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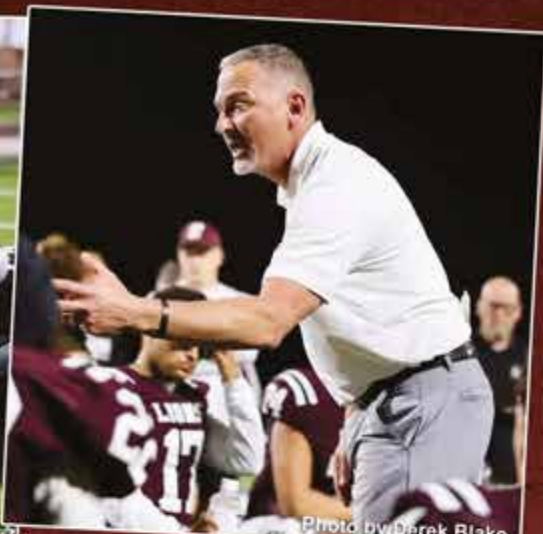


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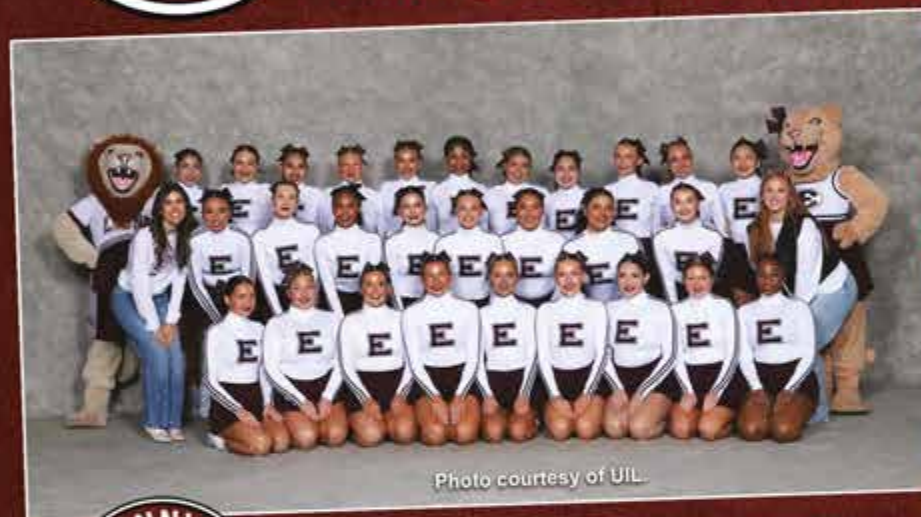


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Putting Pen to Paper

— By Bill Smith

Derail Johnson is a local author whose passion for intrigue and suspense is communicated from his mind, through his pen and onto paper. “Without question, my favorite subject in school was English, but I enjoyed any class that required writing essays,” he offered. “Even if the assignment just called for a couple of paragraphs, I enjoyed it, and I wanted to write more than everyone else wrote.” Going to both school libraries and public libraries was special for him. “I loved reading the thriller novels that were available there,” he recalled.

Derail's life began with the challenge of meningitis. “I was in the hospital for six months after I was born, with my mother driving back and forth from the hospital in Waxahachie to our home on Anthony Drive in Ennis. Many died from that condition,” he reflected. “Some of my earliest memories are of being brought up in church with my grandmother. We were there every Sunday and Wednesday.” He recalled field days in elementary school, things like jump rope, the 100-meter dash and tug-of-war. While some of those things may have had a little influence on his writing, he also grew up playing video games and watching wrestling on TV.

However, literature and movies by R.L. Stine, Stephen King and Wes Craven are some of Derail's favorites, and their impact may be what is most reflected in his current projects. “R.L. Stine's *Goosebumps* series is one that I enjoyed. I am studying Wes Craven because he puts a lot of drama and illustration into his work. I also like the *Scream* movies and Tyler Perry.”

Derail enjoyed his English classes in junior high and high school, and he took every English class that he could, even if it was not required for his diploma. “I also took an introduction to writing class as a freshman. The course taught me how to freshen up my words and make them clear to the reader,” he said. “I think my writing really took off during my junior year. At the end of the semester, I left my English teacher a gift of a 100-page book.

“My mom and brother have also encouraged my writing. My brother said I should get with some experienced authors who could teach me how to pursue getting my work published. Debbie Widhalm lives in Oklahoma and is one of Amazon's best sellers. She is an International Impact Book Award winner, and said one basically has 21 days to get a new book out there. I plan to enter the contest for the award in 2026. Johanna Maria Vendel created the trailer for my book *The Family of Faith*. The majority of my promotion is done on social media, like Facebook. My books are available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Books.by.”



One of the books Derail is currently promoting on Amazon is *Dream Train*. The cover synopsis says, “Passengers board a mysterious train. Once they fall asleep, they awaken in a surreal dream-world — a galaxy-like realm of shifting landscapes. They’re told they must complete a series of dangerous, often twisted missions. Each passenger has three lives. Fail all three, and they’re trapped forever — tormented in

a dimension where time doesn’t exist and no one can hear their screams.”

“I start writing each book with the title,” Derail mentioned. “Once I get a title in mind, I pretty much know how I want the book to go, start to finish. Right now, I have 76 titles stored in my phone. I write the books out in longhand, and that is the way they go to the publisher. They type and format the book and send it to me to review. I will get it in sections every couple of weeks leading up to the final approval.

“*Family of Faith* is my most recent book to hit Amazon. It will be a five-part series. The story follows the CrawFords, a powerful and rich, yet vengeful, family who will stop at nothing to have the upper hand. The story tells how Bishop Eddie CrawFord envisions profiting himself by scamming his congregation of the money they put in the collection plates. Each of the CrawFords’ children is fighting for power, fame and control of their father’s seat. First Lady Ann Deloris, who has studied divinity, wants to lead as the future head pastor, but the bishop has no plans to leave

his powerful seat to his wife. Or does he? There is a mystery child that says he belongs in the CrawFord family and has intentions to take over the mega church empire. The first installment ends with a powerful revival and the reveal of Bishop Eddie’s mystery son.”

Derail’s books have varied themes, but he says each one has a message. *The World is Mine* is about street gangs in Los Angeles in a turf war. *Hallelujah Praise* is in the Christian Book section of Amazon and speaks of “a journey of healing, of faith restored ...”

“I don’t just see myself writing,” Derail concluded. “I want this to go higher. I have a vision of seeing my work, in the long run, as stage plays or movies. I also want to be able to give back to my community in the form of a homeless shelter of apartments someday.”

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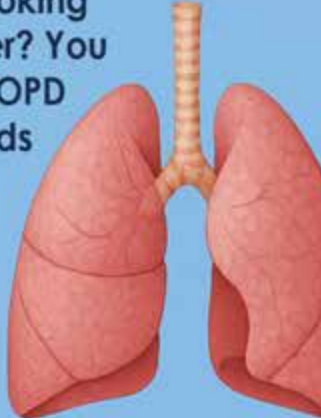
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In college, Jenny pursued studies in political science, social science and secondary education. “I was fascinated by politics, but never had any desire to be a politician, although I was involved in student government on campus.” She recalled an idea she had to get about 40 students to do a day of volunteering in the community. “We had about 400 students show up! We were all over town, painting the Ronald McDonald House, raking leaves at the cemetery and general clean-up all over town. The newspaper picked up the

story. My maiden name was ‘Sheets,’ so the reporter headlined the feature, ‘In the Streets with Jenny Sheets.’” Jenny was being a “Good Neighbor” before she ever joined State Farm.

Jenny worked claims with the national catastrophe team in Colorado, where she met her husband, Joe. She served in other State Farm offices in Wyoming; New Mexico; Oregon; the corporate office in Bloomington, Illinois; and Houston, Texas, before coming to Ennis in 2007. “The agent who preceded me here went back to the regional office. Our kids, Elena and Cole, were ready to start kindergarten and first grade, so we really wanted to settle down. I could guarantee that we would be here at least 12 years because I wanted them to have that stability. Of course, now we are here to stay,” she said.

“Insurance is about relationships, and our employees have been here a long time. We still have three of the four employees who were here when I acquired the agency.” She added, “The agency has grown to nine employees. Esme Contreras, Christina Hernandez, Mae Ibanez and Maria Morales are account managers. Victoria Vidrine is a service representative, and Patti Ludwig works in service and claims. Lee Juarez is in marketing. Nora Nino is our receptionist, and Cristal Santollo is our commercial lines specialist. My experience has been that if I recognize a good worker, I will create a position for them. That’s the way it was with Cristal, and now we have field underwriters with the company who call her for her expertise.

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Dakota and Gabby Kyser watch the train display at the Ennis Welcome Center.

Zoomed In:
Eugenia Booher

By Bill Smith

Eugenia Booher celebrated her 100th birthday with her daughters, Janet and Karen, along with a host of friends in Clark Hall, at the First Presbyterian Church. She also has a son, David, who was unable to travel from out of state for the event. In addition, Mrs. Booher has seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Eugenia recalled, "We came to Ennis in 1960 and joined the church right after we moved, after a visit with Frank and Henrietta Novotny. We came with Clyde's job at Flintkote. I taught business law and V.O.E. students at Ennis High School for 29 years, and I sang in the church choir until just recently."

Her secret? "Stay active, love God, read a lot and engage in word games, like crossword puzzles."



Clay and Joseph Taylor anticipate the Christmas Parade.



Dariel and Daniel Jimenez enjoy hot chocolate, cotton candy and popcorn at The Road Church.



Millie Alcala and her children, Lowe and Brox Colunga, shop on Small Business Saturday.



Robert and Cindy Wilkins visit Santa Claus.



Ennis Lions reunite in Pensacola, FL, to celebrate Channel 8's Matt Howerton at his wedding.



Tiffany and Matt Bergstrom participate in the SOKOL Christmas Market.

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH DR. ERIC PIERCE

— By Bill Smith



Dr. Eric Pierce's grandmothers, Willie Mae Pierce and Mildred Slovacek Krajca, had a huge impact on his joy of cooking. "Their signature dishes and recipes were synonymous with family gatherings and holidays," he said. "I am also inspired by my wife's Mexican culture and a love for seafood and Cajun-inspired recipes."

Eric serves as an administrator for Ennis ISD, with more than 1,000 students in the Career and Technical Education program and the College Readiness program. "I also serve as the city commissioner for Ward 5 for the great city of Ennis," he stated. "My hobbies include fishing and tinkering with my 1962 C10 Stepside truck." **NOW**

Fried Cajun Boudin Balls With Remoulade Sauce

Makes about 15 balls.

Sausage Balls:

- 1 lb. Cajun boudin sausage (removed from casing)**
- 1/2 cup green onions, finely chopped**
- 1 cup plain breadcrumbs (divided use)**
- 2 eggs, beaten**
- 1/2 cup milk**
- 1/2 cup flour**
- Vegetable oil for frying**

Remoulade Sauce:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise**
- 2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard**
- 1 Tbsp. ketchup**
- 1 tsp. Cajun seasoning**

- 1 tsp. hot sauce**
- 1 tsp. lemon juice**

- 1. For the sausage balls:** In a bowl, mix the boudin, green onions and 1/2 cup breadcrumbs.
- 2.** Form the mixture into golf ball-sized rounds; chill for 15 minutes.
- 3.** In a separate bowl, mix the eggs and milk.
- 4.** Set up three bowls: One with the flour, one with the egg/milk mixture and one with the remaining breadcrumbs. Roll each ball through all three.
- 5.** Heat the oil to 350 F; fry 3-4 minutes until golden brown.
- 6. For the remoulade sauce:** Mix all the sauce ingredients and chill. Serve hot boudin balls with the cool remoulade for dipping.

Beer-Battered Fried Catfish

Serves four.

Oil, for deep frying

- 1 egg**
- 1 cup light beer (or club soda)**
- 1 cup all-purpose flour**
- 1 cup cornmeal**
- 1 tsp. paprika**
- 1 tsp. salt**
- 1 tsp. garlic powder**
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper**
- 4 catfish fillets (about 6 oz. each)**

- 1.** Heat the oil to 350 F.
- 2.** In a bowl, whisk the egg and beer. In another bowl, mix the flour, cornmeal and seasonings.
- 3.** Dip the catfish into the wet batter, then coat with the dry mix.
- 4.** Fry 3-5 minutes per side until crisp and flaky.
- 5.** Drain on paper towels; serve with lemon wedges or tartar sauce.

Old-Fashioned Cottage Cheese Pie

Makes one 9-inch pie.

- 1 cup small-curd cottage cheese**
- 1/2 cup sugar**
- 3 eggs**
- 1 cup milk**
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract**
- 1 tsp. lemon zest (optional)**
- 1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell**
- Pinch of nutmeg**

- 1.** Preheat the oven to 350 F.
- 2.** In a blender, combine the cottage cheese, sugar, eggs, milk, vanilla and lemon zest until smooth.
- 3.** Pour the mixture into the pie shell; sprinkle with a dash of nutmeg.
- 4.** Bake for 40-45 minutes until the center is just set.
- 5.** Cool before slicing. Serve chilled or at room temperature with fresh berries.



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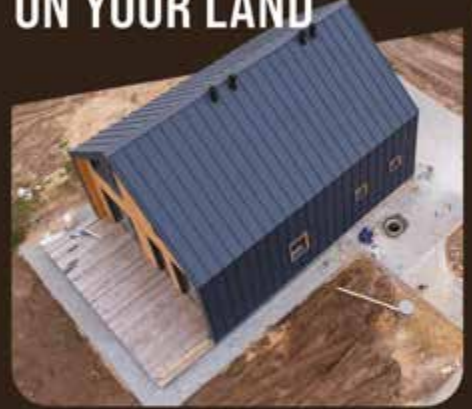
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