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### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

New year. Same old me ...

Let's be real. Only crazy people *actually like* New Year's resolutions. (Sorry to you lunatics who enjoy them, but, honestly, even *you* know that's nuts, right?) Making a list of behaviors you haven't managed to change for decades is truly just setting yourself up for even more failure. I admit, I'm one of those weirdos who likes to think vision boards will encourage me to do the things I should already be doing. But, realistically, I know by about January 15, the poster and the goals will get buried in the recycle bin. (Hey, at least I can feel good about doing something "green.")

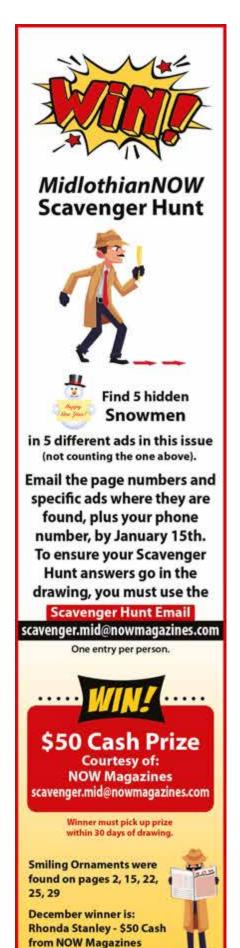
This year, I've decided to try something a little different, inspired by viral comedian Heather Land. Rather than writing down what I plan to do this year, I'm making an "I ain't doin' it" list instead. It will read something like this:

- 1) Eat healthier? I ain't doin' it.
- 2) Exercise more? I ain't doin' it.
- 3) Organize my home and my life? Ain't. Doin'. lt.
- 4) Travel more? Not gonna.
- 5) Try a new hobby? Nope.

I don't know about you, but I feel better already. Now this is a list I can achieve. And if I "fail" at even one of them, it means I've done something better, not worse. I just "reverse psychologied" myself into the greatest self-improvement plan ever. Of course, if you decide to go the traditional resolution route, you have my full support. And if you make just a single good thing come to fruition, I will not judge you on the rest of the list. I would rather see one of your goals come true this year than to criticize you for trying. I may jokingly call you crazy, but really bein' ugly to others?

Uh-uh. I ain't doin' it!





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— By Angel Morris

After some health struggles in her early 50s, Charla George got on a bike. "At the marvelous age of 54, I rode three blocks on my seven-speed Schwinn. It only needed a basket of daisies and a little dog to complete the granny bike look," she recalled. "I made it home huffing and puffing like I'd run a mile and was hooked!"

Charla began riding with her friend, Joy Thompson, in July 2014. "In August that year, we rode 25 miles in the Hotter'N Hell Bike Ride, which is

hosted in Wichita Falls. We were a couple of yahoos that had no real clue what we were getting ourselves into," Charla admitted.

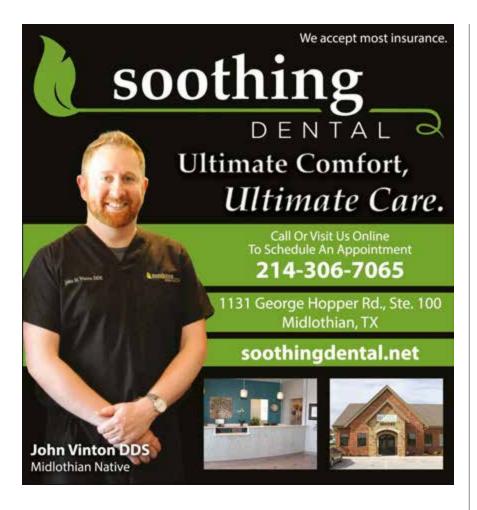
On the advice of Joy's daughter, the duo regularly chose bike events in which to participate to keep them motivated. Founded in 2015, the Great Cycle Challenge USA has become one of the biggest cycling events in the country — raising more than \$52 million for childhood cancer research — and Charla has since participated eight times. "The first few years, I was pretty obsessive about riding. There were numerous times Joy probably wanted to strangle me, but instead kept encouraging me to 'ride on,'" Charla noted.

A hairdresser for 25 years, Charla and her husband, Ken, moved to Midlothian in 2016 to help take care of their grandchildren. She had also cared for her own parents, and compassion for others was part of the motivation for continuing in the Great Cycle Challenge year after year.

"We've all seen the struggles of someone we love fighting to beat cancer. A child should spend their childhood playing, exploring the world and laughing, not knowing when treatment day is, which doctor they are going to see or worrying when they can be with friends again," Charla emphasized.

Each year, more than 15,000 children are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. In the Great Cycle Challenge, people of all ages, abilities and from every state across the country set a personal riding goal

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and secure donations from friends, family and sponsors. "We ride to give these kids a brighter future and because we believe that any one individual can make their personal impact to fight cancer and save little lives," Charla expressed. "Children's Cancer Research Fund hosts the challenge and is committed to transparency, meeting all 20 standards by the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance and meeting all accountability standards for the Charities Review Council."

Last year, Charla rode 200 miles in support of Children's Cancer Research Fund and, to date, has raised more than \$29,000 riding over 3,000 miles. Although she started riding because "children should be children and not have to be cancer warriors," her own health was also a catalyst.

"I had a stroke in July 2012. Fortunately, Ken knew what was happening and got me to the hospital within minutes of my symptoms appearing," Charla said. "In the next couple years, I had surgeries on both my feet and was feeling pretty lousy. My early 50s were a series of 'pull up your big girl panties' adventures. Fortunately, I am blessed with a great family and great friends."

Describing herself as "just an average person who works in the yard, hangs out with family and friends and is fortunate enough to work from home for a land/title company," Charla said she never considered herself athletic. "As kids growing up in the '60s and '70s, we were always outside riding bikes or horses, playing baseball most of the time there weren't enough of us to form a team, so we played flies and skinners — and seeing how close to trouble we could get without actually getting in trouble," Charla joked.

Charla did play organized softball and high school basketball, which may have given her a foundation toward cycling. "Training for a ride is pretty much like any other sport: You set your goal. Make a plan to achieve the goal and go forward with the plan, making adjustments as you go for any injuries, equipment failure, weather, etc.," Charla outlined.

But there are still surprises in every ride. "So many things happen. You have your first blow out — and I'm not talking about hair — because you ran over a mesquite thorn. You figure

out what to do when you come across skunks, coyotes and bobcats, which we did at the River Legacy Nature Center," Charla explained. "Our husbands work out how to burn time, usually eating breakfast at some country cafe and in the beginning, lunch, too, while we ride whatever distance and be there to pick us up and have chocolate milk cold and ready for us."

Charla credits her continued ride success to a few special people in her life: "None of this would happen without my husband. God brought us together, and together we go through life, we have each other, through the good and the bad," she said. "Our kids and grands, who think we may be a little bit crazy, but love us anyway. My riding partner through all the crazy experiences, Joy, and her husband, Brent Verrette."

To ride against children's cancer you can visit the website and learn more about the one-month event. The Great Cycle Challenge also allows you to search for participants online to make pledges for miles ridden. "I ride in memory of my sister, Janice, who put the F in 'feisty," Charla noted. "In the early '70s she started her sales career by selling boats. She was one of the top salesmen in her company within the first year. I might mention she didn't care much for boating, and she couldn't swim!" Charla recalled.

"Janice moved on to mobile home sales and became one of the top salesmen in the country. She had a unique sense of fashion wearing bold colors and lots of jewelry. She was shabby chic before it became a thing. Janice was one of the first to repurpose items and set up booths to sell her junk treasures."

Continued participation in the Great Cycle Challenge USA allows Charla to help in the fight against losing loved ones like her sister. "Janice was humble and a good mom. She was more than a sister, she was my mentor and my friend," Charla explained. "The ride is the least I can do." NOW

Editor's Note: To learn more, visit www.greatcyclechallenge.com/Riders/ CharlaAdamsGeorge.







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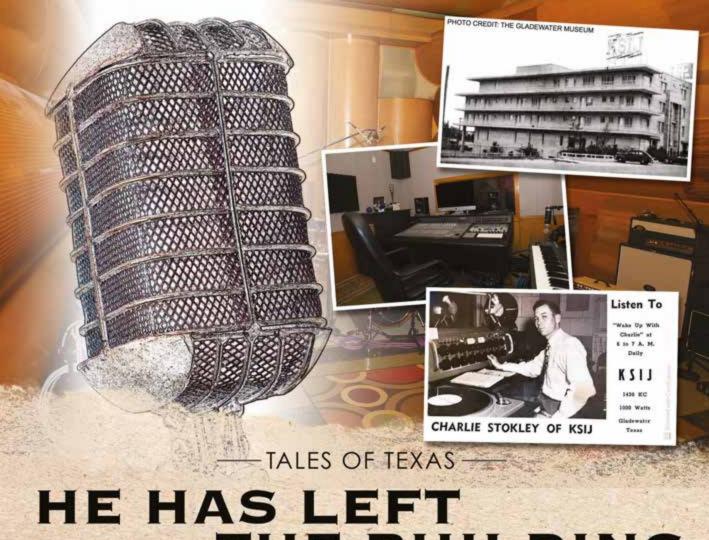


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# THE BUILDING

— By Bill Smith

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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## Around Town



Zoomed In: Dade Manley

By Angel Morris

When Dade Manley needed a part-time job, his dad, Durwood, suggested officiating football. "It was a great fit," 16-year-old Dade said. "I could work middle school games during the week and still be a fan of high school football on Friday nights."

To become certified, Dade took TASO training classes and passed a rules exam. "From growing up with my dad officiating, I knew the time and study that's put in. But now, I understand the mechanics and why certain officials look at certain spots. Most people think everyone is looking at the ball. I've found out firsthand that's not the case."

Dade hopes to someday umpire baseball but has another goal first. He said: "I plan on going to college and would love the opportunity to play baseball there!"



The Jenkins family accepts a Traeger grill from the Midlothian Lions Club pancake breakfast raffle donated by Methodist Midlothian Medical Center.



Mark and Tinky Gohlke attend the Forever Mac Autumn Beats concert. having been faithful spectators of all concerts in the series.



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Harvest Hill Church names its Chili and Cornbread Cook-off winners, Alicia Gonzalez, Melissa Coffman, Rusty Bailey and Jeff Bucknam.



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Many know that a pearl is a gem that grows inside an oyster shell. The valuable object is said to be related to the moon, helping people control their psyche and keep calm. At Pearl Medical Clinic, the goal is similar ... with a strong emphasis toward disease prevention through diet, exercise and lifestyle modification.

"This is the driving force behind my passion for teaching patients how to lose weight and prevent chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and high cholesterol rather than relying only on pills to maintain their health," emphasized Dr. Ibidunni Ukegbu, fondly referred to as Dr. Ibi.

Dr. Ibi has been a board-certified internist for the last 18 years. She graduated from medical school in 1990 and worked in general practice and anesthesiology prior to her relocation to the U.S. Since completing her residency at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, she has worked in fields like outpatient medicine, emergency medicine, hospitalist (inpatient medicine), skilled nursing and long-term acute medicine.

"Eventually, I realized that the current medical model of disease management heavily relies on simply putting out fires. As a result, I transitioned to outpatient practice and bariatric medicine," Dr. Ibi explained.

Through Pearl Medical Clinic, Dr. Ibi's goal is to model the ideal health care vision for the 21st century. "We strive to understand the factors behind the person's lifestyle, so we can

better serve their health needs," Dr. Ibi noted. "We give you a total approach to healing that is not just based on pills and prescriptions but on making you feel better overall, heal quickly and achieve the goal of total health."

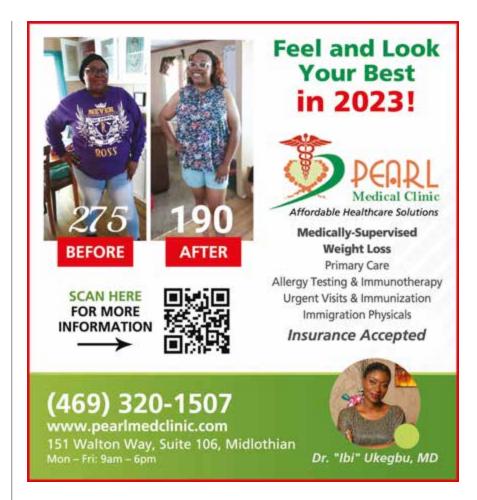
With a location in Midlothian and DeSoto, Pearl Medical Clinic services include primary care, allergy testing and immunotherapy, urgent visits and immunizations, immigration physicals and medically supervised weight loss. "We are a team of caring and compassionate health workers who see you as not just a number but an individual with a unique combination of factors that make you the person you are," Dr. Ibi promised.

Dr. Ibi is joined by Indyia Lacount, a board-certified family nurse practitioner from Dallas. She originally attended Howard University in Washington, D.C., where she received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and graduated with honors. Indyia has worked primarily in outpatient endocrinology and worked in this field while pursuing her Master of Science in Nursing at Vanderbilt University. She graduated from Vanderbilt with a specialty in family medicine. At Pearl Medical Clinic, she sees patients for medical weight loss and internal medicine.

#### "We strive to understand the factors behind the person's lifestyle, so we can better serve their health needs."

When Dr. Ibi is not seeing patients, she can be found volunteering at her church, singing in her church choir or relaxing with a book. She loves to cook when she can and often experiments on how she can create healthy vegetarian substitutes to her popular Nigerian dishes.

Dr. Ibi reminds patients that Pearl Medical Clinic accepts numerous insurances and offers payment plans and packages for the uninsured. "Details about the office's weightloss program and other frequently asked questions can be found on our website," she noted. "I encourage you to see what others are saying about our services and hope you'll consider us for your health care needs." NOW







As a child, Valerie Rose Boyd used cooking to help manage dyslexia. "In baking, you must use accurate measurements, which is a lot of fractions," Valerie noted. "There's a lot of trial and error in the kitchen. It taught me to never give up."

Raised in Millsap, Valerie met her husband at University of North Texas in Denton. Coming to Midlothian six years ago, she's now a substitute teacher for MISD and offers private baking and cake decorating classes. "Assisting teachers with our youth is extremely rewarding," Valerie said. She also finds the response to her food rewarding, "The first dish I ever made my husband when we were dating was Chicken Sopa, and now, he wants it every year for his birthday," she said. "And the smiles I get when family and friends taste my Chocolate Raspberry Ganache Cake fill my heart!" Now

#### Cauliflower Soup

- I medium head cauliflower, broken apart
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, diced
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 Tbsp. thyme
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$  cups white cheddar cheese, grated
- I cup milk (Whole milk will be creamier; reduced fat will be less rich.)
- **I.** Preheat the oven to 400 F. Roast the cauliflower for 30 minutes.
- **2.** In a large pot, sauté the onions and garlic in the oil until onions are translucent. Add the thyme and broth to onion mixture, stirring for 1 minute over medium heat. Add

- the cauliflower to the mixture; simmer for 20 minutes.
- **3.** Place the mixture in a blender; puree until smooth. Allow the steam to escape while blending.
- **4.** Place the mixture back into a pot on low-medium heat. Stir in the cheese until melted. Add the milk; stir. Heat 3-5 minutes; serve.

#### Chicken Sopa

#### 8 corn tortillas

- 1 Tbsp. oil, plus enough to toast tortillas
- 1 14.5-oz. can cream of chicken soup
- 2 4-oz. cans green chiles, mild or hot
- 1 2-oz. can mild chiles (optional, for spicier taste)

- 1 2-oz. can hot chiles (optional, for spicier taste)
- 1 2-oz. can diced tomatoes, drained (optional, for spicier taste)
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup milk (whole or 2 percent)
- 1 Tbsp. oil
- I small yellow onion, diced
- 3 cups chicken, shredded
- 2 1/2 cups Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- **1.** Preheat the oven to 350 F. Lightly brush both sides of the tortillas with oil; toast in oven or on the stovetop until they are crisp. Set aside. (They can burn quickly in the oven; watch closely.)
- **2.** In a large pot over medium heat, whisk the cream of chicken soup, chiles, tomatoes, sour cream and milk until it begins to bubble; set aside.
- **3.** In a medium pan over medium heat, add the oil. Sauté the onions for 3 minutes; add the chicken. Cook until the chicken is warm. Remove from heat; set aside.
- **4.** Place a thin layer of the soup mixture across the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking dish. Place 3 tortillas on top of the mixture. Add 1/3 of the chicken on top of the tortillas. Place 1/2 of the remaining soup mixture on top of the chicken. Place 1/2 of the shredded cheese on top. Repeat layering, making sure to end with cheese on top.

- **5.** Place the dish on a cookie sheet in case it spills over. Bake 30-35 minutes. Let set 5 minutes before serving.
- 6. Variation: Use rotisserie chicken and tortilla chips if you're in a hurry.

#### **Dark Chocolate Raspberry** Ganache Cake

A family favorite!

#### Cake:

2 cups all-purpose flour

2 cups sugar

3/4 cup dark cocoa powder

1 1/2 tsp. baking soda

2 tsp. baking powder

3/4 tsp. salt

I cup whole-fat milk

1/2 cup vegetable oil

2 large eggs

2 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract

2/3 cup boiling coffee

1/3 cup boiling water

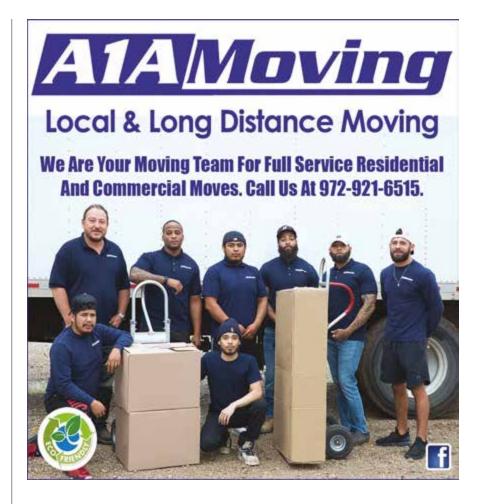
#### Filling:

3/4 cup raspberry jam (I make my own puree, but any high-quality jam will work.)

1 1/4 tsp. water

#### Ganache:

- 4 cups high-quality chocolate chips
- 4 cups heavy cream
- **I.** For cake: Preheat the oven to 350 F. Grease and flour 3 8-inch round cake pans.
- 2. Place the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking soda, baking powder and salt into a large mixing bowl; whisk together. (I use a Kitchen Aid mixer and whisk on low speed for 30 minutes.)
- **3.** Add the milk, oil, eggs and vanilla to the dry ingredients; mix on low speed until fully combined, scraping the bottom and sides of the bowl.
- **4.** Slowly add the coffee and water while the mixer is on low speed. Mix until combined. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl; mix again until there are no lumps.
- 5. Bake 30-35 minutes. Cool 10 minutes; remove from the pans; place on wire racks to cool.
- **6.** For filling: In a small saucepan combine the jam and water, whisking on medium heat until bubbles form. Turn the heat to low: continue to whisk 2-3 minutes.
- **7.** Remove from heat; allow to cool.
- **8.** For ganache: Place the chocolate chips in a heat-proof glass bowl; set aside.
- 9. Pour the heavy cream into a small saucepan; heat over medium heat until bubbles appear around the edge. Remove from heat; pour the cream over the chocolate chips. Let stand 10-15 minutes. Stir until smooth and creamy.







- **10.** Place plastic wrap over the bowl; press down until it touches the chocolate-and-cream mixture. Place in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour until set firm.
- **11.** Remove from the refrigerator; whip with a whisk attachment for 10-15 seconds, or until fluffy.
- **12.** Place one layer of cake onto a cake board. Surround the edge of the cake with frosting. Fill the center with 1/2 of the jam filling. Spread to the frosting.
- **13.** Stack the second cake layer on top; repeat frosting steps. Place the third cake layer on top; chill 1 hour. Cover with the

frosting. The cake must be refrigerated due to ganache, but serve at room temperature.

**14.** Note: I shave chocolate bars and sprinkle the sides with chocolate shavings. You can also garnish the top with fresh raspberries.

#### Classic Shortbread

1 cup butter, softened 1/2 cup sugar

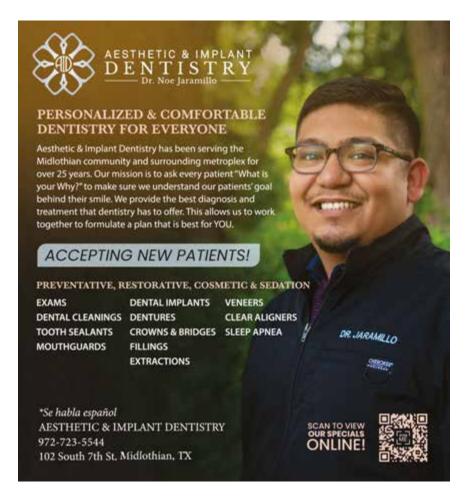
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

2 1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour

1/8 tsp. salt

- **I.** Beat the butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy; gradually add the sugar at a low speed. Mix well; stir in the vanilla at low speed.
- **2.** Combine the flour and salt; slowly add the flour mixture to the butter mixture on low speed until blended.
- **3.** Roll the dough to 1/2-inch thickness on a lightly floured surface. Cut the dough with your favorite cookie cutters. Place the cookies 2 inches apart on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 275 F for 50 minutes. Cool 2 minutes on the cookie sheet before removing them to a cooling rack.
- **4.** *Variation:* For almond-flavored shortbread, use 1/4 tsp. of almond extract and 1/4 tsp. of vanilla extract.

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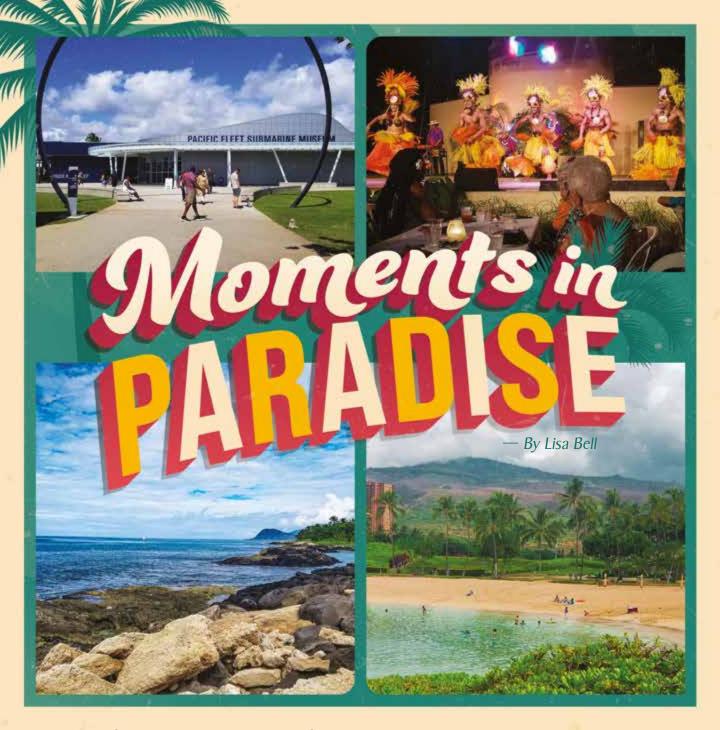
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From the renowned Waikiki beach to the North Shore for surfers, Oʻahu's beaches in places like Ko Olina don't disappoint. Many include lagoons where gentler waves allow for splashing in the ocean and snorkeling without having waves crash too hard. 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.

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#### Across

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- 6 To be unwell
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- 15 Arrests
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- 23 Talk radio staple
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- 35 Grp. with panda logo
- 36 Lake Placid's county

#### Down

- 1 Artillery angular measure
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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
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- 19 "The Kids Are All Right" actress ---Bening
- 20 Chekhov trio
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- 22 --- mule, a cocktail
- 23 Doctor Who's Amy
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- 30 "Lord of the Rings" character
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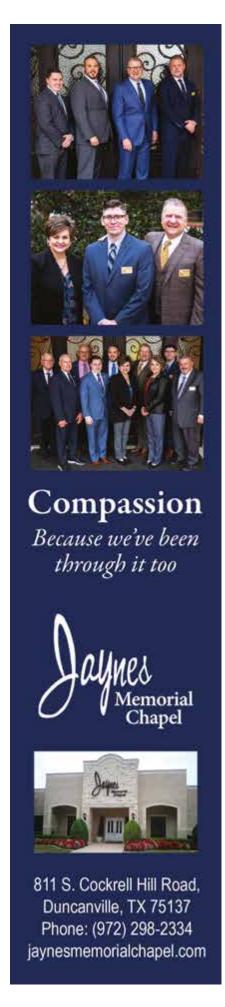
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#### 1/11

#### **Chamber Annual Membership Meeting:**

A reflection on the accomplishments of the Chamber over the past year and a look at its vision for the future. Attendees hear from the Chamber's president and CEO and board chair and have the opportunity to network. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Midlothian Conference Center, I Community Dr. Learn more at www.midlothianchamber.org.

#### 1/12

#### Midlothian Chamber **Open House:**

Join the Chamber as it

celebrates a new location Downtown. A come-and-go event. 4:00-6:00 p.m., with the official ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m., 116 N. 8th St.

#### 1/13-2/5

#### Fiddler On The Roof:

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#### 1/14

#### Black and White Gala:

With a "Winter Wonderland" theme, enjoy dinner, dancing and fun to kick off Waxahachie Community Theater's 2023 season. \$20 over 14; \$10 under 14. 6:00 p.m., University Church, 221 Solon Rd., Waxahachie.

#### 1/15

#### **Ovilla Road Baptist Church 50th Anniversary:**

Dr. Nathan Lorick, executive director for the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, preaches at the church's anniversary worship services.

9:30 and 11:00 a.m., 3251 Ovilla Rd., Ovilla.

#### Fourth Mondays Through November

#### Creative Quilters Guild of **Ellis County:**

Social time, business meeting, show and tell program. Sign-in: 6:00 p.m.; meeting: 6:30 p.m., Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 N. Grand Avenue. Waxahachie. Learn more at elliscountyquilters.com.

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#### Wednesdays

#### DivorceCare:

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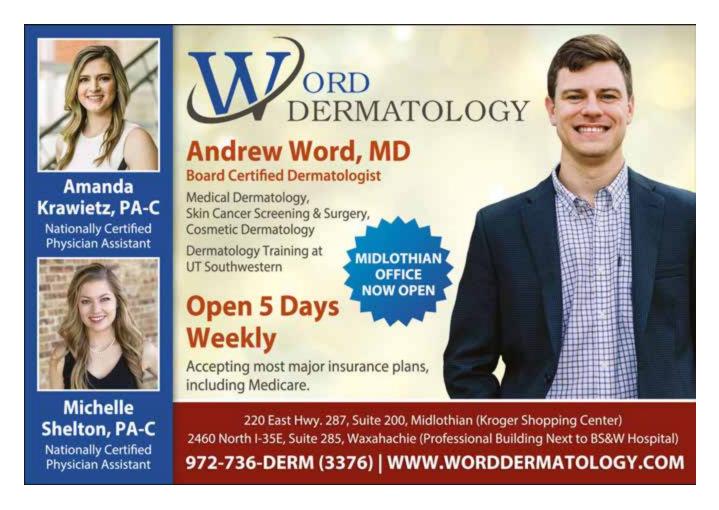
#### Lancaster Women's **Connection:** Welcoming all women in

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