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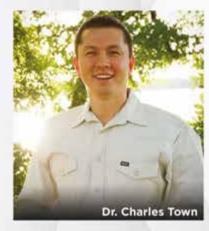
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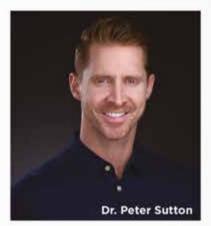
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello, 2023!

I recently had a flat tire, only to discover newer vehicles may include a tire lock to prevent theft. Fantastic. Unless it's 9:00 p.m. and you didn't receive the key to remove the lock. Then what? Fortunately, a good Samaritan had plugs and fixed the tire on the spot for me. I returned to the dealership to prevent such future mishaps. I certainly didn't expect any of that during a super busy week with an out-of-town trip planned for the weekend.

What does this new year hold? I have no clue. Neither do you. Realistically, we can't control most of it any more than I could control picking up a nail that resulted in a flat tire. Still, we wonder about the future. At this time of the year, I always look back and then forward. What did I achieve in 2022? Did I leave goals unfinished? What should I accomplish in 2023? I gave up on New Year's resolutions long ago. I did nothing but break those. Instead, I created goals. I seldom reached every goal I set, but at least I could pursue a target.

Winston Churchill said, "He who fails to plan is planning to fail." We need dreams, goals and plans to make our dreams reality. As life happens, we often set goals again, knowing even the best-laid plans can fail. The way we face those times determines whether we move forward or get stuck by the side of the road — waiting, wishing we made a different choice.

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Instead of spending money on normal Christmas gifts in 2021, Ronnie and Sef Gonzalez made an extraordinary choice. They donated money to a popular TV series, The Chosen, securing a place as extras on the set when the production visited Midlothian to shoot the feeding of 5,000 scene. The option thrilled their children, Angel and Sergio. At 13 and 15, the teens enjoy watching the series as a family, and loved the gift of being part of filming in Midlothian.

Originally from Fort Worth, Ronnie has been a minister for 22 years. For 17 years, Sef has worked as a Realtor. She said, "We're partners. He helps me with real estate, and I help him with ministry. The Lord has blessed our work. It enables us to take a week off for mission trips such as to Haiti, Africa or wherever, even trips throughout the United States."

Living briefly in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for Bible school and a church startup, the family moved to Crowley for about six years. Then they relocated to Burleson in 2010, primarily for the schools. Both Angel and Sergio attended school at Nola Dunn, then at STEAM Middle School. Sergio is now at Burleson Collegiate High School, where he studies hard, taking dual-credit courses. He also enjoys music and reading. Angel enjoys music, too, and plays the trumpet in the school band.

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As a family, they do most things together. At least every other weekend, they do outreach, homeless church services or ministry in parks. Sometimes, they go to concerts together, hang out or take vacations, with cruising as a family favorite. They also make it a point to eat dinner together nightly.

Ronnie admits, "We were late to *The Chosen* party [which launched in April 2019]. Around Easter 2021, we took part in an Easter gospel-fest at Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza. We had heard about *The Chosen*, and being Easter, we decided to check it out. We binge watched the first two seasons and fell in love with the show."

"As parents, we love having a show we can watch as a family that everyone enjoys," Sef shared.

Ronnie agreed. "We find a shortage of good entertainment. As parents, it's a great thing. The show leads to discussion and devotional times for our family."

"The show's a visual of what you read and holds your interest," said Angel. "It paints a picture for you." She admits the character of Matthew ranks as her favorite, and she got to talk with the actor Paras Patel briefly. She likes the way the writers portray his personality

— the way he handles circumstances.

Sergio declared, "It shows a clear picture, but the movie effects make it relatable for today. It feels very realistic to me." While he also likes Matthew's character, he also names Andrew as a favorite.

Ronnie affirmed his son's and daughter's perspective, adding, "The series is well done. The music and videography differ from anything else. While it tells the story of Jesus, it's more about the disciples, which makes it a unique show." Knowing how much their family enjoyed watching the series, Ronnie donated money, which enabled them to have a spot as extras during the filming. Instead of telling the kids, he and Sef opted to make it a Christmas gift.

"We've given before," the couple said. "We believe in the series and what they're doing. Because we see it as a ministry, it makes giving easier. But it ended up being fun for all of us."

Because Sergio enjoys making videos and the directing aspect, he truly enjoyed the experience. Seeing all that went into just one scene with thousands of inexperienced actors and watching the professionals handle everything impressed all four. The family talked about how the directors picked the two hottest days in June to film the scene. Yet everyone knew where to go, and the crew made sure all the extras stayed well hydrated and as cool as possible.

Ronnie shared he preached about the biblical story shortly after the experience. "You really see it was a major miracle when you become part of the scene," he said. "The logistics of filming provided insight into what the actual event felt like."

They laughed about hiding water bottles, umbrellas, fans and modern items they used, trying to stay cool, under burlap and other cover the crew provided. Ronnie said, "We went from, *What are we doing here?* to *Oh, wow!*" Despite the heat of the day, all four said it was definitely worth it, and given the opportunity, they'd do it again.

Although no one in the family wants to pursue an acting career, they treasure the memory and opportunity of being extras on a film set. They admired the authenticity of costumes for various groups of people, not only Jews, who may have gathered during the biblical account 2,000 years ago.

The family claimed, "It's cool to go against the flow." In many ways, they do and always have.

They all like one of the show's T-shirts that says, "Get used to different," which originated from a line in season two. "With imperfections, flaws and despite your background, you can still be chosen by God," Ronnie shared. "Just because you're different, doesn't mean you're weird." NOW



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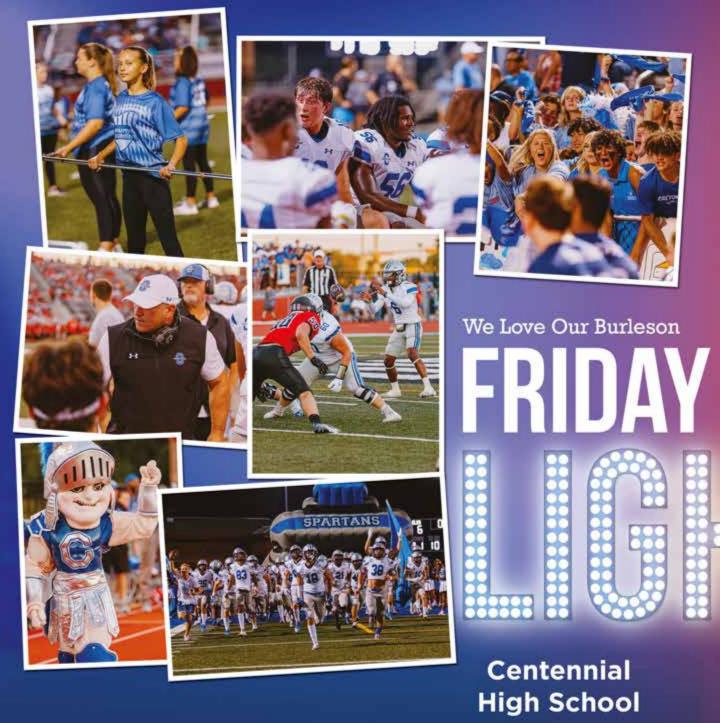
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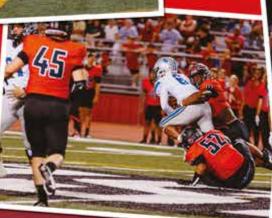






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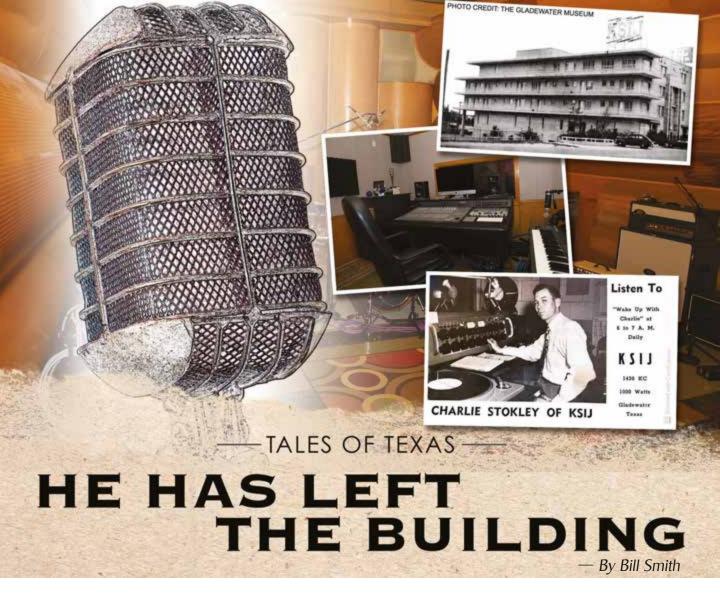












Elvis was here. And so was Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis. Jim Reeves slept here. These legendary performers and others from the days of the Louisiana Hayride and "rockabilly" music all spent some time either recording, being interviewed or even taking a nap on the couch in the lobby of the iconic KSIJ radio station in Gladewater, Texas.

The radio station and recording studio occupied the top floor of the T.W. Lee Building in Gladewater. T.W. was the owner of the *Gladewater Mirror* newspaper, and the building, constructed in about 1950, also included offices and apartments. The Texas Historical Commission describes the building as an "Art Moderne-style high-rise apartment building." The building has its original metal casement windows and wraparound cantilevered balconies with decorative iron railings. The original clock is on the façade above the entrance. The clock no longer keeps time, and stepping into the KSIJ studio, one might conclude that, at least in some ways, time has stood still.

While the exterior of the building sparks some interest about a time gone by, a visit to the former radio station on the fourth floor stirs the imagination with a type of architectural design that is seldom seen. The huge neon "KSIJ" sign that was a beacon atop the building was removed long ago. The radio station's call letters that were painted on the glass portion of the original door into the station's lobby have lost the "J," but once you pass the door, the call letters are prominently inlaid in bright red on the tile floor. In the lobby, you can imagine what the atmosphere might have been like with the room crowded with teenage admirers while Elvis performed behind the glass window separating the lobby from the studio. The Facebook page for the T.W. Lee Building indicates Elvis loved to practice in the sound studio, then stretch out on the floor and read comic books.

The vocal booth is made with the same unique acoustic walls as the main studio. Curved birch panels "barrel down the walls," as current studio owner, Chad Mauldin, describes them. "It is an amazing acoustic design from the '50s. We understand that an acoustician from UT Austin designed it. The different depths of the curves in the walls and ceiling

create diffusion that is particularly great for drums," Chad said. "Old meets new in the control room today, as modern technological workflows merge in this old historic space."

There is an etching scratched into the wall in the solo booth that appears to be a signature by Jerry Lee Lewis. The same signature that is in the solo booth is replicated on the top of the original engineer's desk that the studio retains and displays prominently in the hallway. However, the story most visitors are enamored by is that of Elvis and his first gig in this small, East Texas town.

While performing with the Louisiana Hayride in Shreveport in 1954, Elvis and his two band members at the time needed to make some money to pay for their hotel room in Shreveport and get back to Memphis, Tennessee. A representative of the Hayride called his friend, Tom Perryman, a well-known DJ at KSIJ in Gladewater, and Perryman arranged a gig for Elvis at a local club just out of Gladewater, called The Mint Club. Elvis promoted the gig by singing live from the studio on Tom's radio show, The Hillbilly Hit Parade. On the website for the Gladewater Museum, or just by searching YouTube, you can find a recording of Elvis promoting the radio station with Tom. The museum also features a lounge chair Elvis used at the radio station, as well as other memorabilia from the studio.

Chad said this was at such an early stage in his career, "Elvis wasn't Elvis yet. Tom Perryman really believed in young talent." On another YouTube video, Perryman reflects that Elvis' first gig in Texas at The Mint Club grossed Elvis \$90, which he split with his two band members. Perryman was responsible for booking Elvis around East Texas for the year that followed. Apparently, Elvis and Perryman had a friendship that lasted for many years. Elvis went on to become the Elvis we all remember, and Perryman went on to become an award-winning DJ, eventually being inducted into the Disc Jockey Hall of Fame and the Country Music Hall of Fame. NOW

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Zoomed In: Jody Hadlock

After visiting Jefferson, Texas, Jody Hadlock became fascinated by the story of Diamond Bessie, murdered presumably by her husband. Following his conviction, the appellate court overturned the conviction. "I kept wondering how he got away with it," Jody shared. Intrigued, she spent years of research, writing and finding a publisher for her first historic novel, *The Lives of Diamond Bessie*. "Her story is the Texas OJ Simpson tale of the late 19th century," Jody added. Not finished with writing, she plans to continue writing historic fiction, currently working on a novel about Clara Barton. "We all know her as the nurse who founded the Red Cross, but there was more to her than that, and I want to share her life."



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Around Town



The Grinch waits for photo ops with fans.



Mother and daughter, Karen and McKenzie May, enjoy Christmas at the Farm.



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The Brick Pizza supports the Stribling Elementary PTO Fall Festival.



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Buff City Soap's former manager, Amye Martin, shares knowledge with new manager, Francisco Paz.



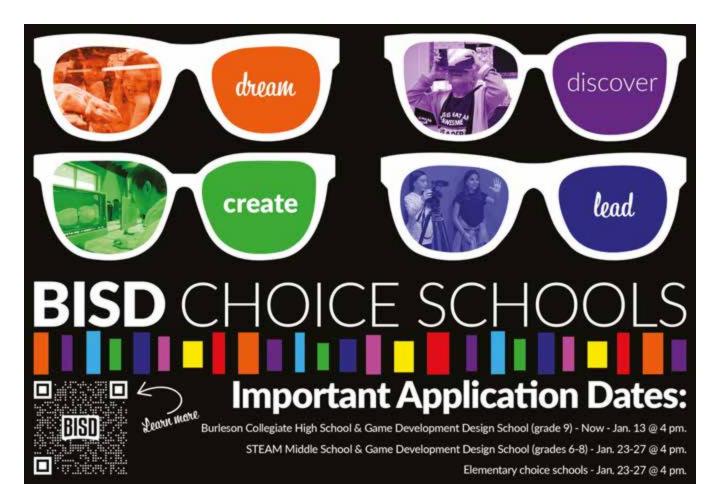


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James Beach opened his insurance company 44 years ago at age 19. Two years ago, his son, Morgan Beach, joined him at James Beach Insurance. When James passed in early 2022, Morgan inherited the business. Although the name changed to Beach Insurance Group, LLC, the personal attention remains the same. Committed to his father's legacy, Morgan strives to help people find an insurance plan that best fits their needs. "I want to honor my dad's legacy and memory," he said. "I do my best to conduct business



honestly and with integrity." Active in several charities, he strongly supports his family's foundation, The Jackson Project, which assists children with leukodystrophy.

Beach Insurance Group offers life, health, dental and vision insurance, hospital and serious illness plans, plus some annuities. "We work with many carriers, so we compare plans, looking up doctors and drugs, to find the best one based on your needs," Morgan shared. For those already on a plan, Morgan determines whether you already have the best or might need a change. "I won't switch someone if they already have the best. Because I inherited my father's established business, I have no pressure to sell anything," he admitted.

Focused on helping, especially elderly people, Morgan takes an easygoing approach. He likes to sit down with people and watch their eyes when he helps them save money. The interaction fuels him to continue with what his father did for more than four decades. While he can't always save money for people, sometimes he makes significant differences for an individual. With specialization in affordable Medicare plans, Morgan also works with younger people in transition periods, for example, the 62-65 range. But he can help anyone who needs an individual or family plan at an affordable rate, even if that means he doesn't write their policy.

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"I do my best to conduct business honestly and with integrity."

Medicare Advantage open enrollment begins in January and runs through March for those already on a plan but still needing to make changes. For general insurance plans, be sure to enroll in November and by December 7. Review your policy and know what it does and doesn't cover. He can help with the process and recommends avoiding the 1-800 numbers. "Many of them sell your information," he cautioned. "Work with someone local who knows the area. They can help choose the best-for-you plan. Make sure you have a drug plan in place, since the absence of one can incur a penalty. Discuss your options with someone who understands."

With a heart to protect those he serves, Morgan added, "Never give out personal information to anyone you don't know. Not even your date of birth or if they say they're with a major carrier."

In the future, Morgan desires to establish the business as his own, while continuing to honor the values his father left. Eventually, he hopes to continue growing to the point of needing a coworker. Stop by or call Morgan to see if he can help find the best fit for your health insurance needs.



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Despite a Polish/Ukrainian last name, Sheila Borowski said, "Our heritage is mostly Italian. My husband's grandfather came to the U.S. from Italy at the age of 35, and my grandmother was a first-generation Italian-American." With their influences, alongside those of her mother-in-law and maternal grandmother, Sheila enjoys cooking tried-and-true recipes.

A mother of five, ranging from 13-24, she implemented Kids Cook nights several years ago. They take turns in the kitchen as Sheila guides them through the processes. "They like learning this way and feel proud of the dishes they prepare," she shared. "The older ones cook regularly at college, too." Sheila teaches Pre-K and works at her husband's business part time, but when time allows, she loves creating with Cricut and quilting. NOW

Meatballs

Makes about 30 meatballs. Enough for pasta and meatballs one night and meatball subs a few nights later!

2 lbs. ground beef
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
3/4 Tbsp. Italian seasoning
1 tsp. oregano
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

2 eggs

- 3/4 to 1 cup Italian-seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1-2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 24-oz. jar pasta sauce of your choice

I. Combine all the ingredients, except the oil and sauce, in a large mixing bowl. (Spoons are for sissies; use your bare, clean hands.) If the mixture seems too wet, add a bit more breadcrumbs and mix again. It

should not be too moist or sticky.**2.** Shape the mixture into balls about 1 1/2 inches in diameter; squeeze to help hold them together.

3. Heat the oil in a frying pan over medium heat. Place the meatballs in the pan with enough room to move them around a bit. (They will shrink a little as they cook.)
4. Cook for about 3-4 minutes, or until you see the bottom is browning. Carefully loosen the bottom and roll onto the next uncooked side, turning all of them just about a quarter turn. Continue until the meatballs are browned all around; cook for another 3-5 minutes.

5. Note: Check for doneness by pressing on one. It should feel firm but not hard. If it feels soft, roll them around a bit more and continue cooking before removing from the pan. Of course, you can always cut into one to check the center for doneness, as well.
6. Remove from the pan; place in a medium/large saucepan. Cover with the pasta sauce; heat over low heat to simmer for about 10 minutes to finish cooking and flavor the sauce.

7. Serve with pasta of your choice or spaghetti squash.

Chicken French

2 eggs 1 Tbsp. sugar 1 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese 1/2 cup flour Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts 2 Tbsp. olive oil 1/4 cup butter 1/4 cup white cooking wine 2 cloves garlic, minced 1/3 cup mushrooms, sliced (optional) 1/4 cup lemon juice 2 tsp. chicken base

I. In a bowl, beat the eggs. Add the sugar and Parmesan cheese; mix until the sugar is dissolved. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, salt and pepper.

2. Place the chicken breasts between layers of plastic wrap; pound with a kitchen mallet until they are about 1/2-inch thick. Cut them into palm-size pieces, as they will get very large once flattened.

3. Heat the oil in a frying pan over medium heat until the oil shimmers.

4. Give the egg mixture another stir to make sure there is no undissolved sugar on the bottom.

5. Dredge the chicken in the flour mixture to coat. Dip the chicken into the egg mixture; dredge it in the flour for a second coat.

6. Place the chicken in the frying pan; cook for about 4-5 minutes per side. Remove to a baking dish. Heat the oven to 400 F.
7. In a saucepan, combine the butter, cooking wine, garlic, mushrooms, lemon juice and chicken base. Deglaze the chicken pan; add the drippings and bits to the sauce. Heat to a simmer.

8. Pour the sauce over the chicken; cover loosely with foil. Put into the oven for 15 minutes, turning the chicken pieces over every 5 minutes to evenly cook in the sauce.

Baked Chicken Parmesan

2 eggs

- 1/4 cup Italian dressing
- 3/4 cup Italian-seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (Cut in half to reduce thickness.)

1 24-oz. jar pasta sauce of your choice 8 oz. mozzarella cheese. shredded

I. Coat the inside of a 9x13-inch pan with cooking spray. Preheat the oven to 400 F.







2. In a bowl, beat the eggs; mix in the Italian dressing. In a separate bowl, mix the breadcrumbs, Parmesan, salt, pepper and garlic powder.

3. Rinse the chicken; pat dry. Dredge the chicken in the egg mixture to cover completely. Place in the breadcrumb bowl; thoroughly bread all around. Place the chicken in the prepared pan.

4. Cover lightly with foil; bake 20 minutes. 5. Remove from the oven: check for doneness. (Cutting into a piece, the juices should be clear and the chicken white.)

6. Cover each breast with about 1/8 cup of pasta sauce, more or less to your preference. (Luse tomato sauce.) Cover with mozzarella. Place back in the oven, uncovered, until the cheese melts.

Grandma Pauline's Lemon Sherbet

3 lemons $1 \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{cups} \operatorname{sugar}$ 2 1/2 cups milk

1. Juice the lemons. Pay careful attention to remove all seeds. Pour the juice into a glass or plastic mixing bowl.

2. Add the sugar; stir until dissolved as best as it can be. You'll find more tiny seeds as the sugar/juice mixture thickens; remove these.

3. Very slowly add the milk while stirring constantly. Pour into a freezer-safe container; cover with plastic wrap.

4. Freeze for about 12 hours; remove from the freezer. Scoop the sherbet into a mixing bowl: chop it apart a bit. As it softens. mix thoroughly with an electric mixer until mostly smooth. Don't thaw completely; just mix it as it thaws a bit.

5. Pour back into the freezer container; smooth out the top with a spatula. Cover and re-freeze.

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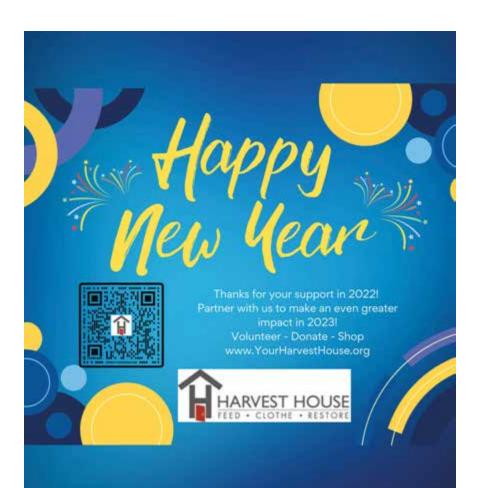


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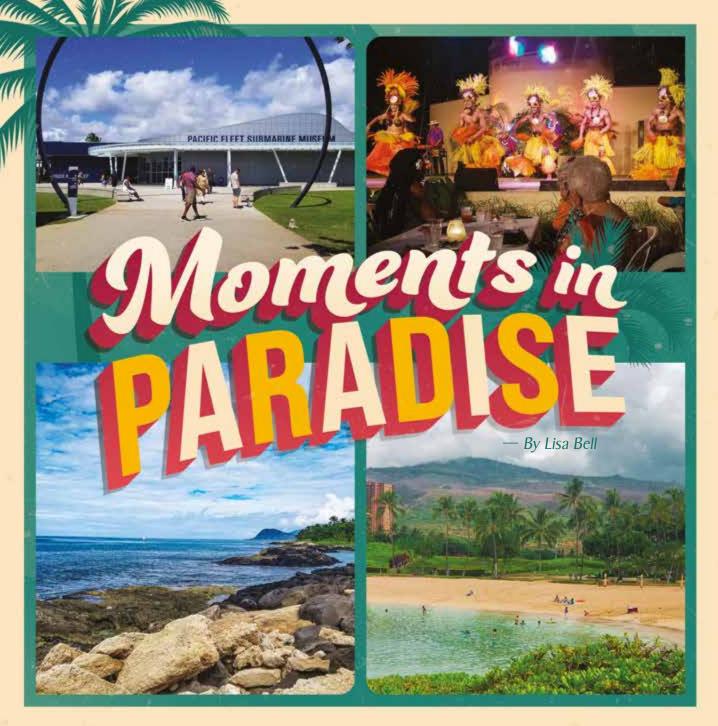


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A wonderful place to visit anytime of the year, the colder months in Texas might be the perfect time to escape to O'ahu, Hawaii. One of the big four islands, O'ahu, "The Heart of Hawaii," offers a variety of activities. Of course, lying on the beach sipping a mai tai ranks high on the list of many visitors. Whether relaxing or ready to explore, with so many options, consider taking more than a week to get plenty of beach time alongside experiencing all the island offers.

From the renowned Waikiki beach to the North Shore for surfers, O'ahu's beaches in places like Ko Olina don't disappoint. Many include lagoons where gentler waves allow for splashing in the ocean and snorkeling without having waves crash too hard. Although the beaches are public, private entities and resorts rent cabanas and chairs, and these beaches tend toward fewer crowds. For truly secluded beaches, you might need a local to point you in the right direction.

With blue water and waves crashing against rocks, don't miss the sun rising or setting from the beach, while spectacular colors fill the sky. Or hop aboard one of the many chartered boats for a romantic sunset cruise. During early mornings, you might catch an exercise class or people walking or jogging beside the ocean. To satisfy your more adventurous side, try a hike

to the iconic volcano crater, Lē'ahi, or one of the tropical mountain trails.

While many people seek the Polynesian Gardens, you might also want to visit places such as the Honolulu Botanical Gardens, the Waimea Falls Park and Dole Plantation. Throughout the island, enjoy bright flora and a variety of birds, and chickens run as free as any fowl. Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, the Hawaiian Railway Society Sugar Cane Train runs from Ewa to Kahe Point, with a stop at Ko Olina for those who want to purchase ice cream. The fun two-hour trip includes a bit of sugar cane history.

Be sure to plan a day at Pearl Harbor, taking several hours to tour the museums and visitor's center. As you walk through the recounted timeline, let your imagination take you to December 7, 1941. A surreal atmosphere of beauty mixed with sorrow covers Pearl Harbor, and few leave untouched by the experience.

For those who love city life, both Honolulu and Waikiki offer scores of shopping opportunities, restaurants and vibrant night life. But don't neglect the outskirts, where smaller communities provide a taste of Hawaiian cuisine and culture. And don't forget to book a luau for an unforgettable evening of food and a colorful presentation of multiple cultures and entertaining dancers.

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Across

- 1 Mediterranean island
- 6 To be unwell
- 9 Beginning of a clarification
- 10 Trial printing impression
- 13 Priestess in "The Pearl Fishers"
- 14 Portuguese saint
- 15 Arrests
- 17 Bachelor's last words?
- 18 Went around
- 21 Warlike woman
- 23 Talk radio staple
- 24 It replaced the Pan-American Union
- 25 Diminish
- 28 Wall recess
- 31 Dogma
- 33 Oversalivate
- 34 Overused
- 35 Grp. with panda logo
- 36 Lake Placid's county

Down

- 1 Artillery angular measure
- 2 So be it
- 3 Metal bikini wearer
- 4 Afghanistan faction
- 5 Study critically
- 6 Computer prog
- 7 "The Ballad of --- Hayes" (Peter La
 - Farge)
- 8 "Little Women" author --- May Alcott
- 11 Ancient
- 12 Every living thing needs it
- 16 Plunder
- 19 "The Kids Are All Right" actress ---Bening
- 20 Chekhov trio
- 21 *--- past a freckle*
- 22 --- mule, a cocktail
- 23 Doctor Who's Amy
- 26 *Les Etats---- *
- 27 Safe
- 29 Modus operandi
- 30 "Lord of the Rings" character
- 32 Country singer Ritter

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Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce Winter Luncheon:

\$30/members; \$35/nonmembers. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Pathway Church, 325 NW Renfro. For registration information, visit https:// business.burlesonchamber. com/events/Details/ bacc-winter-luncheon-758516?sourceTypeId=Website.

Fourth Mondays

Johnson County Quilt Guild:

Monthly meeting for quilters in Johnson County. 6:30-9:00 p.m., Crossroads Fellowship Church, 400 N. Main St. (2nd St. side entrance), Joshua, TX 76058. FB: Johnson County Quilt Guild. Kay Fox – text (817) 201-6222 or aokntexas@gmail.com.

Third Tuesdays

Heart & Soul Writers:

A Christian writers group designed to encourage, support and improve skills. Zoom option may be available. 7:00-9:00 p.m., Alsbury Baptist Church, 500 NE Alsbury Blvd. Contact www.texasradicalwriters.com or Lisa Bell at lisabell@bylisabell.com or (817) 269-9066.

Wednesdays:

Baby Storytime: Fun time where we read books, sing songs and play together. This story time is geared for babies (0-2 years old). Older siblings welcome. 9:30 a.m., Burleson Public Library. www.burlesontx.com/1539/ Story-Time.

First and Third Wednesdays

Senior Bingo: Have fun and win prizes twice each month. 10:00 a.m., Burleson Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson. www.burlesontx.com/320/ Senior-Activity-Center or (817) 295-6611.

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Burleson Writers Group: Join writers from the Burleson area every month. Mini workshops on various topics relating to aspects of writing and publishing offered, as well as an in-depth review of members' works. 6:00-8:00 p.m., Burleson Public Library. www.burlesonwritersgroup.com.

Thursdays

Toddler Storytime: Join staff to read books, sing songs and make a craft together. Geared toward 2to 4-year-old children, but families welcome to attend together. 9:30 a.m., Burleson Public Library. www.burlesontx. com/1539/Story-Time.

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