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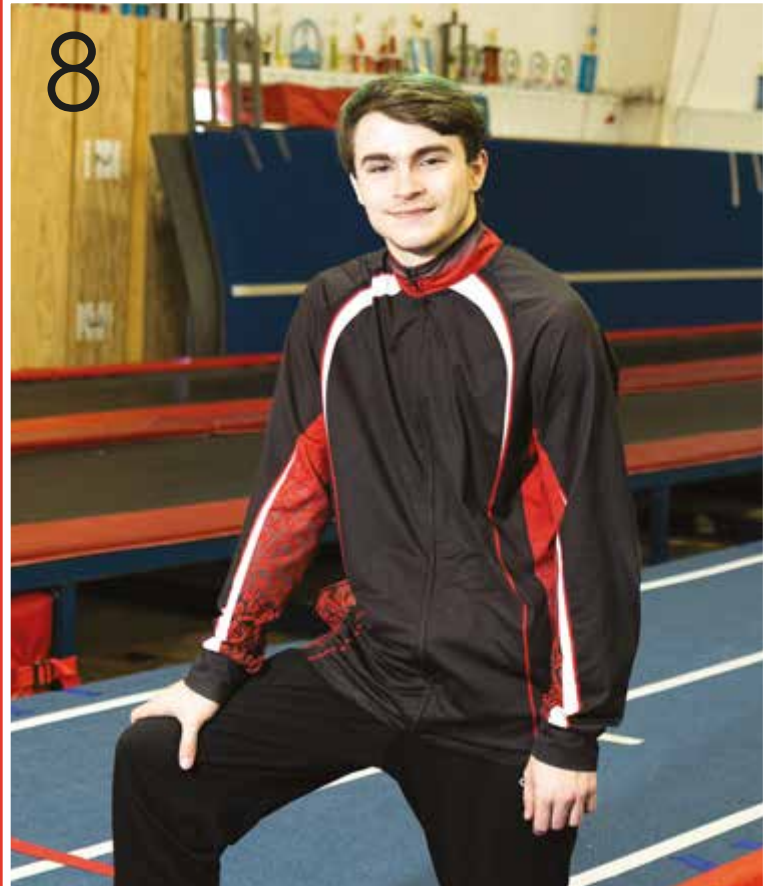
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Feeling mental?

I've been studying the term "cognitive labor," also known as "mental load," which refers to the invisible tasks of day-to-day living — nontangible activities associated with maintaining a family. For example, an ongoing awareness of what groceries you're low on, what chores need to be completed and which commitments fall on what days of the week; knowledge of particular foods your family prefers; making doctors' appointments and picking up prescriptions; planning celebrations and handling all they entail; scheduling the exterminator/plumber/handyman; and so on and so forth. Cognitive labor often involves anticipating what needs to happen and taking steps necessary to get those things done. These responsibilities are overwhelming in number if you take time to count them, but many of us do them on auto pilot and are surprised to be stressed and exhausted at day's end.

It has become habit to wake up, grab my phone and tick things off the to-do list before my feet even hit the floor. One morning, I had scheduled my car's 50,000-mile checkup online, voice mailed a tree service regarding annual trimming, messaged a repairman about our broken sprinkler system and agreed to a volunteer opportunity by email while it was still dark out — before getting my family and myself up and out the door for school and work. Later that day, I texted my husband about picking up our son from driver's ed and he replied, "When is the class? What's the address? How long will it take to get there?"

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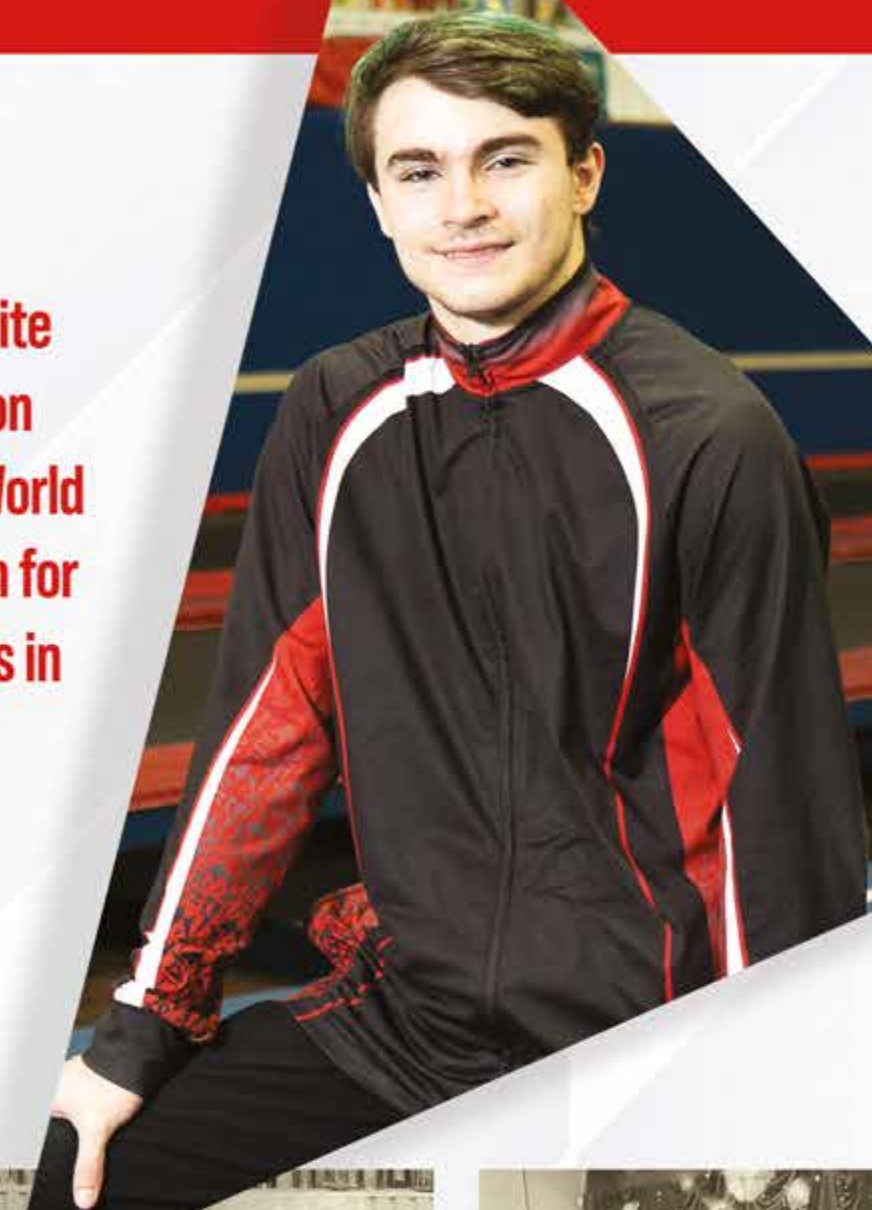
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SS GYMNAST

— By Sandra Walters

Local athlete Dylan McGuire's gymnastics adventure began when he was in preschool. On a weekly basis, his school took its students to Trevino's Gymnastics School in Lancaster, to have fun flipping around. Eventually, he started tumbling everywhere he went. "Dylan was doing one-handed cartwheels off of Nana's couch," Dylan's mother, Heidi McGuire, recalled.

Recognizing his gift, Dylan's parents decided to enroll him in tumbling. "At 8 1/2, I got dragged into it, somehow," Dylan mentioned with a mischievous smile.

Dylan remembers going to his first tumbling and trampoline session and being willing to attempt anything to impress the pretty, young female coach. However, not long after adjusting to her class, his squad

gained a new coach, Jesse Zamarripa.

Jesse noticed Dylan listened well and would take others' turns to tumble if they weren't paying attention or acted bashful. "He never slowed down," Jesse added. "He was little but muscular and strong for his age, and he wouldn't leave the gym. Dylan would stay as long as he could."

Dylan practically grew up on the trampoline and tumble track, and his talent is featured in a number of videos on Trevino Gymnastic School's website. "This sport helped him concentrate. He had previously struggled with ADHD, but this encouraged him to focus," Heidi explained.

Dylan's coach was also an encouragement, keenly aware when something was wrong with the young gymnast. "Long ago, I recall Dylan tumbling one day, but something wasn't quite right. He didn't move with the same enthusiasm as usual," Jesse remembered. "He walked off the tumble track after completing his tumbling exercise, and I asked, 'What's the matter?' 'Cuddles died,' Dylan said about his beloved pet, and he collapsed into my arms."

As young male gymnasts mature,





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some move on to more traditional sports in middle and high school. Dylan, however, only wanted to quit gymnastics when boys at his school began bullying him for participating in the less mainstream sport. Attending a local school became difficult, so Dylan's parents decided to homeschool him. As a result, he stuck with gymnastics and continued to succeed.

But the pursuit was not without setbacks. "Dylan has gone through a lot. I can still see him in the air when he flew off the trampoline at about two stories high, locked his heels and damaged his tailbone a few years ago," Heidi said. "It took him a while to get back on the trampoline. At the end of that year, he fractured his ankle, so he knew he was not invincible. He was a little traumatized after that."

Dylan now focuses on floor tumbling as an elite power tumbler who recently competed in the USA Gymnastics National Competition and Tumbling Competition in St. Louis, Missouri. He was named Open Elite Male National Champion and advanced to the World Age Group Competition for trampoline gymnastics in Baku, Azerbaijan, last November. "We haven't had anyone represent the gym at this international competition in 10 years. This is the closest thing to the Olympics in this sport," Dylan noted.

Dylan's dedication paid off, but it came with a price tag. "This has been a goal and dream of Dylan's that came to fruition, so we set out to raise about \$5,000 to cover the costs of travel and



expenses,” Heidi recalled. More than 20 friends and family members donated to a GoFundMe account to help make Dylan’s dream a reality. “We greatly appreciated not just the donations, but the prayers that helped make it happen.”

After the pandemic canceled competitions in 2020 and limited attendance at competitions in 2021, Dylan was only accompanied by American coaches at the WAG Competition. Without his parents and coaches by his side, he was grateful he’d become familiar with fellow competitors and coaches through the years.

While a number of supporters would have liked to have cheered Dylan on, COVID-19 restrictions meant they instead celebrated his accomplishments upon his return home. Ultimately, Dylan was .4 below eighth place and 4.7 points below first place at the November 27, 2021, competition.

“The experience was incredible. I had a great time and hope to have the honor of competing next year,” Dylan admitted.

Up next, he plans to compete in Senior Elite next season. “I’ll see where things go from there, but I plan to continue coaching at the gym and judging trampoline and tumbling meets for the foreseeable future,” Dylan predicted.

“Besides challenging myself to do my best in competitions, I most enjoy spending time and getting to know my teammates better,” Dylan, who celebrates his 20th birthday this year, continued. “Making lifelong friends with people who have gymnastics in common is rare to find.” **NOW**

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Creative CLASSROOM

— By Angel Morris

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“It makes me giddy to see how well students learn to decode, spell, read and comprehend when we focus on phonics and phonemic awareness instead of rote memorization,” Danielle said of the SoR approach. “Using this approach makes the magic happen!”

Currently teaching first grade, Danielle has used SoR the last few years. “SoR is a research-based philosophy focused on the ways our brains actually learn to read. My students were impacted so much by this, and it has ignited a flame inside of me to reach as many students as I can this way,” she noted.

Despite last year’s pandemic, Danielle’s students were reading on level and “loving every second of it,” she said, thanks to SoR. Teaching through that time and the aftermath was, and still is, a challenge. “A lot of my first grade students had never been in a typical school setting. They missed the most important piece of kindergarten, the hands-on instruction

of how to be a part of a school family. This is no fault of kindergarten teachers. They had to teach kids in isolation instead of in groups, where research shows they learn best at a young age,” Danielle expressed.

When she was young, Danielle attended Longbranch Elementary School, Midlothian Middle School (now Frank Seale Middle School) and graduated from Midlothian High School in 2007. She attended Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University-Commerce, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from A&M-Commerce. After graduation, she returned to Midlothian and completed her student teaching at Baxter. She taught two years in Keene ISD before joining MISD back at Baxter eight years ago. “I love working in the same district that I graduated from, and now my oldest son attends Baxter Elementary,” Danielle said.

Now in her 10th year in education, Danielle has taught kindergarten, first and second grade. “First grade is my favorite because they grow so much. Their reading skills flourish, and it is so fun to watch!” Danielle admitted.

Becoming better readers and writers benefits students in multiple ways. “Their confidence grows, and they become more independent. Last school year, right in the middle of the pandemic, I watched so many amazing breakthroughs happen with my students and their reading and spelling skills. It was amazing to see,” she reflected.

In her classroom, Danielle focuses on accountability and love. "My teaching philosophy is encouraging them to take responsibility for their own learning while incorporating their interests and challenging each child on their own level," she shared. "Students who know they are loved, cared for and are taught the power of yet — meaning that they might not be able to do everything right now, but they can with practice and a positive attitude — will have a lifetime of success."

And a lifetime is how long students remain her kids. "I have students who have gone to middle school and high school who still keep in touch with me. They are like an extension of my family!"

Danielle's own family includes husband, Shane, and sons, Kylar and Knox. Having children helps her relate to parents and the struggles they face raising children today. "Students work really hard during the school day, so parents don't need to drill and kill at night. Just having real-life conversations with your kids is important," she reminded.

"I also encourage parents to use everyday things like grocery shopping and driving to soccer as methods of teaching life skills. For instance, they can try to find common words at the grocery store that their child recognizes or find phonics chunks and syllables they know in words while driving to soccer practice. They can also count and work on basic math facts in the line at the drive-thru."

Known for coaching Baxter's Destination Imagination team, as well as sharing her creative methods of instruction with other teachers online, Danielle was given the 94.9 KLTY and CareNow "Your Life. Inspired. Teacher of the Month" in 2020.

"I love to share my creativity with others, and to coach kids toward finding their creativity and teamwork skills, too. I love getting to see the awesome things they create and do!" Danielle enthused. "The most important thing about being an educator is making an impact on lives. I love watching students blossom. Relationships matter."

Of course, the SoR activist couldn't resist reminding folks of one more lasting way to help children grow: "Read aloud to kids," she said, "and talk about what you read. Their love for reading and their comprehension will sky rocket." **NOW**


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Zoomed In: Bree-Anna Adams

By Angel Morris

Head drum major at Midlothian High School, senior Bree-Anna Adams, began playing the saxophone in sixth grade. Through the years, she's held first chair in band, earned Most Outstanding Woodwind, qualified for UIL State multiple times, been a section leader and served as band secretary, then band president. She's also proud of once winning a school art contest, as well as maintaining high grades. "My 3.7 GPA and my dedication to what I love most — music — are the things I'm most proud of," she admitted.

After graduation in May, Bree-Anna plans to study music education at the University of North Texas this fall. She said her ultimate goal is "to become a band director for MISD one day!"



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— By Angel Morris

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After more than a decade of intense neck pain, migraines and vertigo himself, Dr. Phillips of Precision Pain & Spine Center is sympathetic to clients and treats them with care. “While being treated by multiple doctors, I never experienced long-term results. This motivated me to find true healing for neck and head issues,” he said.

Medication and regular chiropractic care only masked Dr. Phillips’ pain, spinal decay and degeneration. Thus began his



mission to bring science and chiropractic care together with the most advanced form of technology available.

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A doctor of chiropractic with post-grad training in upper cervical (neck) care, Dr. Phillips has studied multiple upper cervical techniques, including Atlas Orthogonal, Advanced Orthogonal, EPIC, Orthospinology and HIO Toggle. He opened Precision Pain & Spine Center to bring the best of those techniques to Midlothian. "We love the hometown feel of Midlothian. We want to bring more treatment options to a growing community south of Dallas," Dr. Phillips admitted.

Along with Dr. Phillips, the Precision staff includes Melissa Baker, RN, BSN; Chris Baker, certified spinal decompression technician; and Lisa Tittle, office assistant.

Office manager Brittany Phillips, Dr. Jason's wife, has an Associate of Science and a background in massage therapy. The couple has been married 16 years and has four sons. "We are looking to include more health professionals in the future, such as nurse practitioners and medical doctors," Dr. Phillips outlined. "We will eventually include stem cell injections and IVs for advanced knee issues, neurodegenerative diseases and more." **NOW**

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LACI VELASQUEZ AND
ELLIE WYCKOFF

— By Angel Morris

Laci Velasquez and Ellie Wyckoff became interested in baking because their dream is to own a coffee shop and tearoom. “My favorite thing to bake is cakes. I love decorating and piping buttercream. I also love working with fondant,” Laci described. “Ellie likes making anything with M&Ms because she is obsessed with them.”

The duo sometimes runs a cupcake stand, where they have learned a lot, including how to handle one disgruntled patron. “We acted professionally, and that even made our business pick up. We sold the bulk of all the cupcakes we had left,” Ellie noted.

The girls’ families support their baking endeavors, including the huge messes. Lacie guessed that it is probably “because they love the delicious treats!” **NOW**

the eggs and vanilla; beat until light and fluffy.

3. Add the dry ingredients 1 cup at a time. Mix just until the flour mixture is incorporated into the dough. Do not overmix as that will make for a dry cookie.

4. To keep the cookies similar in size, measure 1.8 oz. of the dough for each cookie on a food scale. Roll into balls; place them on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper or baking mats.

5. Randomly press M&M’s onto the dough balls. Cover the entire cookie dough ball with M&Ms. Bake 9–11 minutes. Cool completely before storing.

M&M cookies

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
1 cup salted sweet cream butter,
softened
3/4 cup granulated sugar

2/3 cup brown sugar, packed

2 large eggs

1 tsp. vanilla extract

1 bag M&Ms

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Add the first 4 ingredients to a medium-sized bowl. Whisk together; set aside.

2. Cream together the butter and sugars. Add

Best Banana Bread

1 cup granulated sugar
1 stick unsalted butter, room temperature
2 large eggs
3 ripe bananas
1 Tbsp. milk
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
2 cups all-purpose flour

- 1 tsp. baking powder**
- 1 tsp. baking soda**
- 1 tsp. salt**

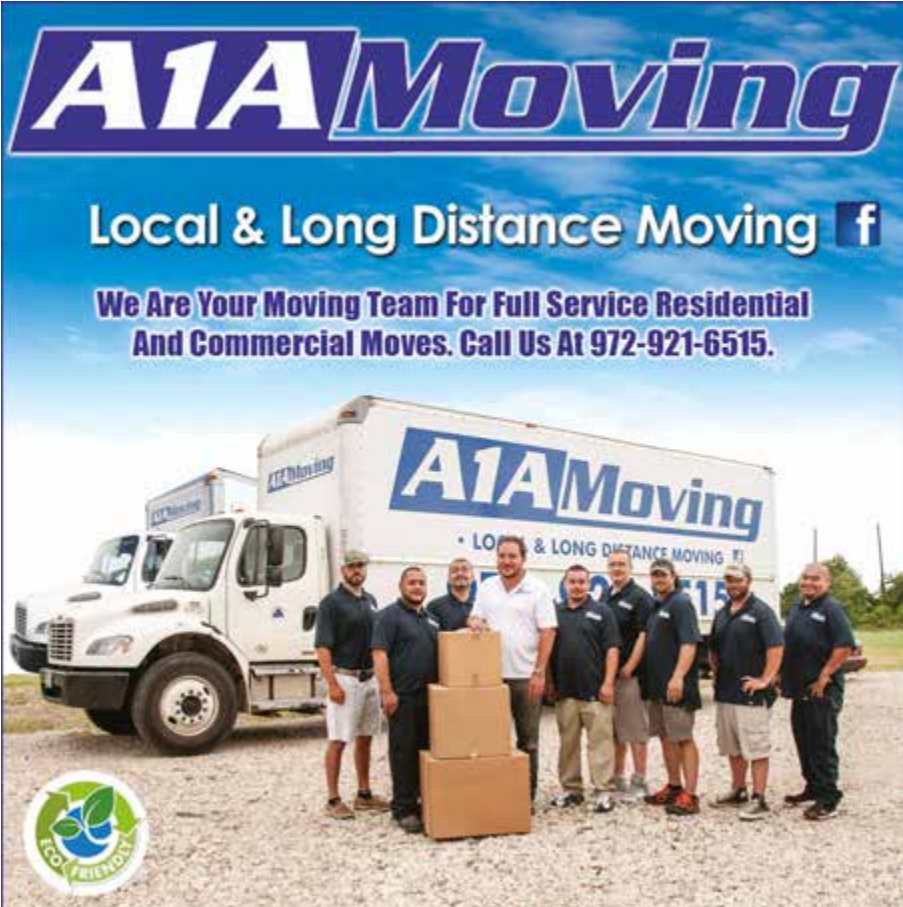
- 1.** Preheat the oven to 325 F Butter a 9x5x3-inch loaf pan. Cream the sugar and butter in a large mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
- 2.** In a small bowl, mash the bananas with a fork. Mix in the milk and cinnamon. In another bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
- 3.** Add the banana mixture to the creamed mixture; stir until combined. Add the dry ingredients, mixing just until the flour disappears.
- 4.** Pour the batter into the prepared pan; bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Set aside to cool on a rack for 15 minutes. Remove the bread from the pan; invert onto a rack. Cool completely before slicing.

Sugar cookies

Makes 32.

- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour**
- 1 tsp. baking soda**
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder**
- 1/2 tsp. salt**
- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature**
- 1 1/4 cups, plus 2 Tbsp. granulated sugar (divided use)**
- 2 Tbsp. light brown sugar**
- 1 large egg**
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract**

- 1.** Preheat the oven to 350 F Line baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats; set aside. Combine the flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt in a medium-size bowl; set aside.
- 2.** Cream the butter; 1 cup, plus 2 Tbsp. granulated sugar; and brown sugar together in a large mixer bowl on medium speed until light in color and fluffy. You should be able to see the change in color happen and know it's ready.
- 3.** Add the egg; mix until well combined. Add the vanilla extract; mix until well combined. Add the dry ingredients; mix until the dough is well combined. It will be thick and shouldn't be sticky. Do not overmix. Once it's well combined, use a rubber spatula to help it come together to form a more cohesive ball.
- 4.** Create 1 1/2 Tbsp.-sized balls of cookie dough. Gently roll into a ball. Then roll each ball in the 1/4 cup sugar to coat. Set the balls on the baking sheet.
- 5.** Bake the cookies for 7-8 minutes. The cookies will spread, and the centers will look



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M&M cookies

soft, but should look done. Remove just before the edges begin to turn golden. Don't overbake. The cookies will be a little puffy when you take them out of the oven but will fall a bit as they cool.

6. Remove from the oven; allow to cool on baking sheets for 4-5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Homemade Brownies

1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
3/4 cup all-purpose flour

2/3 cup cocoa powder, sifted if lumpy
1/2 cup powdered sugar, sifted if lumpy
1/2 cup dark chocolate chips
3/4 tsp. sea salt
2 large eggs
1/2 cup canola oil or extra-virgin olive oil
2 Tbsp. water
1/2 tsp. vanilla

1. Preheat the oven to 325 F. Lightly spray an 8x8-inch baking dish (not a 9x9-inch dish or your brownies will overcook) with cooking spray. Line it with parchment paper. Spray the

parchment paper with cooking spray.

2. In a medium bowl, combine the sugar, flour, cocoa powder, powdered sugar, chocolate chips and salt.

3. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, oil, water and vanilla. Sprinkle the dry mix over the wet mix; stir until just combined.

4. Pour the batter into the prepared pan. It will be thick; that's OK. Use a spatula to smooth the top.

5. Bake for 40 to 48 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out with only a few crumbs attached. *Note: It's better to pull the brownies out early than to leave them in too long.* Cool completely before slicing. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 days. These also freeze well.

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RAILROAD TOWN

— By Virginia Riddle

Floorboards creak, but a visit to the Van Alstyne Historical Museum could only be more enhanced if its walls could really talk. Instead, the museum's all-volunteer staff members enjoy greeting visitors and residents and sharing tales of this railroad town and the surrounding area. Many of the exhibited items are "hands on," enjoyed especially by young visitors.

The museum is just one of many office buildings, churches and private homes that make up the town's historical district and date back more than 100 years to 1873, when the railroad came to this spot and Van Alstyne was founded. The new town was named after Maria Van Alstyne, widow of William Ashley Van Alstyne, a Houston and Texas Central Railway major stockholder. Since the railway bypassed the nearby town of Mantua, many of its residents moved to Van Alstyne, adding to the town's prosperity.

The original train depot was located on North Main. Nine Texas State Historical Markers help tell the town's story in the historical district, and other markers indicate the city's growth outward. A walk through the historical district is enhanced by well-preserved architectural features and bright murals that decorate the old brick walls.

A historical marker stands near Collin McKinney's grave. An area pioneer and signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, Collin County and the town of McKinney were named after him.

Shopping and dining are draws to the downtown district, and residents in loft apartments bring a vibrancy to the area. City Drug, in continual operation since 1890, with signage dating to mid-century, has an old-fashioned soda fountain. The Sherman-Dallas Interurban's tracks can still be seen running north and south embedded in Preston Street. Van Alstyne is about an hour's drive from the DFW Metroplex, but the Interurban served as affordable transportation for area residents and visitors during the first half of the 20th century. Two interurban cars are being restored.

The downtown is host to the Railcar Farmers Market that is open on Tuesdays from April to October, the annual Fall der All

Festival and Halloween trick-or-treating in October and the Christmas parade in December. In downtown, the soothing tones flowing from the fountain in Dorothy Fielder Park are a pleasant background to Music in the Park events. North Park and McKinney Wilson Park offer sports fields and playgrounds, as does Forrest Moore Park, which also features a walking trail, complete with the Texas Historic Bridge, constructed in 1890 as a pin-connected Pratt Pony truss bridge.

With the surrounding gently rolling hills, ranches, proximity to the Metroplex and historical sites, Van Alstyne is a location used by film crews. Some local history was portrayed in the movie, *The Highwayman*, when former Grayson County sheriff, Lee Simmons, was given credit for helping Frank Hamer set up the Bonnie and Clyde ambush.

Outdoor activities abound for all ages, and there are plenty of hospitality options. Horseback riding at area ranches; hiking area trails; and water sports, camping and fishing can be enjoyed at nearby Lake Texoma. There are several bed-and-breakfasts in Van Alstyne, along with plenty of motels. Come experience Van Alstyne's history and hospitality for a day or a relaxing weekend. **NOW**

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— By Angel Morris



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If you remember the American variety TV show, Hee Haw, you may also recall one of its stars, Dallas native LuLu Roman. While some of the show's original cast members have moved on to that Kornfield Kounty in the sky, LuLu is still performing and sharing her unique life story — which began in an orphanage in Texas.

Born May 6, 1946, “LuLu” rose to fame during *Hee Haw*’s run from 1968-1995 after being brought to the attention of the show’s producer by the soon-to-be show’s co-host, Buck Owens. Lulu recalled the audition trip to Los Angeles — and that comedy legend Carol Burnett was her first star encounter at CBS Studios. “The producers had told Buck they were looking for a cast that included one gorgeous blonde and brunette, one boy- and girl-next-door type and a fat dumb man and woman. Buck yelled, ‘I’ve got your fat girl! She’s a dancer in Dallas!’ And unbelievably, at the time, I was — all 300 lbs. of me!”

LuLu’s time on the show, and her life before it, were filled with highs and lows that began in Buckner Baptist Children’s Home in Dallas. Born with a thyroid dysfunction, LuLu

expressed that her weight problem resulted in her being teased by her peers and prevented her from being adopted.

“In retrospect, there was nothing funny about being born in a home for unwed mothers, or at the age of 4 being deposited at the orphanage. And so, began the story of little Bertha Louise Hable, who would become famous for making people laugh,” LuLu explained.

Dallas resident Sue Hemric grew up in the children’s home with LuLu. “She lived in the same dormitory as my sister, and they pulled some funny pranks there,” Sue recalled. “I would see her sitting on the outdoor benches where she’d just be singing away. LuLu also brought a lot of laughter to campus.”

Graduating in 1964 from W.W. Samuell High School, LuLu quickly parlayed her humor into a career. Drug addiction in her early 20s, however, caused her to be fired from *Hee Haw*. But a chance encounter with a friend from Buckner’s helped LuLu find her faith. “She took me to Beverly Hills Baptist Church in Dallas. This was a spirit-filled church where everyone seemed to love and accept me. It was there in 1973 where I gave my heart to Jesus,” LuLu recalled.

As a result, LuLu began performing country gospel music and has been recording and touring for more than 40 years. “Years later, seeing her on TV, I was happy that a Buckner kid had made something of themselves,” Sue praised. “She deserved all that success!”

LuLu’s biography on IMDb — the online source for

celebrity data — reports that LuLu agreed to return to *Hee Haw* only if one Christian song would be performed every episode. To fulfill her request, a Christian Barber Shop routine was created, featuring Archie Campbell, Grandpa Jones, Roy Clark and a rotating cast member. After *Hee Haw*'s run ended, Roy reportedly called LuLu his favorite female cast member.

LuLu remains grateful for the program that transformed her from orphan to stardom. "The show was a wonderful time in my life because I had no family to speak of, and we became kind of like a family. We went through marriages, divorces and deaths together — all the things life takes you through in a real family," LuLu admitted. "Everyone involved was a great support to me when I most needed it."

Today, LuLu performs gospel concerts, at women's events and even does some stand-up comedy. Post *Hee Haw* life has found her receiving Christian music's highest honor, the Dove Award, on her way to becoming a member of the Christian Music Gospel Hall of Fame.

In 2019, she joined tour mates Buck Trent, Jana Jae and Misty Rowe on a series of Kornfield Friends reunion concerts — celebrating *Hee Haw*'s 50th anniversary. LuLu also co-authored her biography, *This Is My Story; This Is My Song*.

Readers will find painstaking honesty on an early life marked with abandonment, broken relationships and even police encounters, until LuLu found direction. "Despite all I've experienced and all the bad personal choices I've made, I'm a living example of God's grace," she expressed.

At 75, LuLu resides in Tennessee with her three fur babies, where she enjoys ziplining, crafting jewelry and making homemade candy for friends. "Singing is still my favorite thing to do in life," she noted. "What I get to do in continuing to sing and make people laugh is a privilege and a blessing." **NOW**

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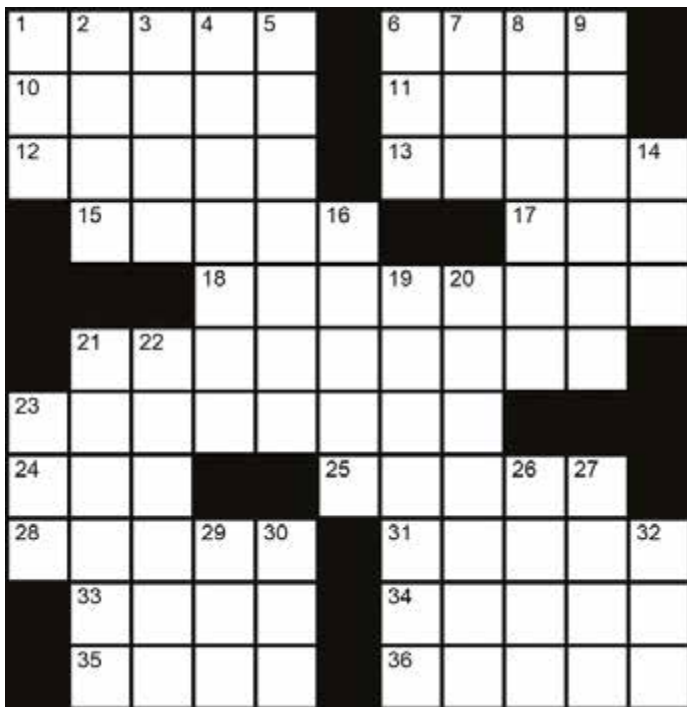
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- 18 Regular event for sheep
- 21 All future generations
- 23 Napa Valley sight
- 24 D D E's predecessor
- 25 Usher inside
- 28 C B S journalist Lesley ---
- 31 Lot left it
- 33 Crude cartel
- 34 Home of the Golden Hurricane
- 35 Lascivious
- 36 Very expensive

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- 1 Goal
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- 3 Approach
- 4 As a group
- 5 Onerous
- 6 Pharmacy chain
- 7 Amateur radio enthusiast
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1/11

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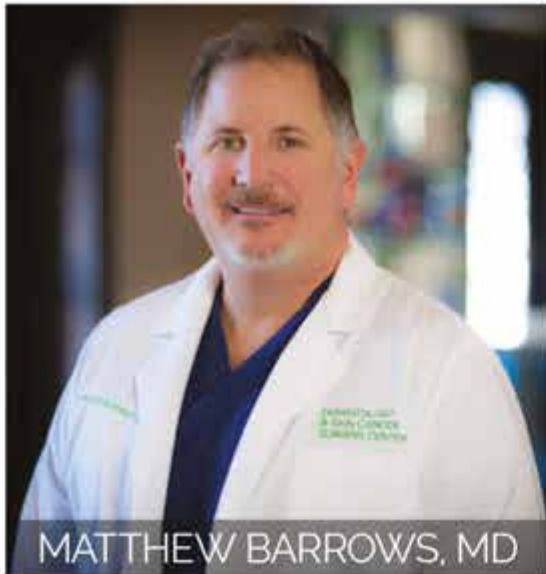
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Medium

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