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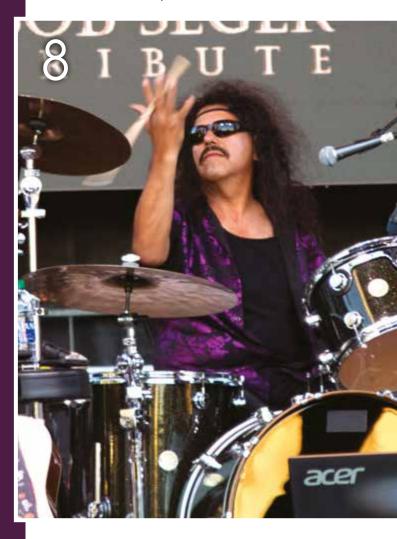
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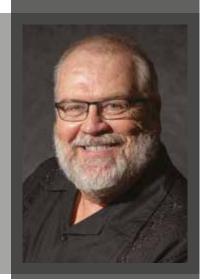
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Valentine's past...

The first Valentine I remember having was in the fourth grade at Sam Houston Elementary School. The year was 1964. I was 9 years old and felt a special attraction for a girl. It was undoubtedly the first time I had noticed there was any difference between girls and any of my other friends.

She was special enough that I scraped together enough money to go to Hesser Drug Store where they sold heart-shaped boxes of candy, and I bought one. It was nowhere near the largest one in the store, but I made it a point to avoid buying the smallest one, too.

I don't remember what I wrote on the card, but I do remember signing my name, so she would know who her new boyfriend was. There was not a chance of giving it to her at school. I was more than content that our relationship be clandestine. I also was too scared to hand it to her in person, but, thankfully, she lived within bicycle distance from where I lived. I put the heart-shaped box on her front porch, rang the bell and rode like the wind to get out of sight before the door opened!

Unfortunately, that was the end of the relationship. At school the next day, she told me her dad got mad about me ringing the doorbell and leaving. I don't think he was ready for his daughter to enter into such a mature relationship.

We've all grown up since the first Valentine. Perhaps your first foray into romance was more successful than mine. Tell someone you love them this month, perhaps someone you haven't told in a long time.

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The Beatles' appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show had a profound effect on the future for Ennis native Albert Martinez. "Prior to seeing Ringo Starr on the drums, I thought I wanted to become a priest," Albert recalled. "After seeing Ringo, I told my dad, 'That's what I want to do!"

Though his father was a pretty good musician himself, as well as his grandfather and some of his uncles, Albert's father was not too keen on the idea of having a young drummer in the house. "Dad played the accordion, and my grandfather played the fiddle. I had also thought about taking up guitar, and my father bought one for me after I hounded him for it. I abandoned the guitar after about two weeks," he mused. "Then I spent a summer working on a farm and bought my first Sears and Roebuck drum set. While other guys were playing football in the yard, I was in the house playing the drums.

"My family mostly played their music when we got together for house parties. They did not form a band and play for dances, and quinceañeras were not a thing back then," he continued.

Albert admitted that he had no formal music training, and he still reads very little music. "I play by ear, and I learned by watching and listening to other drummers. I used to put on earphones, and when I listened to bands like The

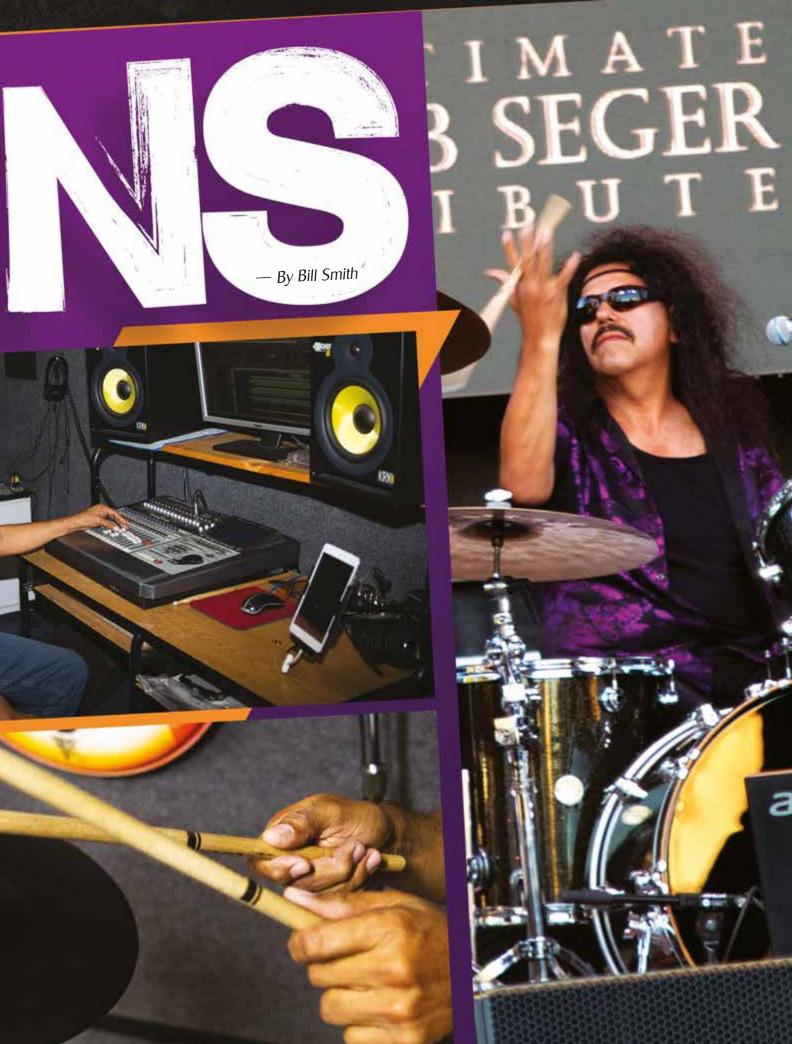
Beatles or Led Zeppelin, I could pick out the beats that the drummer was playing. Soon I learned which part of the drum set produced each particular sound. I could see the drummer playing in my mind and copied what I saw."

If you see Albert driving down the highway in his pickup truck, he will probably be tapping on the steering wheel or the dashboard, playing along with the radio, or perhaps just the song in his head. "A lot of playing the drums for me today is muscle memory, and much of my practice really is in my truck. When we get together and practice as a band, we are working on the nuances," he related.

Recently, Albert started a tribute band called Seger System. "I have played with a number of cover bands that play a variety of music, and in fact, I still play with a cover band called The Pontiax. We played at the Motorplex for the Fall Nationals last year. Tribute bands have proven to be very popular with music fans.

"A tribute band needs to select an artist that has a lot of hits, and Bob











Seger is the artist I chose. The band has been successful. In fact, we kind of went from 'zero to hero' overnight," Albert shared. He attributes much of the band's success to their manager, Dan McDonald. "Dan is a real marketing guy, and he takes care of our bookings and the website. He does a lot behind the scenes, and he has really taken us to the top in a hurry!"

It would be hard to call yourself a tribute band without a great lead singer, and Albert really likes the way Josh Jaccard fills that role in Seger System. Bob Seger is known for his classic raspy voice, and losh replicates the sound and Seger's energetic stage presence. Add some great musicians in the rest of the band, Mike Self, David Dowd and Iim Rodgers, and as the SegerSystem.com website says, "you might just think you were at a live Bob Seger concert."

The first band Albert recalls playing in was Remembrance with a local music store owner named Billy Vyers. "After that one, I played in a band with Kenny Kopek and Barry Horn called Freedom. There were several bands after that, including Lambrose with Roland Turner. SugarRidge with Brad Lotspeich, Toby Andrews, John Phillips and Mark Joiner, and Buckshot with Thomas Abbey. A band called Sudden Pressure just never really took off. With Cadillax we played a lot of ZZ Top and Stevie Ray Vaughan. The Pontiax are still going with Mike Self, Tyler Newfield and Trey Glaspy." Albert did not name all of the bands or musicians he has played with, but he knows most all of the bands in the area. "Sometimes, we were competing for gigs with other bands like The Studebakers or The Country Noblemen, but we

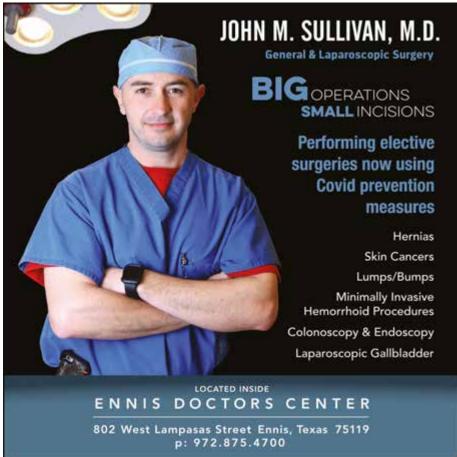


are all friends." Albert mentioned that the guys in Seger System had been in Pontiax, and they wanted to get together again. Some of them still play with other bands, as well.

Albert's interests go beyond the drums. He retired not long ago after almost 30 years in manufacturing. He and his wife, Patsy, have two children. Only his son, Zeke, is following in his footsteps as a drummer. Zeke reads music, but he has also learned to play by ear from his father. Albert and Patsy are very proud of their daughter, Miranda, who is currently serving in the Navy.

Albert is a second degree tae kwon do black belt, and he trains two or three times a week with Seger System bandmate, Mike Self, who is a third degree black belt. Albert earned his second degree black belt under Master Jackie Self at Ennis Black Belt Academy. Band Manager Dan McDonald is a master eighth degree black belt. The three of them might get caught shadow boxing at any time!

His beautiful home in the country is something Albert is obviously proud of, but he admits it takes a lot of work to keep the landscape up. He has a music studio attached to his garage that the band uses for practice sessions. In addition to continuing with the drums, he is concentrating more now on the lyrics and his vocals. Albert has written several songs, most recently a song called, "Get a Little Closer," which he digitally mixed and recorded in his home studio. He did all the vocals on the recording, and the song is just another indication that Albert's musical career, though spanning many years, may be just getting started. **NOW**







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— By Adam Walker

Names of civil rights leaders like Martin Luther King Jr, Malcolm X and John Lewis are known to everyone nationwide, young and old. But here in Texas, much of the progress toward equality was spearheaded by an unassuming woman in old South Dallas. Juanita Jewel Craft helped change the face of race relations in Dallas and beyond.

Juanita Craft isn't the household name that the men are, but she should be. Born in 1902, in Round Rock, by 1925 Craft, as her friends called her, was living in Dallas. She earned a teaching certificate from Samuel Huston College, but worked as a maid at the Adolphus Hotel. In 1935, she joined the NAACP and found her life's work. As the membership chair of the Dallas branch, she hid the membership rolls to protect her fellow members from those who would have used the rolls to harass those fighting for change. She assisted in organizing 182 branches of the NAACP and worked hard to ensure that African-Americans paid their poll tax and secured their rights to vote. She herself had been the first African-American woman to vote in Dallas County. She was surrogate mother

to the young members of the Dallas branch, advising them on life choices and choosing the right brides and husbands, as they struggled to integrate lunch counters, schools and the State Fair. She would later be elected to the Dallas City Council for two terms.

Mrs. Craft owned a small house, on Warren St., near Fair Park, but she lived in the guest house out back, running the main house as a boarding house for young men who are leaders in today's NAACP. She welcomed important figures like MLK and LBJ to her house, when they came to talk to her about her work. But she also welcomed the neighbor kids. The girl who lived next door, named her daughter Juanita, for her, and called her Neet. "Mrs. Craft met a lot of people and had a lot of photographs. On one wall of her sitting room, she had a picture of herself with JFK standing behind her. On the opposite wall was a picture of Neet," Patricia Perez recalled.

Patricia was one of those youth who spent countless hours at the Craft house. "That was my house of power. You just felt it being around her. She showed us in word and deed. She was militant, but quiet. She knew what wasn't right and knew it could be changed. She had all these community connections, and she used them to enhance our lives. I felt empowered and special when I was with her."

Bob Lydia was one of those young men who received advice from Mrs. Craft. "I rented a room from her. She'd give me and the other young guys advice on which girls to avoid. Craft was like a mother. She was also artistic. She'd buy wooden boxes and turn them into decoupage purses. She wouldn't accept any help making them, but she did take the leaves we'd bring her to use. She'd sit on her bed and put in all the screws and nails. She could sew anything. She kept a garden and canned and made jams and jellies. She was very frugal. She wanted to teach us young people how to behave and be respectful. If you wanted something done, all you had to do was sit down with her, and she'd figure out a way. She didn't have to scream and holler. I thought I was too young, but Craft decided I should be the first vice president for the Young Adult Council of the Dallas NAACP, and she made it happen."

In 1977, Mrs. Craft was interviewed for the Black Women's Oral History Project held at Harvard University. In the interview she discussed the hardships of growing up Black in the pre-Civil Rights era. Her mother died in 1935 from tuberculosis, because there was no state hospital for Black people. But she never let hardship stop her. And her reach extended far beyond South Dallas, or even Texas. She worked with Eleanor Roosevelt and other national leaders on important issues, and rallied support for Thurgood Marshall as he litigated cases eliminating whites-only primary elections and "separate but equal" education.

She was 73 when she was first elected to the Dallas City Council, where she served from 1975-1979. "When she won, she said, 'I showed 'em!' And a few other words," Bob Lydia remembered. She died in 1985, leaving behind a better Texas for all of us. Her house on Warren St. is now a Civil Rights museum.

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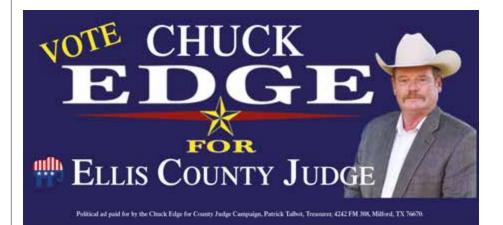
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playtime at Lions Park.

Zoomed In: By Bill Smith Christopher and Alex Davis

Brothers Christopher and Alex Davis are originally from Corsicana but live in Ennis now — and recently went roller skating downtown. Christopher is in the third grade and said his favorite subject in school is math, and he enjoys playing video games. Alex, a fifth-grader, said with a big smile, "My favorite subject in school is recess!" With a little prompting, he confessed that he also likes video games and sports, and his favorite subject in school is really science.

Chris and Alex obviously like to have a good time. During the holidays, they looked forward to going snow skiing in Colorado with their family.



Kenneth and Rita Holland spend some time with their grandchildren, Garrett and Julia Wyatt.



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Justin and Jessica McGahan have the entrepreneurial drive to be in business for themselves, and working with the public comes naturally to them. Jessica related, "I have had a salon in Ennis, Salon de Allure, for almost 10 years, and I have been wanting Justin to open a business for a couple of years."

Justin added, "Johnny Roberts had mentioned the recycling business to me, and I had known Doug Meier and his family for a long time. Years ago, Doug had been an ag teacher, so we also had that in common."

Justin taught agriculture at Ennis High School for eight years after graduating from Tarleton State University. Both Justin and Jessica are lifelong residents of Ennis. They have three young sons whom they hope will join them in the recycling business someday, so they can take over and keep it in the family. "Right now, the boys just think it's cool to come out and weigh stuff, crush cans and pick up trash," Jessica said with a smile.

"We acquired the business in July 2021, so we are still in our first year. We have plans for upgrades to the business, but right now, we are still getting things cleaned up and arranged so we are comfortable with it. We are a scrap yard, but we do not want it to look like a junk yard," Jessica said. "Justin has always been a Jack-of-all-trades. He can fix almost anything. So, what

we don't know about this business yet, we are working hard to learn."

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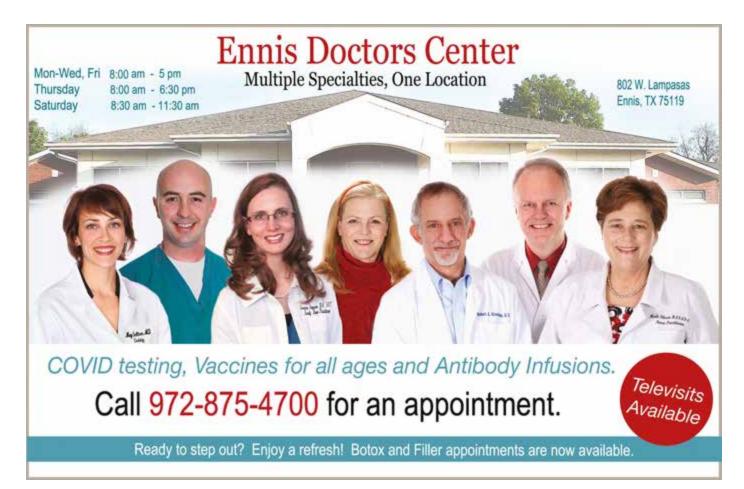
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Neisha learned to cook from her grandmothers and her mother. "When I was in high school, my grandmother came over one evening and taught me how to make chicken spaghetti to serve for a special date night. This was when my love for cooking for others started. I actually cooked the chicken spaghetti for my own wedding rehearsal dinner recently!" Now

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diced tomatoes
16 oz. cottage cheese
8-10 slices mozzarella cheese
1 8-oz. pkg. shredded mozzarella cheese

- **1.** Cook the lasagna noodles according to the package directions; drain.
- **2.** Brown hamburger meat. While the meat is cooking, season it with Nature's Seasoning, garlic powder and Italian seasoning. When browned, drain the grease.
- **3.** Mix together the hamburger meat, both jars of pasta sauce and the diced tomatoes.
- **4.** Layer 5 lasagna noodles in the bottom of a 9x13-inch greased pan.

- 5. Layer half of the hamburger meat and half of the cottage cheese on top of the noodles.
- 6. Layer 8-10 slices of mozzarella cheese on top of the meat.
- **7.** Layer the remaining 5 lasagna noodles on top of the cheese layer.
- 8. Layer the remaining meat mixture and cottage cheese.
- **9.** Layer the top of the meat and cottage cheese mixture with the whole bag of shredded mozzarella cheese.
- 10. Cover loosely with foil: bake at 350 F for 20 minutes.
- II. Remove the foil; bake an additional 5-10 minutes until the cheese is good and melted.

Gram's Sweetheart Cobbler

This is the quickest, easiest and best cobbler recipe!

- 1 21-oz. can cherry pie filling 1 8-oz. can pineapple tidbits I box super moist French vanilla cake mix I stick butter or margarine, melted
- **1.** Empty the can of cherry pie filling and the pineapple tidbits into a 9x9-inch greased pan; mix together.
- **2.** Mix in 1/2 to 3/4 of the cake mix.
- **3.** Drizzle a melted stick of butter on top.
- 4. Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes or until golden brown on top.

Mema's Crescent Chicken

I usually double this recipe for my family because it is so good!

- 1 12.5-oz. can chicken
- 1/2 cup mild cheddar cheese, shredded 1 can crescent rolls
- 1 10.5-oz. can cream of chicken soup 1 cup milk
- **1.** Place a pinch of the chicken and cheese on the inside of the crescent rolls.
- 2. Roll them up; place them in a greased 9x9-inch baking dish.
- **3.** Mix together the can of cream of chicken soup, the milk and any leftover chicken.
- **4.** Pour the soup mixture over the crescent rolls. Top with shredded cheese. Bake at 350 F for 45 minutes.

Easy Chicken Pot Pie

- 1 10.5-oz. can cream of chicken soup
- 1 10.5-oz. can cream of mushroom soup
- I rotisserie chicken, deboned (Saves so much time!)
- 1 29-oz. can Veg-All Original mixed vegetables
- 1 2-ct. box refrigerated piecrusts
- 1. Mix the soups, chicken and canned vegetables together; heat in a pot on the stove.



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- 2. Put 1 piecrust in the bottom of a greased pie pan.
- **3.** Pour the soup, chicken and vegetable mixture on top of the piecrust.
- **4.** Top with the remaining piecrust; mash the edges together with a fork.
- 5. Bake at 350 F for 40-45 minutes. (Cover the top crust with foil for the last 15 minutes to prevent burning.)

Vanilla Wafer Cake

- 2 cups sugar 6 eggs
- 1 12-oz. pkg. vanilla wafers, crushed

- 2 small cans coconut 2 sticks butter or margarine 1/2 cup milk I cup pecans, chopped
- **I.** Mix all the ingredients together.
- 2. Pour the batter into a well-greased and floured Bundt pan.
- **3.** Bake at 275 F for 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

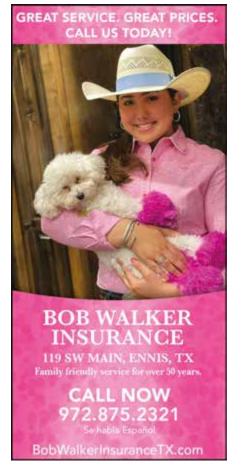
Mema's Banana-Nut Cake

1/2 cup shortening 1 1/2 cups sugar 2 eggs, slightly beaten

- 3 bananas, mashed 1/2 cup pecans
- 4 Tbsp. sour milk
- I tsp. vanilla flavoring
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- I tsp. baking soda
- **1.** Cream together the shortening and sugar.
- 2. Add the eggs and bananas.
- **3.** Add the nuts, milk and vanilla gradually.
- 4. Combine the flour, cinnamon and baking soda; add to the wet mixture. Beat well.
- 5. Bake at 325 F until it tests done (approximately 50-55 minutes).













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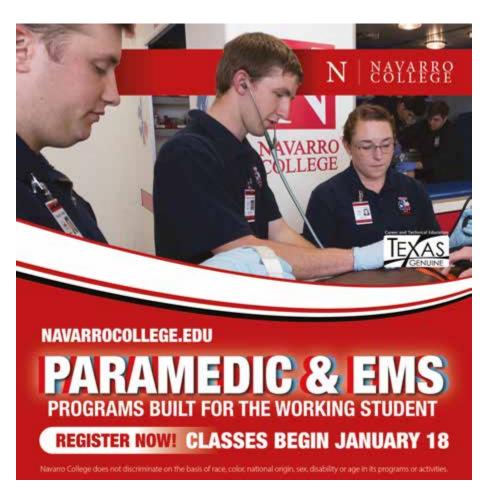
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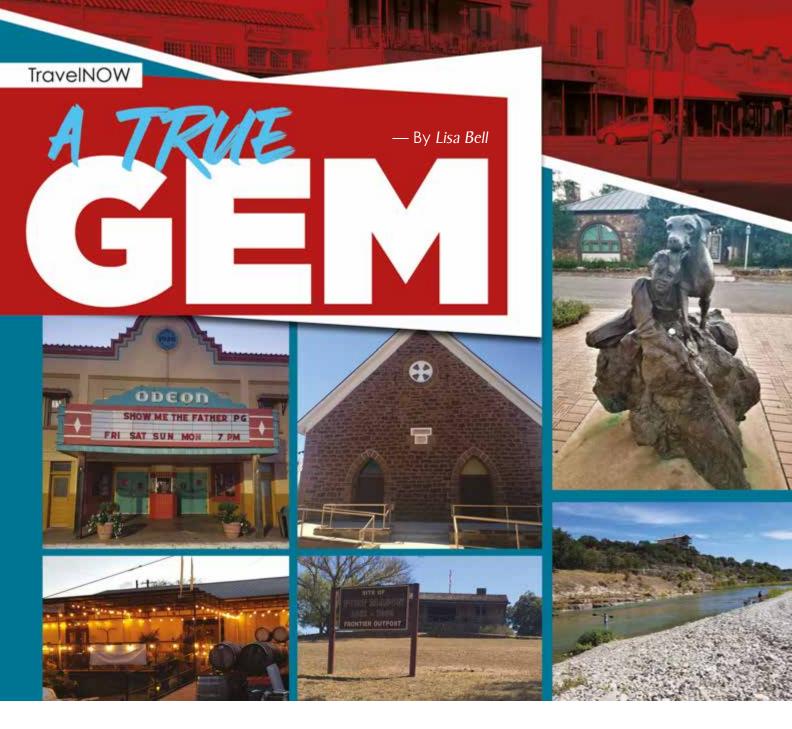












Hidden in the Hill Country, the town of Mason, Texas, might surprise you with more than you imagined from a population of under 2,500. Don't let its size fool you, though. Throughout the year, visit this hidden getaway for adventure or simply to relax and discover a host of gems within the county.

In abundant deer country, avid hunters may already know about some treasures found in Mason. Located on the Llano River, the community loves visitors, but residents have no desire to become a smaller version of neighboring Fredericksburg. Content with the serenity of their town square, locals and visitors alike find plenty of entertainment without driving far. With several bed-and-breakfasts on the square, you might choose one of them and walk to multiple interesting places.

The square itself has a variety of shops, restaurants and wineries. The historic Willow Creek Café & Club and Gatling Gun Saloon & Grill are only two options, which also provide a robust nightlife on the square. Of course, if you drive a short distance, you can visit the original Cooper's Pit Bar-B-Q, established in 1953, or many other restaurants. Wine lovers may enjoy the ambience of Sandstone Cellars Winery, Art Gallery & Bar; sit outside at Robert Clay Vineyards or Parr Vineyards; or visit Murphy Creek Cellars or other nearby wineries and vineyards.

For another historic experience, visit the Odeon Theater. True to their heritage, the theater features first-run movies, concerts and other entertainment at admission and concession prices that take guests back in time. Check the Mason website for upcoming events at the magical theater.

History buffs can also enjoy learning about the area at the Mason Square Museum, Fort Mason and the beautiful Seaquist House, a Texas Landmark under restoration. At various times, the fort housed many great officers on both sides of the Civil War, including Robert E. Lee. Fort Mason proved a significant force in creating the town.

For lovers of the book and movie, *Old Yeller*, venture over to the Eckert Memorial Library, where a statue of the beloved yellow cur dog and his master, Travis, bring the story to life. Born in Mason, the author, Fred Gipson, captured the surrounding area in his novels. In the fall, the community hosts Old Yeller Day to commemorate both the author and the tale.

Inside the library, rotating exhibits feature local artists and information about area attractions. The interactive play area behind the library, Camp Discovery, makes a great place for children of all ages to stretch imaginations.

For the adventurous spirit, Mason offers camping, fishing and playing in the Llano River — or perhaps visiting the Eckert James River Bat Cave.

Several ranches in the area also offer deer hunting. In months other than November-January, guests visit these ranches to hunt for Texas' state gem, the topaz. Usually found in streambeds, Texas topaz ranges from clear or brown to yellow, or sky blue. Known as the Topaz Capital of Texas, Mason County offers a unique experience in acquiring the treasured natural gem.

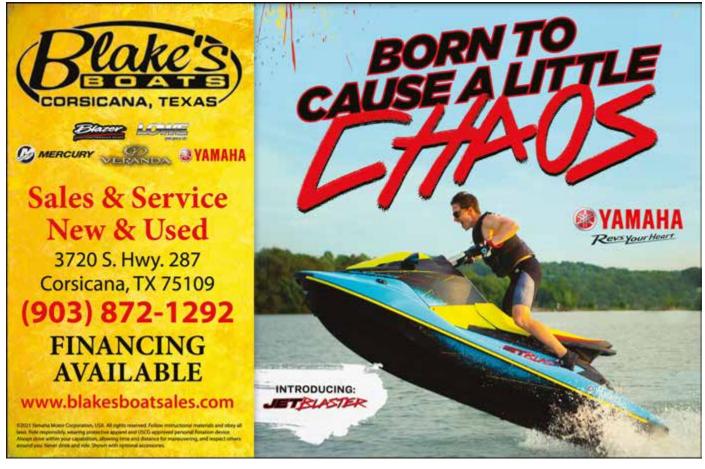
Check the city's community calendar for upcoming events, and take the short drive to this true beauty of Texas Hill Country. You may want to return often to enjoy all the area provides.

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Sooner or later, one of the walls in your home will probably suffer some kind of damage. Sometimes, cracks appear from your home settling. Other times, a hole may be made in the wall from children playing, or perhaps some minor damage will happen when you are moving a piece of furniture.

Small cracks, holes and dents in drywall may be repaired by simply removing any loose paper or drywall from the damaged area, spreading spackle over the damage, smoothing with a broad knife, sanding and repainting. Small, narrow cracks may require that you widen the crack to provide enough area for the spackle to adhere. Larger cracks and holes may require more extensive steps, but handy homeowners will be able to complete this repair. If the damage is not too extensive, a repair patch kit (available at most hardware stores) may include everything you need to fix the hole or crack up to the point of texture and paint.

Most drywall repairs require the use of a few basic tools, including a drywall knife, which may be referred to as a broad knife or putty knife. Drywall knives may have blades as narrow as two inches or as wide as 10 inches. You can buy premixed drywall compound, but if you are making a larger repair and

want to mix it yourself, you will need a mud pan. Various grits of sandpaper will be helpful, as you will want the finished texture of the repair to match the surrounding wall finish, but a finer grit such as 220 will probably provide the smooth finish for feathering the repair into the existing finish. Also, for larger repairs, you will need a utility knife and/or perhaps a keyhole saw for removing the damaged wallboard and for cutting the patch.

For larger repairs, follow these steps:

- I. Remove all the loose drywall and excess paper from the damaged area.
- 2. Mark around the irregular damaged area with a pencil so you can use a keyhole saw or utility knife to cut a square or rectangle area in which to fit a new piece of drywall for the patch.
- 3. Cut the patch to fit the hole. The patch should be small enough to easily go into the hole without having to use force.
- 4. If the hole is large enough that wall studs are exposed, screw the patch to the existing studs. If there are no exposed studs, insert a 1x4 and screw through the existing drywall into the 1x4 to hold it in place.
- 5. Screw the patch to the studs or the 1x4 that was installed. The patch should be inset a little from the existing wall. This area will be filled in to match the existing wall with drywall compound.
- 6. Put self-adhesive fiber reinforcement tape around the edges of the patch.
- 7. Apply the first coat of drywall compound with your broad



drywall blade. Smooth the first coat with the blade and feather the edges. After it dries, sand it smooth and apply a second coat. Continue to add the drywall compound coats as necessary to bring the patch out to match the surrounding wall. Be sure to let each coat dry completely before adding the next one.

8. Texture and paint the area that you patched to match the area surrounding the repair. A paint roller with a heavy nap may provide enough texture to match the existing wall. However, the repair could require repainting the entire wall.

There you have it! Take your time, and use the proper tools and supplies. With a little skill and patience, your wall will be repaired, and no one will notice there had ever been damage in the first place.

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- 6 Most of the US Army holds this rank
- 9 "Stick close to your desks and never go ---, ..." (Gilbert and Sullivan, HMS Pinafore)
- 10 His 'n ---
- 12 Murder
- 15 That's ridiculous!
- 16 Reward for waiting
- 17 Reproduced without correction
- 18 Sushi wrap
- 19 What breadwinners bring home
- 22 Little ones are allegedly made of sugar and spice
- 23 Smoother
- 24 It sucks, in short
- 25 Recyclables container
- 26 Connecting
- 30 Classic jazz song Amy Winehouse's last recording, with Tony Bennett
- 32 Contemptible individual
- 33 Julia Roberts has been one since 2010
- 34 Welkin

Medium

35 Extra map section

Down

- 1 Male only
- 2 Render useless
- 3 Admin. aide
- 4 She played Snoop in "The Wire"
- 5 Start gently
- 6 Bilko's --- Silvers
- 7 Marshland
- 8 Meteorite pockmark
- 11 Hooch producer
- 13 Sort of fly
- 14 He played Dr. Foreman in "House"
- 18 Starts being effective
- 19 Crisp lettuce
- 20 Very funny
- 21 Buyable apartments
- 22 Female Indian Prime Minister
- 24 Rouge, rosé or blanc, on some menus
- 26 "The --- is a Tramp"
- 27 They are always charged
- 28 Au naturel
- 29 Surfeit
- 31 Jabber

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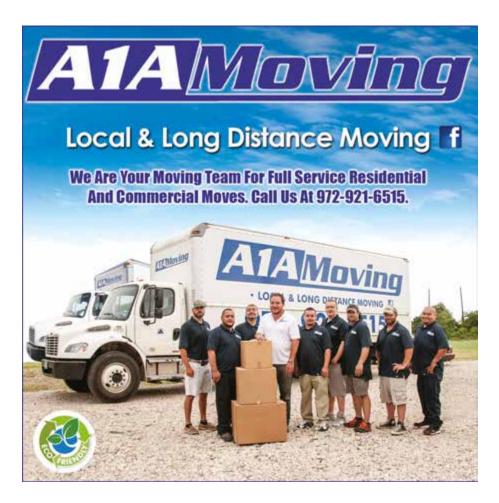
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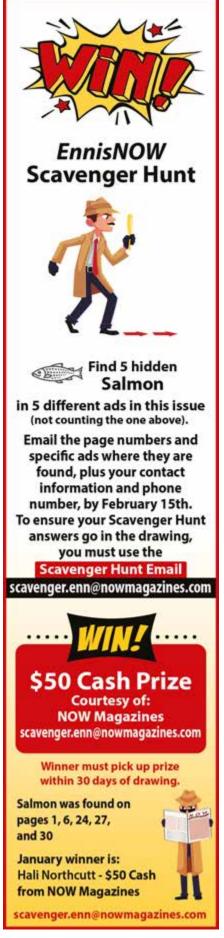
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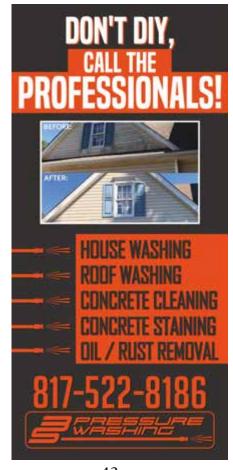
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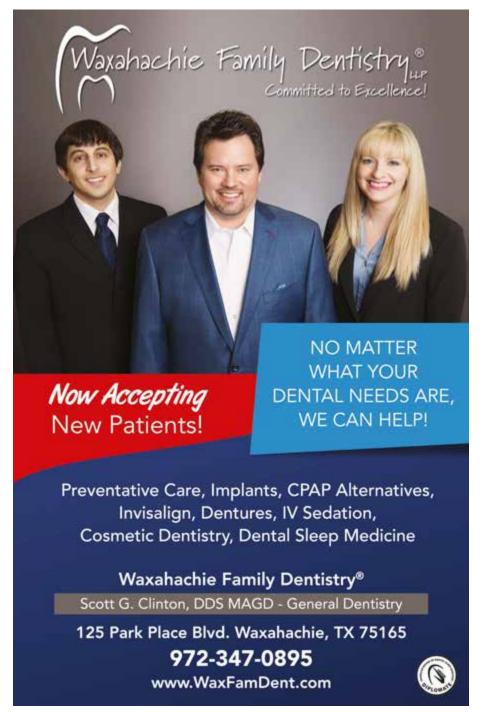
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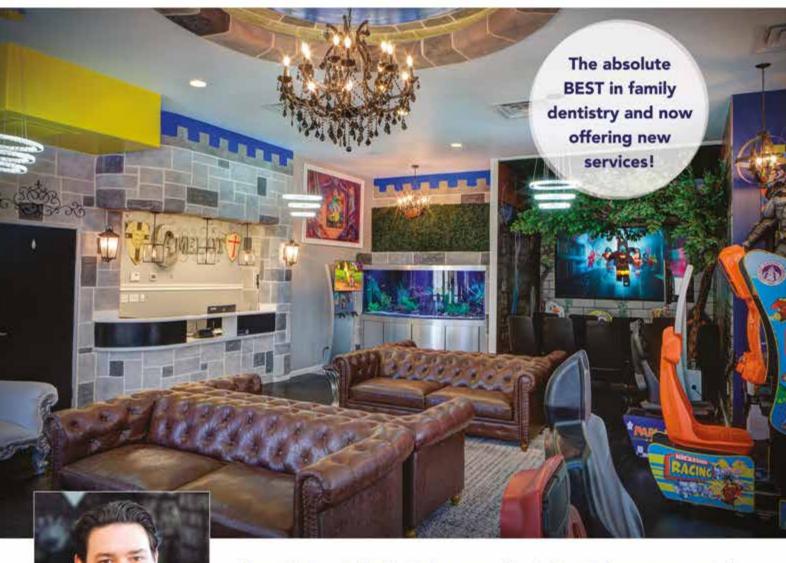
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