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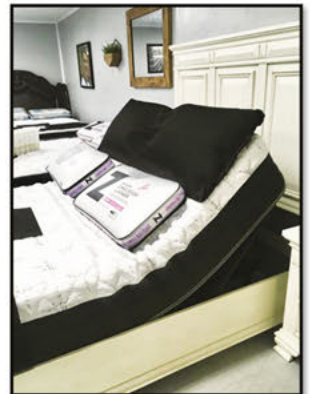
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Autumn is my favorite season ...

Someone wrote, and I wish I knew to whom I could attribute the quote, that our autumn years are the period after we retire from work and start to slow down. Others might say that in fall the growing season is over and maturity is evident. I would like to think my sparse, gray hair is not the only sign that would indicate maturity.

I think I'm a little wiser than I used to be, and I hope I can impart some of that wisdom to the grandchildren. As my wife and I were raising our three children, we purposed to let them learn some of the difficult lessons of life from the school of hard knocks. Other things that we had experienced, which we thought were just too painful, we cautioned them about — sometimes to the perceived extreme of forbidding them from participating in some of the things we had already been through.

Sometimes, our children heeded our advice. Sometimes, they chose their own paths. Sometimes, the paths they chose led to success. Sometimes, the results included regret.

The leaves are changing colors again and another year is flying by. Looking back, I wouldn't change a thing. All of those experiences have brought us to where we are today, and along the way, we have acquired the wisdom necessary to weather the next storm. Scripture indicates God provides wisdom for the asking. I'm glad He does.

Our children are grown now, but each one of them still calls and asks for advice from time to time. They don't always do what we suggest, but we're extremely blessed that they still ask.

These autumn years, like the season, are OK.

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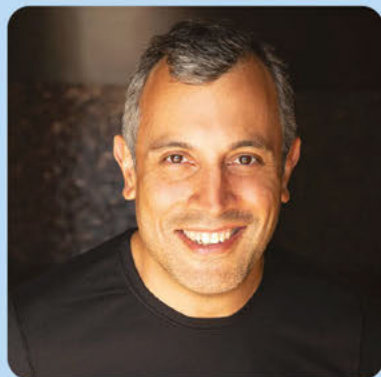


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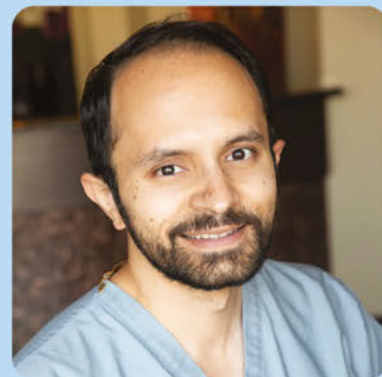
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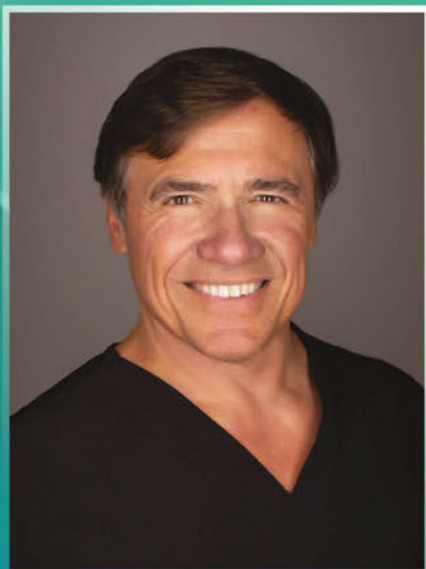
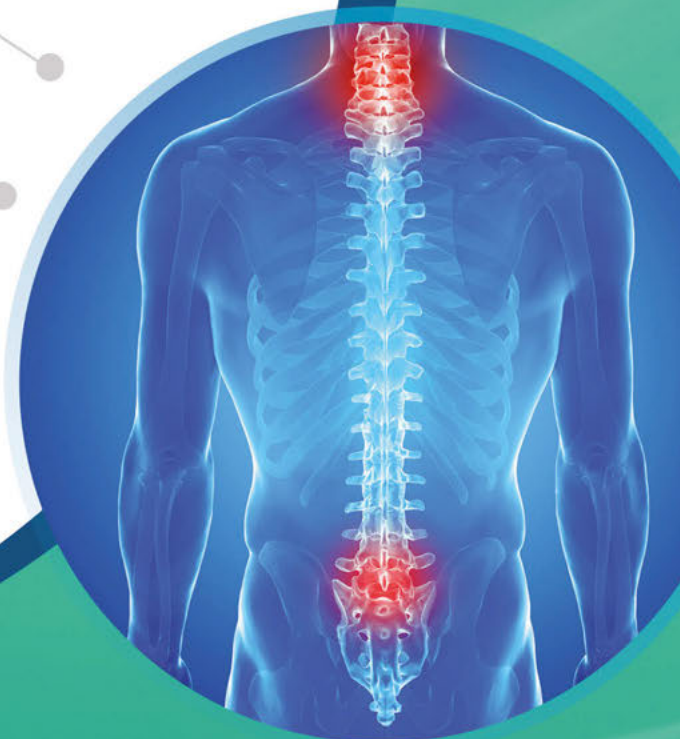
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Faith Perez chose the clarinet because she wanted to be different. "Several of my family members played brass instruments in the past. I chose the clarinet in the sixth grade. I tried both the clarinet and the French horn. I really appreciate the advice Mr. Bunch, the junior high band director, gave me that helped me choose. I enjoy playing the clarinet," Faith said.

Woodwind

— By Bill Smith

Method

Not only does she enjoy the instrument, but by any measure, she excels at it. Now in her senior year at Ennis High School, Faith was chosen for the All-State Band as a junior, and she will undoubtedly qualify for the honor again this year. "I decided I wanted to make the All-State Band as soon as I entered high school," Faith added. "I like setting goals and seeing them accomplished."

Being a part of the award-winning Ennis High School Band would have to be encouraging for any serious band student. The traditions of the Lion Band go back many years, and the sweepstakes won during marching contests, as well as awards for the concert band, are almost innumerable. "I have always had great support from my band directors, ever since I started in junior high," she continued.

Faith likes a variety of music, and not just what she plays with her clarinet. "I listen to just about everything, including country, alternative and today's hits," she said. "I am not a big fan of jazz music, but I listen to some classical stuff. I do not really have one particular musician that I would say is a mentor or an inspiration to me. Mr. Bunch has definitely been a big help from the beginning, and I have also taken private lessons from Mr. Stokes."

Faith affirmed that most of her friendships are with other members of the band. "During the summer I was looking forward to getting back to marching practice for the fall season. Some of my friends do not look forward to the marching practices that we have every August because it is hot, but the heat does not bother me. I looked forward to getting back together with my friends in the band, so we could hang out together again," she said with a smile.

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While the clarinet and the band are certainly her greatest emphasis, they are not the only interests Faith has. "I like sports also," she shared. "As a freshman I played basketball, and last year I played soccer. I did not develop the individual relationships with the other team members in sports like I have with the members of the band. I will not be involved in a sport this year because I am just going to commit my best effort to the band."

Another artistic release for Faith is drawing. She explained, "I like to draw, but art class has not been available for me to pursue it so far. I draw realistic things, like portraits of people and pictures of animals."

Academically, Faith is in the top 10 percent of her class, and that, along with her music, should lead to some scholarship offers as she looks toward college. "I am interested in a couple of schools right now. Stephen F. Austin, North Texas and A&M-Commerce are the ones I'm thinking about," she mentioned. Surprisingly, while music may be the means to the end, it is not what she plans to get her degree in at this point. "I am interested in studying psychology. I want to know more about how the mind works," she said.

Practicing her music is obviously a labor of love for Faith. During her freshman year, Faith was inspired by one of the senior members, Sarah Nicolaysen, another clarinet player. "She was always practicing," Faith remembered. "She helped with the overall band program, and she gave me some advice that helped with my solo when I went to contest." Long practice hours are part of Faith's routine today, and she is often still at the band hall practicing until 5:00 or 6:00 in the



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evening. "COVID limited some of our practice time last year, so we had to work harder during school hours."

Although the band is in the middle of marching season right now, Faith is looking forward to concert season in the spring. While she has scored all "ones" in solo contests previously, she continues to set goals to challenge herself. "I want to memorize a solo this year. Memorizing has not been a skill that I have mastered. I almost did it last year, but I 'chickened-out' before the contest. This year, I will do it!"



Another reason Faith looks forward to concert season is the more challenging music the concert band performs. While she enjoys the marches at half-time of the football games and at marching contest, she said, "I like the way the band sounds playing the concert music. We play more serious pieces."

Ennis High Band Director Gary Goodwin said that Faith is one of the best high school clarinet players in the state. She continues to set higher goals for herself and has the work ethic and determination to accomplish them. She concluded, "I want to say thanks to all my friends and family for supporting me and helping me reach my goals."

Faith Perez is an example of an Ennis youth who is sure to be an inspiring leader. Let's do all we can to support her and the other youth of our community. They are our future. **NOW**



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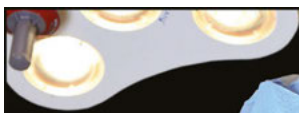
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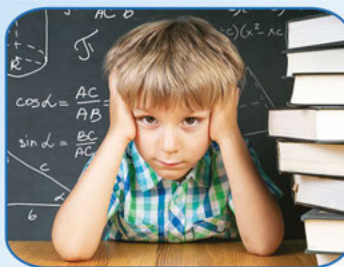
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By Bill Smith

Rosemary Washburn was not born in Ennis, but her father was, so she said it felt like coming home when she and her late husband, Don, moved to Ennis more than 60 years ago. Don was originally a mortician with Bunch Funeral Home, and later he and Rosemary worked together for many years in ventures that they owned, including My Brother's Place and Bubba's Barbecue.

"I have three children, nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren," she said proudly. She was surrounded by some of several generations while attending the Meet the Lions event at Lion Memorial Stadium. Rosemary mentioned that Don had been the voice of the Ennis Lions for the public address system for over 25 years.



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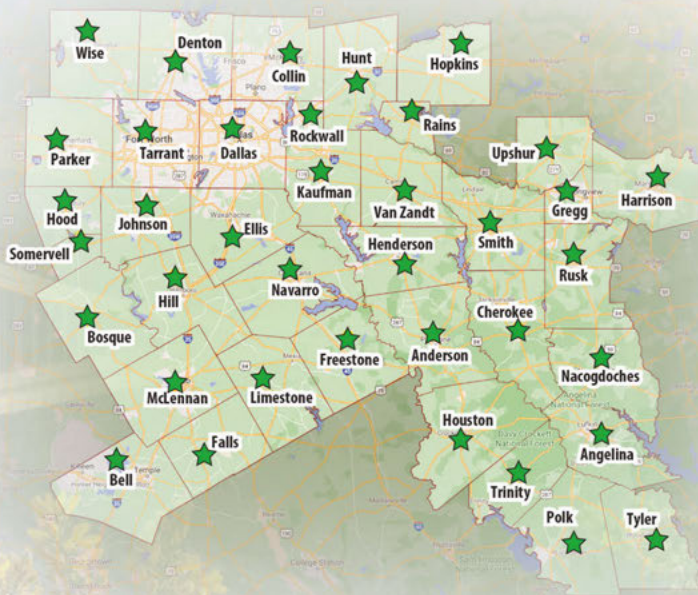
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— By Bill Smith



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Peanut Butter Potato Candy

Be careful, it will be delicious.

- 1/4 cup mashed potatoes
- 2 Tbsp. milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 16-oz. pkg. confectioners' sugar, plus additional for dusting

(Depending on humidity, more than
16 oz. may be needed for the dough.)
1/3 cup peanut butter

1. In a bowl, add the potatoes, milk, vanilla and salt; stir to combine.
2. Stir in the confectioners' sugar to make a dough. Chill for 1 hour.
3. Sprinkle confectioners' sugar on the

countertop; dust the rolling pin in the sugar. Spread the dough with a rolling pin until it is about as thin as a penny.

4. Spread the peanut butter on the dough. Roll the dough up like a jelly roll; chill.
5. Cut into candy-size pieces.

Single Rise Whole Wheat Bread

2 cups wheat flour
2 Tbsp. dry yeast
2 1/2 cups warm water
4 cups whole wheat flour
3 tsp. salt
1/3 cup honey
1/3 cup vegetable oil
Butter, melted, to taste

1. Mix together the wheat flour, dry yeast and warm water in a bowl. Let set for about 30 minutes until frothy.
2. Add the whole wheat flour, salt, honey and vegetable oil.

3. Mix with a spoon until it pulls away from the bowl.
4. Knead about 15 minutes.
5. Form the dough into two loaves; let it rise.
6. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 F.
7. Brush the tops with melted butter when done.

Teriyaki Marinade

This is a simple, family favorite.

- 1 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup pineapple juice
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp. grated fresh ginger
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder

1. In a bowl, mix together all of the ingredients. It can be stored for days and may be used for beef, pork, chicken or vegetables.

Richest Banana Pudding

- 2 cups cold milk
- 1 5-oz. pkg. instant vanilla or banana pudding mix
- 1 14-oz. can sweet condensed milk (Refrigerate until cold.)
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla extract
- 1 14-oz. tub Cool Whip, slightly thawed
- 1 16-oz. box vanilla wafers, sliced
- 14 bananas (Yes, 14.)

1. In a bowl, beat the milk and pudding mix until thick.
2. Blend in the condensed milk and vanilla extract; fold in the Cool Whip.
3. In a large serving dish, layer it all, including the sliced bananas.
4. Chill and eat.

Stuffed Poblano Peppers

- 1/2 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 lb. chorizo
- 1 cup white rice, cooked
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 dash cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup canned corn, drained
- 1/2 cup black beans, drained
- 1 15-oz. can diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 4-oz. can diced green chilis
- 4 poblano peppers, halved
- 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese, grated

1. In a skillet, fry the beef, chorizo and rice together.
2. Add the cumin, chili powder, garlic

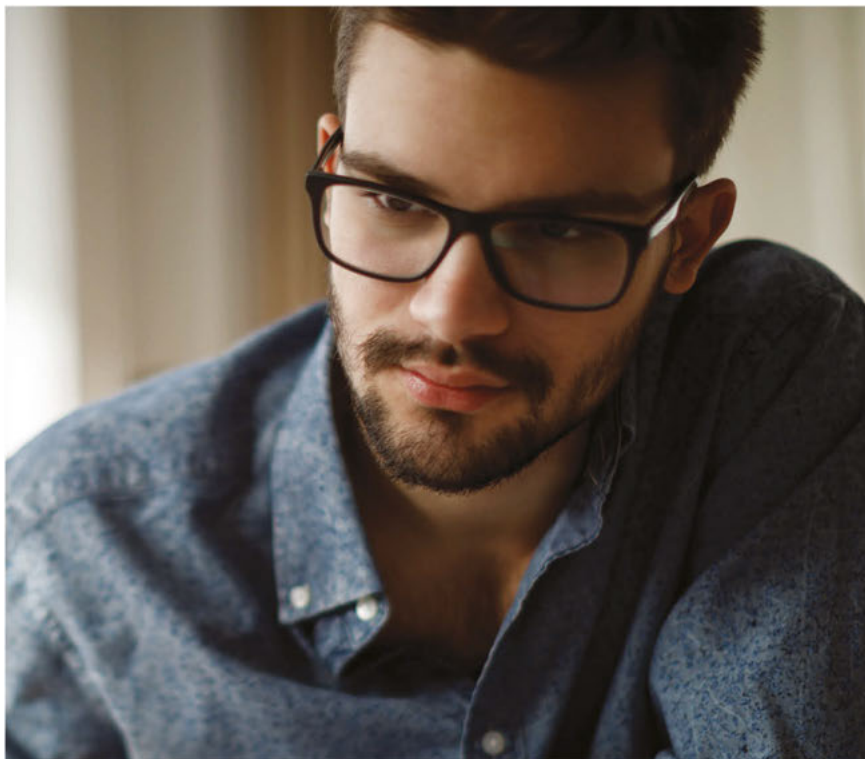


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powder, cayenne pepper, corn, beans, diced tomatoes and green chilis. Cook for about 5 additional minutes.

3. Stuff the pepper halves with the cooked mixture. Add the cheese on top. Cook in a 350 F oven until the cheese is browned.

World Famous Biscuit Recipe

Remember, biscuits are about technique. Use cold ingredients, and do not overmix or overwork the dough.



World Famous Biscuit Recipe

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

2 Tbsp. baking powder

1 stick cold butter

1 tsp. salt

1 cup buttermilk

1. In a bowl, mix together all the ingredients just until incorporated. It will seem dry.

2. Roll out the dough; cut into rounds. (Do not twist the cutter when cutting the dough.)

3. Place the rounds on a baking tin. (Make sure they are touching.)

4. Bake for 10 minutes at 500 F.

Fajita Rub

1/4 cup paprika

3 Tbsp. sea salt

2 Tbsp. chili powder

3 Tbsp. black pepper

2 Tbsp. garlic powder

1 1/2 Tbsp. white sugar

1 Tbsp. dried cilantro

1 1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1. Combine all ingredients together and mix them all up. (It will keep in the refrigerator for months.)

2. Just rub on the meat of your choice before grilling.

3. You can moisten the meat and rub it in as a paste, if desired.

No-bake Oatmeal Cookies

This is my mom's recipe. Serve with love and a cold glass of milk. My favorite.

2 cups white sugar

1/4 cup cocoa

1/2 cup oleo butter

1/2 cup water

1 cup peanut butter

1 tsp. vanilla

3 cups quick oatmeal

1. In a saucepan, boil the sugar, cocoa, oleo and water for 1 minute.

2. Add the peanut butter and vanilla; beat well.

3. Add the oatmeal; beat well again.

4. Drop the mixture by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper. Let cool before serving.

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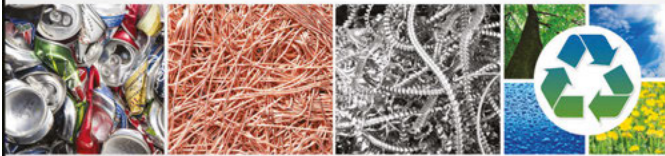
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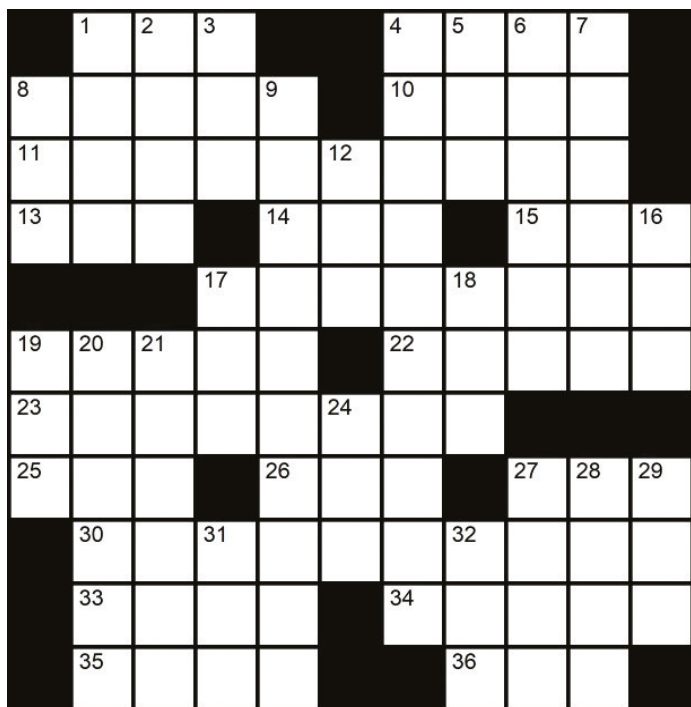
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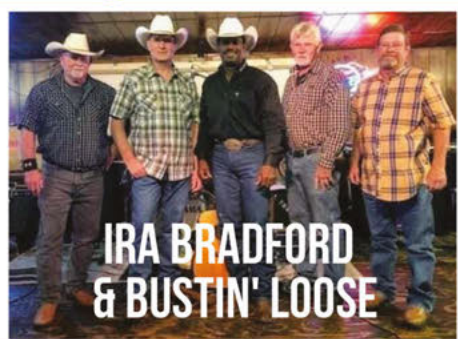
Saturday, October 16th

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7am
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10am
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Due to COVID-19, some events may have been cancelled or rescheduled while we were at press. Check with individual organizations or your city or Chamber websites to verify dates and times.

10/1-10/29

Downtown Haymaze and Pumpkin Patch:

The haymaze and pumpkin patch are being re-imagined by a professional design firm to feature an elevated look, including themed rooms inside the maze. Professionally carved pumpkins along with live carving demonstrations during the festival. The haymaze and pumpkin patch are free until the transition into the Autumn Daze Fall Festival on October 30-31. Historic Downtown Ennis. For more information, visit www.visitennis.org.

10/4

Toys for Tots Classic Golf Tournament:

Presented by Marine Corps League of Ellis County Detachment 1452. Four-man scramble. Great prizes for hole-in-one contest and putting contest. Silent auction and awards reception. \$100 individual registration or \$400 for foursome. Shotgun start: 1:00 p.m., Old Brickyards Golf Course, Ferris. slynn.bell@gmail.com or www.toysfortotsclassic.com.

10/8

Varsity Football:

Ennis at North Forney. 7:30 p.m., Forney City Bank Stadium.

10/10

Christians Rise Up In Prayer, an Ellis County Event:

Waxahachie Lumpkins Stadium, 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact RiseUpEllisCo@gmail.com or visit www.ChristiansRiseUp.net.

10/15

Varsity Football:

Ennis vs. Crandall. 7:30 p.m., Lion Memorial Stadium.

10/23

Texas Country Reporter Festival:

Enjoy arts, crafts and music from far and wide at the 25th annual

festival with more than 250 booths and two food courts. Free. 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Courthouse Square, Waxahachie.

10/30-10/31

19th Annual Ennis Autumn Daze:

Saturday: Don Felder, former lead guitarist of the Eagles, will perform.

Sunday: The Bellamy Brothers will perform. Lots more! **Saturday:** 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.; **Sunday:** Noon-8:00 p.m., historic Downtown Ennis. For more information, visit www.visitennis.org.

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



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