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EDITOR'S NOTE

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Holiday traditions. Most families have them. Whether it be reading *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* bundled up in front of the hearth of a cozy fireplace, lighting the Hanukkah menorah or inviting friends over for a tasty cookie exchange, traditions evoke a sense of familiarity to what can often become a hectic time of year.

Instead of worrying about all of the things that must get done during the holiday season, make a to-do list and check off the most important task at hand. One by one, the jobs will be completed, and you might just find a little time to sit back, relax and enjoy yourself throughout this busy time of year.

I have always been a "to-do list" type of person. I find it is easier to organize my responsibilities if they are written down for me to see and prioritize. I might have a couple of lists going at the same time, but I always complete the task at hand with quality work.

When your to-do list gets long, you might contemplate using the Time Management Matrix from Stephen R. Covey's book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. The four quadrants of the matrix include tasks that are urgent and important, not urgent and important, urgent and not important and finally, not urgent and not important. Using this tool can organize tasks for completion in an understandable and orderly fashion.

Life might feel overwhelming on occasion, but simplifying and prioritizing all that must be done will eventually become habit, eradicating stress and providing opportunities for more productivity.

Enjoy the holidays!

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AT HOME WITH AUSTIN AND BRANDI DORAN

— By Amber D. Browne





A single strand of white lights brightens the roofline of a recent addition to a historical district neighborhood in Downtown Weatherford. A gold sleigh enhanced with holiday wreaths rests beneath mature oak trees, two of which are lovingly referred to as Mr. and Mrs. Gnarly by the Doran family, who broke ground on their custom-built home in 2021. With an eye for detail and design, Brandi Doran first sketched their family home on her notepad, and in 2022, her vision became reality.

"All this came from my imagination," she shared. Brandi, her husband, Austin, and their daughter, Aubrie, had outgrown a small house on the corner lot, which sits next door to the home of Brandi's grandparents, Terry and Judy Hughes. Brandi wanted something new, and the next step for her family was to build. She got to work, using her passion for design to envision a neoclassical home. "It's something new, but it also fits into the neighborhood," she said.

Brandi has enjoyed designing and decorating since childhood, and that passion remains today. When she is not working as a curriculum writer in education, she shares interior design tricks and tips as Weatherford Woman on Instagram.

Their home features rich paint colors in several rooms. The walls, ceiling and trim are painted the same color for a seamless transition. "It elevates the height of the room," Brandi explained. "I wasn't afraid to be colorful. I wanted to do something different because the main part of the house is white."

At Christmastime, Brandi decorates with colors of white and gold, but she also incorporates a different deep, dark color each year, such as copper or blue. "You don't have to do the same thing every year," she said.

The expansive kitchen island is a focal point for the family as there is no formal dining room. "We all sit here and do homework, eat, talk and hang out," she shared. A family of three gold reindeer brightens the island, where the Dorans dry grapefruit to hang on twine as garland. "It smells amazing!"

A walk-in pantry of custom cabinets with no doors or drawers is organized with wicker baskets. Weathered books, China and vintage cameras collected by Brandi and her late mother-in-law are strategically placed to decorate the space. The laundry room includes a shower often used to wash the family's adopted dogs, Luna and Nala, as well as Aubrie's muddy soccer shoes following an afternoon practice. The living room is where they spend most evenings watching family movies. One wall boasts a trim-framed wallpaper mural of Venice, Italy, emphasized by uplighting.



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Aubrie claims the upstairs quarters. The 10-year-old's love of drawing is apparent with her dragon artwork displayed throughout the room. Her nutcracker-themed Christmas tree is tall and thin and features the Land of Sweets ornaments of cupcakes, popsicles and lollipops. A collection of nutcrackers evokes memories of the family's annual viewing of *The Nutcracker* performance at Bass Performance Hall.

Christmastime is special for Brandi as December is also her birth month. "We love Christmas," she shared. "My birthday is exactly a week before Christmas, and you're not allowed to give me birthday presents on Christmas. That's a no-no," she laughed.

"It's our favorite time of the year, especially now that we have the home, get to entertain and be around the family," Austin said. "We have friends and family who come over all the time. That's one of the main reasons we built this is to be able to do that."

During the holidays, the Dorans participate in family traditions. "I like to go around and see the Christmas lights in people's yards. We make hot cocoa," Aubrie shared. They make a batch of Christmas candy mix with cereal, M&Ms, pretzels and powdered sugar to gift to friends and family. "Another Christmas tradition is that we always open a present on Christmas Eve," Aubrie said.

Games are a go-to at family holiday parties. Mr. Left and Mrs. Right is a favorite to be played and includes family members passing a gift to the left or right depending on which word is said in a poem. Another game is tossing Christmas cards into a basket, and each year, they participate in a White Elephant gift exchange. Each Christmas Eve, a new game is





introduced by Brandi's Grams, including last year's pick of trying to open gifts with oven mittens.

"This past Christmas was our first time to host Christmas Eve at our place with everybody, with my side and her side, and we did all those fun things," Austin shared. "It's a new way to start a tradition, start our own Christmas Eve here and have some fun, play some games and enjoy ourselves. That's the best part of the build — having the parties now and getting to entertain."

Christmas morning continues family traditions. After opening gifts, they host a come-and-go family breakfast with a buffet of food — croissants, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, bacon and fruit trays. "Nothing super fancy because we want to spend time together," Brandi said.

Brandi and Austin have lived in Weatherford for about a decade. They met in Granbury, where their parents worked in education, and married 12 years ago. After moving around the state as a young married couple for Austin's work in surveying in the oil and gas industry, they moved to Parker County to raise Aubrie. "I think the neighborhood really takes pride in their homes and in their community, and that's something we've always wanted because we moved around to these big cities. Weatherford still has that history behind it, but there are many young families," Brandi said.

As Aubrie continues her education in Weatherford, the Dorans want their home to be a haven for friends and family. "We want it to be open and welcome to everybody as she grows. She's going to have so many memories here. Those Thanksgivings and Christmases and all the things. Our home is not just a box of air," Brandi said. "It's holding so much more than that." **NOW**

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A staple in the Weatherford community since 1999, Montana Restaurant continues to offer area residents and visitors an array of menu items in a welcoming atmosphere. “We try to give great service and good food at a very reasonable price,” said Mike Ballow, president of Montana Restaurant Weatherford, Inc.



The Montana Restaurant menu boasts fan-favorites of hamburgers and hand-battered chicken strips and chicken fried steak. Diners can also savor sandwiches, salads, wraps and other entrees. Montana Platters feature options of ribeye and catfish. The Blue Plate Specials include smaller portions of most Montana Platters, as well as other options. Other meal selections include South of the Border items such as nachos, plus kids’ meals for the younger crowd. For guests wanting a to-go option, they can call in an order for pickup or order through DoorDash.

The same menu is served at Montana Restaurant in Stephenville, which opened in 1992. Mike and his late business partner, brother-in-law and best friend, David Watkins, had a difficult time getting the liquor license for the Stephenville location at first. They thought they might be one of the last businesses to receive the license and compared themselves to the state of Montana, or the Last Frontier. Hence, the name Montana Restaurant. “In 1992,

it was a big deal. Now, everybody has it at almost every location in every town. Times changed.”

They opened a second Montana Restaurant location in Granbury in 1995 before opening the Weatherford spot several years later. They also owned a restaurant in Graham, but both the Granbury and Graham locations have since closed. “Weatherford has grown by leaps and bounds,” Mike said. “We’ve been fortunate.”

If it is a good deal diners are looking for, Montana Restaurant has a few. Half-priced appetizers are offered for dine-in only from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays-Fridays. Drink specials from the full bar are available during Happy Hour from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays-Fridays. Weatherford College students and staff get a 15 percent discount with a school ID, and senior citizens ages 65 and older can receive a discount of 15 percent off full-priced entrees. “Most customers are looking for a deal,” Mike shared. “We just feel like that’s what customers want, so if that’s what they want, that’s what we’re going to give them.”

Although price increases on menu items recently went into effect, Mike shared that it was necessary due to profit losses over the past few years. “We did a price increase we should have done over a year ago. We try to keep our prices at a reasonable cost. We love our customers.”

Montana Restaurant features an outdoor patio, as well as The Board Room, which was originally an open-air patio that has since been enclosed. The Board Room can be reserved for parties of up to 40 people. There is no charge to reserve the room. Seating in the main dining area is first come, first served. Even Mike adds his name to the list when visiting the restaurant. “I’m waiting my turn.”

Montana Restaurant in Weatherford is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. “Montana Restaurants would like to say thank you to all of our great customers for their patronage for these past 25 years and an even bigger thank you to all of our kitchen employees, wait staff and managers.” **NOW**



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Zoomed In:
Clara Whisenant

By Amber D. Browne

Lifetime Parker County resident Clara Whisenant celebrated her 102nd birthday in October. She has been a resident at College Park Rehabilitation for the past 12 years. “This is my home,” Clara shared. “They had a big party here for me on my birthday, then my family had a big party for me. I’m just birthdayed out.” Clara often spends time with her daughter, Marlene Hoover, who also lives at College Park, and enjoys the company of others throughout the day. “I can visit with my friends here and roll around to see what’s going on.” As for tips to live a long and healthy life, Clara suggests that people clean up their way of living and have faith in God. “He’s there for all of us.”



Austin Elementary students cast their ballots for Duck or Farmer Brown for president while learning about the election process.



Griffynn and Kieora Lindbeck enjoy meeting Onyx and Bravo at Equines for the Front Lines’ Open House.



The Weatherford College softball program retires the No. 4 jersey of former player Bethany Allen, who passed earlier this year after battling brain cancer.



Congressman Roger Williams presents a flag in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Doss to her family at a recent event at TexasBank.



The Weatherford Art Association announces the October Artist of the Month winners — Marla Sheft, 1st, Jerry Shidal, 2nd, and Barbara Carey, 3rd.



Local businesses gather at the Parker County Chamber of Commerce’s recent event, Sip & Socialize After Dark, which was sponsored by Baker’s Ribs.



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CookingNOW *In the Kitchen With* LEAH FORBES

— By Amber D. Browne



With a rich family heritage influenced by Korean and Italian ancestors, Parker County resident Leah Forbes loves to share her culture with friends and family by way of cooking. “I strive to expose my son to his cultural roots through food, and we love to explore various cuisines,” Leah shared. “It’s both a creative outlet and a form of therapy.”

After undergoing a partial thyroidectomy about two years ago, Leah is more conscious of what her family eats and focuses on simple, fresh and healthy ingredients. “I also love teaching my friends quick and healthy recipes influenced by my health-conscious approach.”

Her love language? Cooking and hosting dinner parties. “It’s been a pleasure to share our cultural heritage through food with both my son and new friends.” **NOW**

Steamed Mussels With Lemon Butter and Leeks

2 lbs. mussels
1/4 cup salt
1 leek
2 lemons (divided use)
2 Tbsp. butter
6-8 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. black pepper
1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
1/4 cup white wine
1/4 cup water
Parsley, chopped (optional)

1. Soak the mussels in cold water with 1/4 cup salt for about 30 minutes. Scrub the mussels under cold running water; remove any seaweed or barnacles from the shells.

Discard any mussels that are open and do not close when tapped.

2. Slice the leek into thin rings. Cut one lemon in half; set aside. In a large pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the leeks and garlic; sauté until softened, about 5 minutes. Season with salt, black pepper and red pepper flakes. Squeeze in the juice of the cut lemon.

3. Add the mussels to the pot. Add the white wine and water; stir to combine. Cover with a lid; steam the mussels over medium-high heat. Stir occasionally, about 5-7 minutes, until the shells open. Discard any mussels that do not open.

4. Transfer the mussels to a serving bowl or serve directly from the pot. Cut the remaining lemon into wedges and serve alongside. Garnish with chopped parsley, if desired. Serve with toasted French bread.

Bulgogi Beef

1/2 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup sesame oil
1/2 cup water

- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tbsp. ginger, minced
- 4 Tbsp. rice wine or mirin
- 1 cup Asian pear, shredded or 1 cup pear juice
- 1/2 cup onion, shredded
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1/4 tsp. Korean Gochugaru Chili Flakes (optional)
- 2 green onions, chopped (optional)
- 2 lbs. beef (ribeye, tenderloin or sirloin)

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together the soy sauce and the next 3 ingredients until the sugar dissolves. Stir in the garlic and the next 4 ingredients. Add the black pepper, red pepper flakes, Korean Gochugaru Chili Flakes and green onions, if desired. Mix well.
2. Thinly slice the beef. Pour the marinade over the beef; marinate in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes or overnight.
3. Heat a pan over medium heat; cook the marinated beef according to your preference. Serve with white rice.

Asian Cucumber Salad

- 2 large cucumbers, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 Tbsp. honey
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 1/4 tsp. Korean Gochugaru Chili Flakes (optional)
- 1 Tbsp. sesame seeds
- 1-2 dashes sesame oil (optional)

1. Place the cucumber slices in a colander; sprinkle with salt. Let sit for about 10 minutes to draw out excess moisture. Pat the cucumbers dry with paper towels.
2. In a medium bowl, combine the rice vinegar, garlic and honey. Stir in the red pepper flakes and Gochugaru, if desired. Add the sesame seeds and sesame oil, if desired.
3. Add the cucumber slices to the dressing; toss to coat. Let the salad sit for about 10 minutes to allow the flavors to meld. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Shrimp-Stuffed Mushrooms

- 1 8-oz. carton white whole mushrooms
- 1 shallot
- 1/4 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil or butter
- 1/2 cup Italian breadcrumbs
- 1/4 tsp. salt
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Bulgogi Beef

1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
1/4 tsp. onion powder
Cheese of your choice, shredded, to taste

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Remove the stems from the mushroom caps; arrange the caps on a baking sheet. Finely chop the mushroom stems, shallot, shrimp and garlic cloves.
2. In a skillet, heat the olive oil or butter over medium heat. Add the chopped mixture; sauté until the shrimp is cooked through, about 5 minutes.
3. Stir in the Italian breadcrumbs; cook about 2 minutes. Season with salt and the

next 4 ingredients; remove from heat.
4. Stuff each mushroom cap with the shrimp mixture. Top with cheese of your choice. Bake at 375 F for 25 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and lightly browned.

Whipped Ricotta With Honey and Nuts

1 cup ricotta cheese
2 Tbsp. honey, plus extra for drizzling
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract (optional)
4 slices French bread
1 Tbsp. olive oil

1/4 cup walnuts, almonds or pistachios, chopped
Pinch of salt (optional)

1. In a medium bowl, combine the ricotta cheese and honey. Add vanilla for extra flavor, if desired. Use a hand mixer or a whisk to whip the mixture until smooth and creamy. Adjust sweetness with more honey, if desired.
2. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Brush both sides of the French bread slices with olive oil. Place the bread slices on a baking sheet; toast in the oven for 4-5 minutes, or until golden brown and crispy. While the bread is toasting, lightly toast the chopped nuts in a dry skillet over medium heat for extra flavor.
3. Spread the whipped ricotta mixture onto the toasted French bread slices. Drizzle with extra honey and sprinkle with the chopped nuts. Add a pinch of salt, if desired.

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A Leisurely Ride THROUGH HISTORY

— By Bill Smith

The No. 1 attraction for driving along the Natchez Trace Parkway is probably just being able to slow down and enjoy the relaxation that is inherent in the trip. This is a place where “the destination might truly be the journey.” Meandering over 400 miles across Mississippi, a brief pass through just a corner of Alabama and concluding in Tennessee, there may be no better way to experience the natural beauty of these Southern states than a drive along the parkway.

Automobile travel is not the only way to traverse the Natchez Trace Parkway, as each year thousands of cyclists ride part or all of the route. In addition, there are numerous hiking and equestrian trails along the way. As part of the National Park Service, there are camping and picnic sites to enjoy. NPS Interactive Park Ranger Kristen Maxfield said in an introductory video, “The Natchez Trace Parkway is really made for recreation. You can enjoy the natural beauty at a slower pace.”

There are a number of historically significant attractions along the parkway. About halfway through Mississippi

is the Colonel James Drane House. Constructed about 1847, it was once the home of one of the earliest settlers of Choctaw County, Mississippi. The home has been considered a treasure of early antebellum architecture, featuring a dog run on the lower floor. The home was moved near the Natchez Trace Parkway in 1981 and now serves as a museum overseen by the French Camp Academy. The restoration of the house was overseen by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

There are several Indian mounds along the parkway, and the Bear Creek Mound and Village Site is farther northeast about 45 miles from Tupelo, Mississippi, near the Alabama state line. Dating back about 1,000 years, the mound was used for either Indian ceremonies or was perhaps the site of the home of one of the prominent leaders of the Indians who were settled in the area. Prior to its acquisition by the National Park Service, landowners and farmers had lowered the height of the mound as a result of their plowing. After it was excavated by archeologists in 1965, the mound was built back to its estimated original width and height of 85 feet across and 8 feet high. Additional Mounds are located along the Natchez Trace Parkway, including the Emerald, Pharr, Bynum and Boyd Mounds.

Cave Spring is another site worthy of a stop along the beautiful parkway, and it is not far from Bear Creek Mound. Considered a sacred American Indian site, Cave Spring is likely a place where the Indians who built Bear Creek Mound drew water. It is a limestone cave with a wide and impressive opening, but entry is prohibited by the National Park Service,




and the water is no longer considered potable. However, a visit to the cave is a must when one is in the area, as it is a beautiful place, and caves in Mississippi are certainly rare. A nature trail leads to the entrance of the cave, and it is nicely paved for a pleasant hike.

Natchez Trace Parkway is a road trip worth taking, whether you plan to stop along the way to take an in-depth look at the history of the area, or your plan is just a leisurely drive in the country. Follow the links below for more information about these sites, as well as links to the many additional sites along the way. It is a trip through time you are sure to enjoy! **NOW**

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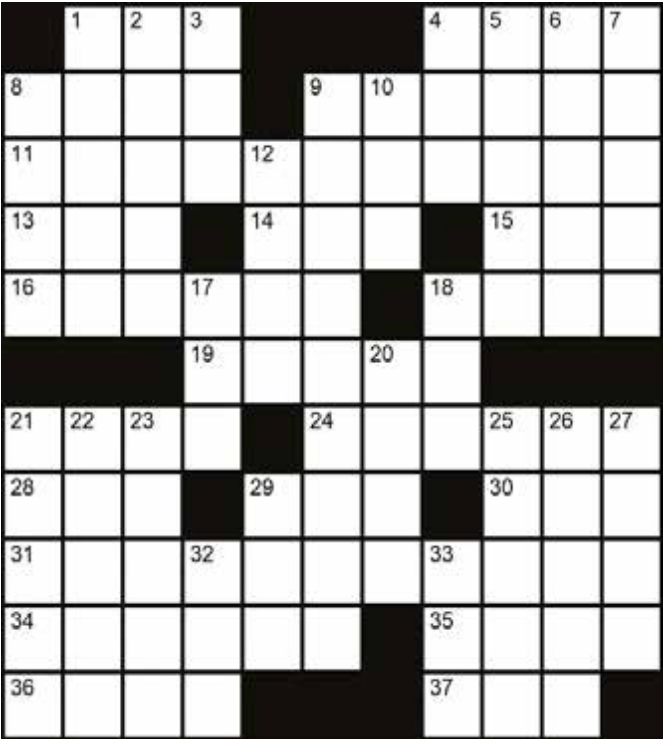
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12/6

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This holiday event includes train rides, stage performances, vendors and more. Free. 5:30-8:30 p.m., Gene L. Voyles Park, 210 Hudson Oaks Dr., Hudson Oaks. hudsonoaks.com.

12/6-1/5

Christmas Tyme in Aledo On Ice:

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12/7

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Kick off the Christmas holiday season. Vendors: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; parade: 6:30 p.m., 401 Fort Worth Hwy. experienceweatherford.com.

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Shop unique gifts from dozens of artisans and vendors. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Church at the Crossing Gymnasium, 128 Elm St., Aledo. aledotx.gov.

Christmas Tyme in Aledo:

Enjoy attractions with holiday food, fun, vendors and entertainment. 5:00-9:00 p.m., Downtown Aledo. aledotx.gov.

12/7-12/8

The Enduring Word Museum:

View this free exhibit featuring authentic biblical artifacts. 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Weatherford College, Emerging Technologies and Workforce Building, 225 College Park Drive. theenduringword.org.

12/14

Santa Shoot and Chili Cookoff:

Enjoy chili and a shotgun shoot for a prize. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Texas Tactical Gun Range, 4104 Zion Hill Rd. To enter the cookoff or for details, email driggall723@gmail.com or visit texasheepdogs.com.

Christmas Vintage Car & RV Show:

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Christmas at the Castle:

View decorations during a free tour and shop vendors. 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Pythian Home, 1825 E. Bankhead Dr. pythianhome.org.

Candlelight Tour of Homes:

The Parker County Heritage Society returns with the 41st annual Tour of Homes. Visit historical locations where history comes to life. Tickets: \$20 for adults; \$12 for children 12 and under. 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. parkercountyheritagesociety.com.

Photos With Santa:

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Downtown Wassail Walk:

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12/16

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Through 12/21

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