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### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

In a season of change ...

Each year, as leaves change colors and the winds blow a little cooler, I enter a season of reflection. The reality of another year easing toward its end produces a sense of wonder and urgency I don't feel during the rest of the year. Am I where I expected when the year began? Most of the time I respond yes. Not always, though. Our world changes, unexpected events distracting us from what we planned. While some of those alterations bring joy and fulfillment, others leave us astonished and wondering what comes next.

When I worked in the corporate world years ago, we saw constant change. Something new — supposedly better, but occasionally not — was always being introduced. Sometimes, we wanted to return to old ways. After passing through the nefarious learning curve, though, we found work easier. We learned to say, "The only thing constant is change." The small ones didn't bother me much, but the massive transformations took internal processing before I embraced them. The worst times came when we didn't have clarity on how the change affected us personally.

I still don't love change, but as the scents of fall return, I breathe deeply and hold in the peace of familiarity. No matter what happens, we can take comfort in the constant pieces of life. They remain even if we temporarily lose sight of them. Considering the future always challenges us with what to expect, but the past tells us we can handle anything.

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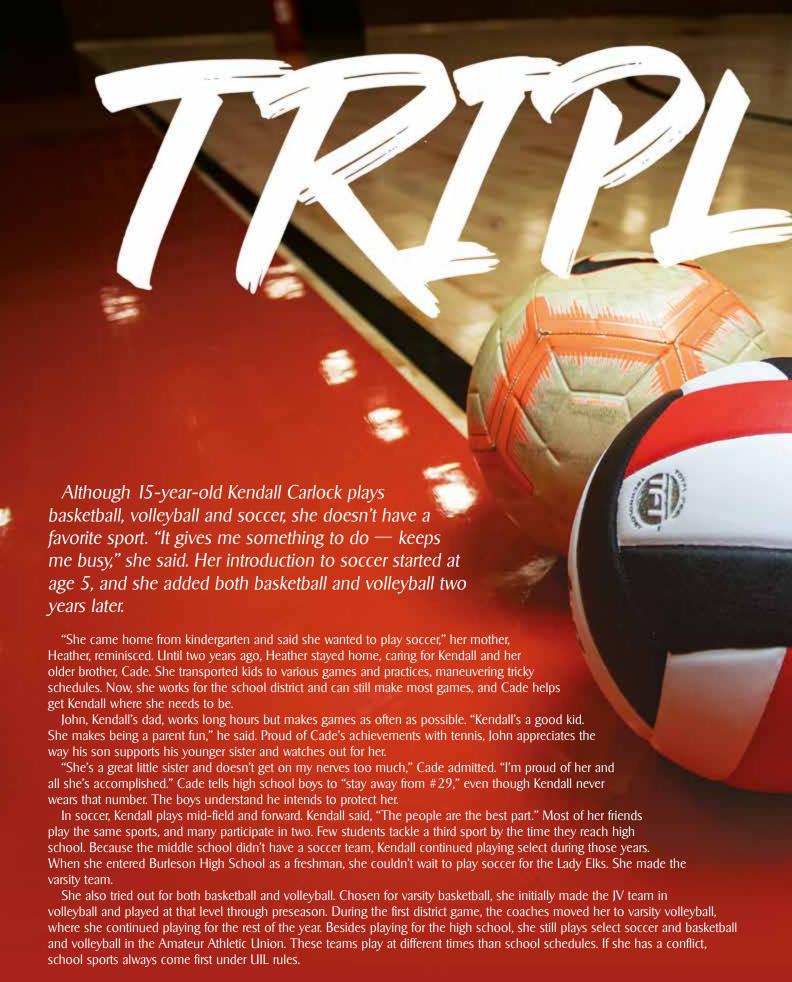
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The coaches and athletic director worked with Kendall when game schedules conflicted, but season overlap doesn't happen for long. As a student playing on three varsity teams, Kendall inspires others. "I'm not the best player," she shared. "I'm part of the team, learning from older players."

Nevertheless, Kendall wins awards and accolades. In eighth grade, Hughes Middle School chose her as Female Athlete of the Year. The varsity coach nominated her for the athletic leadership team. She won All-district Honorable Mention in basketball and Academic All-district in volleyball. In June 2021, she was named Star of the Week in the Performance Course, the BHS summer camp.

One of her greatest moments of pride came in fifth grade when she broke the pacer record for all of Burleson. In this contest, the athletes run from one end of the gym to the other, continuously increasing the pace. Kendall scored 92.

Coach D'Anna Newton described Kendall as the true definition of a multi-sport athlete. "She is a unique athlete. Not a lot of student athletes can say they lettered in three sports and played at the varsity level as a freshman. I love the example she is setting for future Lady Elks. With hard work and determination, you can play as many sports as you want," she said. "She is going to have a great career at Burleson High School. Behind all her athleticism she is an outstanding student and person, and as a coach, that's the most rewarding part. She has excelled in the classroom this year, and it's very hard to balance school and athletics. I am very proud of what she's accomplished this year and cannot wait to see what her future holds."





As a coach, Newton wants her athletes to compete in other sports, acknowledging that it helps them in many ways. Although Kendall comes across as shy and quiet when you first meet her, according to the coach, her competitive side comes out on the court or field. "I love watching that side of her."

Inducted into National Honor Society, Kendall said, "School comes easy. In elementary school, I actually liked homework." While she may not like it as much now, she takes care of homework, staying up late when necessary to finish.

"She has a great work ethic," Heather said. "She's very organized with academics and uses good time management."

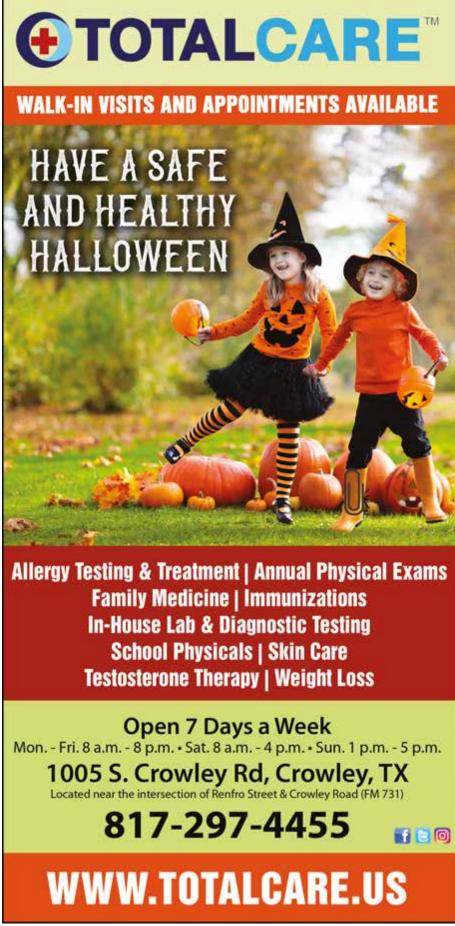
"We don't talk much about college. We just want her to have fun," John said. "She's also a pretty good cook."

Heather agreed. "She likes to experiment in the kitchen, but brownies are her specialty along with peanut butter protein balls."

Heather and John consult the calendar every week to keep up with a busy schedule between work and the kids' activities. Balancing it all gets challenging sometimes. "I just enjoy it. If I didn't love it, I couldn't do it all," Kendall admitted. "My family, teammates and coaches are amazing, very supportive. I couldn't do any of it without them."

According to Heather, Kendall doesn't enjoy being in the spotlight, yet this young lady shines brightly as a leader, athlete and student. Motivated by the love of sports, she inspires others to play hard and work hard. "If you want to, do it," she said. "Stay kind, stay humble."

As a fresh school year starts, Kendall looks forward to more game days. She loves those most, looking forward to the challenge of competition, while she cheers her teammates to become their best and other athletes to follow their desires. **NOW** 







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another out and push each other to do better."

The company's proudest accomplishment is that they are still using the same crews and have some of the original sales team they did when they started 13 years ago. We asked what the future goals were for Lone Star Roofing and its many sister companies. The response was to maintain their current levels of service and not get so big that it becomes more about the money and not about the customers and the team, "When you get to a size where you don't know the team of people doing work for you or your customers, how do you know what kind of quality you're getting? The answer is you don't!" Derek said. This desire to know his team, his customers and the quality of work being done is why Derek's growth plans are to maintain current levels.

After seeing all of the accomplishments posted proudly around the office, we asked the office staff what separates them from the other businesses in town. Office Manager Stephanie Stanley said, "We aren't in competition with anyone! It is important for us to be here to help other reputable businesses in the community, not to compete with them." She mentioned their involvement in the community and their relationship with the city, and it was apparent that they truly

want the best for everyone in their community.

The company doubled its yearly revenue from 2019 to 2020 and has nearly quadrupled its yearly revenue from 2020 to 2021. When asked what he has done differently, Derek's response was, "Nothing," When asked to elaborate, he said, "I knew in time honesty, hard work, reputation and treating people right would cause us to lift off at some point! The good guys always end up winning in the end,"

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# FINESSING THE FINE ARTS

By Melissa Rawlins

The 120 students privileged to participate in Centennial High School's curricular, chamber and show choirs do more than just stand on the risers and sing. They share in daily work necessary to shine. And shine they do. One look at their Facebook page, Instagram feed or website reveals how these students work to excel artistically as well as celebrate each other's beautiful achievements. Vision and guidance for their digital communications, as well as their musicality, comes from their teacher and choral director, Eric Cooley, in collaboration with four other musical experts ranging from a piano accompanist to vocal coaches.

A lot has changed since Mr. Cooley was the age of his students, singing in choirs and playing trumpet in bands in Fort Hood and Killeen, Texas. "Still, nothing's changed. Students are still dealing with the complexities of discovering who they are," he said, recalling he felt really connected to his chorale program which provided structure "that was never unpredictable."

While guiding incremental change during his eight-year tenure at Centennial, Mr. Cooley has provided structure. CHS choirs are visible in the middle schools and share community concert spaces, creating awareness and a common language for the youth. Mr. Cooley devotes himself to both upper- and lower-level ensembles, so the younger and older students will know one teacher and one platform. "It's important for them to trust what's going on," Mr. Cooley said, "so that once they get to Centennial, it's new, but not strange."

Additionally, through what Mr. Cooley calls "the dramatic leaning into the development of relationship," his team ensures the successes of the choirs. "Changes we've made, especially in the rise of technology and its place in the classroom, mean teachers have to be aware of the story, struggles and successes of the people around us in order for the experience to not be robotic, but rich for ourselves, and the performer and people listening to the choir."

The CHS chorale experience starts with friendly, caring greetings upon entrance to the classroom. Once inside, surrounded by floor-to-ceiling mirrors that facilitate dance instruction for show choir, students learn to reflect on what they perceive versus what they are doing, Mr. Cooley encourages students to create classroom playlists as well as contracts about what they can expect from each other, and what language they can use when they don't give or get what they expect.

They're developing tools for being the best human possible. "Soft skills are hard to enumerate and quantify, but it's what every community member demands of the people

who serve them," Mr. Cooley said.
"My purpose is to teach each student they have a voice worth hearing that will make life a richer experience for them and those around them. Having those conversations enables kids to feel bought in, which keeps them involved and believing, 'If I choose to, I can sing for the rest of my life."

Often, there's pizza after school. But during the day, Mr. Cooley's structured the work around students' natural need to connect with each other. All the young men, from seniors to freshmen, are in one class. "This breaks down the elitism, and the seniors get to wrap their arms around the kids," their teacher explained. "The young gentlemen become more willing to try and make mistakes in front of each other, which is the biggest part of the learning process."

Always working to invigorate his own thinking, Mr. Cooley looks backward with profound hope. "In the 2020-2021 struggle, we were all on a journey of growth," he said. "We've looked at what we can reshape and reform to allow for more engagement, to promote more excitement, to make up for what we had to facilitate through a TV screen. Through trial and error, we found the right thing."

Last year, virtual-only students strengthened the student-led leadership team tremendously by demonstrating character and discipline through daily attendance. Mr. Cooley is eager to see what this year's student officers are able to do with the lessons they learned from just-graduated seniors, who created an atmosphere of warmth by being welcoming.

Centennial's show choir and chamber singers have been touched by Mr.
Cooley's honesty and encouragements to shake up their thinking. Now, they're shaking up Burleson's expectations a bit by moving their musical forward, from January to the fall.

Editor's Note: For details about how the CHS Choral Department is knitting together the community, please visit www.centennialhschoir.com.





## Around Town



Bob Harper and Col. Shirley Beck represent veterans in residence at Heritage Place.



Captain McGuire demonstrates bicycle safety during the Burleson PD open house.



Texas Health hosts a super safety event.

#### Zoomed In:

By Lisa Bell

## Poolee Lance Armstrong and SSgt. Preston S. Spangler

On Oct 26, 2009, SSgt. Preston S. Spangler began his military career as a 6492 aviation calibration technician. "That's the bulk of what I did, even becoming an instructor," he said. Recently, he became a local recruiter. "The Marine Corps has done a lot for me and my family. All they did for me, the way they take care of us, I can give back to the community by sharing what the Marine Corps can do for potential recruits."

Poolee Lance Armstrong joined the Marines to learn a future skill. In the delayed-entry program, he's not yet on active duty. He ships to boot camp November 1. Once he earns the title of Marine, he'll go through Marine combat training, then to technical training as a 3531 motor transport operator.



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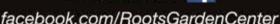


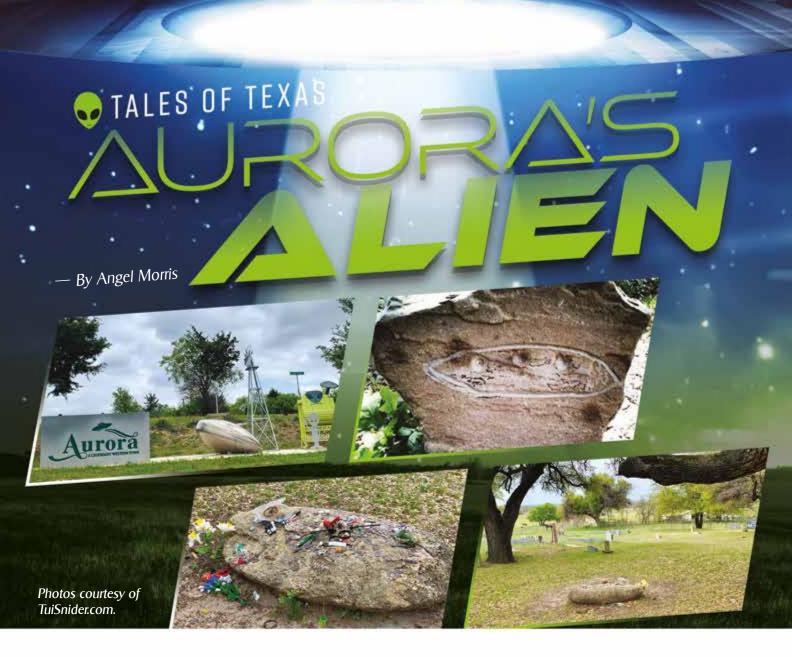






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A legendary western town, the city of Aurora, Texas, is located about 30 miles northwest of Fort Worth. For almost 125 years, the Wise County location's claim to fame has been an alien named Ned.

Ned's voyage to Aurora was reported in *The Dallas Morning News* on April 19, 1897. The report tells of a cigar-shaped spaceship sailing over Aurora's public square before making its crash landing a few hundred feet north of what is now Texas 114.

"About 6 o'clock this morning the early risers of Aurora were astonished at the sudden appearance of the airship which has been sailing around the country. It was traveling due north and much nearer the earth than before.

"Evidently some of the machinery was out of order, for it was making a speed of only 10 or 12 miles an hour, and gradually settling toward the earth. It sailed over the public square and when it reached the north part of town it collided with the tower of Judge Proctor's windmill and went into pieces with a

terrific explosion, scattering debris over several acres of ground, wrecking the windmill and water tank and destroying the judge's flower garden.

"The pilot of the ship is supposed to have been the only one aboard and, while his remains were badly disfigured, enough of the original has been picked up to show that he was not an inhabitant of this world."

Townsfolk reportedly buried the alien pilot in Aurora Cemetery, but the story was not buried with it. While some residents prefer not to associate with unproven lore, many have embraced "Ned" — as the alien has come to be called — and all things space-creature related.

It's not unusual for alien-themed haunted houses to attract visitors to Aurora this time of year. Conferences commemorating the alleged crash have taken place in the city, and the Aurora website even features a photo of Ned's tombstone.

Etched with a cigar-shaped aircraft, the tombstone was stolen in 1972 shortly after an investigative story about Ned's crash landing was published on the Mutual UFO Network. In 2012, the marker that replaced the original was stolen as well, and now a boulder reportedly sits in its place.

A state marker outside the cemetery notes it may be the home of an alien grave, reading, in part: "This site is ... well-known because of the legend that a spaceship crashed nearby in 1897 and the pilot, killed in the crash, was buried here."

Trinkets and gifts can regularly be found at the site, where visitors come after learning of Ned through various sources. Time magazine published an Aurora alien-based article in 1979, and in 1986 a film, The Aurora Encounter, was shot in Ferris, Texas, based on the legend of Ned.

More than one book has been published surrounding Aurora's mysterious guest, and a few TV programs have focused on alien investigations in the town. The FOX network and two TV series, UFO Files and UFO Hunters, covered the story, as did an episode of History Channel's Ancient Aliens.

Earlier this year, D Magazine reminded folks of a \$5,000 reward offered by a Dallas lawyer interested in the return of Ned's tombstone, no questions asked. And, today it's easier than ever for people to learn about Aurora's famous alien through online news articles, YouTube videos and social media sites like @auroraned on Instagram and NedAlien on Twitter.

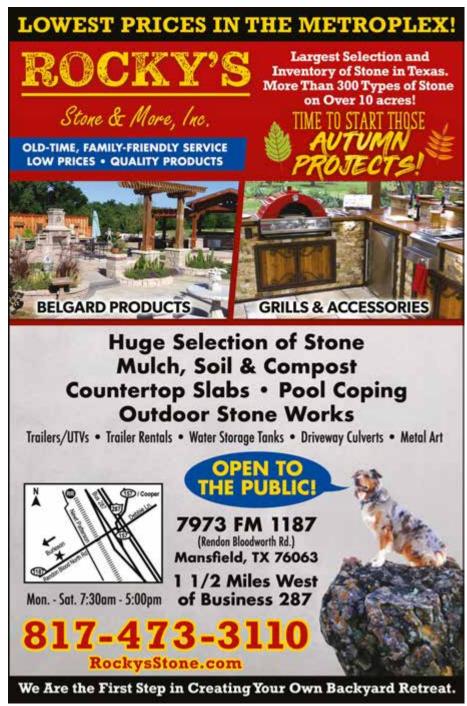
While not linked to Aurora's alien, a 2020 Jim Henson Disney series coincidentally features a blue-skinned creature, Ned the Alien, who was sent to earth to prepare for invasion. Becoming obsessed with the planet's pop culture, however, Ned abandons his mission to host a talk show instead.

Current Aurora residents may take the town's alien legend with a grain of salt, but a spacecraft and the windmill it destroyed, can be found on city gear including cups and T-shirts, and even the official town logo. Believe it or not, it seems the story is here to stay, and Ned will likely forever be Aurora's most famed resident. NOW

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For Ethelyn Beck, the adventure into cooking and baking started right out of college in her first apartment. "At that time, I started my favorite recipe collection binders," Ethelyn explained. "I still use these recipes and keep adding new favorites."

She discovered more quick and easy recipes, her favorite type since she has other projects in life she wants to pursue. Ethelyn always has a new recipe ready to share at potlucks and with family and friends. "This has been a very successful way to test recipes."

When she's not enjoying her hobbies of sewing, quilting, reading cookbooks and playing the piano or teaching lessons, Ethelyn cooks for guests. "I enjoy making or baking dishes that give my home a 'welcoming' smell when they enter." Now

#### **BLT Avocado Wrap**

- 3 lettuce leaves
- 3 Tbsp. avocado oil mayonnaise (divided use)
- 6 strips bacon, cooked
- 1/2 Roma tomato, sliced
- 1/2 avocado, sliced
- **I.** Gently flatten the lettuce leaves; spread I Tbsp. of mayonnaise on each leaf.
- 2. Lay 2 strips of bacon on each, followed

by tomato and avocado slices. Wrap each tightly and enjoy.

#### Fresh Broccoli Salad

1 head fresh broccoli
1 head fresh cauliflower
2/3 cup white or purple onion, diced
2 tomatoes, deseeded and diced

I lb. baconI 12-oz. bottle Marie's Creamy

Ranch Dressing

- **1.** Wash and cut the broccoli and cauliflower florets into nickel-size pieces. In a bowl, mix together the broccoli, cauliflower, onions and tomatoes.
- **2.** Fry or bake the bacon until crisp; drain the grease. When the bacon is cool, break it into small pieces; add it to the vegetable mixture. Mix in a bottle of dressing; chill before serving.

#### Kim's Tortellini Salad

- 1 19-oz. pkg. cheese and spinach tortellini
- 1/2 lb. fresh baby spinach
- I small red onion, diced
- I small garlic bulb, minced
- 20 small red tomatoes, quartered
- I small zucchini, diced
- 1 2.25-oz. can sliced black olives
- 1 8-oz. pkg. fresh mozzarella "pearls" cheese, diced
- 1 6-oz. pkg. pepperoni slices, quartered 1/2 of a 15-oz. bottle of Italian dressing
- **1.** Boil 5 to 6 inches of salted water in a large pot; add the pasta and cook 3-4 minutes until the pasta is tender or the tortellini floats. Drain; rinse in cold water.

- **2.** Cool the tortellini by spreading them in a single layer on a large plate.
- **3.** Add the spinach and the next 7 ingredients to a large bowl; combine. Gently fold in the cooled tortellini; pour half the dressing over the mixture.
- 4. Cover; chill before serving.

#### **Pumpkin Waffles**

- 2 large eggs
- 5 Tbsp. sugar
- 3/4 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- I tsp. ground ginger
- I tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp. to 1 Tbsp. pumpkin spice, to taste
- **I.** In a mixing bowl, combine the eggs and the next 4 ingredients.
- **2.** In a separate bowl, combine the flour and the remaining ingredients. Add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture in a mixing bowl.
- **3.** Using a waffle iron, bake the waffles. Keep the waffles warm in the oven as others bake.

#### Mrs. Owen's Molasses Sugar Cookies With Pumpkin Dip

#### Cookies:

3/4 cup butter

1 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup molasses

1 egg

2 cups flour

2 tsp. baking soda

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1/2 tsp. ginger

1 tsp. cinnamon

Dash of salt

1/2 cup sugar

#### Dip:

- 1 29-oz. can pumpkin
- 2 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 3 tsp. pumpkin spice
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tsp. ginger
- **I.** For cookies: Melt the butter in a 3- or 4-quart saucepan over low heat; remove from heat, and let cool. Add the sugar, molasses and egg; beat well.
- 2. In a large bowl, sift together the flour





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and the next 5 ingredients. Mix into the wet mixture: chill.

- **3.** Once chilled, use a cookie scoop to form balls. Roll the cookie balls in sugar; place them 2 inches apart on parchment paperlined cookie sheets. Bake at 350 F for 10-12 minutes.
- **4.** For dip: Beat together all ingredients. Transfer to a serving dish; refrigerate for several hours. Serve with the molasses sugar cookies.

#### Quick and Easy Lemon Crème Brûlée

3 large egg yolks 1/2 cup heavy whi

1/2 cup heavy whipping cream1/4 cup, plus 2 tsp. sugar (divided use)Zest from 1 small lemon2 cups hot water

**I.** In a glass bowl, whisk together the egg yolks, cream, 1/4 cup sugar and lemon zest.

- **2.** Pour the mixture into 2 ramekins; place the ramekins in an 8x8-inch or 9x9-inch square baking dish. Pour water into the baking dish until about 1/2-inch deep to create a water bath for the ramekins.
- **3.** Bake at 300 F for 40-50 minutes.

Custards will be done when the middle jiggles slightly. Cool custards in the water bath; cover with plastic wrap. Cool in the refrigerator for at least 8 hours.

**4.** Once cooled, sprinkle 1 tsp. sugar on each custard; melt with a torch until browned and hard. Serve immediately.

#### Sopapilla Cheesecake

- 2 8-oz. cans crescent dinner rolls (divided use)
- 3 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup cinnamon-sugar mixture 1 stick butter, melted
- **1.** Preheat the oven to 350 F Use nonstick spray on the bottom and sides of a clear 9x13-inch baking dish. Press 1 can of crescent rolls into the bottom and sides of the dish
- **2.** Mix together the cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until fluffy. Spread the entire mixture onto the bottom crust.
- **3.** Gently spread the second can of crescent rolls on top of the cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar; drizzle butter on top. Bake at 350 F for 35-40 minutes. Serve immediately.





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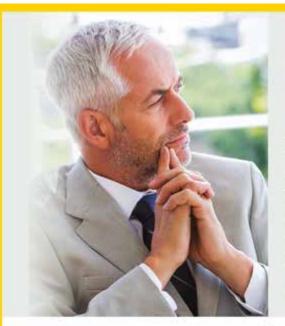
- Earn your employer's match. It's a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) plan. (In 2021, you can put in up to \$19,500, or \$26,000 if you're 50 or older.) At least put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution if one is offered. If you don't contribute enough to earn the full match, you're shortchanging yourself. For example, if your employer matches 50 percent of what you contribute, perhaps up to \$5,000, and you put in \$8,000, your employer's 50 percent match will just be \$4,000. You're actually leaving \$1,000 "on the table."
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The center holds various events such as field experiences, holiday and summer programs, canoe trips, hikes, walks and more. Start at the Hardwicke Interpretive Center. There, learn about the area and view aquariums that house a few snakes, turtles and a demonstrative alligator. Examine displays of tracks and other items to identify them later while hiking one of many trails.

Behind the Hardwicke, look for animals undergoing rehabilitation, like a young owl who peers at visitors, seemingly

bored by the intrusion. A 220-yard loop contains displays about the area. A simple walk, the loop is suitable for wheelchairs and strollers.

Although a few trails have steep steps, most have smooth surfaces, easy for guests to enjoy the trail. The prairies, marshes and forests each invite exploration. On the hottest days, trees shade the trails. Coupled with gentle breezes, it makes a fascinating place to break free from life's bustle.

For the less adventurous visitor, the boardwalk includes a

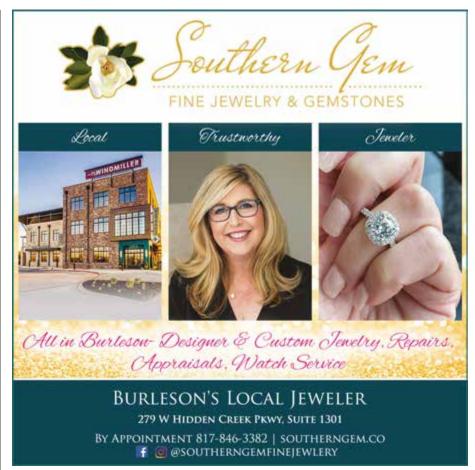


covered pavilion, perfect for a picnic. With sidewalks and literal boards, anyone can venture close to the wetlands. Fish from a covered area where water lilies provide beauty in the gentle movement of the water. In the distance, cranes pose for those who can see them without threating their safety. Ample opportunities to view wildlife abound. Relax, watch and wait for turtles, frogs, fish, birds and others to welcome you to their home, or simply enjoy the cool breeze coming across the water.

While bison and prairie dogs shy away from visitors and heat, both make FWNC&R their home and appear at times. When hiking through the forest, expect to hear multiple sounds, and try to identify various inhabitants. With a dozen different trails, let adventure entice you to visit more than once, and try them all.

During your visit, don't forget to venture over to Greer Island. An easy walkway crosses the water, leading to two trails where you might spot an infamous creature. In the summer of 1969, numerous Fort Worth residents reported seeing a giant, hairy half-man, half-goat at Lake Worth. First sighted on Greer Island, rumors say he still calls the area home.

With bed-and-breakfasts, hotels and campgrounds in the area, visitors can easily turn a wondrous day trip into a multiple-day adventure. Also in the area, the legendary Hip Pocket Theatre offers another unique experience. The outdoor theater boasts its 45th season of actors portraying distinctive characters in original plays. While visiting FWNC&R, consider staying overnight, and take in a live play surrounded by the beauty and peace of nature.













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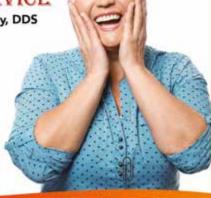
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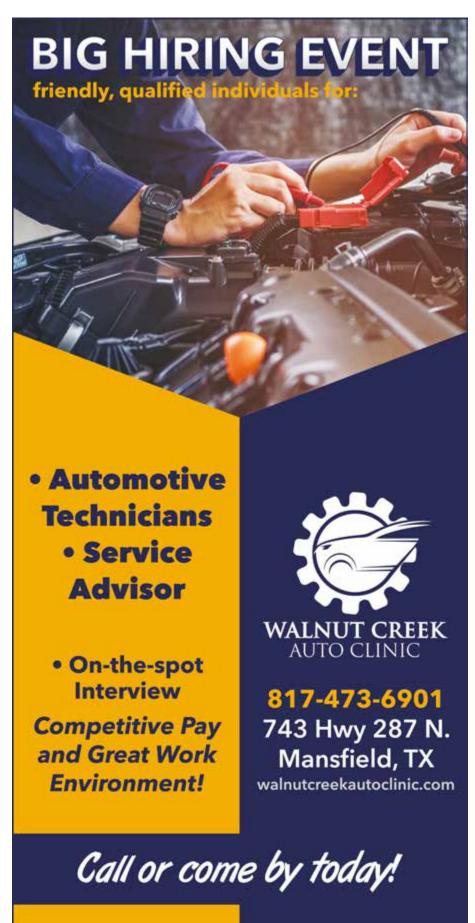
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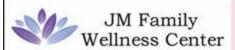
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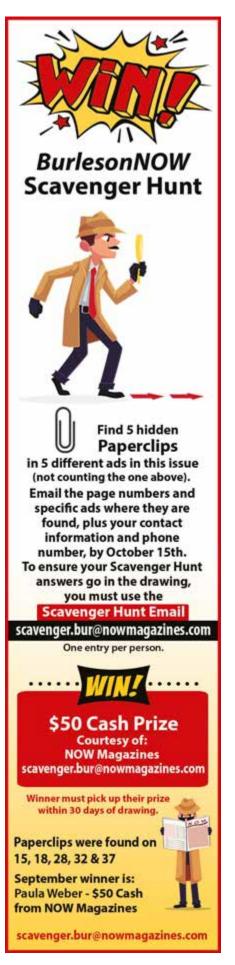
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### Across

- 1 Swivel joint?
- 4 Old you
- 8 Rattle on about nothing in particular
- 10 Wreck
- 11 On the fritz
- 13 Cushion under a saddle
- 14 Horseplay
- 15 Gaping mouth
- 17 Capital on the Congo
- 19 Quarrel
- 22 Turnpike sections
- 23 "You could say that"
- 25 Brooch
- 26 Wrestling area
- 27 Free
- 30 Show signs of interest
- 33 "New World" symphony key
- 34 Cow's stomach
- 35 Place in the House
- 36 Every river has one

### Down

- 1 Tennis champion --- Mandlikova
- 2 Mobile music machine
- 3 Soda
- 4 Interpreter
- 5 From which spokes radiate
- 6 Crude worker
- 7 Discomfort
- 8 Big wheel
- 9 Civility
- 12 "Logan's -- " (1976 movie)
- 16 Used to be
- 17 Flesh and blood
- 18 Hit this at night
- 19 Gravestone letters
- 20 Consolidates
- 20 Consonue
- 21 Generic
- 24 Pasty
- 27 Frosty coating
- 28 Hit
- 29 Cozy room
- 31 --- Ora (Maori greeting)
- 32 Stout roomy boat

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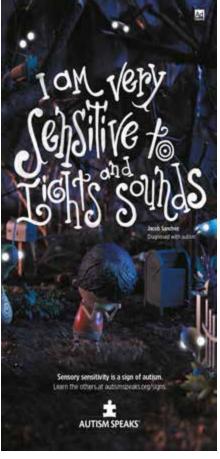
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### Medium

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