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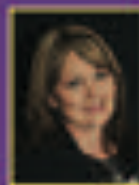
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"Where are you living?"

It might be more accurate to ask, "When are you living?" Christmas just passed, and if you have ever read (or perhaps seen the movie) Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, you are familiar with the ghosts of Christmases past, present and yet to come.

A quote by philosopher George Santayana, though perhaps misquoted a number of ways, generally says that those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it. Paul the Apostle said, "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on..." (Philippians 3:13 ESV).

So which is it? Do we remember the past year, or try to forget it? Have we seen history repeat itself, sometimes with unpleasant results because we failed to learn from it? I know I have. I have also repeated acts that did not have a positive result the first time, hoping for a better result the second (or third) time.

Santayana said we should learn from history, and not repeat the things that obviously led to bad results. Paul wrote that he should leave behind those things that kept him from being totally devoted to the goal he was striving for, which was the goal of the upward call of God.

If there was a flaw in Santayana's philosophy, it might be that repeating the good things of the past does not result in "doom." Looking back over my past 60-plus years, most of my memories are good ones. I think it is within our nature to forget a lot of the bad stuff. 2022 was a good year in a number of respects. 2023 is going to be even better.

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Ennis Athletic Director Don Drake has been at the helm of sports at Ennis ISD since 2019. Early in his coaching career, which began in 1995 at Airline High School in Bossier City, Louisiana, Coach Drake determined his mission for his career was, “ultimately to impact kids in a positive way through sports.”

In his first years as an assistant football coach, Don had track and field responsibility also, but when he became an offensive coordinator, he was able to concentrate on one sport. “I found that it has a positive impact on the individual sport to have coaches who can focus on one sport. We have brought that idea to Ennis, and our head coaches are not assistant coaches in other areas. For instance, our head baseball coach is no longer an assistant football coach. Also, we want the head coach in each sport to have at least one assistant coach who is not coaching another sport. Our head basketball coach has an assistant coach who coaches only basketball,” Don continued.

Don and his wife, Patricia, still have family in the Shreveport/Bossier area, but Texas has been their home for 22 years. “We moved to The Colony in 2000, where I taught math and was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. From there, I went to McKinney North. When McKinney Boyd opened in 2006, I had the opportunity to start a full athletic program from scratch as athletic director and head football coach.” When Don was hired for the position at Boyd, the McKinney Boyd principal, Rick McDaniel, said, “While X’s and O’s are important, I am convinced that what we need in an athletic coordinator and head football coach at McKinney Boyd is a man of character.”

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Patricia is also an educator, currently serving as an instructional coach at the Alamo School after a time as a math teacher at Miller Elementary. Don and Patricia have three children. Their son, Collin, played quarterback for Ennis before he graduated and is attending the University of Georgia. Daughters, Kelsey and Katy, a senior and freshman respectively, enjoy being cheerleaders for the Lions.

Don said the move to Ennis was a great career move for both he and Patricia, and it was also a great family move. “Patricia supports what I do, and she always understood that coaching requires a lot of hours away from home. One of the things that attracted me to Ennis was coming to a community with just one high school. The whole town is able to get behind the sports at one school. Also, not being directly involved in coaching a specific sport has created opportunities for me to be where I need to be with my family as my children begin their time in college,” he said. “Although I might not be as directly involved with the athletes as I was when I was coaching, I think my mission statement of positively impacting kids through sports has actually expanded, because I am able to be involved in a different way in so many sports in Ennis. I still attend a lot of games, from junior high through varsity, including basketball, soccer, tennis, softball, volleyball, baseball, track and field and golf. The difference for my family is that when I am with them, I am able to focus more on our family activity and not constantly thinking of a game plan for the next Friday night.”

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excellence in every sport in Ennis. “Hopefully, that is what we are building here. It starts with the people we hire and support in the coaching roles. It includes giving support to the athletes by being present at their games and showing that we really care about their success.”

Don agrees that Ennis’ winning tradition continues to be important. “Football has been very successful, and what Coach Howard has done with tennis over the years is phenomenal,” he said. “We have also had some record-breaking success in many of our other sports.”

The school district is partners with other areas of the community and supports groups such as Little League and club sports. The school recently worked with the Boys & Girls Club to share facilities for volleyball and basketball leagues. Don mentioned working with David Casarez, recreation manager for the city of Ennis, complimenting David on the recreation programs the city continues to develop.

“I get a lot of support from a lot of people, and I could not do this without them, from our coaches to our administrators, including Mr. Tullos and his staff and all of the school principals. I also have a group of students that I meet with at least monthly to gain their insight into what we are doing. We also meet quarterly with the heads of the various youth sports leagues in town.

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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 KSII 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 “KSII” 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.

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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 KSJ 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:
Mark Garza

By Bill Smith

Mark Garza is a native of Ellis County and works at Fisher Hay and Feed as he anticipates attending Navarro Fire Academy in the next year. “COVID-19 kind of put some of those plans on hold right after I finished high school,” he said.

Though he just started playing guitar a few years ago, he was entertaining the patrons at newly opened The Backyard food truck park downtown. Mark is also engaged, but so far, the date has not been set for the wedding. “Probably sometime in the next year or so,” he suggested.

“I enjoy playing Hank Williams songs, but my favorite artist today is Tyler Childers,” Mark said just before singing the Childers’ song “Bottles and Bibles.” He indicated that he likes all kinds of country music.



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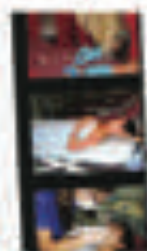
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As retail business continues to resurface in downtown Ennis, a welcome addition has been AllieOOP Boutique. A unique shop with a unique name, owner Aline Whatley says when she came up with the name, she wanted it to be different. “I have a friend who nicknamed me ‘Allie’ and sometime added ‘oop,’” she laughed. “We offer a lot of different brands in the store. The whole idea is to keep shoppers in Ennis. We are happy to refer our customers to



another local store if they are looking for a particular brand that we do not carry, but we also believe, as our website says, we have *Something for Everyone!*”

The store offers an eclectic array of clothing, jewelry, accessories, home decor and gifts. “We know when ladies come in, they may be looking for something for the men in their lives, so they will find items for them here also.” One thing on display for the men is a rechargeable fire starter. Aline described, “It never runs out of butane because it didn’t start with any! Just keep it charged with a USB charger.” There are also things for kids, like the “monster spray,” an aerosol can decorated with the head of a rather cute monster, guaranteed to repel monsters from under a child’s bed.

Shoppers will recognize brands like Judy Blue, Dakota West, Jupee and Tia Couture. Jackie Frank is Aline’s No. 1 employee. “She is most knowledgeable about all of our brands and where things come from,” Aline added.

Jackie said she describes some of the merchandise as “hippy cowgirl.” The store has all kinds of casual attire, from

ladies' dress western boots to fur-lined, leopard print tennis shoes.

"We are the only distributor of Tagua Jewelry," Aline proudly stated. "It is handcrafted in Ecuador, from the tagua nut. The company started with a mother and her autistic son. She needed money for doctor visits and started selling the jewelry that she made. It really took off, to the point that the manufacturing now employs a whole city. Today, the profits support rain forests. We want to spotlight things like that in our store.

**THE STORE OFFERS AN ECLECTIC
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"We also want to promote local vendors and American-made products. Cactus Rae Designs are by Catherine Becker of Bristol. Laura Chaney at Chaney's Design custom designs our T-shirts. We have beautifully decorated towels designed by a local resident, and they include a matching hair turban. Much of our home decor is made by local crafters."

AllieOOP Boutique opened in April 2022 with a lot of inventory, and business has been good, so good in fact that Aline said they may be outgrowing their space. "Besides the retail business downstairs, we also offer tanning and massages upstairs, by appointment. We use local professional masseuses, and there is no membership required and no expiration date on tanning packages."

Aline said AllieOOP participates in events in the community, like Small Business Saturday, and has been featured at ladies' night at The Vine at 119. "We also have special promotions in the store, like One Hit Wonders. One Hit Wonders are items that we only purchase one of, and they will be in different sizes, but we will have only one of a particular style blouse or skirt. When we have One Hit Wonders, our customers know that they will not run into another lady at an event wearing the same item.

"We bring a little brass, class and bling to Ennis," she continued. "We really believe we have something for everyone, and we aim to please!" **NOW**



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CookingNOW *In the Kitchen With* SARAH KEENER

— By Bill Smith

“My inspiration for cooking comes from wanting my family to be healthy,” Sarah offered. As a counselor at EHS, and with her husband serving as a youth pastor, the family is on the go a lot. “We have two children, and I am teaching them to branch out and eat more whole foods.”

Sarah said she has been cooking since she completed high school but recently began studying to deal with a gluten intolerance and just healthier eating for her family. “That’s why I became an Independent Certified OPTAVIA Coach. It has changed my life and my outlook on food. Some simple ingredient changes have made healthier options for my family, such as venison or ground turkey instead of beef, and choosing lower sodium options when available.” **NOW**

Hearty Beef and Butternut Squash Stew

Makes 6 servings, approximately
1 1/4 cups each.

1 tsp. olive oil
1 1/2 lbs. raw, lean beef, boneless, stew meat, cut into 2-inch cubes
1 medium onion, chopped
1/2 green bell pepper, chopped
1/2 red bell pepper, chopped
4 cloves garlic, chopped
2 medium tomatoes
1 cup low-sodium, organic, beef broth
1 bay leaf

1 tsp. sea salt or pink Himalayan salt
1 tsp. black pepper
2 cups butternut squash, cubed
1/4 cup flat-leaf parsley, chopped

1. Heat the olive oil in a saucepan over medium-high heat.
2. Add the beef; cook, stirring frequently, 4-5 minutes, or until the beef is brown.
3. Add the onions and bell peppers; cook, stirring frequently, 4-5 minutes, or until the onions are translucent.
4. Add the garlic; cook, stirring frequently, for 1 minute.
5. Add tomatoes, broth, bay leaf, salt and pepper; bring to a boil.

6. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook, covered, for 40 minutes.

7. Add the squash; cook, stirring occasionally, 8-12 minutes, or until the sauce has thickened and the beef is fork-tender.

8. Remove the bay leaf; serve topped with parsley.

Cabbage Roll Soup

Makes 6 servings.

2 tsp. olive oil
1 lb. ground beef (I use 90% lean.)
Salt, to taste (divided use)
Pepper, to taste (divided use)
1 onion, finely diced
2 tsp. minced garlic
4 cups green cabbage, coarsely chopped
2 carrots, peeled, quartered and sliced
4 cups beef broth
3 8-oz. cans tomato sauce
1/2 cup uncooked long grain rice
1 bay leaf
3 Tbsp. brown sugar
2 Tbsp. parsley

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add the ground beef. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
2. Cook, breaking up the meat with a

spatula, until the beef is browned, approximately 4-5 minutes. Add the onions and garlic; cook 2-3 minutes.

3. Add the next 7 ingredients to the pot. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

4. Bring to a simmer; cook for 25 minutes, or until the rice is tender. Remove the bay leaf and discard.

5. Sprinkle with parsley; serve.

Spaghetti Squash Pizza Casserole: Make It Your Own!

Pre-cooked spaghetti squash (I like to cook mine in an Instant Pot.)

Pasta sauce of your choice

Pre-cooked meat, to taste (optional)

Chopped mushrooms, to taste (optional)

Sliced olives, to taste (optional)

Chopped vegetables, to taste (optional)

Italian seasoning, to taste (optional)

Mozzarella cheese

Parmesan cheese, to taste (optional)

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F
2. Place the pre-cooked squash in a 9x9-inch baking dish (or a bigger one if you have a lot).
3. Stir in the pasta sauce and add-ins (if using); sprinkle with the cheese(s).
4. Bake for about 30 minutes, or until the cheese is nice and melty/bubbly and the squash is thoroughly heated. If you want the cheese to be nice and crispy-browned, turn the oven up to broil for 3-5 minutes. *Note: Watch it so it doesn't burn!*

Cheesy Italian Chicken Spaghetti Squash Casserole
Approximately 4 servings.

4 cups prepared spaghetti squash

2 lbs. raw chicken breasts, cubed

4 Tbsp. Wishbone Light Italian Dressing

2 cups diced Italian tomatoes

8 wedges Light Laughing Cow Garlic and Herb Cheese


1 cup 2% reduced fat Mozzarella cheese, shredded

3 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese, grated

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Prepare the spaghetti squash by oven or microwave.
2. Marinate the chicken in the Italian dressing.
3. Spray a nonstick skillet with cooking spray. Add the chicken; cook thoroughly. Set aside.
4. Sauté the spaghetti squash, Italian diced tomatoes and cheese wedges until the cheese is melted.
5. Pour the squash mixture into a small casserole dish. Spread the chicken on top. Sprinkle shredded cheese and then Parmesan cheese, over the chicken. Bake 7-10 minutes, or until cheese has melted.



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Cheesy Italian Chicken
Spaghetti Squash Casserole

Healthy Turkey Burgers With Zucchini

- 1 lb. lean ground turkey
- 1 1/2 cups finely shredded zucchini
(about 1 medium)
- 1 large garlic clove, grated
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 Tbsp. oil

1. In a large mixing bowl, add all the ingredients, except the oil. Using your hands, mix well.
2. Form 6 large turkey burger patties about

the size of a medium hand. Use wet hands to help with stickiness issue. I usually form patties as I am waiting for the skillet to get hot and as I go. Flatten them as the burgers "jump up" while cooking. You can cook this on a stovetop or grill.

3. For stovetop: Preheat a medium ceramic nonstick skillet on low-medium heat. It's important to cook turkey burgers low and slow, so they get cooked through and do not fall apart (they won't). Add the oil to the skillet; swirl it around. Place 3 patties in the skillet; cook for 5 minutes per side, flipping once. Remove the patties. Add the remaining 3 patties, and cook them in the oil that remains in the pan.

4. For grill: If grilling, freeze burgers for 10

minutes prior. It helps to hold their shape. Preheat the grill on medium and spray with cooking spray. Spray turkey patties on both sides with cooking spray, place on a grill and cook for 6-8 minutes, flipping once. Grills vary, so check your burger for doneness by inserting a food thermometer into the center of the patty. You are looking for 165 degrees to be done.

5. Note: Serving hot and right away is the best. Burgers are the juiciest this way. Serve the traditional way on a whole-grain or thin multigrain bun with all the fixin's or serve "naked" with mashed avocado and store-bought salsa — or on a bed of greens. The sky is the limit.

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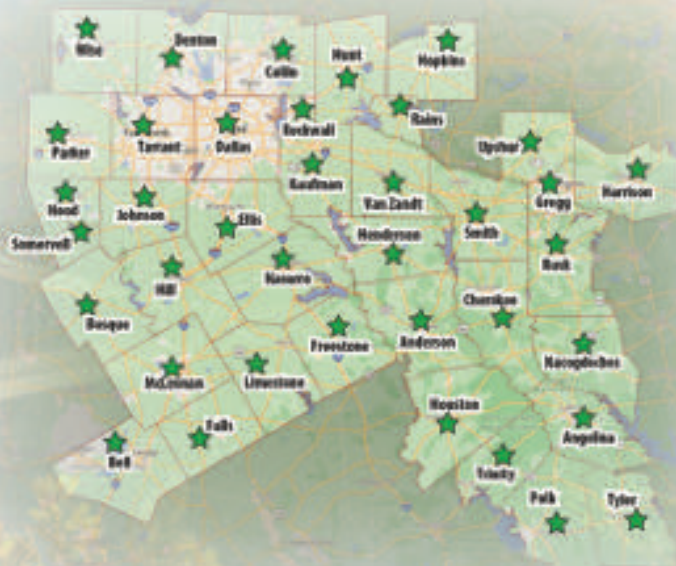
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Time for New Year's Financial Resolutions

It's that time of year when many of us promise ourselves we'll go to the gym more, or learn a new language, or take up a musical instrument, or any number of other worthy goals. But this year, when making New Year's resolutions, why not also consider some financial ones?

- Here are a few to consider:
- *Don't let inflation derail your investment strategy.* As you know, inflation was the big financial story of 2022, hitting a 40-year high. And while it may moderate somewhat this year, it will likely still be higher than what we experienced the past decade or so. Even so, it's a good idea to try not to let today's inflation harm your investment strategy for the future. That happened last year: More than half of American workers either reduced their contributions to their 401(k)s and other retirement plans or stopped contributing completely during the third quarter of 2022, according to a survey by Allianz Life Insurance of North America. Of course, focusing on your cash flow needs today is certainly understandable, but are there other ways you can free up some money, such as possibly lowering your spending, so you can continue contributing to your retirement accounts? It's worth the effort because you could spend two or three decades as a retiree.
 - *Control your debts.* Inflation can also be a factor in debt management.

For example, your credit card debt could rise due to rising prices and variable credit card interest rate increases. By paying your bill each month, you can avoid the effects of rising interest rates. If you do carry a balance, you might be able to transfer it to a lower-rate card, depending on your credit score. And if you're carrying multiple credit cards, you might benefit by getting a fixed-rate debt consolidation loan. In any case, the lower your debt payments, the more you can invest for your long-term goals.

- *Review your investment portfolio.* At least once a year, you should review your investment portfolio to determine if it's still appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. But be careful not to make changes just because you feel your recent performance is not what it should have been. When the financial markets are down, as was the case for most of 2022, even quality investments, such as stocks of companies with solid business fundamentals and strong prospects, can see declines in value. But if these investments are still suitable for your portfolio, you may want to keep them.
- *Prepare for the unexpected.* If you encountered a large, unexpected expense, such as the need for a major home repair, how would you pay for it? If you didn't have the money readily available, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments or retirement accounts. To prevent this, you should build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses — or a year's worth, if you're retired — with the money kept in a low-risk, liquid account.

These resolutions can be useful — so try to put them to work in 2023.


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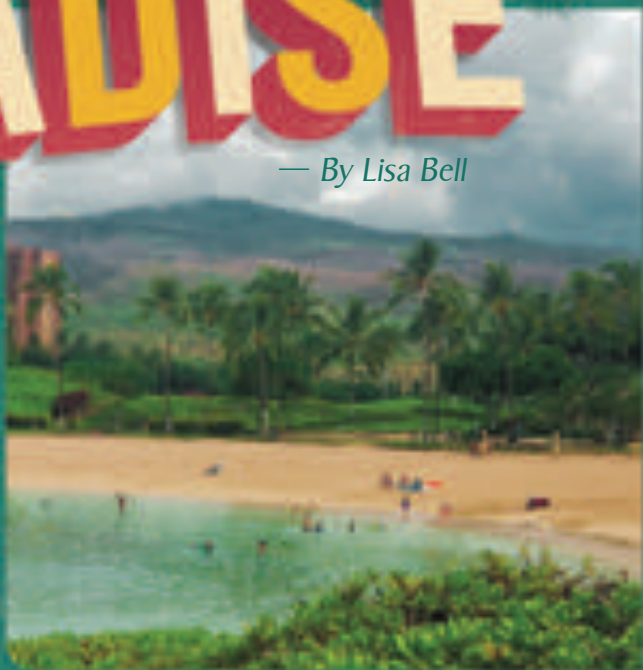
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— By Lisa Bell



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.

Those who love shopping and souvenirs may want to stop by Aloha Stadium Swap Meet and Marketplace. Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday since 1979, families gather to share cultural diversity with pride. Over 400 vendors, crafters and artists provide a wide selection of clothing, jewelry, Hawaiian souvenirs and exclusive art. Visit with local artisans and leave with more than you expected for your money. Go early, and wear comfortable shoes.

With so much to see on O‘ahu, you may not get to do everything in one trip. And that doesn’t include the other seven largest islands that represent the 137 Hawaiian Islands. Plan your trip in advance, and consider taking an extra bag for the flight home. **NOW**

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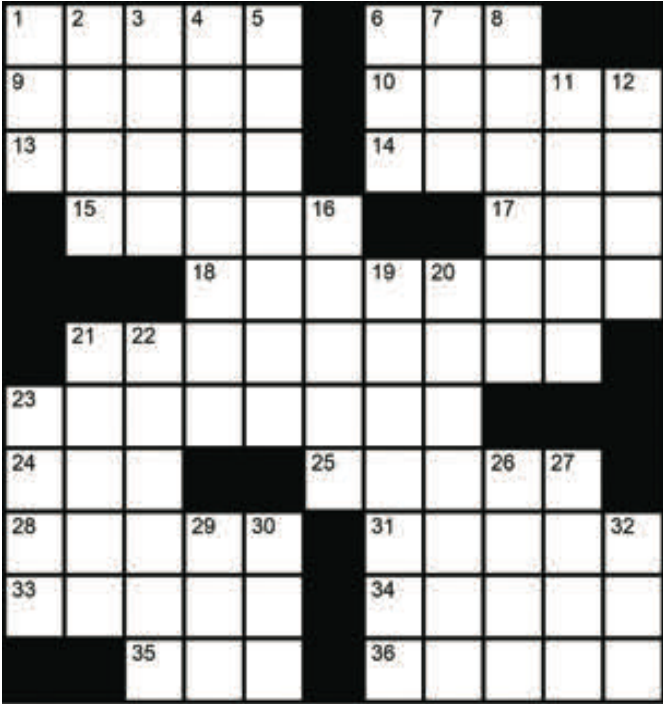
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- 15 Arrests
- 17 Bachelor's last words?
- 18 Went around
- 21 Warlike woman
- 23 Talk radio staple
- 24 It replaced the Pan-American Union
- 25 Diminish
- 28 Wall recess
- 31 Dogma
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- 35 Grp. with panda logo
- 36 Lake Placid's county

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- 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"
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A CROWN FOR YOUR ROOM

— By Bill Smith





Trim carpentry is an acquired skill that may take years to develop fully, but like most home improvement projects, if one takes their time and can accept that there will be mistakes to correct, most of us are capable of some of the more complex tasks. Installing crown molding would have to fall under the heading of a more advanced skill, but with the proper amount of patience, a do-it-yourselfer will find success.

There are a number of tools you will need to acquire for a crown molding project. One tool that will come in handy is an extra set of hands — that is, a helper to hold things in place while cutting and nailing. It is best to have the molding span the entire length of each wall to which it is applied, and a 12- to 14-foot board may be difficult for one person to hold in place, especially if you are trying to match angles and keep them tight. This is trim carpentry at its finest, and while gaps can be filled with putty, having an assistant will be a great help for keeping the gaps closed as the installation progresses.

In addition to an assistant, you will need:

1. Two ladders
2. Miter saw
3. Coping saw
4. Measuring tape
5. Compass to measure angles
6. Roller stand (or your assistant)
- 7 Stud finder
8. Pencil
9. Nail gun
10. 18-gauge brads, probably 1 1/2 to 2 inches long
11. Wood glue
12. Wood filler
13. Masking tape

14. Sandpaper
15. Crown molding in appropriate lengths
16. Crown molding jig (optional, but helpful)
- 17 Square corner blocks (optional, but helpful — especially if you aren't proficient with cutting angles)

Crown molding is relatively expensive, so avoiding waste is important. Choose lengths long enough to span each wall, if possible, so you can avoid making joints in the middle of the wall.

Start your project with the longest wall. Run a piece of masking tape along the wall near where the bottom of the molding will be, and use the stud finder to mark the studs on the masking tape with the pencil.

If you can use the coping saw for the pieces that will go into place in the inside corners after the first piece is in place, the ends of the first piece can be cut square. If you are not going to cope the inside corner joints, cut the ends at the proper angle with the miter saw. Rooms that look square are not necessarily square, so use the compass to measure the corner to get a good, tight fit.

You cannot use the coping saw for the outside corners, so measure them with the compass, and cut them with the miter saw. Tack the molding in one side, then make sure the joint is good where you will join the next piece. If it lines up within an acceptable tolerance, place a small amount of glue in the joint and nail it in place. If the joint for an outside corner does not want to stay closed while the glue dries, pull it together with a couple of pieces of masking tape. Especially if this is your first attempt at installing crown molding, some angles may be difficult and require a little more wood filler and sanding.

There are some recent aids to simplify crown molding installation and produce very satisfactory results. Crown molding can be difficult to hold at the proper angle in a miter saw, and there is a jig that can be used for this purpose. Another very helpful aid can eliminate the need for the difficult angles, that is, using square corner blocks. These blocks are made for both inside and outside corners and can range from very plain to as elaborate as you would like for your crown molding to be. The blocks are placed in or on the corners at the beginning of your project, then the crown molding is cut to fit between the blocks, with all the cuts being square.

Take your time with crown molding. Patience is your friend. Watch a couple of videos before you start. After you finish the project, call some friends over and listen to them say, “Wow, you did this yourself?” **NOW**

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JANUARY

Some events may have been cancelled or rescheduled while we were at press. Check with individual organizations or your city or Chamber websites to verify dates and times.

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Varsity Basketball Game:
Ennis High School vs. Lancaster.
Women's game: 6:30 p.m.;
men's game: 8:00 p.m.,
EHS main gym.

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Men's Varsity Soccer:
Ennis High School vs. Arlington
Seguin. 7:15 p.m., Lion
Memorial Stadium.

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Homeschool Skate Day:
1:00-3:00 p.m. and 3:00-
5:00 p.m., Generations Skate,
1301 S. Kaufman St. For more
information, visit
www.generationsskate.com.

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**Dr. Martin Luther King
Art, Essay and Oratorical
Contest:**
This annual event provides an
opportunity for Ennis' youth
to showcase their artistic
abilities through art, writing and
reciting of poetry. The entire
community is invited to come
out and support the youth of
our community. Free! 4:00-6:30
p.m., San Jacinto Auditorium,
501 N. Gaines St. For more
information, call
(469) 285-4386 or visit
www.unityinthecommunityofennis.org.

**Boots and Beauties Daddy
Daughter Dance:**
Enjoy a night of fun and dancing.

All ages are welcome! \$40 per
couple. \$10 each additional
daughter. 5:00-7:00 p.m., The
Telico Gin, 948 Kirkpatrick Rd.
For tickets, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetRi9xzRQGvafNXs8HYLwvHUUL8SBAUJblyGQZFnyzLrY9w/viewform>.

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I.O.O.F. Trade Days:
A new family-friendly event.
We have several local vendors
featuring their own crafts, food,
boutiques, etc. Free to the
public. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.,
I.O.O.F. Event Center, 601 N.
45th St., Corsicana. For vendor
information, please contact
Laurie or Crystal
at (903) 872-7438.

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**Ennis Chamber of
Commerce Job Fair:**
Meet and connect with top
employers and professionals.
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out on the right career path for
you. Free to job seekers and the
public. \$50 fee for display table.
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. each day.
For more information, contact
jennifer@ennis-chamber.com.
(972) 878-2625.

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**Annual Education
Foundation Dinner
and Auction:**
Join us for dinner, door prizes,
raffles and an auction. \$40

per person. 6:00-10:00
p.m., SPIST Lodge, 1901 E.
Ennis Ave. Purchase tickets at
www.9thFoundationDinner.eventbrite.com. For more
information, call (972) 872-7005.

Mondays

8 Ball Tournament:
Food and drink specials all night
long. \$20 entry fee. Sign in: 7:30
p.m.; tournament begins: 8:00
p.m., The Gameroom, 807 W.
Lake Bardwell Dr. For
more information, visit
www.ennisgameroom.com or
call (469) 881-1022.

Tuesdays

**Men's Brown Bag
Bible Study:**
Bring your Bible and a sack
lunch and join other men of the
community for a brief time of
Bible study. Noon-1:00 p.m.,
Baylor Baptist Church, 210 N.
Preston St. Use the Knox Street
entrance. (972) 875-2521.

**Rotary Club of
Ennis Meeting:**
Regular meeting with lunch, club
business and program. Noon,
The Vine at 119, 119 South
Dallas Street.

Wednesdays

**Ennis Host Lions
Club Meeting:**
Noon, Tabernacle Baptist Church,
1200 Country Club Road. Please
call Bob Taylor at (972) 875-
3546 or email bretco3546@

bill.smith@nowmagazines.com if you plan to attend
so your lunch can be ordered.

Thursdays

Cornhole:
This event is run by South Dallas
Cornhole Region and is open
to anyone. Please follow South
Dallas Cornhole for all their
event schedules. Sign up before
7:00 p.m., SPIST Lodge, 1901 E.
Ennis Ave. (972) 875-8381.

Saturdays

**Genealogy Help With Pat
Kemper, The Family
History Detective:**
1:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Sims
Library, 515 W. Main St.,
Waxahachie.
(972) 937-2671.

Fourth Saturdays

The Bristol Opry:
Open mic. Everyone is welcome.
Admission is free; donations are
accepted. Concessions available
for purchase. 7:00-9:00 p.m.,
the Old Bristol School, 100
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