

As the new school year gets fully underway, Teresa looks forward to what she hopes are many new afterschool offerings. The Littles, grades kindergarten through third grade, will partner with many local businesses to learn what farm to table gardening is all about. "The long-term goal is to have raised garden beds that will yield enough fresh vegetables to stock the food pantry here," Teresa explained with excitement in her voice, "while teaching the Littles all about community service."





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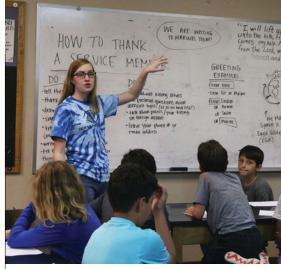
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The TORCH Club is another upcoming offering for the older children. This club will be much like the student council found on WISD campuses. The TORCH Club will teach respect and leadership skills that will carry the older children into adulthood. "They will elect officers and plan activities," Teresa added. "They will take ownership of the club, thus allowing them to hold each other accountable."

There are five key elements for positive youth development — a safe, positive environment; fun; supportive relationships; opportunities and expectations; and recognition. As these key elements are mastered daily, children begin to have a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging, power and influence. Teresa and her staff have developed the climate that allows all these wonderful things to happen.

The mission statement of the Boys & Girls Club is "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens." Teresa and the staff at The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Waxahachie are bringing their mission statement to life using handson learning, positive reinforcement and unconditional love. "No one is left out. We are meeting the children where they're at," Teresa said. "Our goal is to see each child succeed." NOW

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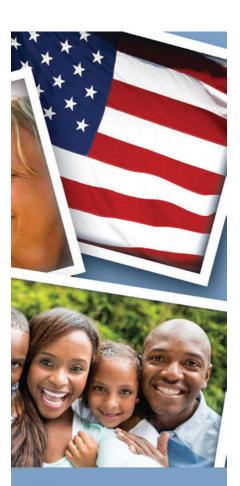
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It's a true "farm to fork" experience when eating at the Pritchett home. Jerry makes almost everything from scratch, butchers his own meat from his farm, uses his own fresh eggs and cans his own vegetables. He has never used margarine, artificial sweeteners and other such products, preferring food that was grown and raised as it was more than 100 years ago.

"My first interest in cooking came from watching my mother cook our family meals. She is still (at 89 years old) one of the best cooks I've ever known," Jerry stated, "The ability to whip up a delicious meal quickly and efficiently, often without a written recipe, was fascinating to me as a young preteen, who loved to devour the results." NOW

Fantastic Green Lentil Soup

- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups green lentils
- 6 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- I medium yellow onion, chopped
- 3 medium carrots, diced
- 1 1/2 stalks celery, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- I large bay leaf
- 3/4 tsp. oregano
- I tsp. sweet basil
- 4 cups water
- 4 Roma tomatoes, each quartered
- 1 1/2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- **1.** In a pan, bring lentils and broth to a boil. Cover; simmer 40-45 minutes.
- **2.** In a large soup pot, heat oil over medium heat.
- **3.** Add onion, carrots and celery. Cook and stir until onion is tender.
- **4.** Stir in the garlic, bay leaf, oregano and basil; cook for 2 minutes.

- **5.** Stir in the lentils. Add water and tomatoes; bring to a boil.
- **6.** Reduce heat; let simmer for 1 hour.
- **7.** Stir in vinegar and enjoy.

Tuscan Tapenade

12 oz. olives, pitted

1 Tbsp. fresh parsley, chopped

1 Tbsp. shallot

2 Tbsp. capers, drained and rinsed

I large garlic clove

1 Tbsp. lemon juice

1/2 tsp. anchovy paste

Extra-virgin olive oil, to taste

- **I.** In a food processor, add all ingredients with a small amount of olive oil.
- **2.** Process to get a chunky paste, adding olive oil as needed.
- **3.** Refrigerate for a day or more to allow flavors to blend. It will keep for weeks refrigerated.
- **4.** Use on your favorite toasted bread, crackers or as a spread on a sandwich.

Sweet Buttermilk Cornbread

1/4 lb. butter

1/2 cup sugar

2 large eggs

1 cup buttermilk

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1 cup cornmeal

I cup all-purpose flour

1/2 tsp. salt

- **1.** Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease an 8-inch square pan. Melt butter in a large skillet. Remove from heat; stir in sugar. Quickly add eggs; beat until well blended.
- 2. Combine buttermilk with baking soda; stir into mixture in the pan. Stir in cornmeal, flour and salt until well blended and few lumps remain.
- **3.** Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Apple Carrot Quick Bread

3 cups tart apples, shredded

I cup carrot, shredded

1/2 cup coconut oil

1/2 tsp. lemon extract

2 tsp. vanilla extract

4 large eggs

3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 1/2 cups sugar

2 Tbsp. baking powder

- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 cups shredded coconut or chopped nuts
- **1.** Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour 5 mini loaf pans or 2 muffin tins.
- **2.** In a large mixer bowl, blend apples, carrots, coconut oil and extracts.
- **3.** Add the remaining ingredients, except the shredded coconut or chopped nuts. Beat for 3 minutes at medium speed.
- **4.** Stir in coconut or nuts. Pour batter into a prepared pan and bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
- **5.** Remove from pan to cool completely before serving. Leftovers freeze well.

Breakfast Spicy Rice With Eggs

- 3 tsp. olive oil (divided use)
- 1/2 cup ham, chopped
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced
- 2 Tbsp. bell pepper, minced
- 1/2 cup brown rice, cooked
- I dash cumin powder
- I dash cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1/4 cup Roma tomato, seeded and diced
- 1 tsp. butter
- 4 large eggs
- **I.** Add I tsp. of the olive oil to a medium-hot pan; sizzle the ham until partly caramelized.
- **2.** Add onion, remaining olive oil, jalapeños and bell pepper. Cook until vegetables start to blacken, stirring often.
- **3.** Turn heat to low; add rice, cumin, cayenne and tomatoes, stirring constantly to keep rice from sticking. Heat thoroughly.
- **4.** Set aside in hot pan while cooking eggs. Put 2 plates on to warm in a 170 F oven.
- **5.** In a large skillet, heat butter until melted; spread over the bottom of the pan. Add eggs; cook until whites are done and yolks are runny.
- **6.** Spread half of the spicy rice mixture in the middle of each plate; place two fried eggs on top of the spicy rice mixture on each plate.





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Family Smiles offers general dentistry for the whole family under the leadership of Dr. Amandeep Basrai. Dr. Basrai graduated in 2007, earning her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from NYU College of Dentistry, while working in Washington State for three years, prior to relocating to Texas. "The experience provided advanced training in all specialties of general dentistry," Dr. Basrai shared.

Dr. Basrai opened Family Smiles in July 2010, after working as an associate dentist at another dental office in Texas. She still enjoys the challenges that come with providing quality conservative family dentistry in a comfortable atmosphere. With the continued growth of Family Smiles, Dr. Basrai saw the need to employ a second dentist, Dr. Sudha Lakhwani. Dr. Lakhwani joined the team at Family Smiles one year ago this month.

On a patient's initial visit, they are assessed by either Dr. Basrai or Dr. Lakhwani, who look for the possibility of cavities, tooth decay and gum disease. "We offer general dentistry at Family Smiles for patients 6 months old to senior adults," Dr. Basrai said. "We see patients for routine teeth cleaning, as well as deep cleaning."

Family Smiles offers fillings, simple and surgical extractions, complete and partial dentures, root canal treatments, fixes and repairs prosthetics and cosmetic

dentistry. They also check the entire mouth, including the tongue, soft pallet and lips, to make sure all is well.

Dr. Basrai has enjoyed a steady growth in business for the past eight years. Patients find comfort through the specialized care given to each patient and the hospitality received from dental assistants and the staff overseeing the phones and front desk. A convenient location with ample parking has also played a role in the overall success of Family Smiles.

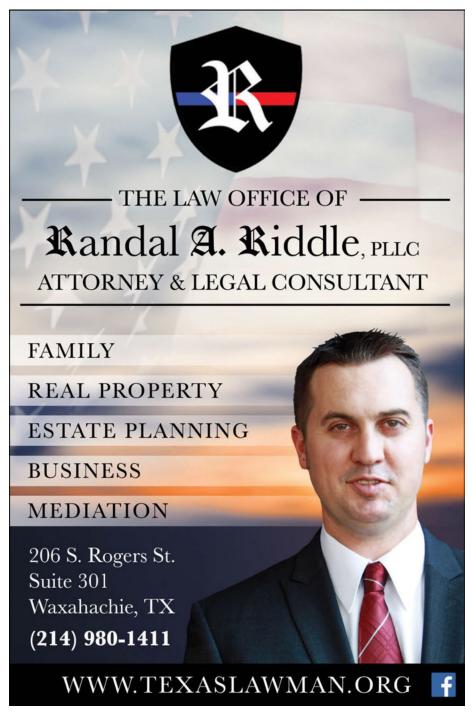
Long-range goals include increasing the overall patient base and giving back to the area. "I want to continue planting roots in the community I serve," she stated.

The experience between Dr. Basrai, Dr. Lakhwani and their patients is centered on a wealth of knowledge. They want to know all they can about their patients, so they can make well-informed dental care decisions. They also want patients to gain the knowledge necessary about the plan of treatment beforehand, thus making the dental visit at Family Smiles far more comfortable. "I want patients to know what the treatment plan is going to cost, while also giving them a detailed explanation of the options they have," Dr. Basrai reiterated. "The pros and cons are explained in detail, but the final decisions on dental care still belong to the patients."

Dr. Lakhwani moved to the United States from India in 2012. She furthered her knowledge once she settled in America, receiving her Doctorate in Dental Surgery from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. She's also received various merit-based scholarships and was among a few selected for an Honors Program in Pediatric Dentistry for excellent work with children and overall patient care.

Dr. Basrai, along with the entire staff at Family Smiles, is committed to making beautiful smiles for the whole family. They believe in the importance of starting each new day with a healthy smile. NOW













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Peach Perfect

- By Sean Doerre

It's impossible to visit Gillespie County, Texas, without getting directly to the heart of the Texas Hill Country. Its focal point is Fredericksburg, a place founded in 1846 by German settlers. This small-town Texas community continues to provide a unique blend of Texan hospitality and German tradition.

Fredericksburg is well-known for award-winning wine. In fact, the Texas Hill Country was designated one of the 10 Best Wine Travel Destinations in 2014 by Wine Enthusiast Magazine. With more than 40 wineries and tasting rooms in the Fredericksburg area, numerous wine tour companies and special wine events like the Fredericksburg Food & Wine Festival, Fredericksburg is at the center of Texas Wine Country.

With more than 150 shops, boutiques and art galleries lining historic Main Street, Fredericksburg is also a premier shopping

destination, offering the best of home decor, Western wear, fine art, kitchen wares, linens, antiques and more. On the weekend of the third Saturday of every month, Fredericksburg Trade Days features more than 400 vendors in seven barns and acres of shopping opportunities, along with great eats and live music in the Biergarten. Great food and wonderful dining is a fixture in Fredericksburg with more than 80 restaurants that feature everything from regional Texas Hill Country cuisine to German and Bavarian, to Tex-Mex and Italian, as well as numerous fine dining restaurants.

Gillespie County is one of the top peach-producing counties in Texas, and from mid-May through early August the town is filled with roadside stands selling peaches and other seasonal produce. Fredericksburg is also home to Wildseed Farms, the largest working wildflower farm in the United States and a destination for any nature enthusiast.

Enchanted Rock, the second largest granite dome in the United States and a designated International Dark Sky Park, is located just outside of Fredericksburg and offers miles of hiking trails, rock climbing and a 360-degree view of the Texas Hill Country from the top of the Summit Trail.

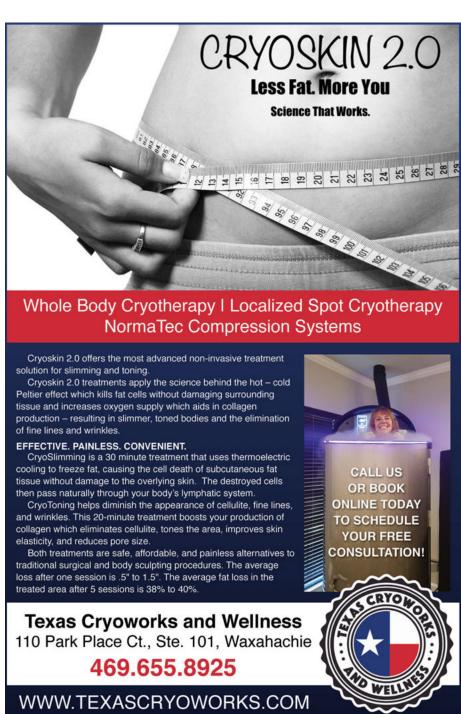
With more than 700 historically significant structures preserved in the Fredericksburg historic district, history surrounds the city. The Pioneer Museum Complex provides a glimpse of early life in Fredericksburg through historic homes, a log cabin, an authentic Sunday House, a one-room schoolhouse and more.

The National Museum of the Pacific War, dedicated to all who served in the Pacific during World War II, also honors hometown favorite Navy Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. The 6-acre museum complex includes the George H.W. Bush Gallery, the Japanese Garden of Peace, the Memorial Courtyard and the Plaza of Presidents. Just down the street, is the Pacific Combat Zone, which recently underwent an \$8 million renovation and hosts living history demonstrations eight times each year.

In addition to historic attractions, Fredericksburg is always brimming with activity from more than 400 special events, concerts and festivals held annually. Typical Fredericksburg events and activities include Oktoberfest, live music at Luckenbach Texas, Fredericksburg's Fourth of July Parade, summer horse racing, the Hill Country Food Truck Festival, the Stonewall Peach JAMboree, First Friday Art Walk, the Gillespie County Fair and more. Fredericksburg has more than 1,100 hotel and motel rooms, more than 1,200 bed-andbreakfasts/guesthouses, and several RV parks and campsites ready to welcome travelers with plenty of warm, Texan hospitality. NOW

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Where Comes the Bride?

— By Zachary R. Urquhart

In a time gone by, most weddings tended to be at one of a few locations: churches, the courthouse or the family's backyard. Today, though, almost anywhere could be a wedding venue. If you are getting ready to plan a wedding, there are some new and unique locales to consider.

Something Old

• Barns are back in style. Trending with the popularity of house remodeling shows over the last decade or so, weddings in rustic farmhouses and barns are becoming more and more common. You can look for places online or reach out to friends who live in rural areas. You might be surprised how easy it is to find a barn you can use. With some old-world style lighting, a simple large shed can become an idyllic wedding sight.

• Church is in session. A unique spin on the tradition of a religious setting is to have your ceremony in an old church building. There are churches that are no longer functioning for local congregations, but that are available for special events. And if you are willing to host a destination wedding, you can find such buildings across the country.



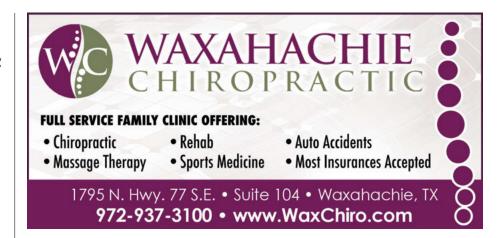
Something New

- Trendy restaurants make great wedding sites. If you live close enough to a big town with cool restaurants that are only busy in the evening, you might be able to reserve the place for an early wedding time. What is even better, you will have a place for a ceremony and reception all-in-one.
- Find a venue near you. People are sometimes surprised to learn how many beautiful venues are hidden just around the corner. With anything from simple buildings that have the necessary amenities to locations providing outdoor wedding scenes, there are often myriad options within a short drive. Many wedding venues offer an all-inclusive package, with much of the planning provided with this option.

Something Borrowed

• Public spaces can be great for private events. Local parks have gazebos or pavilions available to rent for private events. If you are expecting a smaller wedding party, this can be a cute, quaint way to have an inexpensive wedding. Some more recently built parks even have spaces built with events in mind, so a wedding at a park does not have to feel like a wedding at a park.













• If you book it, they will come. If you want the beauty of an outdoor setting, but need a bigger venue, you can sometimes reserve the sports fields in your area during their off-season. With a little decorating work, a large field can turn into the perfect wedding site.

Something You

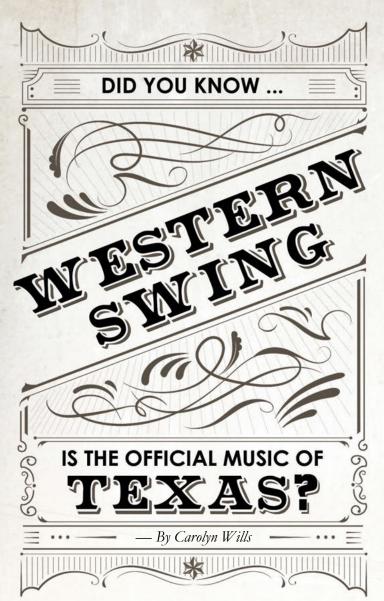
• Somewhere that defines the couple. Anything from a golf course to the outdoor chapel at a church camp from your childhood is perfect if you both think it is perfect. If you and your spouse-to-be are the adventurous types, maybe a bridge spanning the gap between two mountain peaks is the location for you. People may question your choice, but it is just that, your choice, so have fun deciding where to host the big day.

Whatever you decide, remember that the day of your nuptials should be one of the happiest days of your life. As long as you are marrying the person you love, surrounded by the friends and family you want supporting you, no place is the wrong choice to ring your wedding bells. NOW









Yes, that would be a resounding yes and a good ole Bob Wills holler. Officially, the designation happened June 17, 2011. That's when Governor Rick Perry signed Resolution #35, and the 82nd Texas Legislature got 'er done. Long before 2011, though, and even before its naming, Western Swing was playing in the hearts of two innovative Texans.

Those Texans were Milton Brown (1903-1936) and Bob Wills (1905-1975), both among the most influential swing artists of all time. They met in Fort Worth in the early 1930s, gained popularity as the original Light Crust Doughboys and, then, formed individual renowned Western Swing bands.

Sadly, bandleader/vocalist/guitarist Milton Brown died from a car crash at an early age. Although he missed the opportunities of time, as "the Father of Western Swing," his is a great legacy. With the Musical Brownies, he often performed to packed houses at Fort Worth's Crystal Springs Dance Pavilion with its 800-capacity dance floor and fabled reputation as the birthplace of Western Swing.

Bob Wills had a long, prolific career as bandleader, fiddler, composer, charismatic performer and one who created a rodeo, owned ranches and dancehalls, loved horses and appeared in black and white "shoot 'em up" Hollywood westerns. Among his many recognitions are inductions into the Country Music Hall of Fame, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame (with his Texas Playboys as Early Influences) and a Lifetime Achievement GRAMMY.





What is it, then, about their music? Why, with beginnings in the 1930s, has Western Swing gained distinction as our state's official music?

A little history:

Western Swing is unique within the spectrum of country music. It's a demanding form, calling for musical attention and skill and, traditionally, asking performers to employ a certain style and, above all,













respect for those who come to listen and dance or, simply, to tap toes. It was born of frontier and Texas fiddling, of blues, jazz and gospels shared in cotton fields and country churches, of Mariachi influences and heart-pounding big band sounds.

Before transitioning to the city in the 1930s and to radio, recordings and Texas dancehalls, it was the music of ranch dances and country gatherings. During the Great Depression, it was the source of hope and release, and during World War II, the sound of home.

In 1969, Wills' "San Antonio Rose" traveled to space to be enjoyed by the crew of Apollo 12. In the 1970s, having just discovered Western Swing, a young Ray Benson formed his band, Asleep at the Wheel, to begin a long, successful career. Then, by the late 1970s and 1980s, as Willie, Waylon and "the boys" created a stir with "outlaw country," Waylon Jennings reminded the world that "Bob Wills Is Still the King." Later, when the Rolling Stones came to Austin, Mick Jagger made sure to perform that song.

Brown and Wills were superstars with unprecedented style and profound abilities to connect with audiences. They were gifted musicians who surrounded themselves with great musicians, who also knew how to touch the hearts of those who listened.



"I love Western Swing because it incorporates different styles from jazz to blues to swing," Jason Roberts, leader of the Jason Roberts Band, said. "The great musicianship of Western Swing players over the years remains unrivaled!"



To this day, Texans tell tales of grandparents or parents who loved the Light Crust Doughboys or who met and fell in love at a Milton Brown dance or of a grieving family comforted by Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys, who often played funerals for free. The lore is colorful and stories endless but, importantly, this amazingly versatile music endures.

According to Ray Benson, Western Swing is alive and well. "Quite an achievement for music that began in the early 20th century," he smiled. "When Bob and his contemporaries blended fiddle and string band music with big band and blues, original

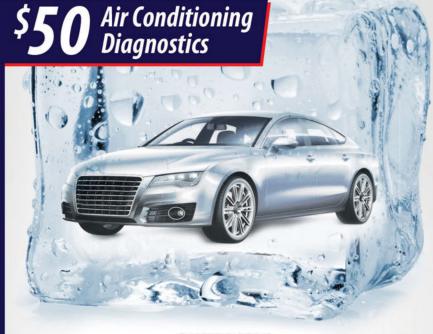






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Joe Holley (left) and Bob Wills (right) play at the Bob Wills dance in the mid-1940s.

American music was born. That my band and entertainers like George Strait and literally dozens of groups around the world are reviving and reinventing Western Swing shows that it still resonates with audiences."

So, it's true. With far-reaching implications, Western Swing is part of the fabric of Texas. "It was born here and is as much a part of our culture as oil derricks, longhorn cattle and chicken fried steak!" Joey McKenzie, leader of the Western Flyers, said. "If something was ever truly cool, I believe it will always be cool, and Western Swing is the epitome of cool," he added. "It has stood the test of time, influenced musicians from George Strait to the Rolling Stones and, thanks to the Internet, is enjoying increased exposure around the world. When the Flyers travel internationally, it amazes us how many passionate and knowledgeable fans there are. Yes ... Western Swing is the epitome of cool!"

So, here it is...

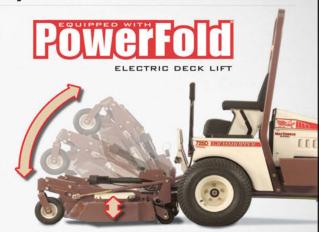
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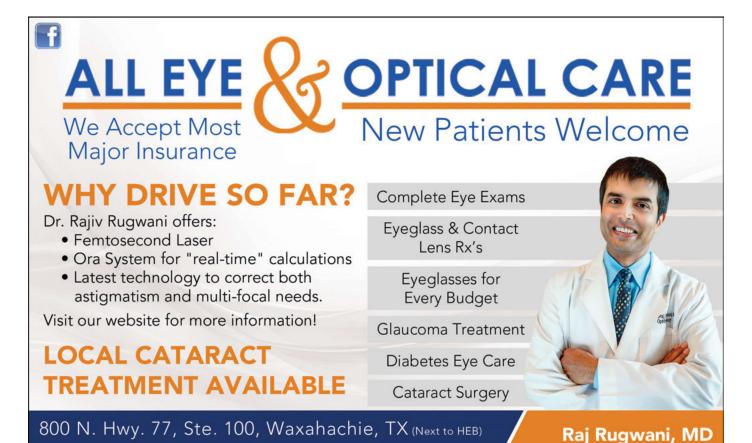
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Around Town



Cooper Pearson, 4, has a great time playing on the caboose in downtown Waxahachie.

Zoomed In: By Sandra Strong Kathryn Graves Clopton

Kathryn Graves Clopton was born on June 23, 1918. She had two older and two younger siblings. Celebrating her 100th birthday with family and friends proved to be a great time for all those in attendance. "I enjoyed my party," she said, "and I am thankful that so many were able to attend."

She has lived in Ellis County for 96 or her 100 years. She shared 60 years of marriage with her late husband, Pete Clopton. Kathryn credits her long life to staying active and not just "sitting down." "I think I'm most impressed and thankful for the advent of central air conditioning and heating during my lifetime," she shared. "In 100 years, I've made lots of memories."



Sharla Cook and her daughter, Sidney, brave the summer heat to host a garage sale.



Cecil Brogdon, Billy Thompson, John Taylor and Aaron Choate of Waxahachie's Street Department trim trees on Main Street.



Capri and Journi Robinson have fun finding a favorite toothbrush.

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Korbin Ferguson waits patiently to watch the new Incredibles II movie with his grandpa, Kay Lewis.



Angie Cruz and Destiny Tovar enjoy the new outdoor venue at White Rhino's grand opening in Waxahachie.



Cecil Wilkins is having a great time at the party family and friends hosted to celebrate his 88th birthday.



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August:

8 - 11

American Jr. Dragster Challenge: Texas Motorplex. For more information, visit www.texasmotorplex.com.



8, 22

Survivor Trail, Surviving Cancer Together: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Cowboy Church of Ellis County. There are new topics presented at each of the meetings. Call (972) 935-9801 for topic titles, more information and directions to the church.

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2nd Thursday Ladies Night Out: 5:00-8:00 p.m., with participating downtown Waxahachie merchants.

9 — 19

Little Shop of Horrors: Ennis Public Theatre, 113 N. Dallas St. For curtain times, pricing and reservations, visit www.Ennis PublicTheatre.com.

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Summer Moonlight Moves: *The Avengers*: 9:00 p.m., downtown Waxahachie.

10 — 12

Tax Free Shopping Weekend: downtown Waxahachie merchants.

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BOGO 2nd Saturday: participating downtown Waxahachie merchants.

11, 25

In the Music Room Studio & Listening Room Radio Show Tapings: 7:00 p.m., Aug. 11, George Ensle & Butch Morgan; Aug. 25, Greg Whitfield & David Starr, 3103 Sanger Creek Way. For more information or to make reservations, call (972) 938-9990 or email rsvp@inthemusicroom.com.

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Ultimate Street Night: Texas Motorplex. For more information, visit www.texasmotorplex.com.

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14 — 16

20th Annual Cancer Memorial Golf Tournament: **Friday**, practice round; **Saturday**, tournament play, silent auction from 3:00-7:00 p.m., dinner for golfers, sponsors and spouses at 6:00 p.m., Calcutta and live auction following dinner; Sunday, tournament play continues, tournament will be played at the Old Brickyard Golf Course, 605 N. I-45, Ferris; all other activities will be held at the Sokol, E. Hwy. 34, Ennis. Cash donations, hole sponsorship and live and silent auction items are welcomed. For more details, call Marilyn Boon Linsteadt at (972) 365-1206.



Ongoing:

Tuesdays

Lariat Bridge Club: 6:30 p.m., Boy Scout Cabin, 1139 Brown St. For more information or to confirm the meeting, email Shari at weatherscf@ yahoo.com or call (505) 270-4017.

Waxahachie Toastmasters meeting: 6:30 p.m., Lyceum at Sims Library. For more information, call (469) 245-8681.

GriefShare meeting: 4:00 and 6:30 p.m., Cowboy Church of Ellis County in the Youth Center Kindergarten Room. For more information, call (972) 935-9801 or visit www.cowboyfaith.org.

Fourth Tuesdays Ellis County Technology (ECT) meeting: 6:30 p.m., LaQuinta. For more information, call Wendy Merritt at (469) 256-8989.

Wednesdays

DivorceCare: 6:30-8:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church of Midlothian, Family Life Center, 800 S. 9th St., Midlothian. DivorceCare

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for Kids ages 5-12 meet at the same time, as well as childcare for younger children. For more information, call the church office at (972) 775-3993.

Last Wednesdays Collaboration of Organizations & Services monthly meeting: 1:00 p.m., Sim's Library. For more information, contact Terri Klein at terri.klein@co.ellis.tx.us/.

Thursdays

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

Buckout Arena Ministry: 7:00 p.m., Cowboy Church of Ellis County, 2374 W. Hwy. 287 Bypass. For more information, call (972) 935-9801.

First and Third Thursdays Ellis County HEALS: 6:30-8:00 p.m., 408 Water St. They are helping those who have lost a loved one to suicide. For more information, visit elliscountyheals@gmail.com or on Facebook.



Second Thursdays Crackpots meetings: 6:30 p.m., Cowboy Church of Ennis. Call Vicki Bell at (469) 285-4845 or Myra Morrisey at (972) 998-5868 for more information.

First Saturdays

Books and Brew: Author Talk Series: Noon, Sims Library, 515 W. Main St. 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.

Fourth Saturdays Bristol Opry: 7:00 p.m., featuring local singers and musicians. For more information, contact Jim Gatlin at (972) 846-2211.

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The Art of Empathy

- By Joy Horn

Julie Ann Law has been a professional artist for more than 30 years. She is known for her stunning murals and was originally featured in the March 2006 edition of WaxahachieNOW Magazine. Presently, Julie Ann has embraced a new form. "During the last few years, I have shifted focus to staying in the studio more, and the Lord told me to start painting the homeless to add to the collection of orphans I've been painting from around the world for the last 15 years," Julie Ann explained.

One of her current art series is named Beauty in Poverty and includes portraits of homeless individuals Julie Ann has met while ministering in Dallas. The portraits are vivid and moving while encapsulating the distinctive features and personalities of the people she meets.

These portraits give viewers a glimpse of another world not often exposed. "I do ministry in downtown Dallas under the bridge, so I had a lot of homeless friends who I could paint. I have met some beautiful people, but my favorite one was Duggar the Hugger, the ex-pastor who had only been on the streets three months and was taken in under the wings of

more experienced homeless men who became his friends. He was standing next to me during worship, and when it was over, he asked me if he could hug me," Julie Ann remembered.

The souls of the individuals she paints shine through her portraits. Often, it is easy to feel separated from those one doesn't understand, but Julie Ann's art shows the best aspects of these struggling human beings.

By doing this, she creates empathy in viewers. "I named this series of paintings Beauty in Poverty because I wanted people to see that humanity is basically very similar, and there is beauty everywhere you look, among the poor and among the hungry. We all bleed the same blood. We all love. We all have issues, and we all basically want the same thing. These people are just as human as you and me," Julie Ann expressed.

Her art not only creates more empathy in the world, but the proceeds help individuals in need. "I donate 50 percent of the money back to the person who is in the portrait, but I use the remaining finances to pay my bills and fund my mission trips," Julie Ann explained. "I realize how precious of a job it is to do the things you love to do every day. It's so much fun and rewarding at the same time. I will paint till the good Lord takes me home." NOW

Editor's Note: For more information, visit beautyinpoverty.org.





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