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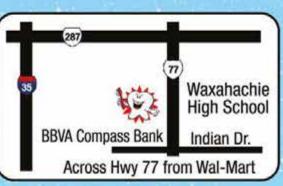
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Apollo and Artemis ...

In Greek mythology, they are twins. He's the god of the sun. She's the goddess of the moon. They both love to hunt, though she's the goddess of hunting, and it's just a hobby for him.

I was born during the days of Project Apollo. Though I'm too young to remember it, Apollo was recent history throughout my childhood. One of the first books I remember reading on my own was *You Will Go to the Moon*, which was published before the first moon landing, and got some things wrong, but had great, inspiring artwork. The moon was part of all my childhood dreams. And I had plans to be the first man on Mars, until my mom informed me that astronauts had to learn their math. Then I decided to be a florist.

I've waited nearly 50 years for Artemis. This is beyond exciting to me. We're finally going back. And we're planning to set up bases. *Real* moon bases! Project Apollo was fantastic, the stuff of dreams, but it was a product of its time. All the brave astronauts who went to the moon in the 1960s and 1970s were white Americans, and they were men. This time, women are going, and people of color are going. And that's even better.

Space should be for all of us. Yeah, it's too expensive to even think about. But that's now. The future will be different. And the Russians and Chinese and Indians and Europeans and Japanese and Israelis will be there — and probably a lot of others. Apollo and Artemis are getting us there.

Next stop, Mars!

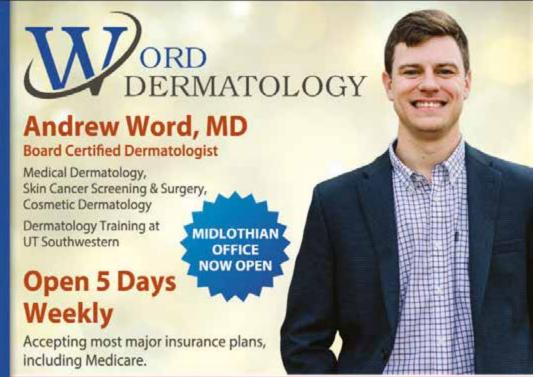
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Rugby isn't one of the big sports in Texas. Even if you've heard of it, you may not be exactly sure what it is. But it's an important part of life to Dondi Cooks, II. Like most kids in Texas, Dondi grew up playing other sports. "I started playing football at age 6, when my mom and dad introduced me to it. Those were the days when the Dallas Cowboys were winning championships. Everything was Cowboys. Of course I wanted to play. In high school, I ran track and played basketball and football. When I went to Texas A&M University-Kingsville, I played college football." After college he played semi-pro football for a time. But he was at work at his job at Enterprise Truck Rental when his life changed.

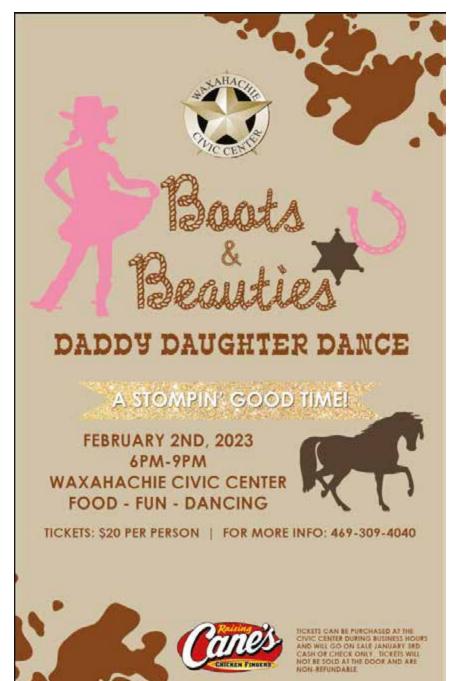
"These gentlemen on a rugby team came in to rent a truck," he remembered. "They talked to me about rugby and asked me if I'd ever played. I told them no, but I had a video game that included a demo for a rugby game. I tried it out. That demo was the first time I ever heard of the game. I didn't understand it, but I thought it was cool. They explained that it was kind of like football and invited me to come check it out. I ran a few drills with them, and they wanted me on their team."

So, after a lifetime of playing football, Dondi became a rugby player. "I played for six years. That first year, I got rookie of the year. We won a couple of championships, including the Crispin Cup in Galveston, and I auditioned for the Texas All-Stars team."

During that time, Dondi was also teaching debate at Mesquite ISD. "I spent four years there, building that program, but I was asking God for the opportunity to coach. There just aren't a lot of schools with rugby programs in North Texas. But I knew the head coach of the rugby program at the Faith Family







Academy campus in Oak Cliff. I was hoping maybe I could help there. But he told me they were thinking about starting a rugby program at their Waxahachie campus. My eyes lit up. I told him, 'I live in Waxahachie! I play rugby!' He said, 'We know. We want you to start a program there.'

"So, I came here and interviewed for the job! I wanted to be a part of this vision. For me, it's something really special to get to start something like this." Now he's coaching rugby at the K-8 campus, as well as teaching history and debate, which doesn't leave time for playing competitively. "I still have the itch to play, but there's so much on my plate right now. I'm also working on my M.A., so playing doesn't fit in my life for now."

Rugby is being introduced into the physical education curriculum, so boys and girls of all ages get a taste for the sport. "With the younger elementary kids, we're playing co-ed, so every student can play here at school. We're playing touch, not tackle, with them," Dondi explained. "It's important to understand that it's a great sport for all age levels and all body types. We have actual teams for the older elementary students in fifth and sixth grades and for the middle-schoolers. Every kid can play at school, but competitive play is just for the older kids. The elementary team and the girls' team are touch only teams. The middle school boys are playing tackle. Rugby is a tough sport, not a rough sport. People can't get over the fact that we play without pads. In football, the pads are there to protect you, but they can give a false sense of security. If you're wearing pads, and I tell you to go run into that wall, you may go full tilt and get hurt because you thought the pads would





protect you more than they could. But if you don't have pads, you'll be more cautious, more careful."

A rugby team roster is 22 players. "We have 15 on the field, with seven to eight subs. Right now, we're learning plays and running drills and studying film. We have player contracts for the students to sign, because we're building a competitive team. We have a lot of work to do, but I like where we're at. I'm confident that we're going to be at the level to compete. This is our first year. The season starts on February 4 and runs into April, if we make the playoffs. We've got our uniforms and new grass on the pitch, here at Faith Family Academy, where we will play our home games. I don't have an assistant coach, but I've got great support from the administration here. This is the very first competitive rugby team anywhere in Waxahachie, none of the ISD campuses offer this sport. It's remarkable to get to take something that was completely nothing and make it something amazing," Dondi declared.

"Rugby is an inclusive sport. You have full ownership of being a team and working together. It takes everyone working together. There isn't one player, or one position that calls all the shots. The players can all help each other. Each one teach one. You want to do your best, but also support your teammates to do their best. It's a brotherhood. Rugby is a phenomenal sport. I'm hoping the community will come watch and learn, maybe even pick up a ball and give this game a try. We don't want to compare ourselves with football. Football will always be its own thing. Rugby is a smaller slice of the pie, but it's a nice slice." NOW



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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

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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 Havride 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 Hillbillv 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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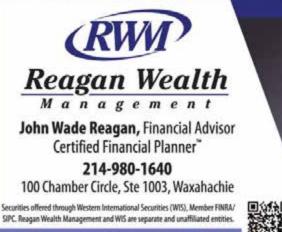
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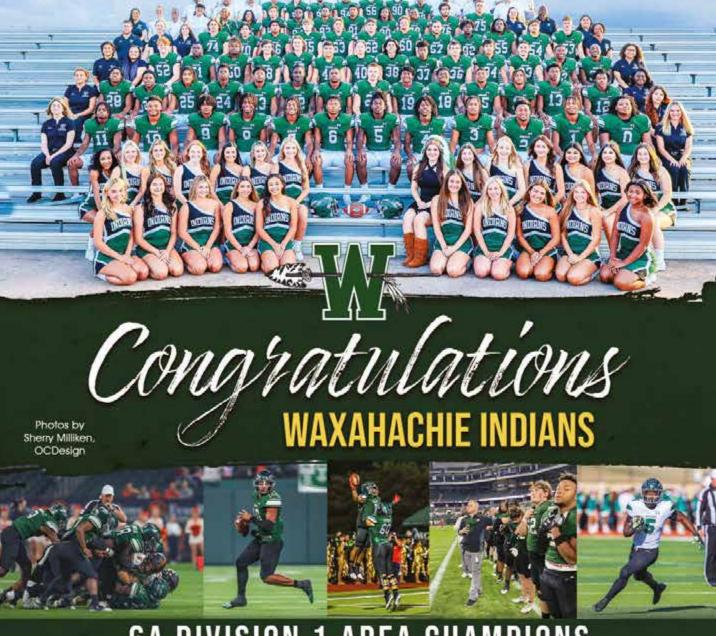
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Nikki Blackwell moved to Waxahachie five years ago. "Southwestern flavors are in my DNA." At 6, she started learning from her grandmother. "She taught me to identify ingredients by taste alone. I learned to recreate what I tasted and construct new recipes by identifying flavors that complement foods. By 10, I was baking three-layer German chocolate cakes from scratch. I love *all* spices, and use them daily, but my go-tos are chili, cumin and lemon pepper."

Nikki believes healthy food is a gift to share. "I inherited great cooking abilities from my mom's prior generations and am passing them along to my two daughters! Cooking for my husband and kids brings me joy. I share my passion for food with many of our Waxahachie community." Now

Southwest Chicken Egg Rolls

- 1 tsp. onion powder
- I tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- l tsp. cumin
- 1/2 tsp. lemon pepper
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil (divided use)
- 4 boneless skinless chicken thighs, diced
- l cup green onion, chopped
- I cup jarred roasted red or yellow bell peppers, chopped
- I cup fresh corn, shaven off cob
- 1 15-oz. can black beans

2 cups fresh spinach, chopped 1/4 cup pickled jalapeños, chopped 1/2 cup cilantro, chopped 1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. pepper 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes 1 16-oz. pkg. egg roll wrappers 1 8-oz. pkg. Velveeta Shreds 1 lb. pepper-jack cheese, shredded 1 qt. oil

I. Pour first five spices and 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil onto the chicken thighs; massage thoroughly. In a preheated pan,

add the remaining I Tbsp. of oil. Sear the chicken over medium-high heat, about 5 minutes per side. Remove; set aside.
2. To a bowl, add the chicken, vegetables and remaining spices. Stir until well blended.
3. Place an egg roll wrapper on a clean surface so that it is a diamond. Spoon 2-3 Tbsp. of the mixture into the center, sprinkle with a small amount of the cheeses. Wet the sides of the wrapper with a little bit of water. Fold up the bottom half; tightly fold in the sides and roll up. Repeat until all the wrappers are used.

4. In a large skillet, add the oil until it is about 1 inch deep; heat to medium-high. Add the egg rolls; fry about 1-2 minutes. Flip; cook until golden brown. Place on dry paper towels. Serve with your favorite dipping sauce.

Avocado Cilantro Ranch Dressing

- I whole avocado, seeded and sliced
- I pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch
- Dressing Mix
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

1 cup sour cream1/4 cup cilantro1 tsp. fresh lime juice

 In a bowl, gently mash the avocado with a fork until creamy. Add the remaining ingredients; whisk until well mixed. (It should be creamy and slightly thickened.)
 Cool in the refrigerator for 1 hour; serve.

Sun-Dried Tomato Alfredo Sauce

2 Tbsp. butter
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 cups heavy whipping cream
1 cup chicken broth
1 1/2 cups Parmesan cheese, shredded
1 8.5-oz. jar julienned California Sun Dried Tomato, drained
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. onion power

- I tsp. garlic powder
- I Tbsp. fresh parsley, chopped (divided use)
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes

I. In a saucepan on medium heat, melt the butter; add the garlic. Cook until fragrant, about 2 minutes, stirring constantly to prevent burning. Add the cream and broth; bring to a boil. Add the Parmesan, whisking constantly.

2. Add the tomatoes; stir in the spices until thickened and creamy. Add 1/2 of the parsley and the pepper flakes to the finished sauce; stir. Serve over your favorite pasta; top with the remaining parsley.

Marinaded Salmon (Grilled, Baked or Air-Fried)

5 Tbsp. olive oil
1 Tbsp. brown sugar
1 tsp. honey
1 tsp. lemon zest
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
1 1/2 Tbsp. soy sauce
1 Tbsp. parsley, chopped
2 tsp. thyme, freshly chopped
3/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. minced garlic
1/2 tsp. red chili flakes
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1-2 lbs. salmon

I. In a bowl, combine all the ingredients, except the salmon; whisk together until mixed well. Reserve 1 Tbsp. of the marinade for later use.

2. In a freezer bag, add the salmon and the marinade. Seal the bag; shake until coated well. Refrigerate the marinating fish for at least 1 hour.



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3. Bake the salmon at 400 F for 8-10 minutes. (Grill or air-fry for 5-6 minutes per side.)

4. Pour the reserved marinade over the cooked fish; serve immediately.

Momey's Pecan Pie

Pillsbury Deep Frozen Pie Shell
 cup white sugar
 Tbsp. brown sugar
 cup corn syrup
 1/2 tsp. salt

1/3 cup unsalted butter, melted

3 large room-temperature eggs, beaten 3/4 tsp. vanilla extract 1 cup pecans, chopped

I. Thaw out the piecrust; refrigerate it until ready to use.

2. Preheat the oven to 350 F.

3. Whisk together the remaining ingredients, except the nuts, until well blended.

4. Pour the chopped pecans in the bottom of the uncooked pie shell. Pour the mixture over the top of the pecans. Place the pie on the middle oven rack; cover lightly with foil, to prevent burning. Bake 30 minutes; remove the foil; continue baking for another 20 minutes.

5. Remove the pie; allow to cool several hours, until set. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream once it has completely cooled.

Granny's Cream Cheese Pound Cake

- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 3 sticks butter, softened

3 cups sugar

- 2 cups, plus 1 Tbsp. flour (divided use)
- 6 eggs, room temperature
- 2 tsp. lemon or almond extract

I tsp. vanilla extract I Tbsp. Crisco shortening

I. Preheat the oven to 325 F.

2.Cream together the cheese and butter; beat in the sugar and 2 cups of the flour. Do not over mix. Add the eggs 1 at a time, beating after each addition. Add the extract; beat together for 30 seconds.

3. Rub the Crisco onto a Bundt cake pan; dust with the remaining flour, coating completely. Pour the batter evenly into the pan.

4. Bake for 75-90 minutes or until done. Test with a toothpick. Remove from oven; allow to cool for 2-3 hours. Serve.

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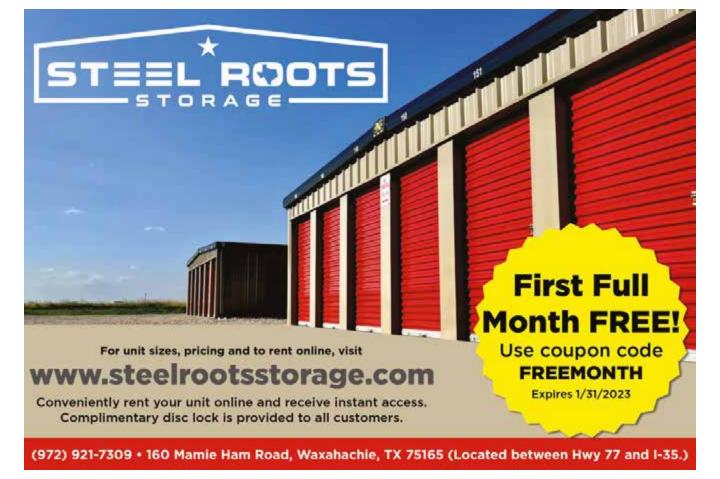


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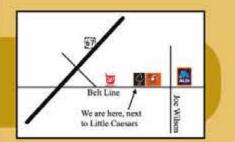


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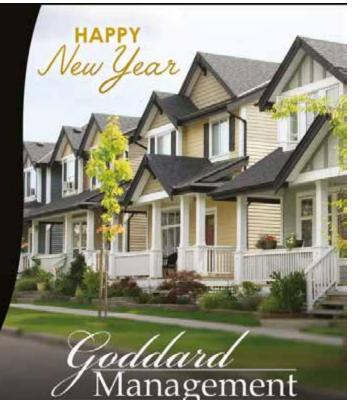
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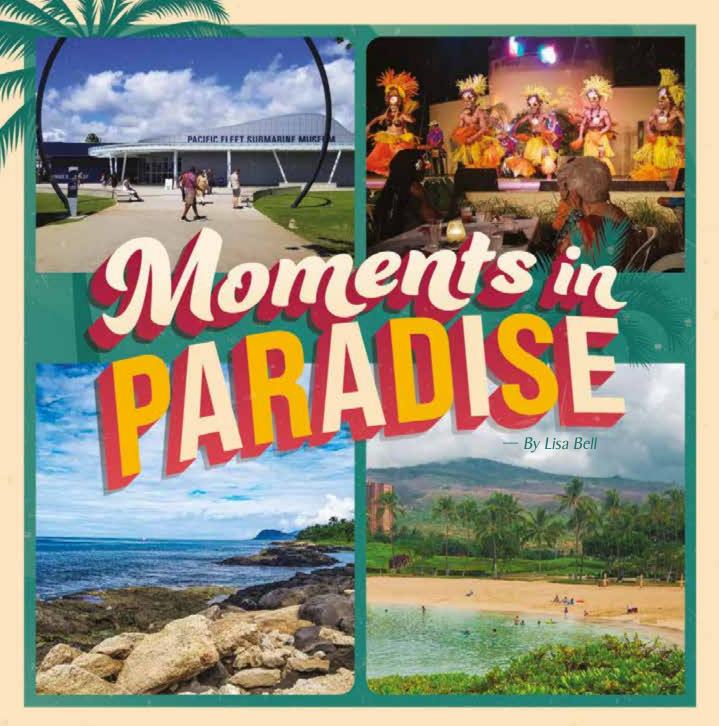
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A wonderful place to visit anytime of the year, the colder months in Texas might be the perfect time to escape to O'ahu, Hawaii. One of the big four islands, O'ahu, "The Heart of Hawaii," offers a variety of activities. Of course, lying on the beach 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, $L\bar{e}$ 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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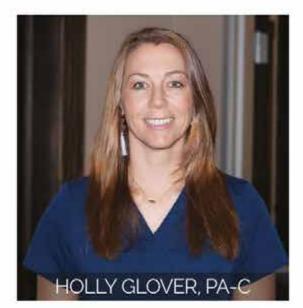


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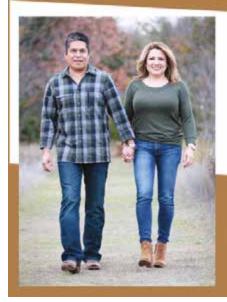
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