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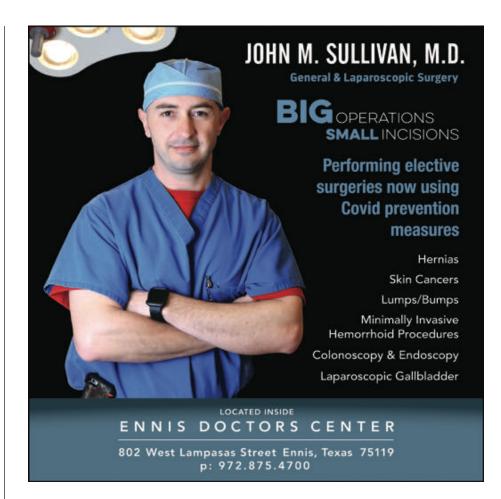
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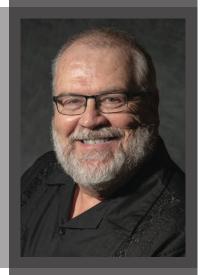
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Be it ever so humble ...

We took the longest vacation we have ever taken this summer. My wife and I built what we call our "COVID project" that started in 2020 and took almost a year to complete in our spare time, recreating what began as a cargo van into a nice camper van. Based on the size and the amenities in the van, it would be a class B motor home. My daughter and both of my sons participated at some point in the construction, and my daughter named the van "Elmer," after the white glue that was used to hold a few things in place.

Most of our trips with Elmer have been short and around Texas, but we have taken a couple other long trips to Florida and Minnesota. The vacation this year to Pennsylvania included staying three nights at the RV park where my sister and her husband live during summers when it is "too hot down south." They hosted us as the tourists that we were, driving us to the HERSHEY Chocolate Factory and Amusement Park, and we also took a long drive through the Amish countryside, admiring their beautiful farms and homes that they operate and maintain with what most of us would call primitive tools, horse-drawn plows and no electricity.

I had never been to that part of America before, and was I ever impressed with the beautiful green mountains and valleys! We are going to do some more exploring soon, probably going west next time. My wife is a little surprised that I am enjoying the travels, but I'm not going to any extremes. I know Ennis, Texas, will always be the place I call home.

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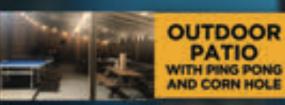
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Billy Meyer's racing career began when he was just a teenager, and as he passes the daily operation of the Texas Motorplex to the next generation, he continues to support the effort with the mantra that his daughter, Christie Meyer Johnson, mentions as well. "Whatever you vividly imagine, ardently desire, sincerely believe in and enthusiastically act upon, must inevitably come to pass," the senior Meyer quoted in a recent YouTube video. Then he summed it up by saying, "Dream big and don't give mental recognition to the possibility of defeat."

Christie said growing up the children of a legendary race car driver was just a normal childhood for her and her older brother, Adam. Billy, along with Christie's mother, Deborah, made their home, "all about us," Christie said. "We knew that we were loved, and we were the No. 1 priority. The track was built when I was 2 years old," she shared. "Of course, I remember coming here as a child. I particularly remember some of the off-track stunts that were done for entertainment, like when a stunt man jumped off the tower on fire.

"I drove a junior dragster for fun. It never dawned on me that this would eventually be my career. I wanted to be a teacher like Mom, and I was for a while. I continue to teach the kids in Bible study at our church, but my career is here at the track now."

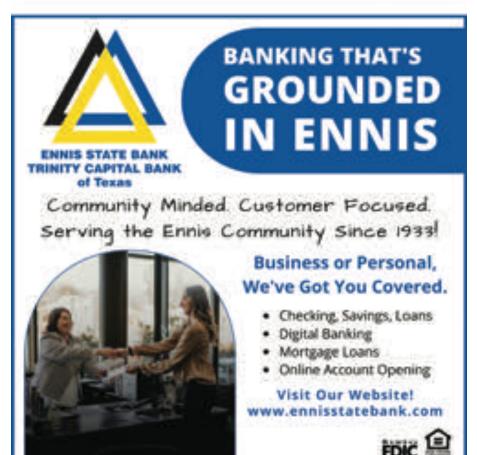
Christie's husband, Barry, said, "It fits you. It fits your personality."
Barry is also very active in the Motorplex operations. While both he and Christie seem to demure when asked about titles, Christie finally accepts that she is indeed president of the Motorplex, and Barry is vice president. Barry humbly quipped that he is "assistant to the president." With a little prying, the couple admitted that they are co-general managers. "My best friend when I was in college was Christie's older brother," Barry reflected. "I first experienced the Motorplex in 2000. I came one time and felt like it was in my blood, but you can also say I married into it."

"I was just 15 years old when Barry and I met," Christie recalled. Barry came to a race with his girlfriend at the time, and she was wearing a white dress. "We learn pretty quickly not to wear a white dress to a racetrack,"











she said with a grin. "We did not start dating until my junior year at Baylor."

Christie has worked various jobs around the track since her youth. "Dad had me selling T-shirts in a souvenir stand or working in the ticket booth. Now he is letting me make some of the larger decisions," she acknowledged. "He still comes to a lot of our meetings, and there is still a lot we could not do without him."

"At the end of the day, he's the drag racer," Barry interjected. "He knows what is best for the safety of the drivers."

"I look at it more from an entertainment perspective. I feel like I have really big shoes to fill. Dad is still a very strong personality," Christie said, referencing the part of the mantra about not considering the possibility of defeat.

"No one loves this place more than Christie," Barry added. "We are so excited, we talk about it all the time, and that comes from the passion she has."

Barry and Christie's children, Charlee, 10, and Sam, 8, join their parents at the track when they are not in school. "I already want to work here," Charlee said. She likes to help in the Champions' Club and can also be found in the pit area watching the cars being built. Sam seems to enjoy being in the suites, but he said his favorite thing is sitting in the winner's circle on the African Watusi Bull that the track brings in for the Stampede of Speed with the Fall Nationals. Christie mentioned how much her dad enjoys the grandchildren, including building bird houses with them, entertaining them with his "Donald Duck voice" or helping Sam with his Pinewood Derby car, which he takes very seriously.

The Texas Motorplex was unique when it was built, and the innovative design and amenities have been often copied. It is about much more than the track, but the track is probably the first thing that distinguished the venue. In the YouTube video interview, Billy noted that tracks had started pouring concrete starting pads, starting at just a few feet and eventually reaching as much as 300 feet. It occurred to him that since the cars started better on concrete, why not pour the entire track of concrete? The Motorplex track became the longest single pour in the history of posttensioned concrete at the time.

Christie expanded on some of Billy's thoughts of what the new venue would be. "Dad said we were too often a bigleague sport playing in a little league venue. There was a funny story Dad told about taking a potential sponsor and his wife to a track that only had portapotties for bathrooms. They did not secure the sponsor. Before the track was built, Dad went to Texas Stadium and counted the number of bathrooms they had there and added one more at the track. The number is 76!"



The ideas Barry and Christie have for the track seem to be legion. The Fall Nationals has expanded to be a 10-day event, and as Christie put it, "It is all-things Texas." There is barbecue, bull-riding and a country music festival. There are plans in the works for more family-friendly events, including Christian concerts. "We host about 40 events every year," she said.

Family is what the Texas Motorplex is all about, from the legacy of Billy Meyer, through Barry and Christie and their children today, and including the Motorplex employees. "We have a phenomenal team here," Barry added. "A lot of them started here as teenagers. It is a family." NOW





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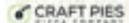
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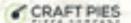


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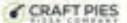


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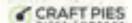


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The Odd Fellow & Rebekah Home for the Aged is one of the premier facilities in the county, and they continue to provide quality care in a safe and secure environment. "The facility is open to the public," Director Levonne Cannaday said. "You no

longer have to be a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere and age-appropriate amenities offered here."

Located just a mile south of downtown Ennis and five minutes from the local hospital, the Odd Fellow & Rebekah Home for the Aged offers so much for the loved one who is looking for that special home away from home. Levonne and her staff work as a close-knit team. "Several years ago, we updated the facility, and we continue to work diligently to make it the very best it can be," Levonne stated. "Patrick Rose, our maintenance technician, stays on top of things." There are several suites available, and there are a number of them being remodeled to be comfortable new homes for future residents.

Residents at the Odd Fellow & Rebekah Home for the Aged live an independent lifestyle. The in-home choices are many. The chapel provides a quiet place to pray and participate in Bible studies, and there is a church service on Friday evenings.

The library is stocked with books in all genres, and movies are shown weekly in the theater. Sometimes the movie featured will be a new release, while other times a classic film will be playing. Residents take part in a friendly game of bingo once a week, as well.

Many of the residents still enjoy crafting, quilting and working their magic with fabric. The sewing room allows them the creative outlet they are looking for with its sewing machines, serger and fabric and craft supply choices. Judy Cryer still arrives on Saturdays to do hair. "Judy has been with us for a very long time," Levonne admitted. There is also a game room and an exercise room. As the resident count continues to increase. so will the selection of activities.

"Several years ago, we updated the facility, and we continue to work diligently to make it the very best it can be."

Residents attend community activities, go on local shopping trips to Wal-Mart and/or other grocery stores and make it to their local doctor's appointments stress-free and on time, thanks to the transportation offered. The monthly fee also includes the privacy of a spacious room; an oversized, cozy community living area; a large, communal dining room; and laundry facilities on-site.

Diet and nutrition for the residents at the smoke-free facility are provided by five wonderful cooks. They ensure that the residents are fed well, buffet style with a choice of entrées. "The residents get along well with one another," Levonne shared. "The three mealtimes are great times for them to socialize with one another."

The Odd Fellow & Rebekah Home for the Aged also provides respite care for those caring for seniors who can still live independently. Please call the office for details. The facility also offers guest rooms for family members who travel to see their loved ones. "The home combines independent living in a community setting designed especially for the aged," Levonne said. "Through friendship, love and truth, we are dedicated to providing quality care to all who come to make their home with us." NOW









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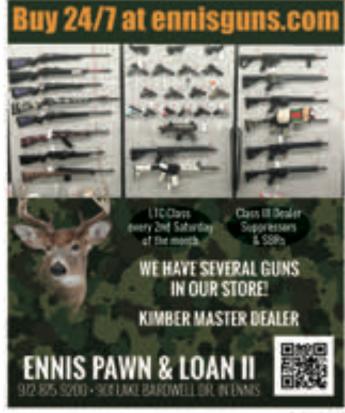


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Though not born in Ennis, EHS senior quarterback Jackson Gilkey said he really likes Ennis. "I lived in Denton before we moved here. We were looking to get out of the Dallas suburb and have some land in the country.

"I've always played quarterback, going back as far as 7 or 8 years old," he said. "I love the offence we run. We are pretty wide open all the time, and I have a lot of freedom as quarterback."

Jackson's favorite subject in school is math, and his plan is to pursue a business degree in college. "I'm looking forward to completing a great football season and finishing a great senior year. There are several colleges being considered for next year, including UT San Antonio, Louisiana Tech, Arkansas State and Sam Houston State. We'll see what happens there after the season."



Jackie and Lynn Webster attend the downtown car show.



Don Drake brings the program to the Lions Club.

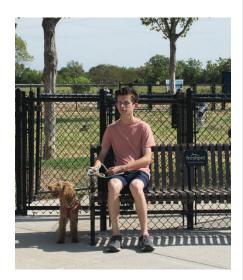


Logan Ort, Karrah Armstrong and Kailyn Heng prepare for another great Lionettes routine.



Jeremy, Vaneshia and Shanovy Brown are Lion fans.

By Bill Smith



Ethan Silva and his poodle, Lila, enjoy the dog park.



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"My mom came from a large family," Ranae related. "She had nine sisters and two brothers. The sisters were all great cooks! Some gathered on Sunday nights and holidays, always at our house in Italy, Texas. Family reunions were always special occasions and were held each year. All the sisters brought their favorite dishes.

"I didn't cook much at all growing up, but for the first 31 years of my marriage, mom taught me all I know! Her most popular dish was her dressing. She taught me step by step, and I've shared it that very same way to our family members. We have her dressing every Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and reunions. It is a family tradition and favorite." Now

Grandma Hartis' Dressing

I whole chicken
2 sticks butter (divided use)
Water, as needed
Chicken broth, from boiled chicken
6 boiled eggs, chopped
I 1/2 onions, chopped
3 stalks celery, chopped
2 1/2 pans yellow cornbread (Baked in

a cast-iron skillet is preferred.)

2 white bread heels

1 1/2 tsp. sage

Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste

1. Boil the whole chicken with 1 stick of butter until done. Add water as it boils down, so you will have enough broth to mix into the dressing. *Note: I usually boil the chicken*

ahead of time and refrigerate the chicken and the broth. I do not put the boiled chicken in the dressing.

- **2.** Boil the eggs a few days before; chop up all the vegetables ahead of time and refrigerate them.
- **3.** Crumble the combread and white bread; mash them with a potato masher. Add warm chicken broth, as needed; mix thoroughly.
- **4.** Add the onions, celery, eggs and sage; add the salt and pepper to taste. Note: I always mix up the dressing and refrigerate it overnight the day before I cook it.
- **5.** Grease a roaster pan with butter; pour the dressing into the pan. Put slices of butter on top of the dressing before cooking.
- **6.** Bake at 350 F for 1 1/2 hours, or until golden brown.

Blanche's Spaghetti

This recipe makes a lot but freezes great!

3 lbs. ground beef 3 onions, chopped 3 green peppers, chopped

- 2 15-oz. cans Wolf Brand Chili
- 1 10.5-oz. can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 29-oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 10-oz. can diced tomatoes and green chiles

Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste Garlic powder, to taste I lb. Velveeta cheese I pkg. thin spaghetti

- **1.** Brown the ground meat, onions and green peppers all together.
- **2.** Mix in all other ingredients, except the spaghetti, adding the cheese last.
- **3.** Boil the spaghetti separately. Note: I break mine into small pieces. When the spaghetti is done, drain and add to the other ingredients.
- 4. Serve with salad and toast.

Rice/Broccoli Casserole

I cup instant rice

- 1 10-oz. pkg. frozen broccoli
- 1 8-oz. jar Cheeze Whiz
- 1 10.5-oz. can cream of mushroom soup (undiluted)

Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste

Onion powder, to taste Garlic powder to taste

- **I.** Cook the rice and broccoli separately according to package directions.
- **2.** Add the jar of Cheeze Whiz to the cooked rice; mix well.
- **3.** Add the cooked broccoli, cream of mushroom soup and the remaining ingredients.
- 4. Bake at 350 F for 1 hour.
- **5.** Note: I double the recipe to take to events and use I can cream of mushroom soup and I can of cream of chicken soup.

Oatmeal/Raisin/Pecan Cookies

- 2 cups sugar
- I cup butter
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- I tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 cups oats
- 1 cup raisins
- I cup pecans, chopped
- **1.** Cream together the sugar and butter.
- 2. Add the eggs, one at a time. Beat together.
- **3.** In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, baking powder and cinnamon.
- **4.** Add the sugar and sifted ingredients together; mix well.



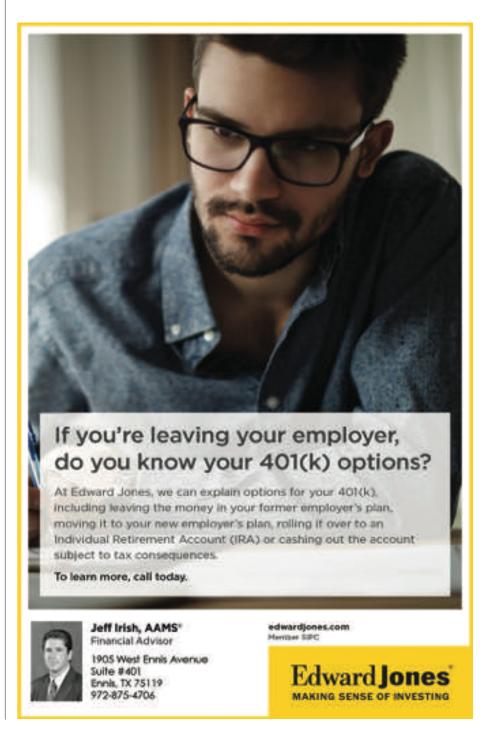
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- **5.** Add the oats, raisins and chopped pecans. Mix together; drop by teaspoonfuls onto a cookie sheet.
- 6. Bake at 350 F for 10 minutes.

Chicken Salad

Garlic powder, to taste

- 1 10-oz. can Swanson White Premium Chunk Chicken
 2 Tbsp. Miracle Whip
 1 small pkg. chopped walnuts
 1 stalk celery, chopped
 1 red delicious apple, chopped
 1 Red seedless grapes, chopped, to taste
 2 Salt, to taste
 3 Pepper, to taste
- **I.** Drain all juice out of the chicken; add all the other ingredients.
- **2.** Refrigerate for a couple of hours and enjoy!

Easy Broccoli Salad

- 1 cup Hellman's Mayonnaise (Do not use Miracle Whip.)
- 4 Tbsp. sugar
- 3 Tbsp. white vinegar
- 5 cups broccoli, chopped
- 1/2 medium red onion, chopped
- 8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- I cup cheese, grated
- **1.** Mix the mayonnaise, sugar and white vinegar together; set aside.
- **2.** Combine the broccoli, red onion, bacon and cheese in a bowl.
- **3.** Pour the dressing over the broccoli salad; chill for a couple of hours before serving.

Brownies

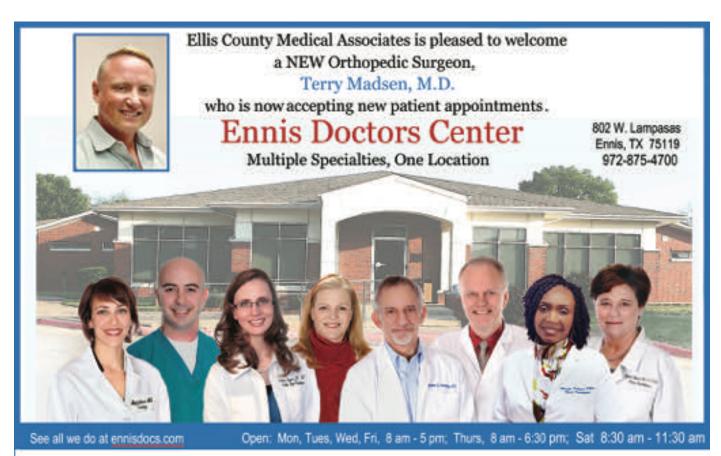
- 2 Crisco butter sticks
- 2 Tbsp. HERSHEY'S Cocoa
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups sifted flour
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups pecans, chopped
- **1.** In a large bowl, mix all the ingredients together.
- 2. Bake at 325 F for 20 minutes.

Pretzels

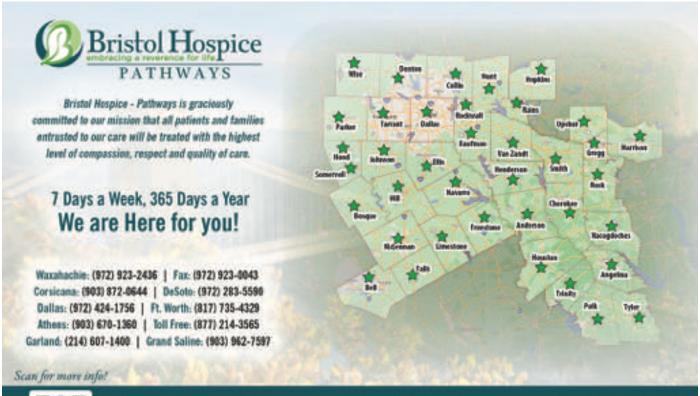
- I pkg. ranch dressing
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- I cup canola oil
- I tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 1/2 tsp. lemon pepper
- 1 1/2 bags round pretzels or 2 bags stick pretzels
- **I.** Mix all the ingredients, except the pretzels, together really well.
- **2.** Put the pretzels in a large bowl; pour the mixture over the pretzels. Toss until the pretzels are well coated.
- **3.** Put the pretzels on 2 cookie sheets; bake at 225 F for 10 minutes. Turn the pretzels over; cook for another 10 minutes.







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The website landing page for the National Breast Cancer Foundation begins with the statement, "One of our top priorities is educating women on what they can do to be proactive with their breast health. Knowledge and early detection saves lives." The steering committee of the Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation of Ellis County echoes the national organization, and since 2013, they have actively promoted awareness, as well as provided funding for mammograms for those in need.

The local organization started in 2013 after Founder Nelene Irvin became a breast cancer survivor. "Lakisha Wells had started a walk for breast cancer with a group called Chicks in Pink Stilettos," Nelene's daughter, Sherry Morris, said. "Mama started the foundation right after that, and we have been raising

money and awareness with an annual luncheon or drivethrough fundraiser for nine years."

Last year was the second year they did not have a luncheon as their primary fundraiser. Committee member Elizabeth Harbert added, "The first year we had a luncheon, we raised \$200. Last year, it was over \$3,000, and we were able to present a check to Hope Clinic for \$2,500. We do not give the funds directly to individuals needing to schedule mammograms. The clinic is much more able to determine the needs than we are."

The committee began with three members and today has nine ladies serving. The committee is active throughout the year, not just raising funds, but also driving people to their doctor appointments and helping breast cancer patients with a variety of other needs. When October nears, the committee is in full swing, as they determine a theme for the luncheon/fundraiser, choose an appropriate verse of Scripture for the program, enlist a speaker and take care of all the other items involved in planning the big event.

"We have a speaker each year who is a breast cancer survivor. They are often local survivors, but we have had speakers come from other area communities also," Shandra Washington interjected. "They come and tell their stories, and their testimonies provide hope and encouragement to others who are going through the same things."

"The theme during our first year was Never Would Have Made It. The second year was Time for a Cure," Elizabeth recalled as she brought out copies of programs of those early years from the scrapbook she keeps. There are also pictures from past events. Nelene won a large gift basket as a door prize, and the picture of her with the basket reflects not only the generosity of the donors, but the pride she has in being a survivor and in the founding of this group that makes others aware of how important early detection and treatment is.

The committee does much more than planning, as they prepare all of the food for the luncheon and provide the gifts that go in the gift baskets. "We make sure everyone who comes through the door leaves with a gift basket. When we had the drive-through fundraiser instead of the luncheon, we set up a tent in the parking lot to present the gifts," Shandra said.

To publicize the annual event, flyers are sent to churches and businesses in the area. "Social media has been another way we get the word out. We have a Facebook page to further awareness," Elizabeth explained. Monetary donations as well as items for the gift baskets are welcome. Luncheon tickets are \$10, and the venue is always full of both survivors and supporters. Sherry proudly recalled a couple of years ago when the company her husband works for, CertainTeed, presented a donation to the foundation at the event.

According to the American Cancer Society, when breast cancer is detected early, and is in the localized stage, the fiveyear relative survival rate is 99 percent. Early detection includes doing monthly breast self-exams and scheduling regular clinical breast exams and mammograms. Elizabeth summed up the work of the local organization, saying, "We want people to be aware of the risks of breast cancer, know they are not alone and that people do recover. We continue to support the survivors and their families. We want to motivate people to be knowledgeable and get tested. If they need a ride to an appointment, one of our committee members will drive them. Of the nine members of our committee, three of us are survivors. We really do understand." NOW





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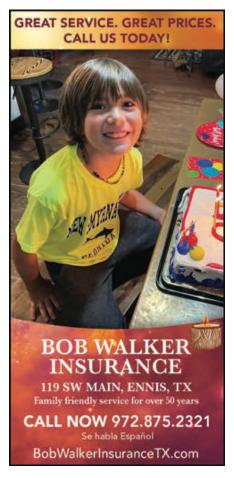


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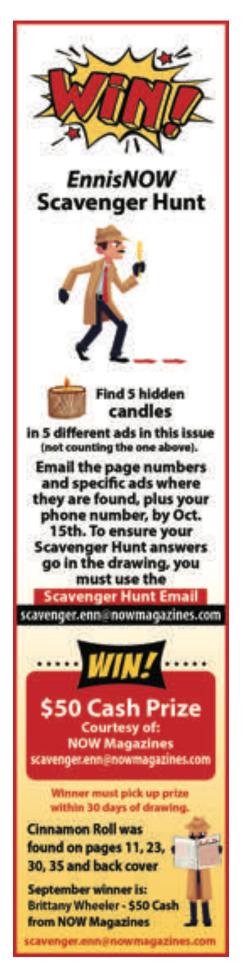
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Night Lights Sky Lantern Festival:

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Walk to End Alzheimer's:

Register online at www.act.alz.org, or contact Courtney Raburn at corayburn@alz. org. 9:00 a.m., Downtown Ennis. (214) 540-2447.

10/22

EHS '50s Reunion:

Celebrating graduates from 1950-1959! Special tour of the old (recently renovated) high school building: 1:00 p.m. \$30/person. 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., EHS Commons, 2301 Ensign Road. walker.jack@att.net or (214) 683-9169.

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Ennis AutumnvDaze Festival:

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10/29

26th Annual Texas Country Reporter Festival:

Hosted by Bob and Kelli Phillips. 300-plus craft booths, food courts and Diamond Rio concert. Admission: Free. 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Downtown Waxahachie.

11/12

Ellis County Veterans Celebration Ceremony:

Classic Swing Band: 9:30 a.m.; ceremony with a memorial service and military-style flyover begins: 10:00 a.m., Waxahachie Civic Center, 200 Civic Center Dr., Waxahachie.

Ellis County Veteran's Benefit Concert:

Johnny Cash Experience. 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Waxahachie Fine Arts Center, 1000 N. Hwy. 77, Waxahachie. Tickets: bestcashconcert.com or (888) 937-6258.

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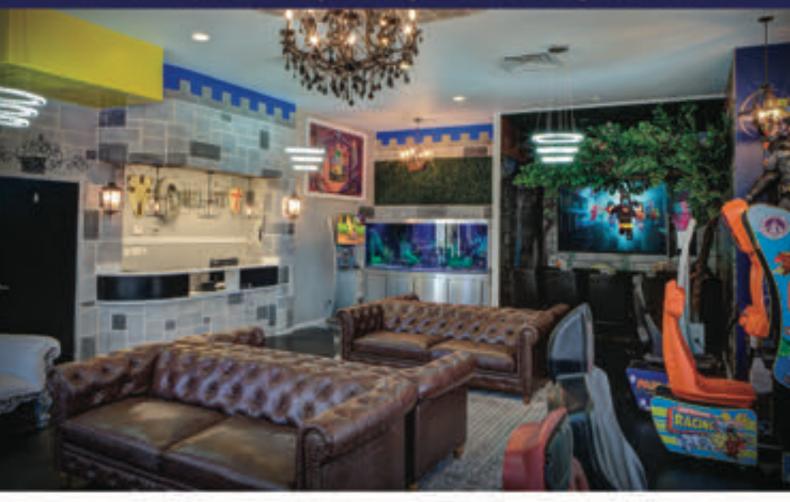
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