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Plagued by lifelong medical hardships, the Hayes family are no strangers to sacrifice and suffering. Both mom, Kim Hayes, and daughter, McKayla Moore, suffer from a rare genetic congenital heart disease that has required many heart surgeries between the two of them, and assumably many more in the future. As nurses, they both know the risks associated with their conditions, and yet they continue to serve their community in a myriad of ways. The family provides mission work with Bikes for Christ, and both mom and daughter serve on the frontlines; one as a middle school nurse, and the other as an ICU nurse at Cook Children's Medical Center. So when their community nominated them as one of this year's Feel the Love recipients, they were shocked. Kim and her husband Toby's, A/C and heating system had gone out earlier in the year, and they had been suffering ever since. They had simply decided to grin and bear it, finances being what they are. The Lennox program, Feel the Love, allows communities and A/C and heating dealers to connect with those in need, providing them the opportunity to give back and change the lives of deserving people. And that is just what Lennox and Texas Ace Heating & Air did for the Hayes family on October 17th!

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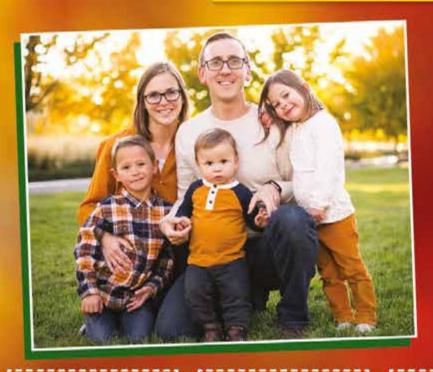


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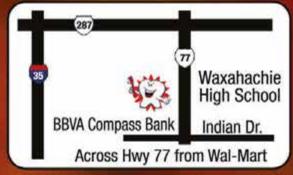
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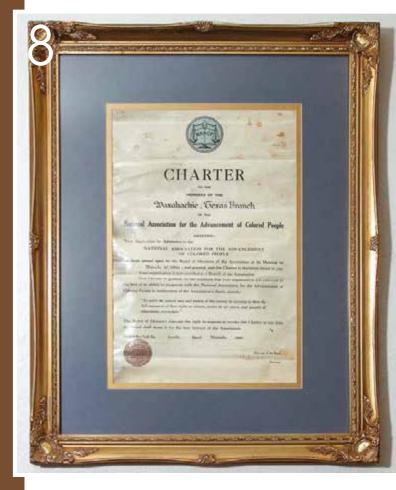
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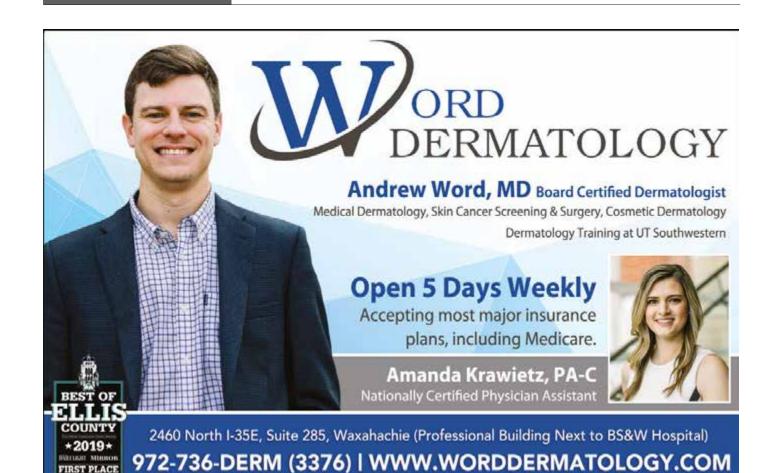
Hello, Fall Color!

Fall color is one of my very favorite parts of life. It's like God saves the best for last. The leaves are born, they share their lives with flowers and seeds, and then, right before they wither away, they shine more brightly than they ever did before. Something about that is exhilarating. Evergreen trees have their own brand of beauty, but for me, nothing can compare to trees whose leaves turn all the shades of orange, red and yellow. Even though Texas is not known for our fall color, I have discovered a few places that turn especially beautiful this time of year.

Caddo Lake in East Texas has beautiful fall color in November. The bright yellow and orange of the cypress trees as they drape across the still water is a magical experience every Texan should see. It is only about a three-hour drive from Waxahachie, and it is well worth it. We like to rent a cabin around Uncertain, Texas, which is on the lake and just spend a couple of days communing with nature. Birds of every kind are either making their winter home or traveling through on their way down south.

My other favorite place in Texas to see fall color is Lost Maples State Park down close to Vanderpool. It is about a five-hour drive from Waxahachie, but it is a pretty drive if you don't take the highway. The big-tooth maple trees turn a brilliant, bright red color that rivals any fall color I have ever seen. The only drawback is that the park is often overrun with leaf-watchers this time of year. Try to go during the week if you can!

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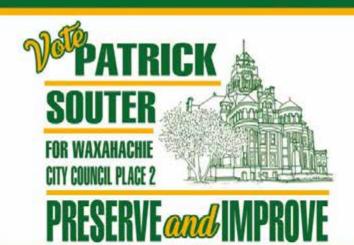
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Betty Square Coleman is a busy woman. She has owned and operated her own business since 1995, in addition to serving on the Waxahachie Planning and Zoning Committee for the past 19 years. Even so, Betty's most ardent work has been working with the Waxahachie NAACP since the late 1980s and being president of the organization since 2001. "I grew up on the east side of Waxahachie. My family lived in one of those shot gun houses still standing on Wyatt street. It was the most popular house on the street," Betty said proudly. "My mother filled our home with so much love and good cooking that everybody just wanted to be there. I have so many wonderful memories growing up in Waxahachie. Even though we suffered stark discrimination and unfairness, our faith in God always helped us endure life's hardships and kept us moving forward."

Betty remembers exactly when she decided to work with the NAACP. "It was when WISD was demolishing our Oak Lawn School," Betty explained. Oak Lawn was one of two schools in WISD that were designated as Black schools only dating back to 1887. Not long after President Johnson abolished

segregation, the school was closed and sat vacant for years. "Integration began around 1970 in Waxahachie, and there was rioting and violence in the high school and even in the middle school," Betty reminisced. "No one wanted change."

Not one to ponder too long on nostalgia, Betty perked up and said, "The Oak Lawn School, in many ways, defined what life was like for Black Americans before 1970. We felt it should have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, but instead it was torn down. I remember when my mother commented that somebody should have stopped it from happening, and I told her that we were the someone who had to stand up. Black citizens cannot just talk about racism, segregation, lynching and man's inhumanity to man, but that we must work to abolish these injustices. The following week, I went to my first NAACP meeting, and I have proudly worked for civil rights ever since."

Even though Mrs. Coleman has worked with the NAACP on the national and state levels, she has primarily focused the local branch on injustice in Ellis County. "One of our major accomplishments was working with WISD to close the schools in observance of the MLK National Holiday," Betty said. "We continuously work to improve on our parade and celebration to commemorate the great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We would love for more people of all races and religions to come together and create a parade that makes Ellis County proud. The late, great Dr. King not only made a huge difference in so many people's lives here in our town, but he changed the entire trajectory of our country. I believe we all owe him a grand event," Betty stated enthusiastically.

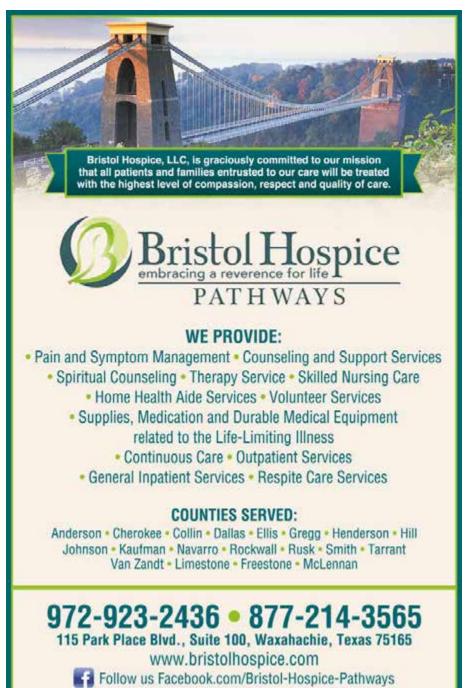
The NAACP also works with Ellis County to organize the Juneteenth parade and celebration each year. "It would mean so much if these celebrations were shared with all the citizens, churches and businesses of Waxahachie and Ellis County," Betty said sincerely, "everyone could have a float and honor these important contributions to American history."

By Susan Simmons

HOMETOWN LEADER









Betty and NAACP members coordinate with WISD to promote Black History Month. "Americans need to be aware of Black Americans' accomplishments and contributions. This promotes a greater level of selfrespect in Black children, as well as respect for Black Americans in our communities," Betty shared. "Our history books overlook or minimize so many remarkable achievements made by people of color to our great country. This is why we must set aside time specifically to focus on African American History or Hispanic Heritage and any other people of non-Anglo descent, so that the country can begin changing our often-one-dimensional view of American history."

Each year, during Black History Month, Waxahachie NAACP collaborates with the school district to endorse and encourage students of every race to participate in the Black History Essay Writing Contest. "My fervent hope is that more students of every color will participate in the writing contest, and it can grow into a huge annual event celebrating the advances our country has made and continues to make in civil rights for all people."

Many people have the impression that the NAACP only helps African-





Americans. The mission statement, however, for the NAACP is "to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race."

"The Waxahachie NAACP serves all people from Ellis County, regardless of race, color or creed who feel they have been treated unjustly," Betty explained. "In fact, over the past few years, we have helped people of every skin tone fight injustice, including discrimination due to nepotism. Even though so much progress has been made since I was a small child, there is still much work to do in expanding forward and eliminating the segregation and non-inclusion of the minority that still exists in Ellis County today. Our big focus is to improve the representation of people of color at all levels of employment in the city and county offices, boards and commissions, as well as the school districts. Even within the everyday hiring practices of employers, racism is evident.

"It is my greatest hope that people will begin to work together for a more unified county. When people get to know each other and learn to trust each other, many of the problems we are seeing today will be eliminated," Betty said confidently. "The Waxahachie NAACP needs volunteers of all skin tones and all ages. We welcome everyone who wants to work to make Ellis County a more fair and just community. We can all do our part to get to know each other by visiting each other's churches, cultural events and social clubs. I know God wants all people to love one another, and I truly believe that someday it will happen." Waxahachie is a lucky city to have Mrs. Betty Square Coleman working for our future. NOW





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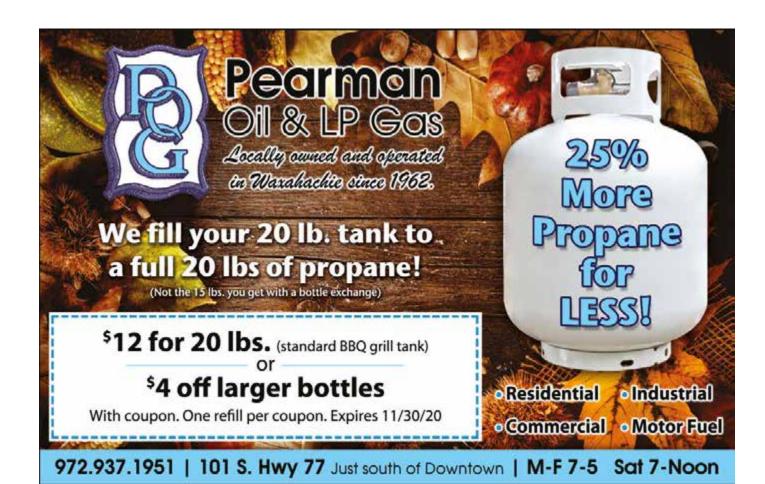
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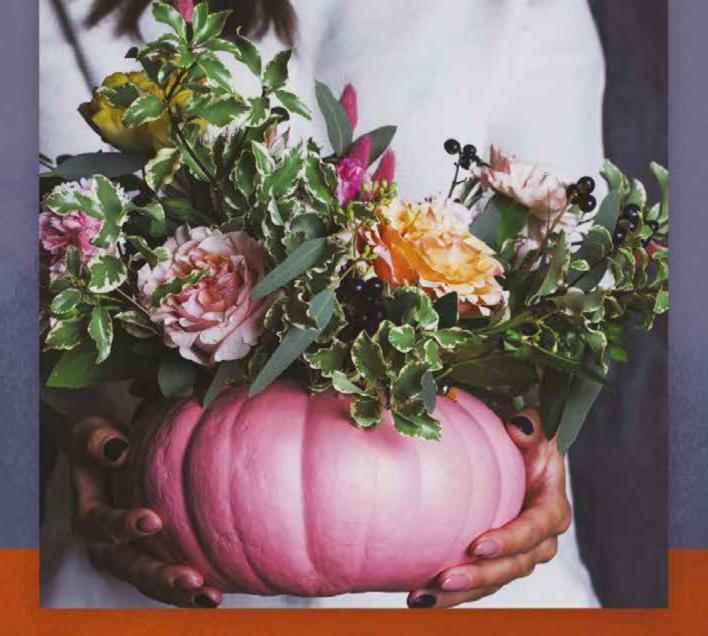


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DOUBLE Your Decor-By Angel Morris

It's that time when everything's coming up pumpkin — from your lattes and desserts to your candles and home decor. If you enjoy the autumnal staple around your home, you can get your money's worth by having pumpkins do double duty. First as uncarved decorations on your porch, then as beautiful centerpieces for your Thanksgiving table.

Before perching pumpkins outside, you may want to consider a few tricks to preserving their lifespan. Using bleach or floor wax are two ways to make uncarved pumpkins last longer. Just soak the pumpkins in a bucket of one tablespoon bleach to four cups water for 20 minutes before drying. Or, wiping your pumpkins with a dampened rag plus a tablespoon of floor wax will create a thin film to prevent molding and lengthen their lifespan.

Enlisting these or other online tricks can protect porch pumpkins from Texas heat and preserve them for Thanksgiving tables. When it's time to bring them inside, carved and uncarved centerpiece ideas abound — whether you search Pinterest or tap into your own creativity.

If you bring pumpkins inside from your porch or purchase them just before Thanksgiving, you will want to give them a good cleaning prior to placing them on your table. If this year's pandemic has taught us anything, it's that you can never be too careful when it comes to disinfecting!

The next step toward centerpiece creation is to cut the top off your pumpkin around the stem, creating an opening that is at least wide enough for your hand and a scooping utensil. Keep in mind the wider the opening the more items you may need to fill the pumpkin centerpiece. It is better to start narrow, and then cut wider as needed.

Once you have removed the pumpkin's top and the pulp from inside, you may want to take further measures to prolong your pumpkin's lifespan. Covering the carved edges and interior walls with petroleum jelly or WD-40 can moisturize pumpkins and keep them fresher longer.













After being carved and preserved, the fun part of creating your pumpkin centerpiece can begin, and the options are only limited by your imagination. Inserting flowers — particularly fall varieties like cattails, sunflowers and chrysanthemums — is a common way to create a Thanksgiving centerpiece.

A trendier version involves filling your carved pumpkin with succulents. Either way, you will first cut a piece of floral foam just small enough to sit snugly inside your carved opening without falling inside the pumpkin.

You may insert the foam completely into the pumpkin if your flowers will have long enough stems to reach the foam. This makes it more difficult to reach the foam for watering, however, so you should consider how long you want the centerpiece to live. Kept watered, a centerpiece may last a week or longer, depending on the types of flowers used.

If you plan to top your centerpiece with succulents, you should carve the foam to sit atop, not within, your pumpkin. It is helpful to have 1-2 inches of foam rising above your carved opening, and to create a notch on either side where you can easily pour water, whether you plan to use flowers or succulents.

Now, you are ready to place your florals in whichever way you find visually appealing. Some like to begin with leafy stems toward the exterior, then add in florals of differing heights, with your tallest pieces toward the middle. Others prefer a rounder shape, placing one







flower in the center, and working toward the outside, keeping each stem at about the same height.

Should you choose to use faux varieties of flowers, greenery or succulents, you need not worry about watering the floral foam, and can even opt to simply insert your florals directly into your carved opening without any foam support.

Another option is to paint the exterior of your pumpkin to match whatever color scheme you prefer, from subtle neutrals to vibrant or metallic hues, then add complementary florals. Ultimately, taking pumpkins from the porch to the table can be both a creative and costefficient approach to fall decor. NOW



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Ten years later, Kim and her brother, John Crouch, purchased the business so their dad could retire. "I remember working for another local business for five years before coming to work for my dad," Kim explained. "The experience I learned working in

the office at that job made coming to work for my dad so much easier." Easier, that is, until the day she had to go out from the office into the shop in her dress clothes and learn how the shop operated. "I went home that day and discarded my clothes," she laughed. "They were dirty and greasy." The next day began her wardrobe change to jeans, a work shirt and comfortable shoes. The new attire was more conducive to working in the shop when she was needed there.

In early 2000, Kim bought John's half of the business. "He needed benefits," she admitted. "He came back on board as the shop manager in 2010. He oversees the employees who work for us at Tire Town."

Summer — June, July and August — is the busiest season for Tire Town. The roads start heating up, causing tires to pop. Customers are getting their vehicles ready for family vacations. Students are readying their cars for the trip back to college. "We carry the largest supply of Interstate Batteries stock and merchandise in the area, and we offer so many other services than just new tires, tire repair and maintenance," Kim stated. "We fix, repair and replace tires on lawn mowers, go-carts, bicycles, ATVs and all types and sizes of farm equipment. We also enjoy working on the antique Model A and Model T cars. As a mom-and-pop tire sales and repair business, we welcome the smaller jobs."

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Tire Town makes service calls for cars and trucks, as long as the vehicle needing assistance is located within the Waxahachie city limits. After 40 years, the success of the company can be found in the details. "Dad taught me to treat others the way I want to be treated," Kim confessed, "so that's what I do. I pay attention to every detail." Each customer, new or repeat, is treated with the same respect. Kim and her staff believe in the personal touch, so they always take the time out, no matter how busy they might be, to converse with each customer as they come and go. Customers have come to expect the I care attitude found at Tire Town.

Each day comes with new challenges, but Kim is up for whatever comes her way. Inventory and choices in the tire business have changed over the years. "In the '80s, we probably carried eight differently sized tires that fit pretty much anything and everything," she reminisced. "Now, I order what I need when I need it. Today, there are just so many choices, prices and suppliers."

Kim thoroughly enjoys what she's doing. Her life career as a small business owner suits her nicely. "We are now taking care of third-generation customers," she said, "and I am still here and still loving it!" NOW

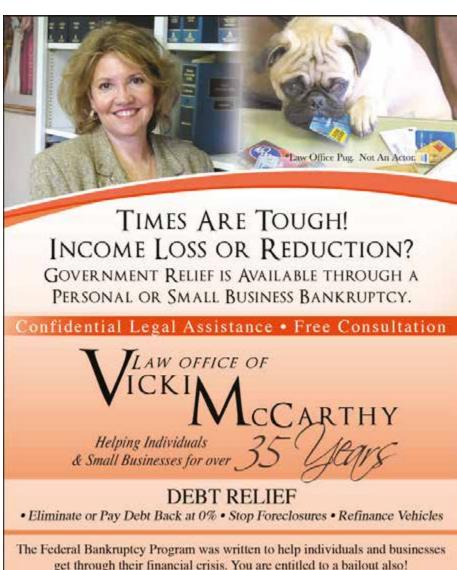
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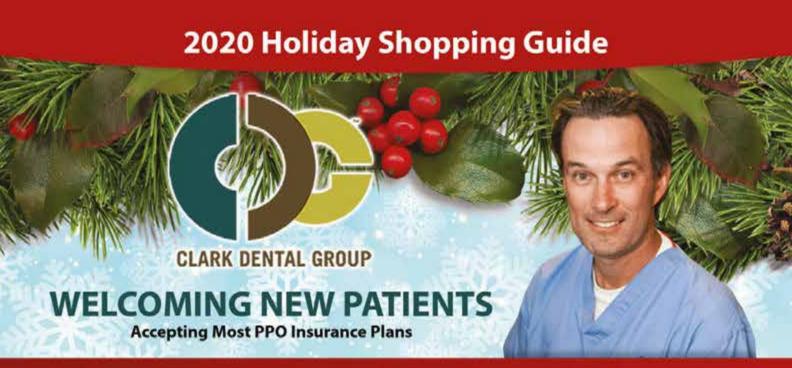
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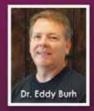
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When Giankarlo was around 12 years old, he began cooking with his older brother, Christian. "He is a true chef who cooks in Dallas. He showed me how cooking inspires passion because it has the ability to make others so happy." It wasn't long before Giankarlo discovered his obsession for cooking and began to follow in his big brother's footsteps. "I began with grilling meat, but I quickly discovered how grilling vegetables creates magnificent flavors and textures also," he explained. "I also love to cook with fresh herbs and spices."

Giankarlo opened his outdoor taco stand, Taco Suave, a few years ago. As he looked up from his grill, he explained, "Cooking makes me feel close to my Mexican heritage. I enjoy exploring new ingredients and creating amazing new cultural dishes." Now

Mexican Marinade

- I whole pod garlic
- 6 Tbsp. seasoned achiote paste (from a bar, preferably not from a jar)
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 4 cups bitter orange juice (or a mixture of 1 cup each, freshly squeezed orange juice, grapefruit juice, lime juice and distilled white vinegar)
- 1 Tbsp. dried Mexican oregano
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- I tsp. ground allspice

3 tsp. kosher or coarse sea salt 2 tsp. pepper, freshly ground

- 1. Place the garlic on a baking sheet or in a broiler-proof skillet.
- **2.** Broil, turning halfway through, until the papery skin of the garlic is burned and the cloves soften, about 6 to 9 minutes.
- 3. Peel the garlic cloves.
- 4. Working in two batches, add the garlic, achiote paste, chicken broth, bitter orange juice, oregano, cumin, allspice, salt and pepper to a blender or food processor; puree until smooth.

Mexican Thanksgiving Turkey

- 1 12- to 14-lb. turkey
- 1 recipe Mexican Marinade
- 2 oz. butter
- 2 medium onions, thickly sliced
- 6 Roma tomatoes, thickly sliced
- 5 banana leaves (optional)
- 1. Slide the turkey, breast side down, into a heavy-duty plastic bag large enough to hold the whole turkey.
- 2. Pour the Mexican Marinade into the bag; massage it into the bird, working it into the cavity and all the crevices.
- **3.** Place the bag in a roasting pan; refrigerate for at least 12 hours, or up to 48 hours, turning the bird a couple of times to redistribute the marinade.
- 4. After the turkey has been marinated, set an oven rack in the lowest position; preheat the oven to 450 F.
- **5.** Butter a large roasting pan; spread the onions and tomatoes in the pan.
- 6. Set the turkey, breast side up, on top of the vegetables. Reserve the marinade.
- **7.** Stuff the main cavity with as much stuffing as it can hold, reserve remainder in a baking dish.

- **8.** Close the cavity by crossing the legs and tying them with butcher's twine. Tuck the wing tips under the turkey.
- **9.** Pour the remaining marinade over the turkey. Roast the turkey for 30 minutes.
- **10.** Remove the turkey from the oven; cover with banana leaves, if using. They definitely add flavor and moisture.
- **11.** Cover the pan with aluminum foil, sealing it the best you can. The less steam that escapes, the better.
- **12.** Reduce the oven temperature to 350 F. Return the turkey to the oven; roast for 3 1/2 hours (or 12 minutes per pound).
- **13.** Remove the turkey from the oven; remove the foil and leaves. Be careful, as the steam is hot. Baste the turkey generously with the pan drippings.
- **14.** Raise the temperature to 400 F; return the turkey to the oven for 15 additional minutes. The meat should be completely cooked through, with the internal temperature of the turkey reading 185 F in the thickest part of the breast.
- **15.** Remove the turkey from the oven; let it rest, loosely covered with aluminum foil.
- **16.** Strain the cooking juices, pressing on the solids with the back of a spoon to get as much liquid as possible; discard the solids.
- 17. Set aside 1 cup of the liquid for the reserved stuffing. You will make gravy with the rest.

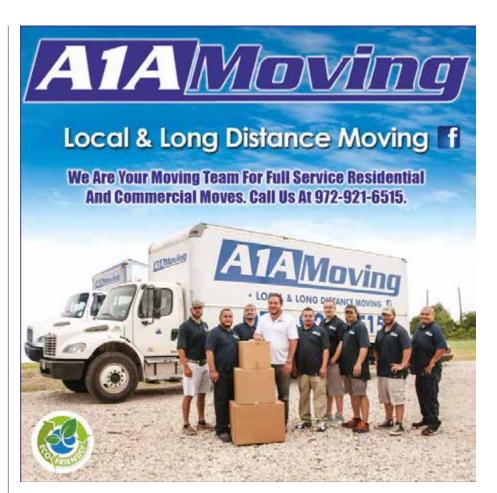
Mexican Turkey Gravy

1/4 cup butter
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
3 cups turkey broth

- **I.** Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium heat.
- **2.** Sprinkle the flour on top, mixing well with a wooden spoon, and cook for 3 to 5 minutes, letting it gently bubble, until the roux is golden brown. Add salt and pepper. **3.** Add the broth; simmer for 12 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until it is a brid
- minutes, stirring occasionally, until it is a brick color and has thickened to the consistency of light cream.

Mexican Chorizo Stuffing

- I large white onion
- 4 celery stalks, chopped
- I jalapeño, seeded and diced
- 2 red apples, diced
- 1 Tbsp. poultry seasoning
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1 lb. chorizo sausage
- I cup green olives, sliced





- 1 cup cilantro, chopped
- I pkg. seasoned stuffing mix
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups white wine
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt, to taste
- 2 eggs
- I cup turkey broth
- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
- 2. In a saucepan over medium heat, sauté

the onions, celery, jalapeños, apples, poultry seasoning and pepper for 5 minutes or just until tender.

- **3.** Add chorizo; cook for 5 to 7 minutes, or until the sausage is thoroughly cooked.
- **4.** Add olives and cilantro to the stuffing mix.
- **5.** Add white wine.
- 6. Add salt and eggs; mix well. Stuff turkey.
- **7.** Once turkey is done, drain broth. Add 1

cup to remaining stuffing; mix well. Bake in a 9x9-inch baking pan at 350 F until the top is browned.

Beef Fajita Street Tacos

2 lbs. skirt steak
1 recipe Mexican Marinade
Small corn tortillas, to taste
Onions, chopped, to taste
Cilantro, chopped, to taste
Cotija cheese, shredded, to taste
Salsa, to taste

- **1.** Marinate the skirt steak overnight in the refrigerator in the Mexican Marinade.
- **2.** Lay the skirt steak on a hot grill; cook until ideal temperature.
- **3.** Slice the beef; place it into small corn tortillas.
- **4.** Garnish with chopped onions, cilantro, Cotija cheese and salsa.

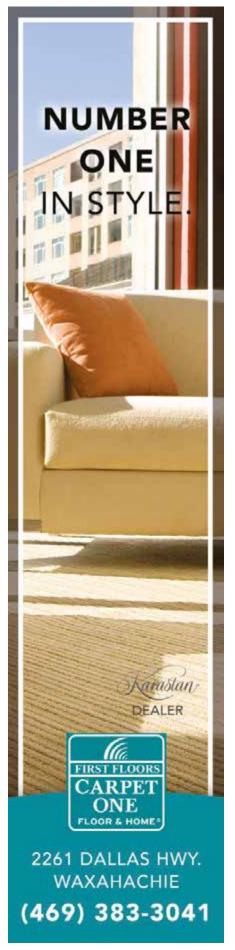














Around Town



Jessica Piper and son, Jeremiah, celebrate their new home!

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Brenda Steindler just finished her newest creation for her whimsical fairy gardens!

Zoomed In:

By Susan Simmons

Freedom International Feed

Freedom Fellowship International Church partnered with USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program and Go Fresh Tulsa to sponsor two community food distributions in Waxahachie. Each drive distributed thousands of boxes of fresh produce to families in need during this dreadful pandemic, including boxes to most WISD employees. Waxahachie Care, DeSoto Life Challenge Group and SAGU students all volunteered to make this tremendous effort possible. The Freedom Feed was held at Freedom Fellowship International Church in the Northgate Plaza in Waxahachie. A special shout out to all those who participated in this wonderful event.



Vogue Salon cuts the ribbon at their new Downtown Waxahachie location.



Brother and sister, Shane Leath and Michelle Leath-Burks enjoy biking around Getzendaner Park.



Anthony Murray with son, Cordell, and and nephew, Jorden, get ready for their Tomahawks game!



Roy and Brittanie Baskin, with their son, Dutch, enjoy a beautiful autumn day in their front yard.



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Painted Churches and More

- By Lisa Bell

In German, Schulenburg means "school town," an appropriate name for the home of the ISD Shorthorns, a Catholic elementary and a Blinn College campus. While education remains a top priority, heritage and history live daily in this small community. German and Czech influences remain strong, which proves a delight to intentional visitors and those who stop on the way to other places. Situated on I-10, Schulenburg offers a perfect stop for weary travelers. But stopping might mean staying a while.

Best known for the painted churches in the area, the Greater Schulenburg Chamber schedules and hosts guided tours. Although you can choose the self-guided option, having a knowledgeable volunteer to share local tidbits makes the trip better.

The aged, but well-preserved churches appear ordinary from the outside, but stepping inside transports you to a different world. Most of the churches are Catholic, but one is a Methodist church. Though more than a century old, many operate today, holding weekly services and events.

When built in the 1800s and 1900s, they emulated churches left behind in Europe. With hand-painted statues, filigree, angels and more, a hush falls across the room, regardless of a group's size. Each church boasts a memorable history. Some have paintings hanging on the walls, while others incorporate ceilings and walls painted as beautifully as any church in Europe. Several also feature massive pipe organs, some with a maintenance entrance accessible only through narrow staircases. The adventure in these churches comes from imagining the sheer amount of work artists put into the paintings.

While you don't want to miss the painted churches, other museums in Schulenburg may capture your interest, as well. Visit the Texas Polka Music Museum, which offers a collection of vintage records and instruments, costumes and more. They also make it a point to honor any disc jockey who helped







promote polka through the ages. Texas polka bands honor the legacy of Czech, German and Polish ancestry.

The Stanzel Model Aircraft Museum, dedicated to the past, present and future of model and toy airplanes, contains three areas. The Main Museum houses the original shop where Victor and Joe Stanzel pioneered manufacturing miniature aviation in the 1930s. The Factory Wing and Historic Stanzel Home encompass the other two areas.

History buffs may want to take a tour of the Historic Museum and homes, including an authentic log cabin, or catch the historic restaurant and dance hall at Momma's at Sengelmann. Then, stop to experience the Piano Bridge. Erected in 1885, the bridge spans the Navidad River connecting High Hill and Dubina, the first Texas Czech community. Although the bridge no longer twangs when crossed, it remains a memorable place surrounded by beauty.

At various times during the year, Schulenburg hosts festivals.

One of the most famous, Sausagefest, normally occurs in April, with the Schulenburg Festival in August. And in November and December, the town transforms into a wonderful place for unique gifts, food and shopping. The Holiday Wine Walk, held the first weekend in November, coincides with Holiday in the Country. Or visit one of two local wineries to relax in picturesque South Texas evenings.

Any time you visit, be sure to allow time for unique shopping experiences and the tastes of authentic German, Czech and Polish foods. With hotels, ranches and RV spots in Schulenburg, you might want to spend a few nights to experience everything. NOW

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Editor's Note: For information and COVID updates, visit www.schulenburgchamber.org or www.schulenburgtx.org



-TALES OF TEXAS-

Striking Black

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— By Angel Morris

In the summer of 1894, an accidental discovery in Corsicana changed the course of the state's history. Hired by the city to find water, a drilling contractor instead found an oilfield, and the first Texas oil boom began.

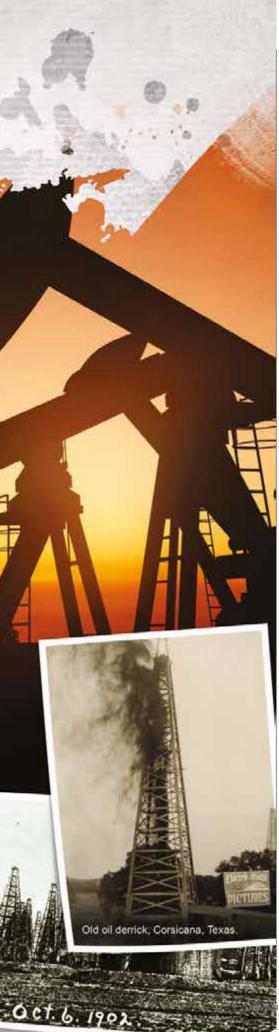
The American Oil & Gas Historical Society explains how that oil well — which produced less than three barrels a day — is considered "the first significant commercial oil discovery west of the Mississippi."

According to the society's website, the discovery changed Corsicana "from a sleepy agricultural town into a petroleum and industrial center. It launched industries, including service companies and manufacturers of the newly invented rotary drilling rig."

Now, 126 years later, Corsicana celebrates the boom with its annual Derrick Days event. Even though Corsicana's wasn't the first oil well in Texas, its discovery helped establish the exploration and production industry in the state.

By 1897, Texas' first oil refinery was built in Corsicana and, within a year, some 287 wells were documented in the city. A few years later, the city of Beaumont joined Corsicana in the oil boom, when, on January 10, 1901, "an enormous geyser of oil exploded from a drilling site at Spindletop Hill," according to www.history.com.

This gusher reached more than 150 feet and produced nearly 10,000 barrels a day making it more powerful than any geyser in the world. "A booming oil industry soon grew up around the oil field at Spindletop, and many of the major oil companies in America, including Gulf Oil, Texaco and Exxon, can trace their origins there," history.com explains.



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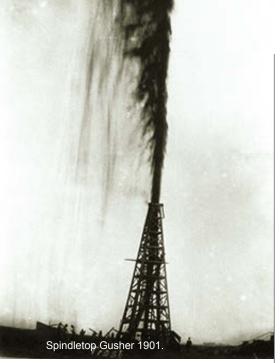
As a result of Spindletop, Texas oil production dramatically increased, with the former small town now responsible for 94 percent of the state's oil. Offshore drilling began in Galveston in 1908, while counties such as Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Eastland and Limestone also struck oil.

The Panhandle added significant discoveries in 1921, joined by Caldwell County in 1922. Then Spindletop made a comeback in 1925 outdoing production of its original field. Other East Texas counties followed suit. After that time, according to the Texas Almanac, "The most significant subsequent oil discoveries in Texas were those in West Texas,"

Prior to Texas' oil boom, Standard Oil Company of Pennsylvania — owned by John D. Rockefeller — monopolized the country's oil and gas supply. Corsicana and Spindletop, however, brought independent oil contractors, known as "wildcatters" to Texas. Farmers left their land and joined the oil mix, graduating to "roughneck" status. This influx led to shanty towns with unhealthy environments and questionable business practices, as some tried to make a buck off desperate diggers.

"Gas hung in the air for miles around an oil town. It was nauseating when you could smell it, and dangerous when you couldn't. Gas blindness or even gas-induced death was a daily gamble for workers on the seeping rigs," the Bullock Museum describes in its history of Texas. "There was also no shortage of gambling and fisticuffs in the ratty saloons. Things got so bad in one Texas boom town that Governor Moody sent the Texas Rangers to settle things down. Safe drinking water was nowhere, and dysentery was everywhere. In short, a boomtown wasn't a healthy place to call home for very long."





Despite significant hardships, the oil boom was an economic windfall for Texas, to say the least. Oil men made big bucks, which they, in turn, funneled back into the state's education and culture.

The Texas oil boom began drawing to a close mid-century. The awe-inspiring "black gold" gushers were replaced by reduced, but steady, production of petroleum products.

The state would see its second oil boom with natural gas in the early 2000s, and the word "fracking" became part of the state's vocabulary. High-powered injection of water into underground areas to open fissures and extract oil or gas helped tap into vast natural resources.

Today, Texas oil remains a significant part of the nation's economy, with roughnecks still working the rigs and wildcatters still hunting that sweet "Texas tea." From the discovery of oil in Corsicana to the geyser at Spindletop, the oil boom changed Texas and the prosperity of the state and the nation unlike any other industry. NOW

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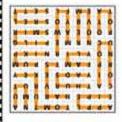
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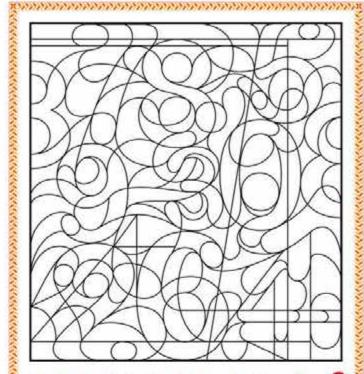
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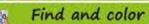
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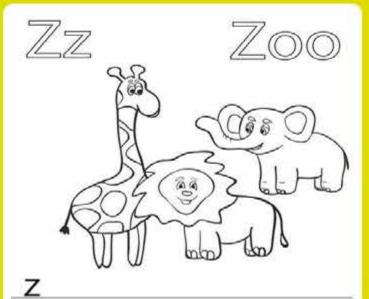
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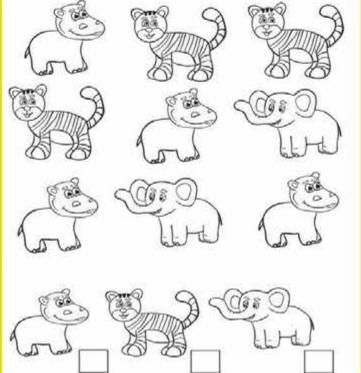


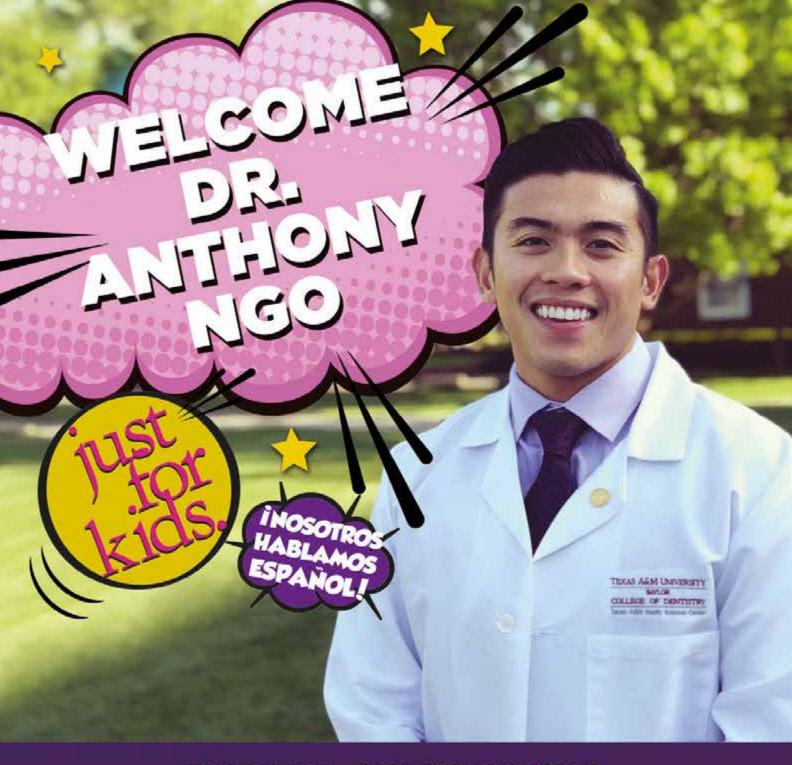
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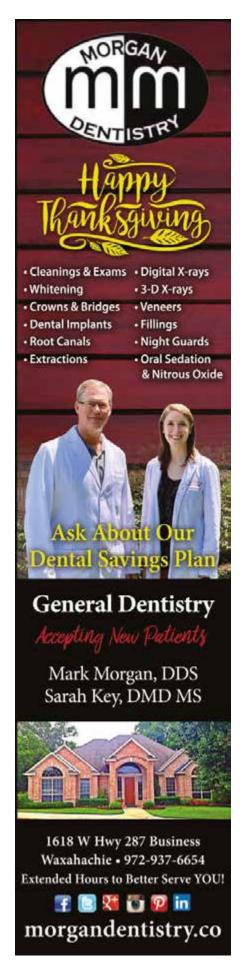
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Across

- 1 Title after tying the knot
- 4 As Barrie's boys were
- 8 Stop, affoat
- 10 Engrave
- 11 Senior
- 12 Land measures
- 14 Row of buttons
- 16 Cleo's nemesis
- 17 Cover
- 18 Very small
- 19 Picnic favorite
- 24 Post-operative room
- 25 Muscleman's pride
- 26 Sawbuck
- 27 Riot-squad weapon
- 31 Steamy ballroom dance
- 33 Southwest Native American
- 34 Common sign gas
- 35 "Cosmos" co-creator Carl ---
- 36 Assassinate
- 37 It's east of Eden

Down

- 1 Kind of maize
- 2 Make over
- 3 Designer --- McCartney
- 4 Father of Goneril
- 5 Kind of market
- 6 Poor penmanship
- 7 The Old Man and --- (Hemingway)
- 8 Rent out
- 9 Eye socket
- 13 Raced
- 15 Solar-treated brick
- 19 Name of two British PMs
- 20 Huge amounts
- 21 Underpass
- 22 Lushes
- 23 TV detective --- Monk
- 27 High-class
- 28 Funk music style
- 29 Big bucks
- 30 Spanish saint
- 32 Former part of Portuguese India

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Easy

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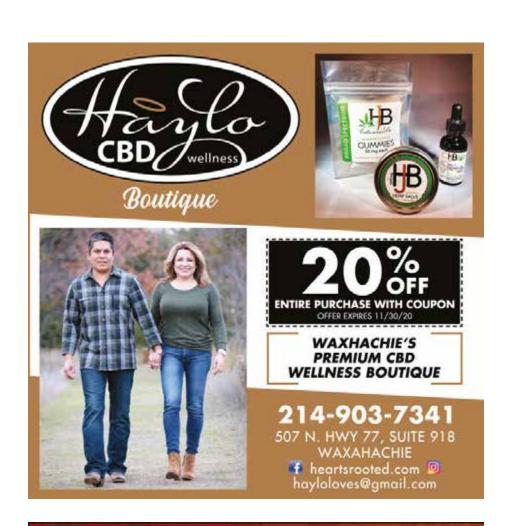
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The Lanks giving Due to COVID-19, some events may have been cancelled or rescheduled while we were at press. Check with individual organizations or your city or Chamber websites to verify dates and times.

11/7

62nd Annual Members Holiday Show and Sale: Hosted by the Ellis County Art Association. 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Art on the Square, 113 Franklin St. For more information,

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visit www.elliscountyart.net.

Ellis County Veterans Day Celebration:

This year's Veterans Day Celebration will be a short ceremony outside the Ellis County Memorial. No inside events. 10:30-11:00 a.m., Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane.

11/21

The Coleman Junior High Old Fashioned Craft Show:

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Mondays-Thursdays

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(972) 923-2273,

https://www.waxahachiecare.org/.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

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We are operating a drive-thru; have space cleared in your trunk or back seat. Available to all in need. No paperwork necessary. Open while supplies last: 9:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m., 620 Farley Street.

Tuesdays-Saturdays

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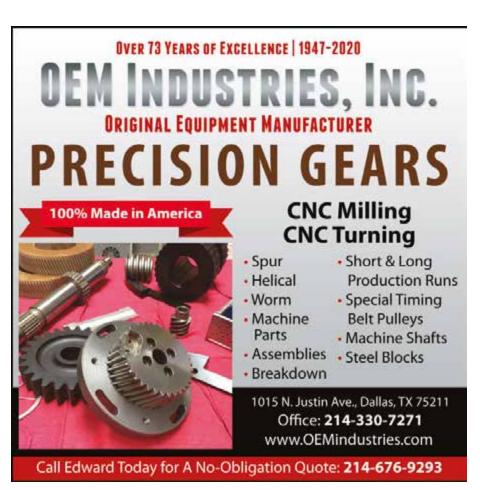
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Waxahachie Downtown Farmers Market: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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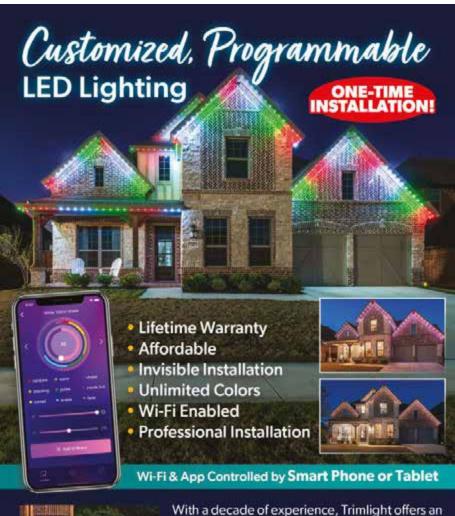
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