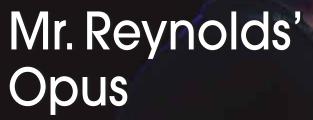
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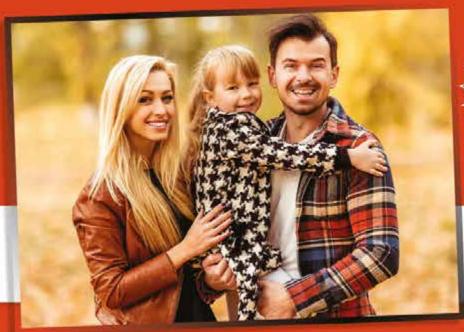
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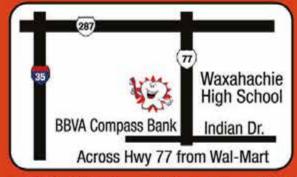
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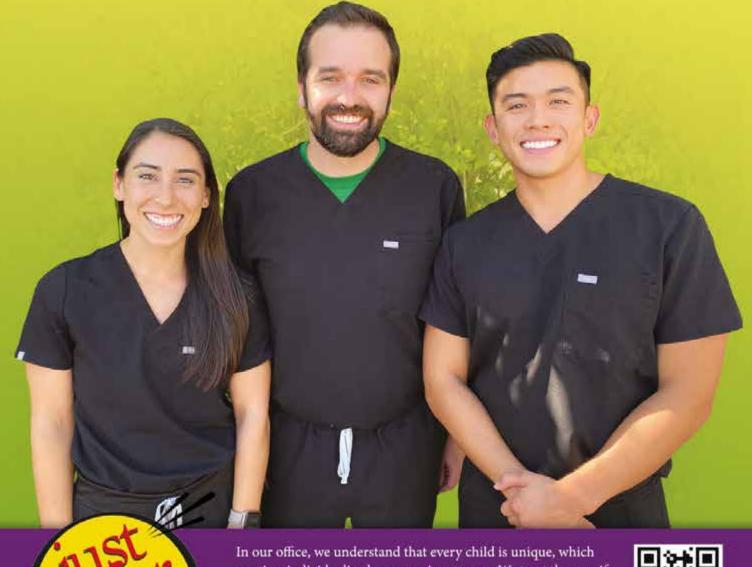
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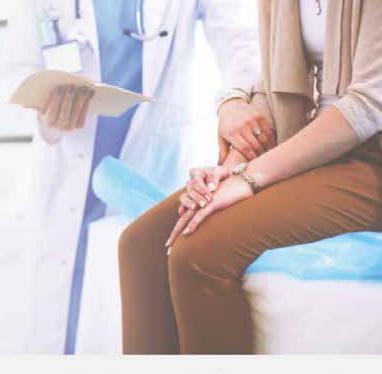


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# **EDITOR'S NOTE**

The seasons are changing ...

We recently started having a few days that feel a bit more like fall. I was sitting outside with the dogs the other morning, enjoying just the slightest bit of nip in the air. Oh, I know, in a few months, I'll be referring to the same temperature as "a nice warm day." But that morning, it was cool and refreshing.

But we have squirrels. Oh, boy do we have squirrels! They are loud and aggressive, and they like to taunt the dogs. A few weeks ago, one of them misjudged how substantial the branch he was jumping to actually was, and almost ended up as a Scooby Snack, when he hit the ground inside the fence and had to run for his life.

This particular morning, the squirrels treated me to a veritable downpour of half chewed acorns. The whole time I was sitting in the swing, acorns and their caps fell all around, and occasionally on, me. It sounded almost like rain. The ground was carpeted with tens of thousands of gnawed nuts. That poor oak tree worked so hard to produce the seeds of a future generation during that awful drought. And all for naught. I doubt there is a single acorn left on that tree, and not a single one without a big bite out of its side.

It looks less than beautiful, but I guess the acoms will provide fertilizer for the poor struggling grass. It wasn't what the oak tree had in mind, but nature has a way of making something useful out of waste. And squirrels are really good at waste. And noise. Or did I mention that already?

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Andy Reynolds loves drama. He teaches teenagers, so drama is a given, but Andy heads the drama department at Waxahachie High School. "I've been teaching here for 21 years, and we've produced a lot of plays in that time," he said.

Andy's office is covered with posters of the musicals and dramas he and his students have produced season after season. "Most high school drama departments do two to three, maybe four productions a year. We do eight or nine, and we win awards. We've been to state seven times, including the last two years in a row. And we've participated in the Dallas Summer Musicals High School Musical Theatre Awards with Broadway Dallas 11 times. We've been nominated for, and won, more awards than any other program in North Texas. There are 80 schools involved this year." They've won for categories ranging from best musical, to best director, to costuming and other technical aspects. "We haven't won for choreography, because we bring in an outside choreographer to do that for us," Andy explained.

# EYNOLDS' OPUS

— By Adam Walker

This is not something Andy just stumbled into. "Mrs. Nona Taylor was my high school English teacher, in Arp, Texas, population 812. In ninth grade, she turned me on to theater. She knew I loved movies and hamming it up, so she asked me if I wanted to try doing a one-act play for competition. There were cute girls involved, so I was in. We were a K-12 campus, so we had to practice in the cafetorium. I loved the process, and I was hooked. We went to a production of *The Foreigner* at Panola College. That was my first experience with live theater. I thought it was the most wonderful thing I'd experienced in my whole life!"

In his senior year, Andy's family moved to Irving. He went from a class of 27 to a class of 700, yet managed to get the lead in the fall production. He decided he would continue with drama in college. Through interning with his church youth group, he discovered another love — working with teens. "Dr. Lorenzo Garcia, at UNT, told me that I was born to make children fall in love with theater," Andy said. He transferred to UTA, where he graduated.

When he was looking for a job, he happened upon WISD's website. "They had posted a job opening that day." He was dressed in flip-flops and an old T-shirt, but he had his portfolio, and he was headed to Waxahachie anyway, to see his girlfriend. So he walked into the high school office and bluffed his way into an interview. His girlfriend was out









in the car, waiting on him for half an hour. "We went to Wendy's for lunch, and I got the call. They wanted me to come fill out the proper paperwork. 'The job is yours!' My girlfriend and I married in August, went on our honeymoon, and I started teaching on Monday. We were pregnant by December, but my wife helped with all the set building and costuming!"

Over the years, the job grew from a few classes to a major department. And his own kids have been in his program, as have those of his partner in crime, Ryan Mullican. "Ryan's been with me for 16 years. We added a third teacher seven years ago, Paula Myers, who is our costume and set designer, and a fourth teacher, Gabriel Escoto, two days before school started. Casting is a vast part of this job because we have so many kids who are so invested. It's hard to put up that casting list because you know you're making somebody's whole year, but crushing somebody else's dreams. They'll be in your office later that day, crying their eyes out."

Ryan chimed in, "There's only one Dorothy!" Which is true, but what those would-be stars haven't learned yet is that Dorothy may be the star, but the Wicked Witch is way more fun to play.

Students in the drama program learn a lot more than costuming and acting skills. "Drama helps you understand the human condition. I tell my students that if they understand that fact, they are part of the lucky few. I want others to understand that what we do here is important. It's about investing in



character, opening their eyes to a world outside their own," Andy explained. "And learning self-confidence. I have former students who are now drama directors at other schools. There are also lawyers and surgeons and CEOs, who tell me that they use things they learned in theater productions every day." His hallway, next to the trophy case, displays photos of productions from years ago, and Andy can tell you who is in those photos, what their careers are and what state they live in now.

When not casting a new production, rehearsing or directing a sold-out performance, Andy and his department host clinics for other schools. There's always something going on at that end of the hall. The department boasts a main stage; the Black Box Theatre, for smaller productions; shops for fabricating scenery and props; and a classroom full of sewing machines for costuming. Play writing, acting and all the technical aspects of lighting, sound and more are covered. The whole process is part of the curriculum.

This year, they will be producing One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest; a Gershwin-based musical called Crazy for You this winter, which they will take to Broadway Dallas for competition; and a production called Channeling, a collection of student-written pieces in the spirit of old TV shows. "We're also probably going to be doing Shakespeare in the Park at Railway Park in the spring," Andy informed. "And we will be producing Annie this May." NOW





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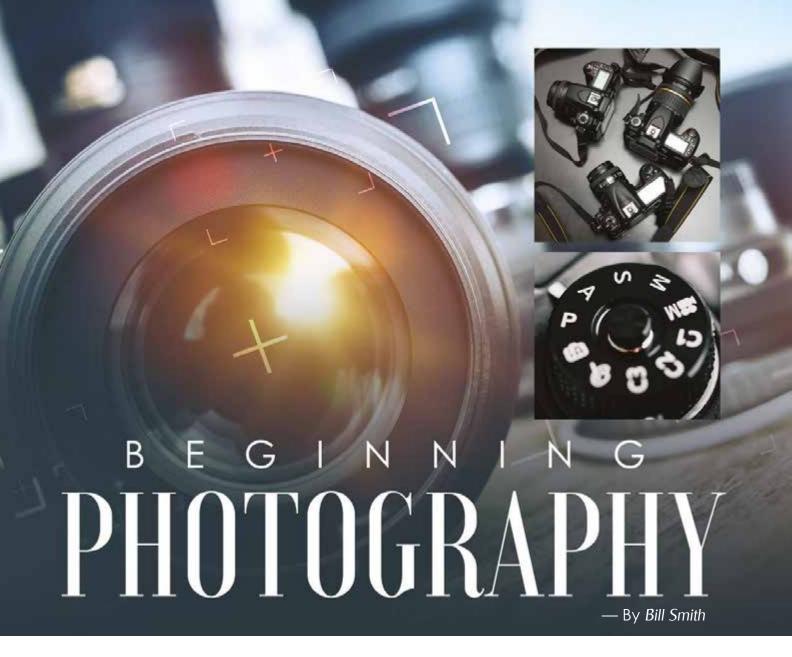
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Almost gone are cameras that use film. But they are still available, and when very large prints with fine detail are called for, there are some great photographers using large format film cameras producing fantastic results. Our focus (no pun intended) will be on current offerings in what are known as full-frame cameras or smaller.

The size of the sensor for a full frame camera is equivalent to the size of one frame of 35mm film. The sensor is the part of the camera that records the image, and then the image is stored for reproduction on a removable memory card. Like film cameras, the larger sensor is capable of storing finer detail. If you remember using a 110 pocket camera, you will recall prints getting pretty grainy if you printed anything larger than a 5x7-inch print. Although newer technology and an increase in megapixels has improved the quality of prints from smaller sensors — even those small enough to fit in cell phones — today's digital single lens reflex (DSLR) cameras and now-mirrorless cameras are still preferred by photographers for their flexibility and better printing capabilities.

Getting started with a full frame DSLR can be expensive, but there are bargains to be found. Purchasing used cameras from garage sales, pawn shops or eBay is certainly an option. But buyer beware: Cameras are mechanical devices with parts that wear out over time. The larger camera dealers often have used cameras and lenses available that have been inspected and come with

some limited warranty. Some beginner photographers start with used cameras and smaller sensors, and "trade up" over time as they become more proficient with the hobby and then desire a camera with a larger sensor or more features.

The "new to you" camera will have an automatic exposure feature, and you can start taking good pictures immediately, because the automatic setting makes the camera no different from the typical "point and shoot" camera. If one really wants to pursue photography as a hobby, one that could even lead to a profession, he or she will probably want to move away from the automatic setting to the manual setting.

Familiarity with what photographers know as the exposure triangle is essential to learning the features of your new camera. The three parts of the exposure triangle are aperture, shutter speed and ISO. Simply put, the aperture is the size of the lens opening that allows light to contact the sensor. Shutter speed is the length of time the lens is open for the light to contact the sensor, and ISO is the sensitivity of the sensor to the light. In the days of film cameras, film was purchased with a particular ISO. For instance, if you were shooting pictures outside on a sunny day, ISO 100 would be used. On a cloudy day or for pictures in the shade, ISO 400 might be preferred.

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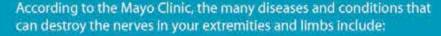
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Lee views customer service as primary. "COVID-19 gave people a lot of time to think about retirement and financial planning. Clients want to know if they're on track or not, and they want to meet face to face. Eye-to-eye contact is important. I can tell so much about a client, and help them know if they're making a good decision. It's all about planning for tomorrow, today. I already talk to my grandbabies about planning. When they get a dollar, what will they do with it?"

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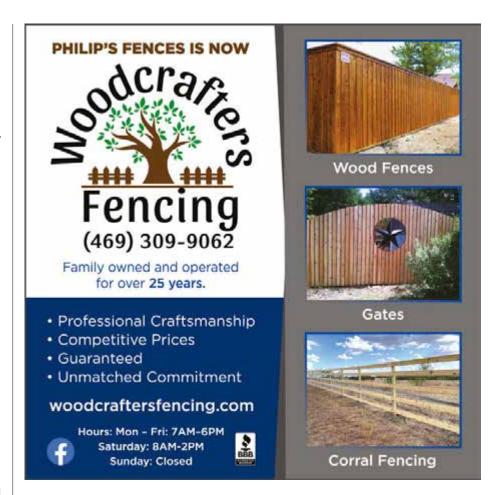
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# **Zoomed In:** Teagan Moeykins

By Angel Morris

Teagan Moeykins had several theatrical performances under her belt before moving to the area, including roles in *Little Girls Lost in the Woods, The Triangle Factory Fire Project* and *Annie Jr.*, plus chorus positions in *Something Rotten* and *Mama Mia!* She was excited to discover Ellis County Children's Theater when her family moved to the area. "*Addams Family* was my first ECCT show, and it was so much fun," the 15-year-old Waxahachie High School sophomore noted. "I really enjoyed the opportunity to do the moon dance! Plus, everyone involved was so sweet. I felt a part of the family there."

Teagan's other interests include reading, learning about world history, volunteering at the local library, and, she said, "Any chance at theater I can grasp!"



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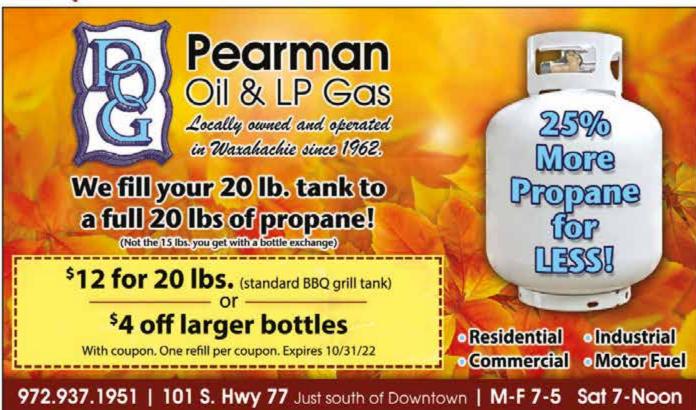




















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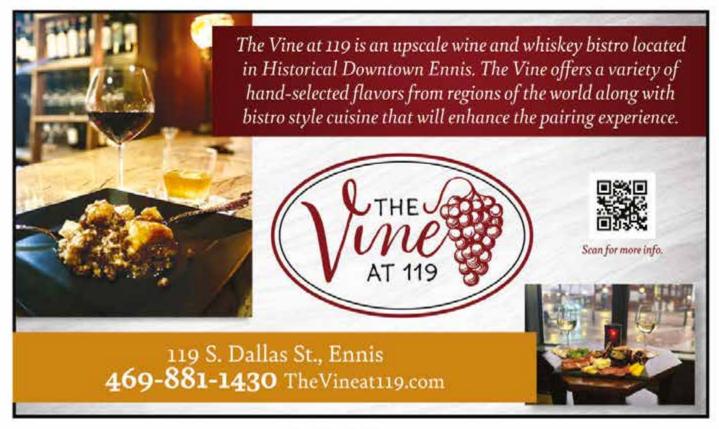
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Kevin Tobolka truly believes that the way to a person's heart is through their belly. "My inspiration for cooking comes from my mom and our Cajun heritage," he said. In addition to Cajun food, he loves barbecue and grilling. "Garlic is, by far, God's given spice to man! You'll be hard pressed to find one of my recipes that doesn't have it."

Kevin loves finding recipes on YouTube, and creates his own dishes. He used his gumbo recipe, in 2017, on *MasterChef*. He mainly cooks for his wife, and he loves to teach his kids how to work in the kitchen. Though he's been cooking since high school, his careers have been as an aviation maintenance technician and now as the owner of The Insurance Shack. Now

## **Tomato Basil Soup**

2 14.5-oz. cans diced tomatoes

1/2 red onion

1 Tbsp. minced garlic

Handful fresh basil leaves, stems removed

- 1 15-oz. can tomato sauce
- 2 14.5-oz. cans chicken broth
- I pt. heavy whipping cream, used as needed

Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste I heaping Tbsp. sugar Garlic powder, to taste

- **1.** In a food processor, add the diced tomatoes, onion, garlic and basil. Puree all of this into a nice blended mixture.
- **2.** Pour into a 6-qt. stew pot; place on medium-high heat. Add the tomato sauce

and chicken broth; bring to a slow boil.

3. Once the sauce is boiling, start adding whipping cream slowly, while stirring. Keep adding cream and reducing until you reach the desired consistency. Let it slow simmer for a bit. Add the salt and pepper; a bit more pepper is good, but don't over salt. Add sugar and garlic powder; keep tasting and adding until the flavor is right.

# Southern Cajun Chicken Gumbo

1-2 cups canola oil

1-2 cups flour

4 chicken thighs

4 drumsticks

1 red onion

4 stalks celery

I green bell pepper

1 yellow bell pepper

1 red bell pepper

1 cup okra

1/4 cup jalapeños

Chicken broth

Salt, to taste Black pepper, to taste Basil, to taste Oregano, to taste Zatarain's Creole Seasoning, to taste Minced garlic, to taste 1 Tbsp. brown sugar (optional)

- **I.** In a skillet, on medium heat, add the oil. While the oil is heating, slowly add the flour, stirring constantly to make a roux. The flour will start to brown. You want it dark brown. but don't let it burn. Remove it from the heat: set aside.
- 2. In a stock pot, boil all the chicken. Once it is well boiled, pour off the hot water; refill the pot with cold water. Once the chicken is cooled, remove it from the water; skin and debone. Shred; set aside.
- 3. Cut all the vegetables, including the ialapeños, into small pieces.
- **4.** Add all the vegetables and the chicken to the stock pot. It should be between 1/4 and 1/2 full. Add chicken broth to cover, and then some. Cook on medium heat. Once you see steam, add the roux, a little at a time, until the desired thickness is achieved. Add all the seasonings, except the brown sugar, a little at a time until you like the flavor. Let it boil for a bit: taste to adjust seasonings. If it's too strong or too spicy, add the brown sugar to neutralize and smooth out the flavor. Allowing it to sit overnight lets the flavors develop even more. Note: Wild duck, sausage or seafood can be substituted for the chicken. (If using shrimp, do not add until just before cooking is finished.)

## **Remoulade Sauce**

1/2 to 1 cup mayonnaise 1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard 1 Tbsp. fine horseradish sauce Small squeeze ketchup (optional) Splash lemon juice I tsp. garlic powder 1 tsp. cavenne 1 tsp. file powder Worcestershire sauce, to taste

- 1. Add the first 8 ingredients to a bowl; mix. Add splashes of Worcestershire sauce.
- 2. Cover; place in the refrigerator. Let sit for a minimum of 4 hours.

## **Seafood or Shrimp Enchiladas**

1/2 red onion, diced

1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered

1/2 cup mushrooms, cut up

I heaping Tbsp. minced garlic

1/2 stick butter



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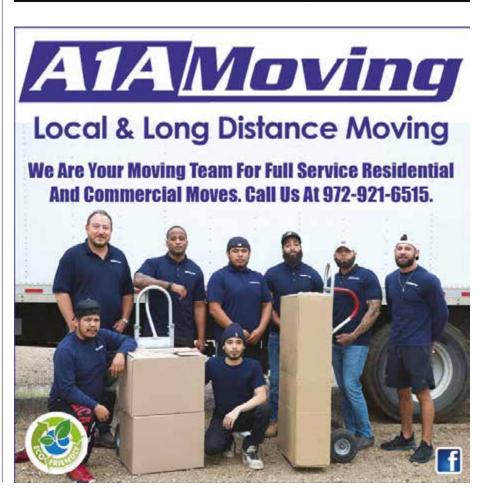
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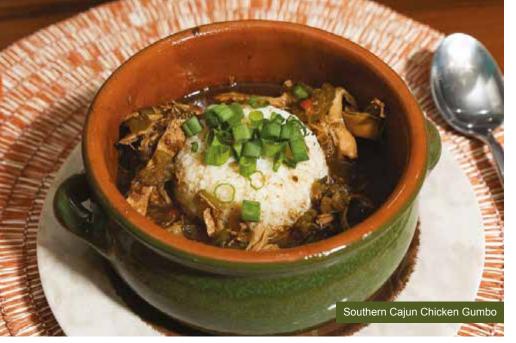
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Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste Cumin, to taste Tajín Seasoning, to taste 1 Tbsp. starch or flour 1/2 cup white Sangria 1 to 1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream 4 oz. whipped cream cheese 1/4 cup sour cream 1/2 cup small sweet corn Soft flour tortillas

#### 1 lb. cooked shrimp and/or lump crab Shredded Mexican cheese blend, to taste

- **1.** Preheat the oven to 350 F. In a large saucepan, sauté the onions, cherry tomatoes, mushrooms, garlic and butter.
- 2. While sautéing, add the salt, pepper, cumin and Tajín Seasoning. Go slow with this; season to taste. You can always add but never take away.
- 3. Once sautéed, add the starch or flour to

just thicken the mixture up. Add the Sangria; reduce to your liking. Add the cream. Adjust the amount to your liking. Bring to a slow boil. **4.** Add the cream cheese and sour cream. Mix well, until there are no lumps. Add the corn. Bring to a slow boil; reduce to a simmer. **5.** Grease a glass casserole pan with butter. On a flat flour tortilla, place 5 or 6 small cooked shrimp and/or pieces of crab. Sprinkle a good helping of the shredded cheese on top. Roll the tortilla tightly; place in the casserole pan. Do this until the pan is full. Pour all of the cream sauce onto the enchiladas. Cover with a layer of cheese. 6. Place in the oven; bake for 45 minutes.

The edges will boil, and the cheese will brown slightly. Remove; let cool.



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Pounding hooves, fast horses and a break in the crowd as horses and riders came into the final stretch — that was Willie Shoemaker's world for most of his life. Also known as William Lee Shoemaker, Bill Shoemaker and "The Shoe," Willie knew how to get the best out of his thoroughbred mounts throughout his 40-plus years "in the irons" as one of the most winning jockeys and trainers in the world. He rode 8,833 winning horses, setting a world record that held until 1999. He won the Breeders' Cup Classic and 11 races in the Triple Crown series, though the Triple Crown itself eluded him. He won each of the three races in the Triple Crown multiple times — two Preakness Stakes, five Belmont Stakes and four Kentucky Derbies — but he never won all three in the same season. However, his beginnings were humble. Born in 1931 in an adobe shack on his grandfather's ranch near Fabens, Texas, Willie's seemingly effortless riding style began to be honed while riding across the ranch's El Paso/Rio Grande area landscape.

The doctor who delivered Willie didn't think the 1 pound, 13-ounce tiny infant would survive, but Willie's grandmother created an incubator by wrapping him in a warmed blanket and placing him on a pillow near a warm oven. Life was hard for Willie's family during those Depression Era days, so he lived with several relatives as they came and went at the ranch. Willie's job, by age 6, was to ride a horse to pick up the mail. At age 10, he and his family, like so many other families of that time, moved to California looking for work, and he discovered horse racing.

By age 14, a school classmate had suggested that the diminutive Willie might be just the right size to become a jockey. He was strong and was known for not losing matches on his school's wrestling and boxing teams. So, he secured a job at the Suzy Q Ranch and quit school, earning \$75 a month. By age 16, he had become an exercise rider at the Bay Meadows track in San Mateo, California, learning from trainer Hurst Philpot and jockey, Johnny Adams, a future Hall of Famer. Willie's first race as a jockey was in 1949 at Golden Gate Fields. He won the race, which netted him \$120, the first dollars leading to a lifetime earnings of more than \$123 million. He led in the amount of dollars in purses earned in a single year 10 times.

Size wise, Willie at full height/weight was only 4 feet 11 inches tall and 98 pounds. Other assets were his even temper, calm disposition and his remarkable understanding of horses. Horse breeder Rex Ellsworth was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* as saying, "When a horse was doing his best, Shoe left him alone. When a horse loafed, Shoe would get after him. I never worried when Shoe rode one of my horses, because I knew he'd do a perfect job." In 1959, Willie was inducted into the National Racing Museum and Hall of Fame.

His riding career was, as is usually the case with jockeys, riddled with small injuries, but in 1968, Willie broke his thigh when the horse he was riding fell on him. The doctor used a child-sized metal pin to repair the damage. After physical therapy for 13 months, he returned to winning races. In 1969, he was thrown and survived a broken pelvis, ruptured bladder and temporary paralysis of his left leg, only to return to racing and winning for the next 20 years. In 1981, Willie rode John Henry, and together, horse and rider won the Arlington Million, the first million-dollar stake thoroughbred race.

At age 54, in 1986, Willie rode a long shot horse, Ferdinand, in the Kentucky Derby. Ferdinand won, and Willie became the oldest jockey to win the Derby

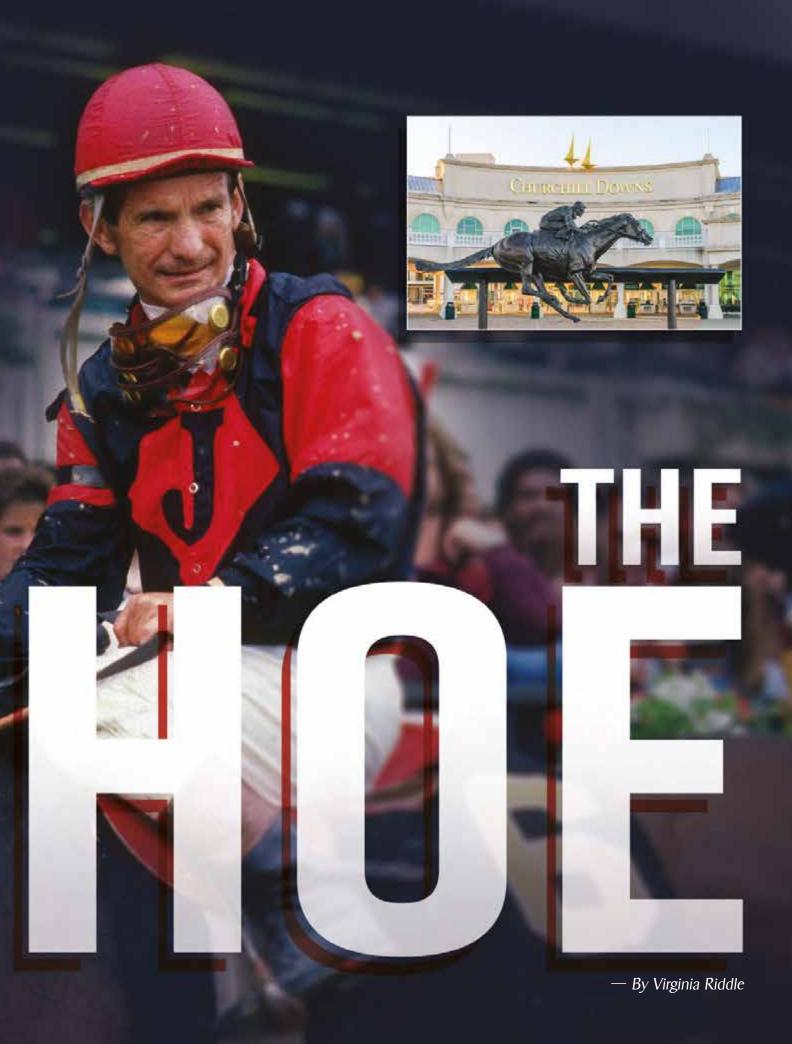
after having been one of the youngest years before to win that famed race. In 1990, Willie made a farewell tour of U.S. racetracks. He retired from riding to become a trainer, even after he became a wheelchair bound quadriplegic following an automobile accident in 1991. Willie retired as a trainer in 1997 after he faced the reality that he couldn't totally know the horses anymore without riding them, and the physical demands were becoming too much for him. He passed away in 2003, survived by a daughter from his third marriage. Now

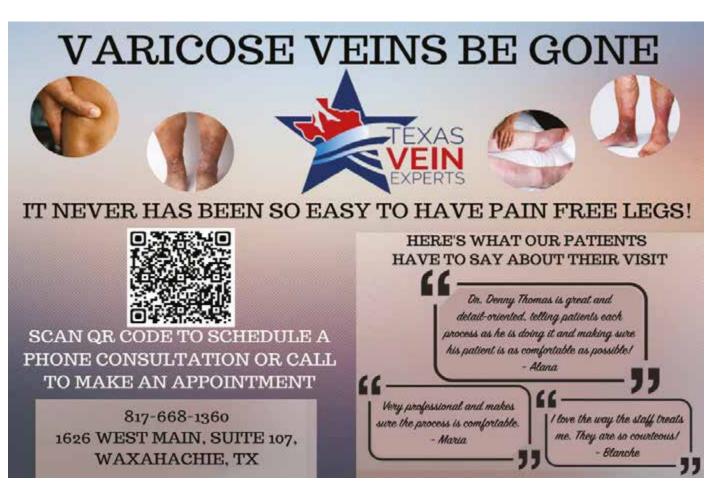
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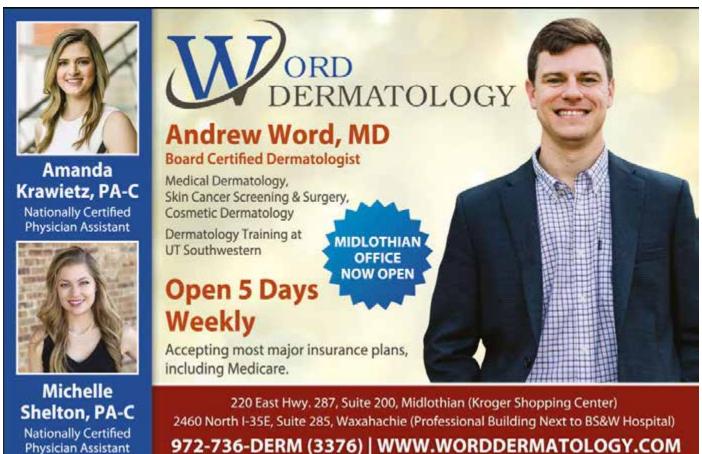
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Hugging the state line between Texas and New Mexico, Guadalupe Mountains National Park offers a glance into the past. Visitors accomplishing the 3,000-foot elevation gain during the 8.4-mile hike to Guadalupe Peak, which at 8,751 feet, is the highest point in Texas, are rewarded with majestic views of diverse landscapes — desert, canyons and mountains. Visitors hear stories of animals, plants and people who adapted to this rugged land through the Pine Springs Visitor Center's displays, ranger programs and hikes varying from easy to strenuous.

The varied topography was formed from a tropical ocean that became a flourishing habitat for marine organisms living in the Capitan Reef. The sea evaporated, and the reef subsided, buried in sediments and salts, until the mountains lifted and exposed it. Fossils from that period exist throughout the park but cannot be removed.

The Nde people, also known as Mescalero Apache, hunted, camped and took refuge on these lands until the mid-1800s when the Butterfield Stagecoach, U.S. Army troops, ranchers and conservationists arrived. The Pinery Trail leads to the ruins of a stagecoach station. The Williams Ranch site is only open to four-wheel vehicles, but the Frijole Ranch History Museum site is an easy one-hour hike. It features a springhouse, schoolhouse, bunkhouse, barn and picnic area. The historic Pratt Cabin and Hunter Line Shack can be visited by hiking the McKittrick Canyon Trail.

Along the deep, sheer-sided McKittrick Canyon walls, hikers can view the beautiful, rare Texas Madrone trees. With mixed desert, highland forest and canyon woodland landscapes, this canyon is home to willows, alligator junipers, ponderosa pine, cacti and Texas walnut, ash, oak and maple trees, where wildlife feed and take shelter. Glimpses of jackrabbits, coyotes, porcupines, gray foxes, mule deer, mountain lions and elk mean pets must be on a leash. Pets and bikes aren't allowed on the trails. Horseback riding and hiking are ways to see wonders along the 80 miles of trails.

Nature enthusiasts enjoy the easy hikes through the Indian Meadow Nature Trail or Salt Basin Dunes, a mini-gypsum white-sands experience. The moderate McKittrick Canyon Nature Trail features the Chihuahuan Desert and the Capitan Reef. El Capitan stands at 8,085 feet with a 2,300-foot elevation gain. The trail is classified as moderately strenuous with switchbacks, multiple ascents and descents. It winds just below El Capitan but offers unique views of the peak and excellent views to the east, south and west. Other strenuous trails aren't marked well, requiring guidebooks from the visitor center.

Safety is key to enjoying this park. Weather can change quickly, so check with rangers for expected conditions. Avoid peak trails during high winds and thunderstorms. In snow, ice or rain, don't boulder climb. Rock climbing is not allowed due to instability of the cliffs, but many strenuous trails require climbing boulders. Trekking poles are recommended for these hikes. Hot on the desert floor with little shade, carry plenty of potable water, sunscreen and a hat. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, even for easy trails. Watch for rattlesnakes and scorpions.

Staying in one of 10 primitive backpacking campgrounds with no services requires a free permit. RV and tent camping is available year-round at Pine Springs and Dog Canyon for a fee. Reservations are recommended but not required. Carlsbad, New Mexico, 52 miles to the north, offers accommodations and conveniences. Whites City, New Mexico, a 30-minute drive north from the park entrance, has the nearest gas station. If coming from the south, fill up at Van Horn or El Paso, Texas.

Neighboring Carlsbad Caverns National Park and Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico share much of Guadalupe Mountain National Park's ecosystem, but each offers unique features. When traveling and staying in this remote land, visitors encounter bright stars with wind and coyotes howling. Guadalupe Mountains National Park specializes in those experiences — a great place to get away. Now



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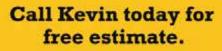




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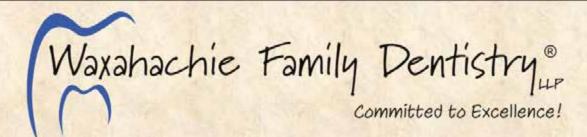




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- 28 Compulsion
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- 1 California peak
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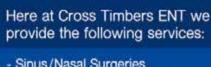
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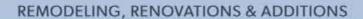
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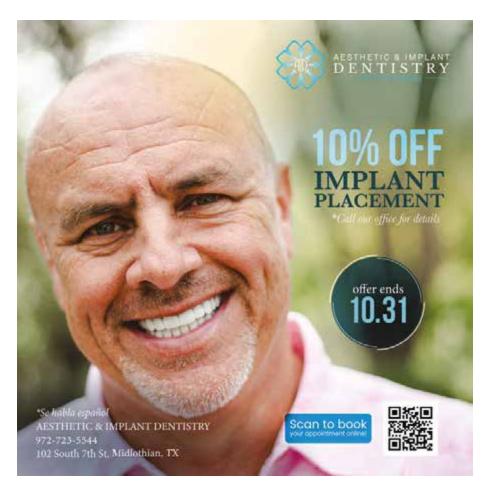


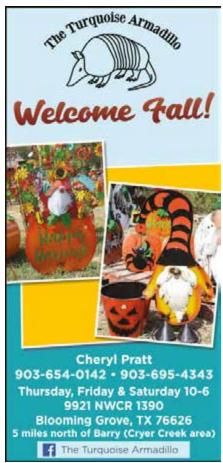






















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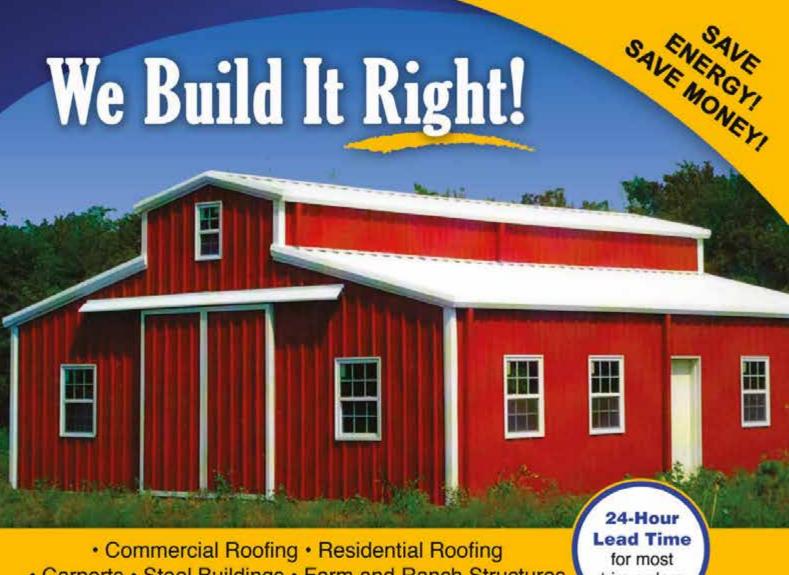


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