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Dr. Allala is proud of the service they provide at Serenity Advanced Dentistry. "I think we give five-star service. And I know my staff is five-star. We know what works and what doesn't. I know it sounds corny, but this is my life's work. Most of my staff have been with me for years, at different locations around DFW, before I came to Cedar Hill. I met Mariela seven years ago, in Pleasant Grove. It was my first job out of school. Racine has been with me four years. and Jazmine three years, both in Red Oak. Our newest team member is Jessica. She found us three months ago when she emailed me looking for an opportunity to shadow a dentist."

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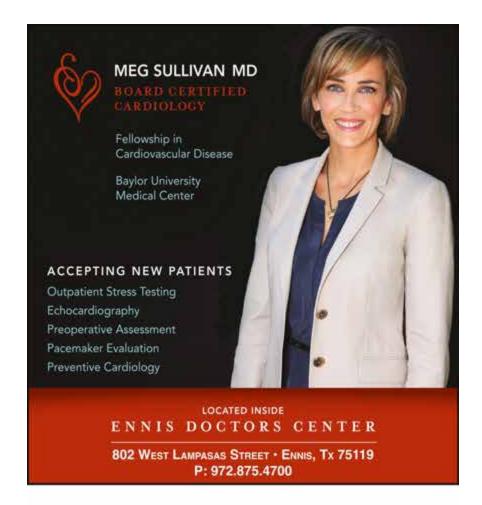
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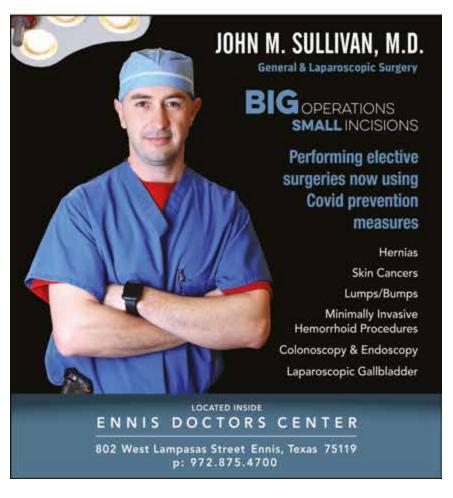
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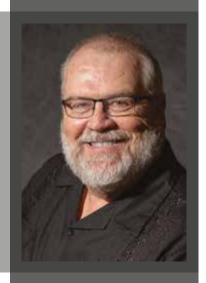
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EDITOR'S NOTE

If it was an Olympic race ...

They give it their all to win. The athletes train for years to reach the peak of fitness for the events in which they participate. The time on the world stage pursuing the dream of an Olympic medal may last only a few seconds. The margin of victory may be as little as .001 second.

We celebrate the camaraderie and the sportsmanship. It is rare to see unsportsmanlike conflict between two Olympians. The agony of defeat is often on display as much as the thrill

There are not a lot of ties for the gold medal. It occurred in 2020 in the high jump event. The contestants from Qatar and Italy agreed to share the gold when neither of them was able to advance beyond the tie.

In the race for president of the United States, there can be no tie. One candidate will ultimately win. The finals are upon us. Had this been an Olympic event, the runners would have spent the election season promoting their past accomplishments and what the future will hold if they win, and not so much the political losses and moral failures of their opponents.

But it has not been an Olympic event. Your voice will be heard if you go vote. We would like to see the country come together and celebrate this great nation and our democratic process when the final results come in.

The writer of Hebrews said, "let us run with endurance the race that is set before us..." Democracy is certainly a marathon rather than a sprint.

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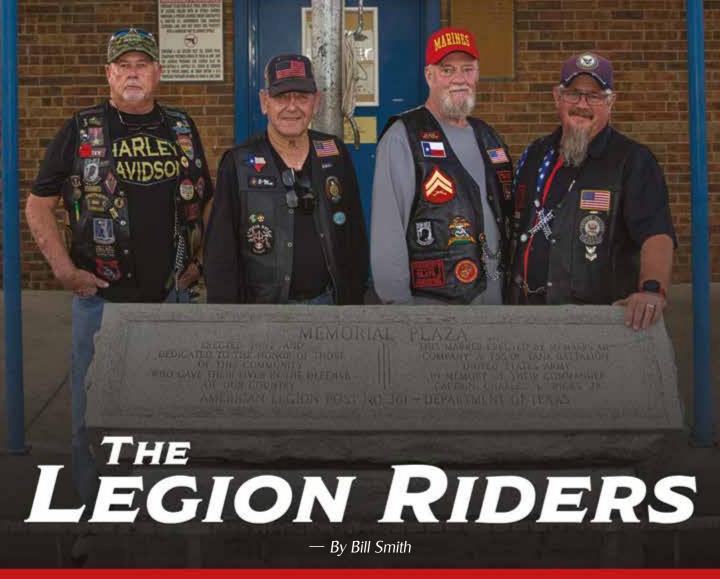
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Terry Winge and his American Legion brothers have served America in times of peace and war, and they continue to serve our country and support each other through their involvement with their fellow veterans. The Legion Riders is part of the American Legion, and members actively participate with their fellow veterans. Many American Legion members will be included in the Ennis Veterans Day program at our outstanding Veteran's Park.

Veterans Day is always celebrated on November 11, regardless of which day of the week it falls. Originally, it was called Armistice Day and commemorated the end of WWI. It was not until 1954 that President Eisenhower signed the bill into law, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans." It is a day when Americans celebrate and honor all of our veterans.

Terry spent 20 years in submarine service in the Navy. Theaters included Panama, Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Terry and his crew were also involved in the response to the attack on September 11, 200l. His service dates spanned from 1986 to 2006. "Submarine crews may not see as many exotic ports of call as other vessels, but I did visit the North Pole, Panama, Japan and Guam, just to name a few," he recalled.

Originally from California, Terry traveled all over the United States as his father worked through his career. After retiring from the Navy, Terry settled in Washington State, where he was in the cable business before following his parents to Ennis in 2012. His vocation today is audio-visual technician for Navarro County. "When I interviewed for the job in Corsicana, the lady concluded the interview saying, 'There's a reason the Lord sent you here.' I was pretty sure that meant that I was hired," he mused.

Terry first joined the American Legion while he was in Washington and today serves as director of the Legion Riders at the local Legion post, Chisholm-Landers Post 36l. "I knew I would stay active in the Legion when I moved here. I joined the Legion Riders in 2006 with my Harley Sportster 883. I have owned several bikes since. Now I have a 2001 Can-Am Spyder, because that's what my bride will ride with me. She never rode with me on the Harleys. There is something comforting about having three wheels on the ground instead of just two!" Today Terry's wife, Laurell, is active in the Riders, serving as secretary. She and







Terry have a blended family of five children, ages 16-36.

Membership in the Legion Riders is encouraged, and the only requirements are that you are a member of the American Legion family, which includes the Sons of The American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary. Members must have a bike capable of highway speeds. The primary emphasis for members is that they have the desire to serve others.

The American Legion website indicates, "American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans' homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in the American Legion Legacy Run to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since September 11, 2001."







The local organization has been active in the community. "Last year, we participated in the Fourth of July Parade in Waxahachie. You have probably seen us riding in the Ellis County Toy Run during the Christmas Season, as we join other motorcycle clubs, such as The Gryphons, bringing toys from Mansfield

to the SPJST in Ennis. Last year, over 700 bikes from several surrounding counties participated," Terry continued. "We build camaraderie with other Legion Riders with our Capture the Plaque program. We also raise money for local scholarships through raffles. We have traveled as far as Louisiana delivering funds to a veteran's group that makes walking sticks for disabled vets."

A couple of other members of the group go back to 2010 when the current Legion Riders restarted after a period when the local chapter had been inactive. Larry Fincher was the first director, and Jimmy Doherty recalled getting involved back then. "I served in the Marine Corps from 1976 to 1980. but I was familiar with the Legion when I was growing up here because my dad was a member," he reflected. His tours took him to ports in similar regions to the ones Terry visited, including Okinawa, Japan.

Larry Fincher is a Vietnam veteran who has been active in the Legion for many years. In addition to his service with the Legion Riders, Larry

is known for being chairman of the committee that completed the dream of Ennis Veterans Memorial Park. "I had been going on Harley Davidson motorcycle rides all over the country, and I had seen a lot of memorials," he remembered. "There were many people involved in that project, most of them are listed on the plaque at the park."

Jimmy mentioned a couple of other projects the Legion Riders have been involved in, including escorting the replica Vietnam Veterans Memorial to Ennis. The replica is a three-quarter scale replica of the Memorial in Washington, D.C. They also escorted the statue of veteran Chris Kyle from Mesquite to Waxahachie.

Ennis has an active presence of veterans, and while their tours of active duty may be behind them, many of them continue to serve their brothers and sisters through related organizations, such as The American Legion Riders. They are worthy of our support this Veterans Day and every day. Join in celebrating with them at Ennis Veterans Park. Thank them for their service. NOW



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Manager Jose Perez speaks with obvious pride in the food and service offered at Señor Crab since the restaurant opened in March of 2023. "Señor Crab is a spin off of another local restaurant, the popular El Mexicano Grill, It was Gabriel Huerta's idea to open a unique seafood restaurant," Jose mentioned. "I am glad I got to be involved in setting up this new business in Ennis.

"Our customers notice the difference as soon as they walk in and see our menu. There is nothing like this in Ennis, Waxahachie or Corsicana. You would have to go to Dallas to find a restaurant similar to our style. The majority of the recipes will only be found at Señor Crab, and our customers have really bought into the family dynamic we offer. We have large tables and a children's play area. Our goal is to be as family friendly as possible."

The menu offers something for everyone, including the seafood dishes, but also includes chicken, steak, pasta and salads. Kids can choose burgers, chicken tenders, pizza or a catfish basket.

"I have to admit that I was originally not too fond of the playground equipment idea, but it is really a big hit," Jose continued. "We found that families come back because they enjoy the food, and also because their kids want to

Señor Crab offers daily specials, and Jose is pleased to

point out they are flexible about the days. "If a customer comes in on Wednesday and wants to order the menu special for Monday, we are pleased to make that happen. We are also happy to work with special dietary needs.

"OUR CUSTOMERS NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE AS SOON AS THEY WALK IN AND SEE OUR MENU."

"We are also happy to offer the most varied selection of any bar in Ennis or Waxahachie," Jose continued. "We offer specialty drinks, a couple of our most popular are our Very Berry and our Mangonada Margarita. We offer domestic and Mexican beer. and there is a big selection on tap. We also offer a good selection of Texas liquors, and we offer wines from Sugar Ridge Winery. We have drink specials, and Mondays we offer draft beer for \$2.99. On Tuesdays, every bottled beer is just \$2.50."

The restaurant welcomes the opportunity to host birthday parties, anniversaries and corporate outings. "Originally, we did not offer reservations, but now we can accept reservations for couples and parties. We have had customers reserve the whole restaurant," Jose recalled.

Take a look at Señor Crab's Facebook page for some of their daily specials and special events. One of the popular specials is typical tailgate food combined with football on the TV over the bar.

"Our most popular menu item would probably be either the Seafood Boil or Camarones Cucaracha, which is shrimp tossed in our special garlic lime sauce. It is a spicy-savory appetizer. We also feature fresh oysters on the half-shell.

"The No. 1 thing I want to emphasize is that we want people to come check us out to see what we have to offer," Jose said. "We have a clean, inviting atmosphere, a friendly staff and great food. We have some very satisfied customers. One lady stops in from Garland every time she drives to Fairfield to visit her family. Another comes by as she travels from Oklahoma on the way to Corsicana. They say they can't find food like ours anywhere else along the way. So, come visit us, and bring the family!" NOW





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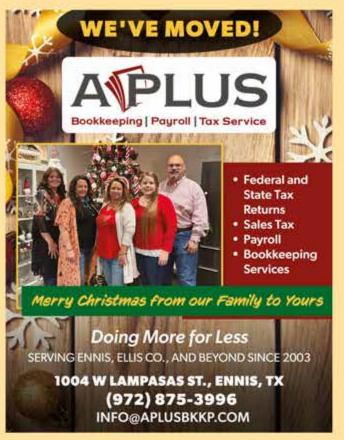
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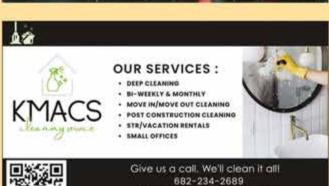
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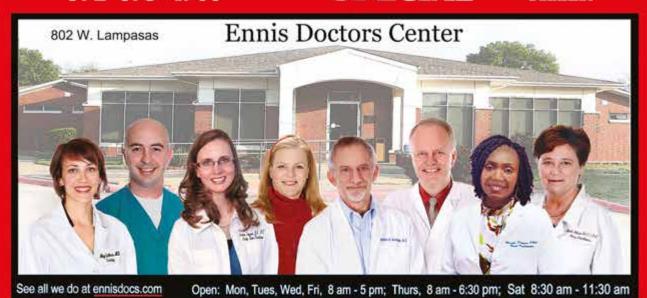
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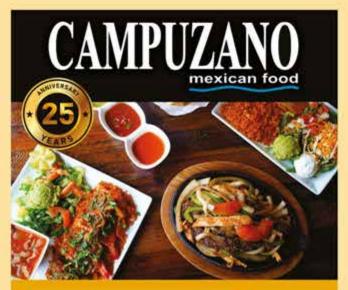


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Around Town



Darla Gardiner speaks to Lions about Wonderfully Made Therapies.

Zoomed In: Sara Erwin and Jerry D. Morgan

Sara Erwin described the fundraising effort to purchase the new organ at the First Presbyterian Church as an amazing, humbling experience. "Our prior organist was Kay Cathy, and one of her last wishes was that the church acquire a new organ. People were so generous to give. We far exceeded our goal, and it has allowed us to have free organ concerts for the community."

The church's current organist, Jerry D. Morgan, took to the organ at age 12 after taking piano lessons for seven years. "My piano teacher had an old organ in the room where I practiced piano, and I could not wait to get my hands on it." he recalled.

Noted organist Michael Conrady will perform a Christian organ concert at the church at 2:00 p.m. on December 8. The concert is free for the public, but please call Sara for a reservation at (214) 850-4037.



Robert Burnett speaks at the Men's Breakfast at The Road.



Local firemen participate in the Preparedness Fair and Family Day downtown.



Kids and adults enjoy their time at Make It at the Market.

By Bill Smith



Rick Moritz displays his pies for the dessert judging at the barbecue cook-off.



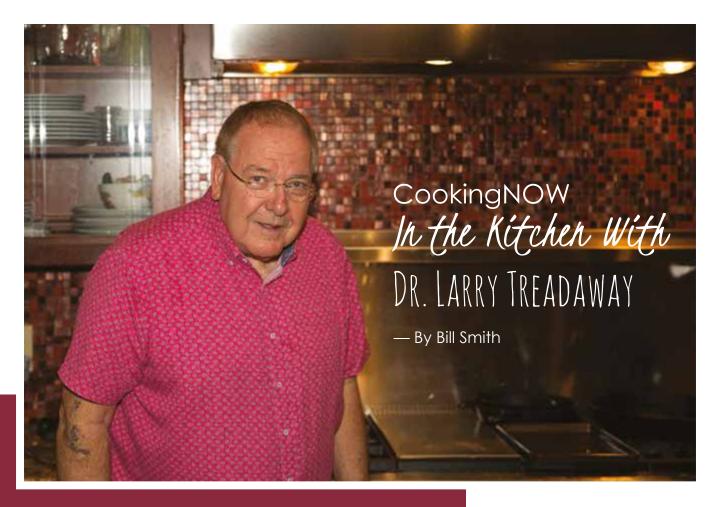
Professor Pop entertains kids at Mornings at Minnie.



Cheerleader Paighton Trojacek leads cheers for the Lions with her parents.







Larry Treadaway looks back as far as the third grade to find the origin of his love for cooking. "Mrs. Garth was my teacher, and she gave every student a copy of *My First Cookbook*, originally published by the Imperial Sugar Company in 1959. It was to teach us the table of measurements and how to convert things like ounces to cups and cups to pints and so on. We also learned cooking terms like bake, blend, broil, cream and fold." The little book is a treasure today.

Dr. Treadaway recognizes that cooking is a combination of chemistry and physics. He learned some basics from the simple, elementary-level book and now enjoys preparing a few recipes that his children delight in. Now

Blue Cheese Kettle Chips

- I cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- I cup blue cheese, crumbled
- I medium bag sturdy potato chips (I like Cape Cod.)

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste A few green onions, blades and roots, chopped

- **I.** Turn your oven to broil.
- **2.** Heat the cream, milk and blue cheese in a saucepan over low heat until the blue cheese just dissolves.
- **3.** Spread the potato chips out on a lipped sheet pan. Line it with parchment paper or a silicone mat to help with cleanup later.

- **4.** Pour the cheese mixture over the potato chips. Sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper; broil in the oven until the sauce is bubbly and bronzed in parts. Top with green onions.
- 5. Serve alongside napkins!

Simple Salisbury Steak

Patties:

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1/3 cup breadcrumbs (Panko regular)
- 2 tsp. ketchup
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. mustard
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder

Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste I Tbsp. olive oil

Gravy:

- 2 pkts. brown gravy mix
 2 cups hot water
 1 medium onion, cut in rings
 1 8-oz. pkg. mushrooms
 1 tsp. ketchup
 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- **1.** For patties: Combine all the patty ingredients, except the olive oil, in a large bowl; massage with your hands until the ingredients are incorporated.
- **2.** Pat out 8 equal patties 1/2 to 1/4 inches thick.
- **3.** Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat.
- **4.** Cook the patties on both sides until no longer pink, about 5 minutes on each side.
- **5.** Transfer the patties to a plate. Pour off the excess grease.
- **6.** For gravy: Reduce the temperature to low. **7.** Whisk together the gravy mix and water until well blended.
- 8. Add the onions and mushrooms.
- **9.** Whisk in the ketchup and Worcestershire.
- **10.** Add the patties to the skillet; allow to simmer until the gravy warms and thickens.

Kinkade Chocolate Pie

By Stacey Martinek.

- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 sticks oleo, melted
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup flour
- I small can evaporated milk
- 1 Tbsp. cocoa
- 2 uncooked piecrusts
- **I.** Preheat the oven to 350 F.
- **2.** Mix the first 6 ingredients; pour into the uncooked piecrusts.
- 3. Bake for 30 minutes.
- **4.** Note: No, there is no egg in this recipe. This makes for an ooey gooey fudge pie.

Always Creamy Fudge

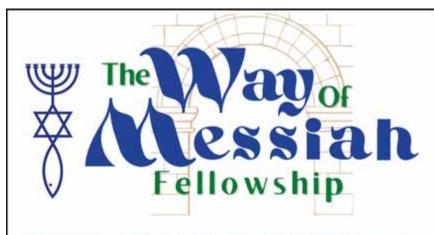
This recipe is from My First Cookbook.

4 cups Imperial Granulated Sugar 1 14.5-oz. can evaporated milk 1/4 lb. (1 stick) butter or margarine 1/8 tsp. salt

2 6-oz. pkgs. semisweet chocolate bits 1 pt. marshmallow cream

- 1 cup pecans
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- **1.** Combine the Imperial Granulated Sugar, evaporated milk, butter and salt in a saucepan.
- **2.** Cook over medium heat, stirring until the mixture begins to boil.
- **3.** Butter the sides and bottom of a large pan.
- 4. Continue cooking until it reaches the soft-ball stage. Test by letting the candy drop from a spoon into a cup of cold water. Ask mother to show you how. If it holds its shape when you take it from the water, the candy is at the soft-ball stage.
- 5. Remove it from the heat. Add the chocolate bits, marshmallow cream, pecans and vanilla.
- **6.** Pour the mixture into the buttered pan. Cool and cut.
- **7.** Hint: If you use a candy thermometer, the soft-ball stage is at 238 F.





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Consider These Year-end Financial Moves

As we enter the holiday season, your life may well become busier. Still, you might want to take the time to consider some financial moves before we turn the calendar to 2025.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Review your investment portfolio. As you look at your portfolio, ask these questions: Has its performance met my expectations this year? Does it still reflect my goals, risk tolerance and time horizon? Do I need to rebalance? You might find that working with a financial professional can help you answer these and other questions you may have about your investments.
- · Add to your 401(k) and HSA. If you can afford it, and your employer allows it, consider putting more money into your 401(k) before the year ends including "catch-up" contributions if you're 50 or older. You might also want to add to your health savings account (HSA) by the tax-filing deadline in April.
- · Use your FSA dollars. Unlike an HSA, a flexible spending account (FSA) works on a "use-it-or-lose-it" basis, meaning you lose any unspent funds at the end of the year. So, if you still have funds left in your account, try to use them up in 2024. (Employers may grant a 2 1/2-month extension, so check with your human resources area to see if this is the case where you work.)
 - · Contribute to a 529 plan. If you haven't opened a 529 education

- savings plan for your children, think about doing so this year. With a 529 plan, your earnings can grow tax deferred, and your withdrawals are federally tax free when used for qualified education expenses tuition, fees, books and so on. And if you invest in your own state's 529 plan, you might be able to deduct your contributions from your state income tax or receive a state tax credit.
- Build your emergency fund. It's generally a good idea to keep up to six months' worth of living expenses in an emergency fund, with the money held in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund in place, you might be forced to dip into your retirement funds to pay for short-term needs, such as a major car or home repair.
- Review your estate plans. If you've experienced any changes in your family situation this year, such as marriage, remarriage or the birth of a child, you may want to update your estate-planning documents to reflect your new situation. It's also important to look at the beneficiary designations on your investment accounts, retirement plans, IRAs and insurance policies, as these designations can sometimes even supersede the instructions you've left in your will. And if you haven't started estate planning, there's no time like the present.
- Take your RMDs. If you're 73 or older, you will likely need to take withdrawals called required minimum distributions, or RMDs from some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA. If you don't take these withdrawals each year, you could be subject to penalties.

These aren't the only moves you can make, but they may prove helpful not only for 2024 but in the years to come.

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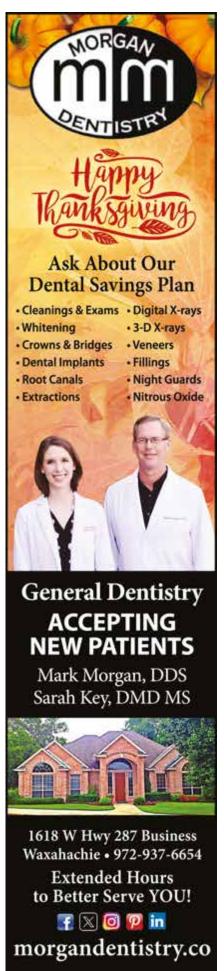
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- 2 Museum employee
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- 5 Boiler
- 6 "And gentlemen in England now --
 - (Shakespeare, "Henry V")

- 7 That's my boy
- 8 Temporary
- 9 Divest
- 14 The United Kingdom's Delta Force equivalent
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- 19 Bring back into use
- 21 Impair
- 22 Ask for a loan
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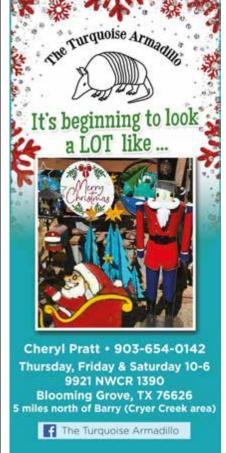
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11/1-11/3

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11/2

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11/7

Greater Ennis Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards:

Awards will be given to Business of the Year Over 15 Employees, Business of the Year Under 15 Employees and Business of the Year Nonprofit. 5:30-7:00 p.m., the Bluebonnet Room at the Welcome Center, 201 NW Main Street. For details or to register, visit www.ennis-chamber.com or email jennifer@ennis-chamber. com. (972) 878-2625.

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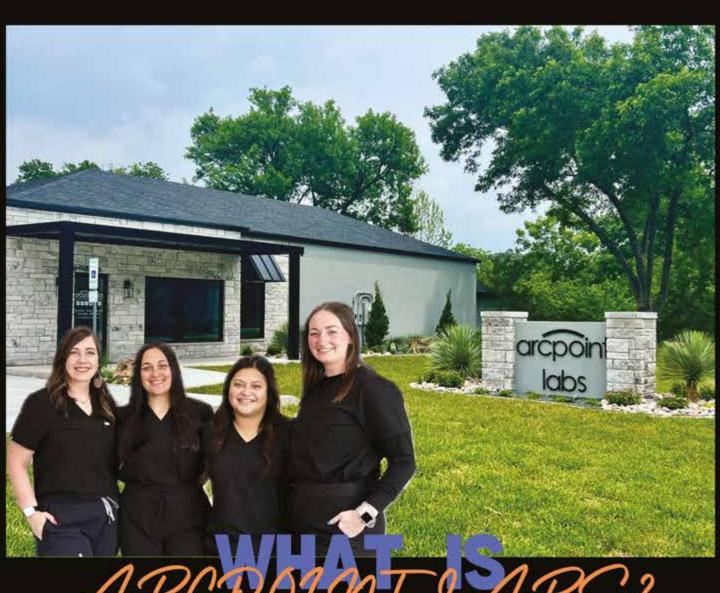
Veterans Day Program: 11:00 a.m., Veterans Memorial Park, 2301 Ennis Parkway.

Greater Ennis Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic:

New Date! Individual players: \$185; sponsor opportunities at various levels. Check-in begins: 11:30 a.m.; shotgun start: 1:00 p.m., Old Brickyards Golf Course, 605 North Interstate 45, Ferris. To register, email gwilliams@ ennis-chamber.com or visit www. ennis-chamber.com.

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